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Compulsory Attendance Ages:	“At least six years old, but younger than 18 years old.” Utah Code Annotated § 53A-11-101(5)(a).
Required Days of Instruction:	None.
Required Subjects:	None. The parent is solely responsible for the “selection of instructional materials and textbooks.” Utah Code Ann. § 53A-11-102(2)(c)(i).

Home School Statute: Utah Code Ann. § 53A-11-102(2).

A local school board “shall excuse from attendance” at the public school a homeschool student if the child’s parent files a signed affidavit with the minor’s school district.

1. The parent must file a signed and notarized affidavit for each minor taught at home. The affidavit must contain a statement that the minor will attend a home school and “the parent assumes sole responsibility for the education of the school-age minor, except to the extent the school-age minor is dual enrolled in a public school as provided in Section 53-A-11-102.5.” Utah Code Ann. § 53A-11-102(2)(a).
2. An affidavit of intent is not required again as long as “the school-aged minor attends a homeschool” and “as long as the school district where the affidavit was filed remains the school-aged minor’s district of residence.” Utah Code Ann. § 53A-11-102(2)(b).
3. “A parent of a school-age minor who attends a homeschool is solely responsible for (i) the selection of instructional materials and textbooks, (ii) the time, place, and method of instruction, and (iii) the evaluation of the home school instruction.” Utah Code Ann. § 53A-11-102(2)(c).
4. “A local school board may not (i) require a parent of a school-age minor who attends a home school to maintain educational records, (ii) require credentials for individuals providing home school instruction, (iii) inspect home school facilities, or (iv) require standardized or other testing of home school students.” Utah Code Ann. § 53A-11-102(2)(d).
5. “Upon the request of a parent, a local school board shall identify the knowledge, skills, and competencies a student is recommended to attain by grade level and subject area to assist the parent in achieving college and career readiness through home schooling.” Utah Code Ann. § 53A-11-102(2)(e).
6. The school board “shall annually issue an excuse certificate that the homeschool child is excused from attendance for the specified school year.” The certificate shall be issued within 30 days after the receipt of the signed and notarized affidavit and on or before August 1 each year thereafter unless the minor enrolls in a school, the parent or guardian notifies that the child is no longer homeschooling, or the parent or guardian notifies the school district that the child has moved out of the school district. Utah Code Ann. § 53A-11-102(2)(f)-(g).

Alternative Statutes Allowing for Home Schools: Homeschool students can enroll in a “regularly established private school” and homeschool through the private school under Utah Code Ann. § 53A-11-101.5(2). According to the Department of Education, the department has no jurisdiction over private schools. Other requirements may apply, such as obtaining a business license.

Teacher Qualifications: None.

Standardized Tests: None.