

# Homeschool Guide Overview A Guide for Families



A homeschooling guide based on NYS Law and requirements for Buffalo and Erie County students and families.

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Required Subjects	
Kindergarten	patriotism, citizenship, substance abuse, traffic safety, fire safety
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	patriotism, citizenship, substance abuse, traffic safety, fire safety mathematics, reading, spelling, writing, english, geography, U.S. history, science, health, music, visual arts, and physical education
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	patriotism, citizenship, substance abuse, traffic safety, fire safety mathematics, reading, spelling, writing, english, geography, U.S. history and state history, science, health, music, visual arts, and physical education
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	patriotism, citizenship, substance abuse, traffic safety, fire safety mathematics, reading, spelling, writing, english, geography, U.S. history and state history, science, health, music, visual arts, and physical education
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	patriotism, citizenship, substance abuse, traffic safety, fire safety mathematics, reading, spelling, writing, english, geography, U.S. history and state history, science, health, music, visual arts, and physical education
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	patriotism, citizenship, substance abuse, traffic safety, fire safety mathematics, reading, spelling, writing, english, geography, U.S. history and state history, science, health, music, visual arts, and physical education
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	patriotism, citizenship, substance abuse, traffic safety, fire safety mathematics, reading, spelling, writing, english, geography, U.S. history and state history, science, health, music, visual arts, and physical education
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	patriotism, citizenship, substance abuse, traffic safety, fire safety english, U.S. history and state history, geography, science, mathematics, physical education, health, art, music, practical arts, and library skills
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	patriotism, citizenship, substance abuse, traffic safety, fire safety english, U.S. history and state history, geography, science, mathematics, physical education, health, art, music, practical arts, and library skills
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	patriotism, citizenship, substance abuse, traffic safety, fire safety 4 credits of english, 4 credits of social studies (including American History, Participation in Government, and Economics), 2 credits in math, 2 credits in science, 1 credit in Art or music, ½ credit of health, 2 credits of physical education, 3 credits of electives
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	patriotism, citizenship, substance abuse, traffic safety, fire safety 4 credits of english, 4 credits of social studies (including American History, Participation in Government, and Economics), 2 credits in math, 2 credits in science, 1 credit in Art or music, ½ credit of health, 2 credits of physical education, 3 credits of electives
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	patriotism, citizenship, substance abuse, traffic safety, fire safety 4 credits of english, 4 credits of social studies (including American History, Participation in Government, and Economics), 2 credits in math, 2 credits in science, 1 credit in Art or music, ½ credit of health, 2 credits of physical education, 3 credits of electives
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	patriotism, citizenship, substance abuse, traffic safety, fire safety 4 credits of english, 4 credits of social studies (including American History, Participation in Government, and Economics), 2 credits in math, 2 credits in science, 1 credit in Art or music, ½ credit of health, 2 credits of physical education, 3 credits of electives

## Parental Obligation

1. Submit a letter of intent to the Home School Office. Contact your local school district for specifics. Be sure to include age and address verification.
2. Complete an Individualized Home Instruction Plan (IHIP) form. This form includes the child's name, age, grade level, syllabi, instructional material, dates for submission of quarterly reports, and the names of persons providing instruction.
3. Attendance records (180 days). These forms must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools.
4. File reports giving a number of hours of instruction during documented time, including a description of the materials covered in each subject, a grade or narrative evaluation in each subject and a written explanation of material covered.
5. File an Annual Assessment with the last quarterly report.
  - For grades 1-3, a written narrative must be used.
  - In grade 4-8, written narratives may be used every other year with a NYS approved achievement test given on the alternate year.
  - For grades 9-12, an Annual Assessment must be submitted every quarter.
6. The parent may choose one of the following standardized test:
  - Iowa Test of Basic Skills
  - California Achievement Test
  - Stanford Achievement Test
  - Comprehension test of Basic Skills
  - Metropolitan Achievement Test
  - NYS Assessment Test
  - NYS Regents Exams
7. Students must score at the 33<sup>rd</sup>tile or above to have shown sufficient progress to be promoted to the next grade. If a student falls below a passing grade, the parents will be notified that their home schooling program is on probation, and they must file for a remedial IHIP for the following year.
8. Students who are home schooled throughout 12<sup>th</sup> grade do not receive a high school diploma from New York state. If desired, they may take the GED exam.