



# Homeschooling with an IEP



# Meet the Speaker

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# Webinar Agenda

How to Homeschool  
Considerations & Obstacles  
ETR & IEP - What & How  
EdChoice Scholarships





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# ORC 3321.042

In Ohio, parents have the option to choose the best educational setting for their children, including homeschooling.

The state supports school choice by allowing parents to provide instruction at home, with certain guidelines and requirements in place to ensure quality education.

## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 3321.042 Home education.

Effective: October 3, 2023

Legislation: House Bill 33 - 135th General Assembly

(A) As used in this section, "home education" means the education of a child, between the ages of six and eighteen years of age, that is directed by the child's parent. "Home education" does not include education provided to a child who is enrolled full time in a public or chartered nonpublic school.

(B) A child receiving home education in the subject areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, history, government, and social studies is exempt from section 3321.04 of the Revised Code.

(C) Within five calendar days after commencing home education, moving into a new school district, or withdrawing from a public or nonpublic school, and by the thirtieth day of August each year thereafter, the parent or guardian of a child receiving a home education shall transmit a notice to the superintendent of the child's school district of residence. The notice shall provide the parent's name and address, the child's name, and an assurance that the child will receive education in the subject areas required under this section. The child's exemption under this section is effective immediately upon receipt of notice. The district superintendent shall provide a written acknowledgment of the superintendent's receipt of the notice to the parent or guardian not later than fourteen calendar days after receiving the notice. A child exempt under this section shall not be required to be excused under section 3321.04 of the Revised Code.

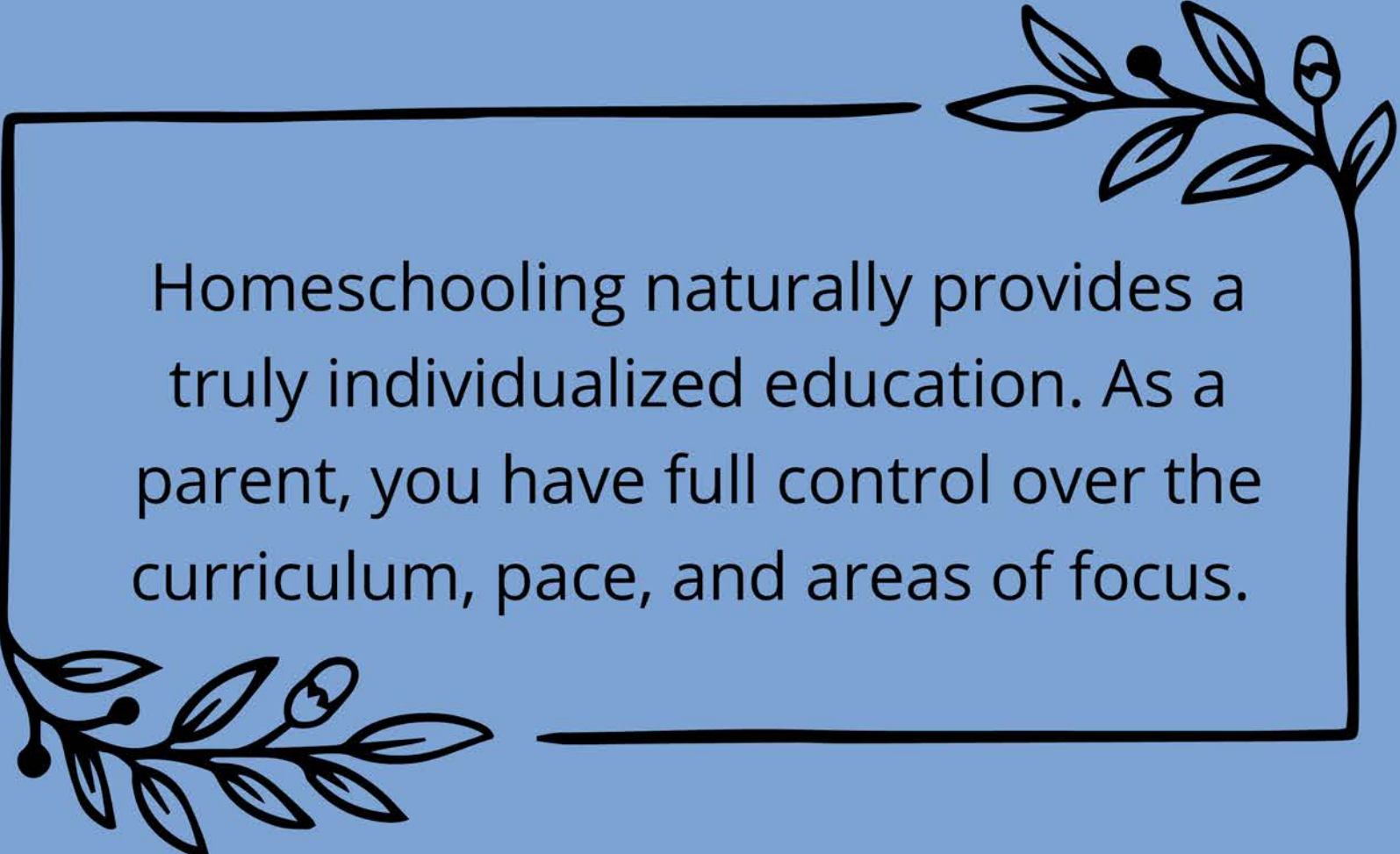
(D) A child that is being enrolled in a public school following any period of home education shall be placed in the appropriate grade level, without discrimination or prejudice, based on the policies of the child's district of residence.



# Homeschooling begins with...

notifying your district of your choice to homeschool your children.

- Required for Ages 6-18
- Letter or Form delivered to the superintendent's office
- In accordance with ORC §3321.042, the district superintendent shall respond with a written acknowledgment within 14 calendar days of receipt of this notice

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# Designing Your Homeschool Program



## Make a Plan

Consider learning style, strengths, & challenges.  
Set clear goals.

## Establish Resources

Choose a flexible curriculum.  
Prioritize emotional & social development.

## Make it Work for You

Create a daily & weekly routine.  
Track progress & adjust as needed.

## Stay Motivated

Build a support system.  
Engage with the community.  
Celebrate successes.

# Overcoming Obstacles



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## Time & Energy Management

Create a flexible but consistent routine, utilize resources, and remember that flexibility is one of homeschooling's biggest strengths.

## Curriculum & Learning Styles

Research different homeschooling styles and incorporate hands-on learning, field trips, gamified lessons, and interest-based projects to keep engagement high.

## Special Needs & Support

Use multisensory teaching methods, break lessons into manageable parts, and explore therapy services through EdChoice scholarships.

## Socialization & Community

Join homeschool co-ops, participate in community sports or clubs, and schedule regular meetups with other homeschooling families.

# Is an ETR & IEP necessary?



## Evaluation Team Report

The evaluation team report (ETR) is the initial step for identifying a disability and determining the appropriate educational needs of an identified student.

## Individualized Education Program

An IEP is a written plan that outlines a student's educational needs and goals. It's designed to help children with disabilities succeed in school.

## An IEP is not necessary

Parents can tailor learning to meet their child's needs.

## But there is a financial benefit

An IEP is a valuable consideration for homeschooling families.



# Benefits of an ETR/IEP

**Homeschooling families with a child who has special needs can apply for EdChoice Scholarships.**

**This state-funded program covers therapies the student would have received in public school, using tax dollars.**

**Covered services depend on the IEP and may include Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, and support from an Intervention Specialist or Behavior Specialist.**

# Starting the Process

I have example letters to request an ETR. Email me to request a copy!

If you think your child may qualify for services, start by emailing the director of special education or the school psychologist with a formal request for an ETR, Evaluation Team Report.

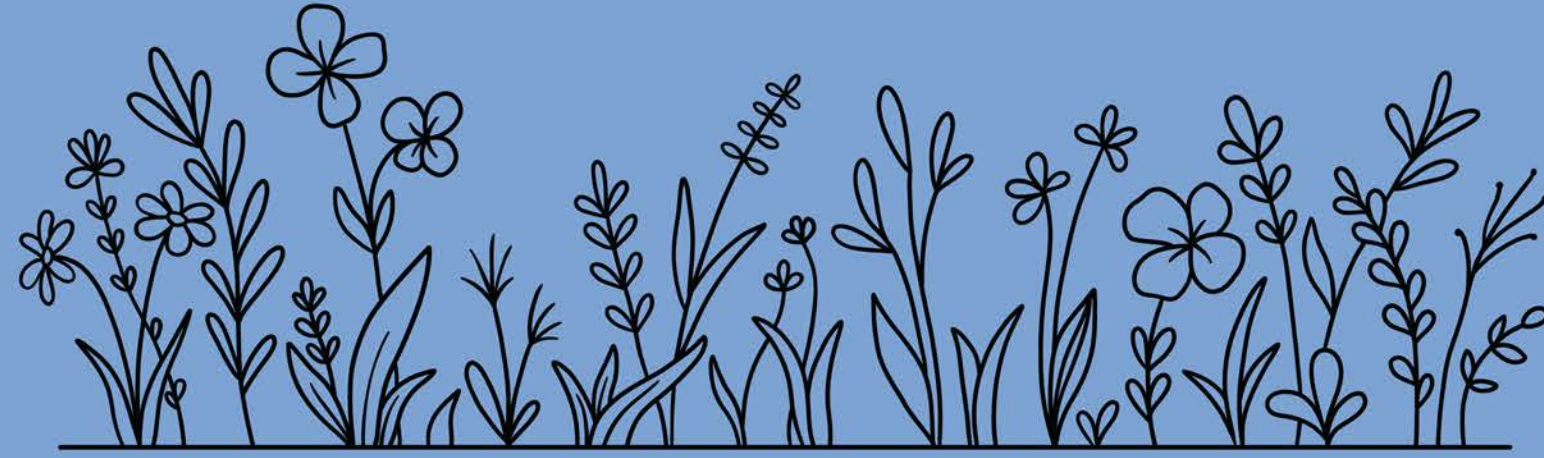
In your request, explain why you believe your child qualifies. If you have a diagnosis or other relevant testing, include that information to support your request. You must consent to testing.

Once the request is made, the school has 60 days to complete the evaluation and determine eligibility. If your child qualifies, the district then has 30 days to develop the IEP.

If your student has a current IEP, you can begin with finding a provider.



# Next Steps



## Find a Provider

Research possible providers and ask questions to determine if their program is right for your child.

## Apply

Your provider will send an application form and ask for proof of address. Your provider submits the application.

## Receive Funding & Schedule Services

Receive your funding award and set up your services schedule with your provider!

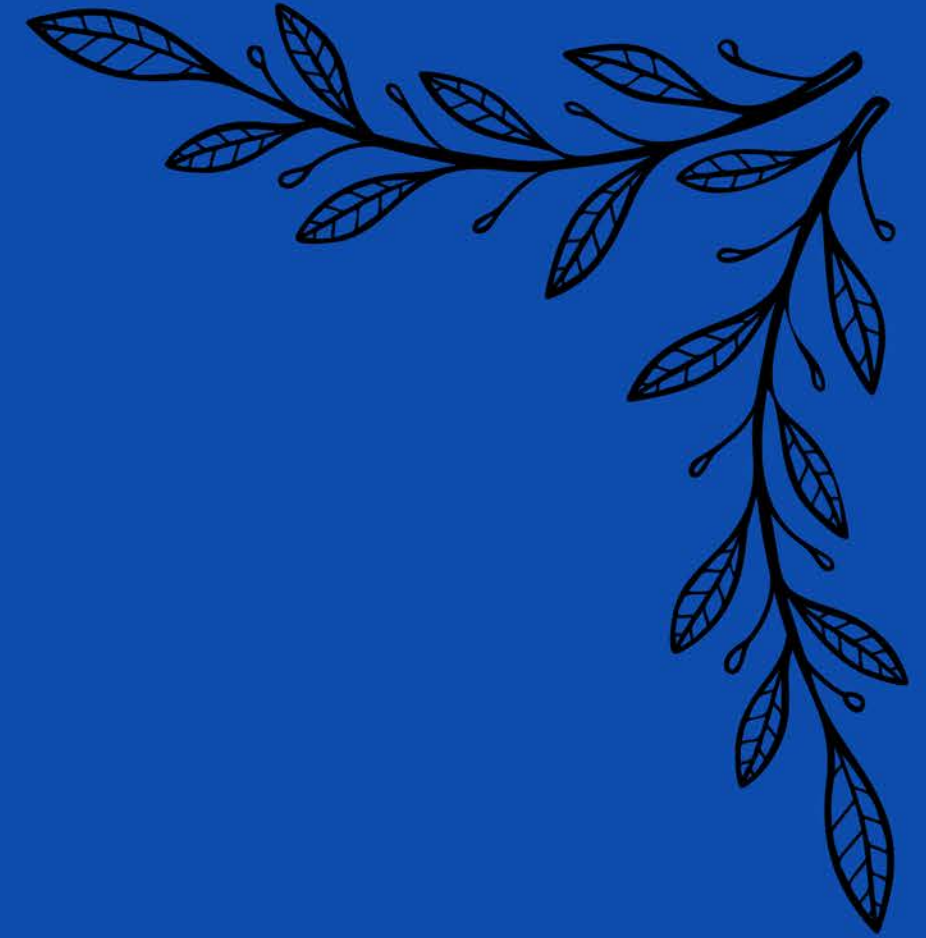
## Stay Compliant

Attend annual IEP and triennial ETR meetings. Complete state testing for 3rd grade and up JPSN scholarship recipients. Renew scholarship and submit homeschool exemption yearly.

# EdChoice Scholarships

## for Homeschoolers

### Ohio Department of Education & Workforce Office of Nonpublic Educational Options



- Only one scholarship can be used, public school students are not eligible. Some private schools accept funding.
- The scholarships cover special education services listed in Section 7 of your child's IEP including support from an Intervention/ Behavior Specialist, Occupational/ Physical/ Speech and Language Therapist up to the full amount of the scholarship funds.
- It does not cover homeschool curriculum, supplies, or extracurricular activities.
- Provider reports student progress quarterly.
- District of residence maintains special education documents with provider input.

# AWARD AMOUNTS FY 2025

Speech or Language Impairment \$9,585  
Specific Learning Disability, Intellectual Disability or OHI-minor \$12,470  
Hearing Impaired or Emotional Disturbance \$19,150  
Vision Impaired or OHI-major \$22,977  
Orthopedic Impairment or Multi-handicapped \$28,387  
Autism, Traumatic Brain Injury, or Hearing and Vision Impaired \$32,445

## Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship

Requires an ETR/IEP, any disability category

K-18 years old

State Testing Required, 3rd grade & up

## Autism Scholarship

Requires ETR/IEP, disability category of Autism or Developmental Delay, or a medical diagnosis of Autism for an AEP

PK-18 years old

No State Testing Requirement

# AGE ELIGIBILITY

Home educated students aged 18 or older who currently have a scholarship and are or will turn 18 years of age prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year (July 1st, 2025) are not eligible for a scholarship for the 2025-26 school year without a legislative change.



**Help us push for the legislative changes needed to expand access for 18-22 year olds. Send a letter to your state representative. Templates available!**





# Other Funding Options

Learning Aid Ohio

Elevate DD

ACEOhio

# Questions?



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