

## 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
<b>Information Required</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Initial Application:</b> 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</li> <li><b>Renewal Application:</b> 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</li> </ul> <b>Scholarship Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible for the <a href="#">Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS)</a></li> </ul> <b>Diploma Information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents create and provide the diploma</li> <li>Diploma carries the same weight as a state issued diploma</li> </ul> <b>Materials</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) does not provide guidance, funding, or materials.</li> </ul> <b>Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For questions regarding the Home Study Application and/or the application process, email <a href="mailto:homestudy@la.gov">homestudy@la.gov</a>.</li> </ul>	<p>Review the <a href="#">BESE-Approved Home Study Guidelines and Instructions</a>.</p> <p>Submit a <a href="#">BESE-Approved Home Study Application</a> yearly.</p>

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

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