

## ARIZONA

- Compulsory Attendance Ages:** Every child between the ages of 6 and 16 must attend a school. Arizona Revised Statutes § 15-802(A). A homeschool parent can exempt their child from school if they do not desire to begin homeschooling until the child has reached eight years of age by September 1 of that school year. The parent must file an affidavit with the county superintendent stating their desire to delay homeschool instruction. Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 15-802(B)(3).
- Required Days of Instruction:** Generally 180 days, but does not apply to homeschools. Ariz. Rev. Stat. §15-802(B)(1)and (B)(2).
- Required Subjects:** Reading, grammar, math, social studies, and science. Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 15-802(A).

**Home School Statute:** Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 15-802.

1. The parent or guardian must file a notarized affidavit of intent to operate a homeschool program with the county school superintendent within 30 days after homeschooling begins. Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 15-802(C).
2. An affidavit of intent is not required thereafter unless the homeschool is terminated and then resumed. The parent or guardian shall notify the county school superintendent within 30 days of the termination of homeschooling that the child is no longer being instructed at home. Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 15-802(C).
3. The affidavit of intent shall include the child's name; the child's date of birth; the current address of the school the child is attending; and the names, telephone numbers, and addresses of the persons who currently have custody of the child. Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 15-802(B)(2).
4. The parent or person with custody must also provide the county school superintendent either a "certified copy of the child's birth certificate" or "[o]ther reliable proof of the child's identity and age... and an affidavit explaining the inability to provide a copy of the birth certificate." Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 15-828(B).
5. A homeschool that operates under the homeschool statute is not a private school. A homeschool is defined as "nonpublic instruction conducted primarily by the parent, guardian or other person who has custody of the child" or "nonpublic instruction provided in the child's home." Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 15-802(G).

**Teacher Qualifications:** None. The parent/teacher's test requirement was repealed in 1991.

**Standardized Tests:** None required. The standardized test and optional evaluation requirement was repealed in 1995 by Arizona Senate Bill 1348.

**Religious Freedom Act:** Ariz. Rev. Stat. §§ 41-1493 to 41-1493.04.