

WEBINAR-GETTING STARTED

Review the Regulations:

Familiarize yourself with the Ontario Education Act and its regulations related to homeschooling. The act requires parents to provide their children with an education that is appropriate to their age and ability.

Notify Your School Board:

Although not mandatory, it is recommended to inform your local school board of your intention to homeschool. You can find contact information for your school board on the Ontario Ministry of Education website. Each board may have specific procedures for notification. This has to be done annually (around August). You will receive a letter confirming that they have acknowledged your intent to homeschool.

Prepare a Detailed Plan:

Develop an educational plan for your child. Your plan should include the subjects you intend to cover, the learning resources you'll use, and how you'll assess your child's progress. This plan doesn't need to be submitted, but it's essential for your own guidance. To avoid getting overwhelmed, feel free to go at a pace that works for you, this may mean just teaching a couple of subjects for the first year or so. As you get settled into a routine you can add more content/subjects.

Choose Learning Materials:

Select curriculum and learning materials that align with Ontario's curriculum expectations. There are various online and offline resources available, and you can customize your approach based on your child's learning style and interests. Some of the schools in your area (home school) may provide some materials.

The cost of homeschooling can vary from family to family and can depend on which educational method you choose to follow. Homeschooling families can spend anywhere from \$200-\$900/year per student. Costs are entirely up to the parents.

Record Keeping:

Keep records of your child's educational progress, including samples of their work, assessments, and any other relevant documentation. This helps you track your child's progress and if you ever decide to enroll them into the school system they may come in handy.

Assessment and Evaluation:

As a homeschooling parent, you are responsible for assessing and evaluating your child's progress (if you choose to do so). This can be done through various methods such as written assignments, projects, and regular assessments. For younger children, the assessment does not need to be so formal. You as a parent will know what they have retained and when they are ready to move on.

Stay Informed:

Stay informed about any changes in regulations or policies related to homeschooling in Ontario. The Ministry of Education's website is a valuable resource for updates.

Connect with Homeschooling Communities:

Join homeschooling groups or communities in your area. Networking with other homeschooling families can provide support, advice, and opportunities for socialization for your child (e.g. field trips).

Be Flexible and Adapt:

Homeschooling allows flexibility in the learning process. Be prepared to adapt your approach based on your child's needs and progress.

Websites:

Ontario Education Act

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/education-ontario-policy-and-program-direction/policy-program-memorandum-131>

Ontario School Boards

<https://www.osstf.on.ca/services/career-exploration/working-in-ontario/ontario-school-boards.aspx>

Ontario Curriculum

<https://www.dcp.edu.gov.on.ca/en/>

Ontario Government page for resources by grade:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-at-home>

Letter of Intent (print and fill and scan to send)

<https://ontariohomeschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/notification-of-intent.pdf>

Or **doc version** on this website <https://ontariohomeschool.org/legal/letter-of-intent/> download, save and send directly

The Ontario Federation of Teaching Parents (homeschooling broken down step by step)

<https://ontariohomeschool.org/homeschooling/>

FAQs Homeschooling High School in Ontario

<https://thecanadianhomeschooler.com/homeschooling-high-school-in-ontario/#:~:text=FAQ%20%231%3A%20Can%20I%20Homeschool,intent%20to%20the%20school%20board.>

Toronto Muslim Homeschoolers

<https://tmh.ca/homeschool-101/>