



South Carolina

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Summary

Below is brief summary of the homeschooling law in South Carolina. For a detailed analysis of homeschooling in South Carolina, see:

[South Carolina—A Legal Analysis](#) 

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Compulsory School Age

"five years of age before September first until . . . seventeenth birthday or" graduation from high school; five-year-olds may be excused from kindergarten with submission of written notice to the school district

South Carolina Legal Home Schooling Options: 1 2 3			
	Option: 1	Option: 2	Option: 3
Legal Option:	Establish and operate a home school as approved by the local school board	Establish and operate a home school under the membership auspices of the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools (SCAIHS)	Establish and operate a home school under the membership auspices of an association for home schools with no fewer than fifty members
Attendance:	180 days per year, 4½ hours per day	180 days per year	180 days per year
Subjects:	Reading, writing, math, science, and social studies; also composition and literature in grades 7-12	Reading, writing, math, science, and social studies; also composition and literature in grades 7-12	Reading, writing, math, science, and social studies; also composition and literature in grades 7-12
Qualifications:	High school diploma or GED or a	High school diploma or GED	High school diploma or GED

	baccalaureate degree		
Notice:	None	None	None
Recordkeeping:	Maintain evidence of regular instruction including a record of subjects taught, activities in which the student and parent engage, a portfolio of the child's work, and a record of academic evaluations, with a semiannual progress report	None required by statute; SCAIHS requires some recordkeeping	Maintain evidence of regular instruction including a record of subjects taught, activities in which the student and parent engage, and a portfolio of the child's work, with a semiannual progress report
Testing:	Participate in the annual statewide testing program and the Basic Skills Assessment Program	None required by statute; SCAIHS has certain testing requirements	None

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NOTE: This summary is not intended to be, and does not constitute, the giving of legal advice. Many states have unclear compulsory attendance statutes, and the courts of those states vary in their interpretation of the statutes. Therefore, there is no guarantee any state will accept all of the options for compliance listed under each state. This summary is not intended to be a substitute for individual reliance on privately retained legal counsel such as that provided by Home School Legal Defense Association.

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