



HOMESCHOOLING & SPECIAL EDUCATION

KNOW YOUR SPECIAL EDUCATION RIGHTS: A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS IN KANSAS

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Homeschooling is when your child learns at home instead of public school. A homeschool must be registered with the State of Kansas. This is not the same as remote learning (for example, virtual or online school). It is also not the same as private school.

If your child is homeschooled, they are not enrolled in public school. That means that the public school does not have to provide special education and related services. When you start homeschooling your child, their right to special education stops. If they had an IEP (Individualized Education Program), it is not valid anymore. This means that the special education and related services will end.

The school can still offer to give your child special education services but is not required to offer them. You can accept or deny the special education services. Public schools have to locate, identify and evaluate all children in the district. This is done through “Child Find.” It includes students that are homeschooled.

If your child is identified as a student with a disability, the public school has to provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE). However, you have to enroll your child in public school to receive it. Families who homeschool can partially enroll in a district for certain services or classes. Families who are homeschooling are encouraged to contact their school district to ask about services and options for their children. If you choose not to enroll in public school, you are required to provide your child’s special education services through your homeschool.

Kansas has requirements for homeschools. This includes documenting your child's education. You can find the requirements at <https://hsllda.org/legal/kansas>. If you do not follow them, the school district can report your child as a *child in need of care* to the Department for Children and Families (DCF).



**Kansas
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Sources & Additional Resources:



Kansas Special Education Process Handbook, Chapter 5. Kansas State Department of Education.
<https://tinyurl.com/442w2dt3>



Homeschooling in Kansas. Kansas State Department of Education. <https://tinyurl.com/u3zxnz3z>

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