

Home Study Decision Making

Louisiana families may choose to educate their children independently from the public or nonpublic school system. Families in Louisiana can provide independent education through a [BESE-Approved Home Study Program](#) or a [Nonpublic School Not Seeking State Approval](#). The graphic below can help in determining the best pathway for your child.

BESE-Approved Home Study	Next Steps
<p>Information Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial Application: student first and last name, student date of birth, student's birth certificate, grade, parent first and last name, parent address, parent phone number, parent email address, and immunization assurance Renewal Application: student first and last name, student date of birth, student work sample, grade, parent first and last name, parent address, parent phone number, parent email address, and immunization assurance <p>Scholarship Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) <p>Diploma Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents create and provide the diploma Diploma carries the same weight as a state issued diploma <p>Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) does not provide guidance, funding, or materials. <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For questions regarding the Home Study Application and/or the application process, email homestudy@la.gov. 	<p>Review the BESE-Approved Home Study Guidelines and Instructions.</p> <p>Submit a BESE-Approved Home Study Application yearly.</p>

Nonpublic Not Seeking BESE-Approval	Next Steps
<p>Information Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> school name, school address, parish, school year, school leader's name, telephone number, number of students enrolled, assurance, and signature <p>Scholarship Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not eligible for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) <p>Diploma Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents create and provide the diploma Diploma does not carry the same weight as a state issued diploma <p>Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) does not provide guidance, funding, or materials. <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For questions regarding the Home Study Application and/or the application process, email homestudy@la.gov. 	<p>Review the Nonpublic Not Seeking BESE-Approval Guidelines.</p> <p>Submit attendance through the Nonpublic Not Seeking BESE-Approval Application yearly.</p>

The LDOE serves as the authorizers of the home study program; however, the LDOE is not an advisory service for participants.