

Homeschool & Hijrah With Huruuneen

Alternative Education

HOMESCHOOL NOTIFICATION STARTER PACKET

For U.S. Families

Notice • Curriculum • Supplies • Required Learning •
Schedules • Assessments • Attendance

Start Here

This packet helps families organize the paperwork most commonly needed when beginning homeschool in the United States. Homeschool law is state-specific. Use this packet as a planning and recordkeeping tool, then verify your exact state and district requirements before submitting anything.

Fast Start Checklist

☐ Find your official state homeschool page and local district contact.	☐ Confirm whether your state requires notice, registration, affidavit, or no notice.
☐ Withdraw from current school if your child is already enrolled.	☐ Prepare your notice of intent or state-required form.
☐ Choose books, curriculum, supplies, and instructional resources.	☐ Write your required-subject/course-of-study plan.
☐ Set your weekly schedule and annual calendar.	☐ Choose assessments and progress checks.
☐ Start attendance and work-sample records from Day 1.	☐ Save copies of every submission and confirmation.

Parent Motivation Reminder

Do not wait for a perfect system. Start with one folder per child, one weekly planning page, and one Friday filing routine. Small records kept consistently become a strong portfolio.

1. State Compliance Worksheet

Important U.S. Law Reminder

Homeschooling is legal across the United States, but notice, required subjects, attendance, assessments, and reporting rules differ by state. Some states require annual notice and testing; some require a portfolio; some require only minimal notification; and some require no notice. Verify with your official state education agency and local district.

Family & State Information

Parent/Guardian Name	
Address	
Phone/Email	
School Year	
State	
County/District	

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District Contact Name/Email	
Date Homeschool Begins	

State Requirement Tracker

Notification Required? Yes/No	
Where to Submit Notice	
Notification Due Date	
Withdrawal Letter Needed?	
Required Subjects	
Days/Hours Required	
Attendance Requirement	
Assessment Requirement	
Portfolio/Records Required	
Record Retention Rule	
Annual Report Due Date	
Special Education/Dual Enrollment Notes	

2. Generic Notice of Intent Template

Use With Care

Many states and districts provide their own official form. Use this template only if your state allows a parent-created notice. Do not include extra information your state does not require.

Date: _____

To: Superintendent / Home Education Office / School District: _____

District Address or Email: _____

RE: Notice of Intent to Homeschool / Home Educate

Dear Superintendent or Home Education Office,

Please accept this letter as notice that I intend to provide home education for the following child(ren) for the _____ / _____ school year, in accordance with the homeschool laws of the State of _____.

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

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Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone/Email: _____

I will provide instruction in the subjects required by my state and maintain records as required. Please send written confirmation of receipt if applicable in this state.

Sincerely,

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submission Log

Sent by: ☐ Email ☐ Certified Mail ☐ Online Portal ☐ Hand Delivery

Date Sent: _____ Confirmation Received: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Confirmation/Receipt Saved In: _____

3. Optional School Withdrawal Letter

When to Use

If your child is currently enrolled in public/private school, many families send a withdrawal letter at the same time they submit homeschool notice. Some states require specific steps. Confirm before sending.

Date: _____

To: Principal / Registrar: _____

School Name: _____

RE: Withdrawal for Home Education

Dear School Administrator,

Please withdraw my child, _____, from enrollment at _____ effective _____. We will be providing home education in accordance with the laws of the State of _____.

Please provide copies of the student's current records, including attendance, grades, assessment records, IEP/504 documents if applicable, and any transcript or report card information available.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email/Phone: _____

Records to Request From Previous School

☐ Final report card or grade report	☐ Attendance summary
☐ Standardized test scores	☐ IEP, 504, or evaluation records
☐ Transcript for middle/high school	☐ Immunization record or exemption record

4. Books, Curriculum, Supplies & Instructional Resources

Simple Rule

Choose resources that help you teach the required subjects clearly. A strong starter kit does not need to be expensive. Books, workbooks, library resources, videos, manipulatives, field trips, projects, and parent-created lessons can all support instruction.

Subject	Books / Textbooks	Curriculum / Program	Supplies / Tools	Websites / Community Resources	Assessment to Use
English Language Arts / Reading					
Writing / Grammar / Spelling					
Mathematics					
Science					
History / Social Studies					
Government / Civics					
Health / PE					
Fine Arts / Music / Art					
Technology / Computer Skills					
Foreign Language / Arabic					
Islamic Studies / Qur'an					
Life Skills / Career Skills					

5. State-Required Learning & Course of Study Plan

How to Use This Page

Write your state-required subjects first. Then add family priorities such as Qur'an, Arabic, character, life skills, entrepreneurship, technology, and practical household management.

Required Subject / Family Subject	Skill Goals for the Year	Main Resources	Weekly Frequency	Evidence to Save
Reading / ELA	Phonics, fluency, comprehension, literature	Books, readers, grammar program	4-5x/week	Reading log, writing samples
Math	Number sense, computation, problem solving	Workbook, manipulatives, math videos	4-5x/week	Unit tests, quizzes
Science	Observation, experiments, vocabulary, reports	Text, kits, nature study	1-3x/week	Lab photos, notebook pages
History / Social Studies	Timeline, geography,	Living books, maps,	1-3x/week	Projects, map work

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	citizenship, culture	documentaries		
Government / Civics	Rights, responsibilities, founding documents	Civics text, primary sources	1x/week	Short essays, discussion notes
Health / PE	Fitness, nutrition, hygiene, safety	Outdoor activity, health lessons	2-5x/week	Activity log
Writing	Copywork, dictation, paragraphs, essays	Writing workbook, journals	3-5x/week	Writing portfolio
Elective / Faith / Life Skill	Character, Qur'an, Arabic, cooking, budgeting	Family-selected resources	Flexible	Photos, checklists, projects
State Extra Requirement				
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6. Homeschool Schedule Starter Page

Scheduling Secret

Use blocks instead of rigid minute-by-minute pressure. Protect core learning, keep records simple, and leave space for life.

Time Block	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Start	Qur'an / Reading	Qur'an / Reading	Qur'an / Reading	Qur'an / Reading	Review / Field Trip
Core 1	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math Check
Core 2	ELA / Writing	ELA / Writing	ELA / Writing	ELA / Writing	Portfolio File
Break / Movement	Outdoor / PE	Outdoor / PE	Outdoor / PE	Outdoor / PE	Nature Walk
Content Subject	Science	History	Science	Civics / Geography	Project
Independent Work	Reading Log	Workbook	Copywork	Writing	Catch-up
Life Skills	Chores	Cooking	Budget / Errands	Maintenance	Home Reset

Annual Calendar Notes

Start Date	
End Date	
Total Required Days/Hours	
Break Weeks	
Assessment Dates	
Portfolio Review Date	
Annual Submission Deadline	

7. Assessment Plan

No Gatekeeping

Assessments do not need to be scary. Use them to see what your child knows, what needs repair, and what to teach next. Keep a small sample every week and a formal checkpoint every month or quarter.

Assessment Type	Purpose	When to Use	What to Save
Diagnostic assessment	Find starting level and learning gaps	First 1-2 weeks, then mid-year	Scores, notes, placement decision
Weekly quiz or skill check	Confirm recent lessons are sticking	Every Friday or after each unit	1-page quiz or notebook photo
Reading fluency check	Track accuracy, pace, and comprehension	Monthly	Book title, words read, notes
Writing sample	Show growth in handwriting,	Monthly	Dated writing sample

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	grammar, paragraphs		
Math facts / unit test	Track computation and problem solving	Every 2-4 weeks	Quiz/test and correction notes
Science/social studies project	Show understanding through application	Unit end	Photos, rubric, written summary
Standardized test	Meet state requirement or compare nationally	If required or desired	Score report
Portfolio evaluation	Show overall growth through work samples	If required or desired	Evaluator letter/report
Oral narration / discussion	Measure understanding without overtesting	Weekly	Parent notes/checklist

Quarterly Progress Review

☐ Reading level improved or remains appropriate	☐ Math facts and problem solving checked
☐ Writing sample saved	☐ Science/social studies sample saved
☐ Attendance reviewed	☐ Curriculum working or adjusted
☐ Learning gaps listed	☐ Next 6-week goals written

8. Attendance & Instruction Log

Simple Method

Mark attendance daily. Add one sentence about what was taught. If your state requires hours, record approximate instructional time. If your state does not require attendance logs, keeping one still helps with re-entry, travel, transcripts, and confidence.

Date	Present?	Hours/Time	Subjects Covered	Notes / Evidence Saved
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9. Portfolio & Recordkeeping System

The 3-Folder System

Use one binder or digital folder per child. Inside it, keep three sections: Compliance, Learning Evidence, and Assessments. File small amounts weekly so the end of the year does not become stressful.

Folder 1: Compliance

☐ Notice of intent / state form	☐ Submission receipt or district confirmation
☐ Withdrawal letter copy	☐ Attendance log
☐ State requirement worksheet	☐ Annual calendar
☐ Health/immunization records if required	☐ Any district/state correspondence

Folder 2: Learning Evidence

☐ Reading list	☐ Writing samples
☐ Math quizzes/tests	☐ Science work/lab photos
☐ History/social studies work	☐ Projects and field trip notes
☐ Photos of hands-on learning	☐ Book reports/narrations
☐ Life skills documentation	☐ Qur'an/Arabic/faith progress if included

Folder 3: Assessments

☐ Diagnostic placement results	☐ Monthly progress notes
☐ Quarterly review page	☐ Standardized test scores if used
☐ Portfolio review/evaluator letter if used	☐ IEP/504 or support records if applicable
☐ End-of-year summary	☐ Transcript/credits for grades 9-12

10. Parent Track & Motivation System

Friday 20-Minute Filing Routine

1) Choose 1-3 samples per child. 2) Mark attendance. 3) Write one progress note. 4) Check next week's resources. 5) Celebrate one win. This routine keeps parents on track without overwhelm.

Day	Parent Action	Student Evidence	Motivation Focus
Monday	Teach core subjects and start weekly checklist	Reading/math page	Begin gently
Tuesday	Check understanding and adjust pace	Notebook/workbook sample	Catch gaps early
Wednesday	Hands-on project or real-life application	Photo/project note	Make learning visible
Thursday	Short quiz, narration, or writing response	Assessment/work sample	Measure progress
Friday	File samples, update attendance, plan next week	Portfolio entry	Small wins build consistency

Monthly Parent Reflection

☐ What worked this month?	☐ What felt too heavy?
☐ What skill improved?	☐ What gap needs repair?
☐ Which resource should we keep?	☐ Which resource should we replace?
☐ What should be documented?	☐ What is next month's top goal?

11. High School & Hijrah-Ready Record Extras

For Grades 7-12

Older students need stronger documentation: course titles, credits, grades, reading lists, assessment evidence, project descriptions, and transcripts. This matters for college, dual enrollment, employment, military options, overseas school placement, and re-entry.

Course Title	Credit/Hours	Curriculum/Books	Assessments	Grade/Progress	Evidence Saved

Transition-Ready Documents to Keep

☐ Annual course list	☐ Transcript by grade 9+
☐ Reading list	☐ Assessment results
☐ Writing samples	☐ Math placement evidence
☐ Science labs/projects	☐ Community service/logs
☐ Dual enrollment records	☐ Certificates/online course completions

12. Verification Sources & State Examples

Why Verification Matters

State homeschool rules change. A starter packet should help families organize, but final compliance should be checked with official state education pages, local district instructions, or qualified legal counsel.

Source	What It Helps Verify	Website
U.S. Department of Education	State Regulation of Private and Home Schools page lists state legal requirements and comparison charts. Page reviewed Nov. 14, 2025.	ed.gov
HSLDA	State-by-state homeschool law directory covering notice, testing, mandatory subjects, withdrawal, and resources.	hsllda.org/legal
Virginia DOE example	Annual notice by Aug. 15, subjects to be studied, and evidence of progress by Aug. 1 are listed on its home instruction page.	doe.virginia.gov
Colorado DOE example	Letter of intent 14 days before beginning, 172 days averaging 4 hours, required subject areas, records, and grade-level assessments are listed.	cde.state.co.us
California DOE example	Private School Affidavit pathway and attendance/grade reporting/instructional material reminders are listed in CDE guidance.	cde.ca.gov
Florida DOE example	Parent resources identify letter of intent, annual evaluation, and termination letter steps.	fldoe.org
Ohio DOE example	Current home education page lists notice timing and required subjects such as English language arts, mathematics, science, history, government, and	education.ohio.gov

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Final Parent Reminder

Your records do not need to be fancy. They need to be clear, dated, organized, and useful. One simple system can protect your homeschool, reveal growth, and reduce stress all year.