

Intro To Home Education

(The Jet Fueled Fly-By Version)

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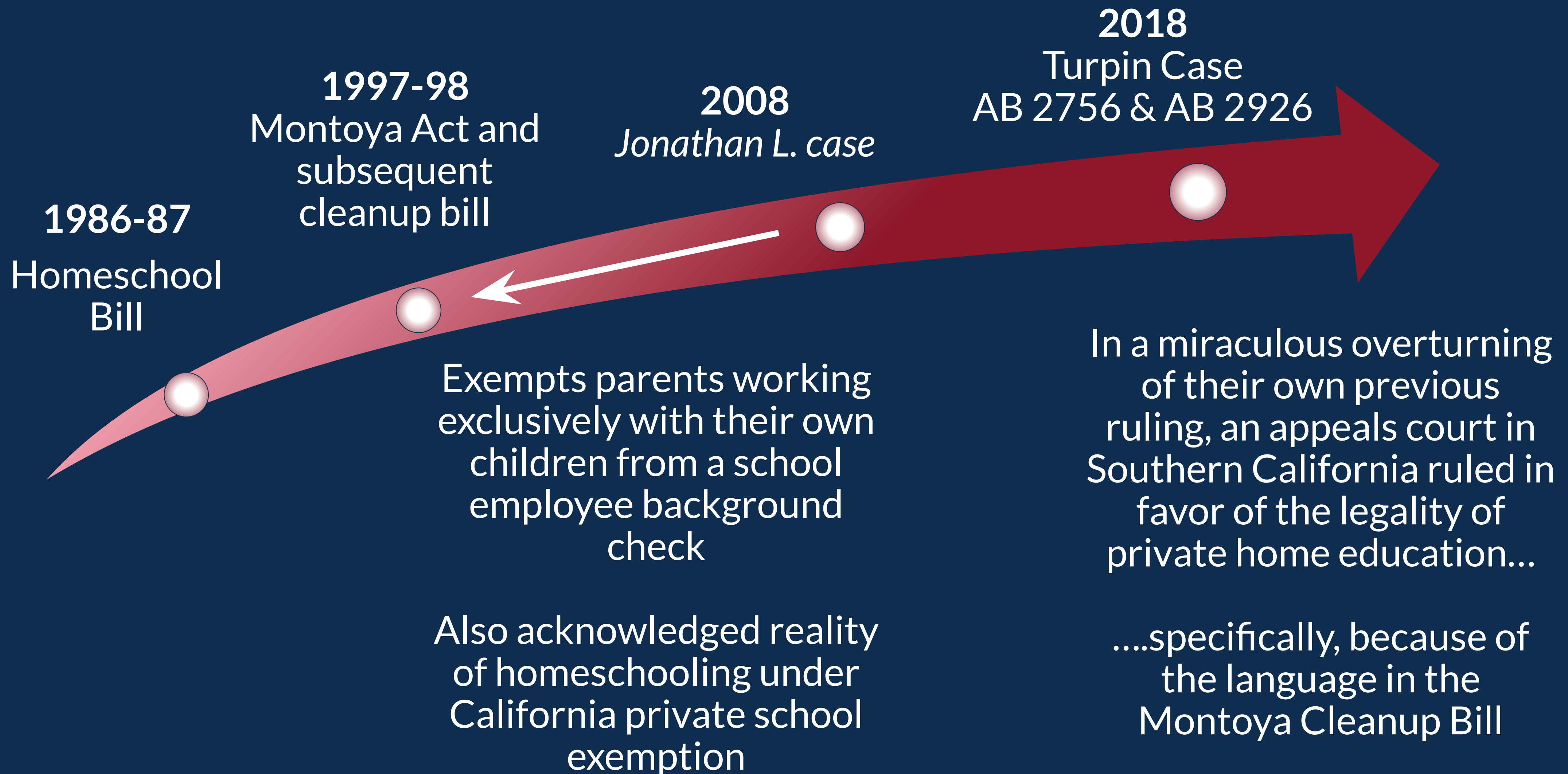
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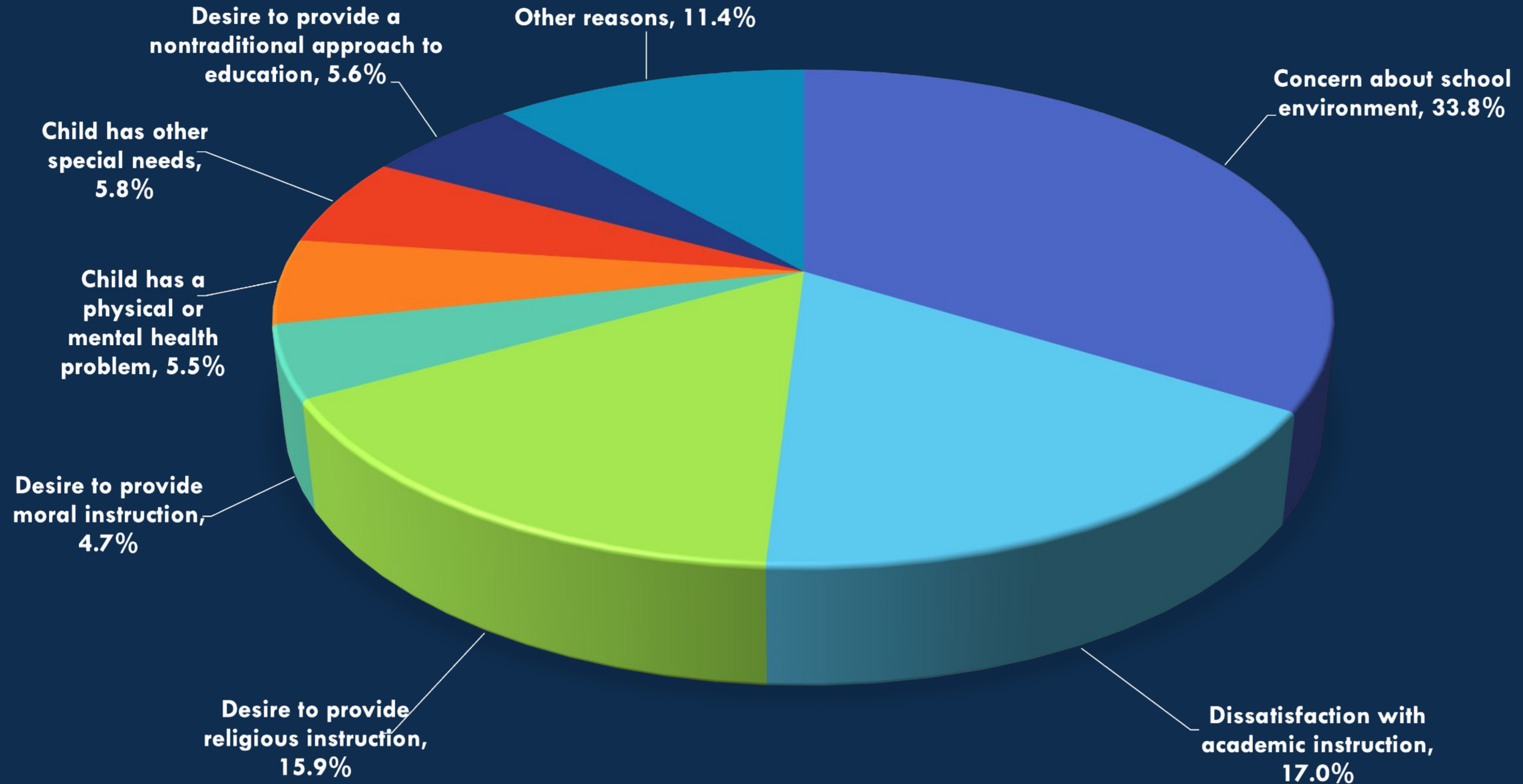
Major Homeschool Battles in California



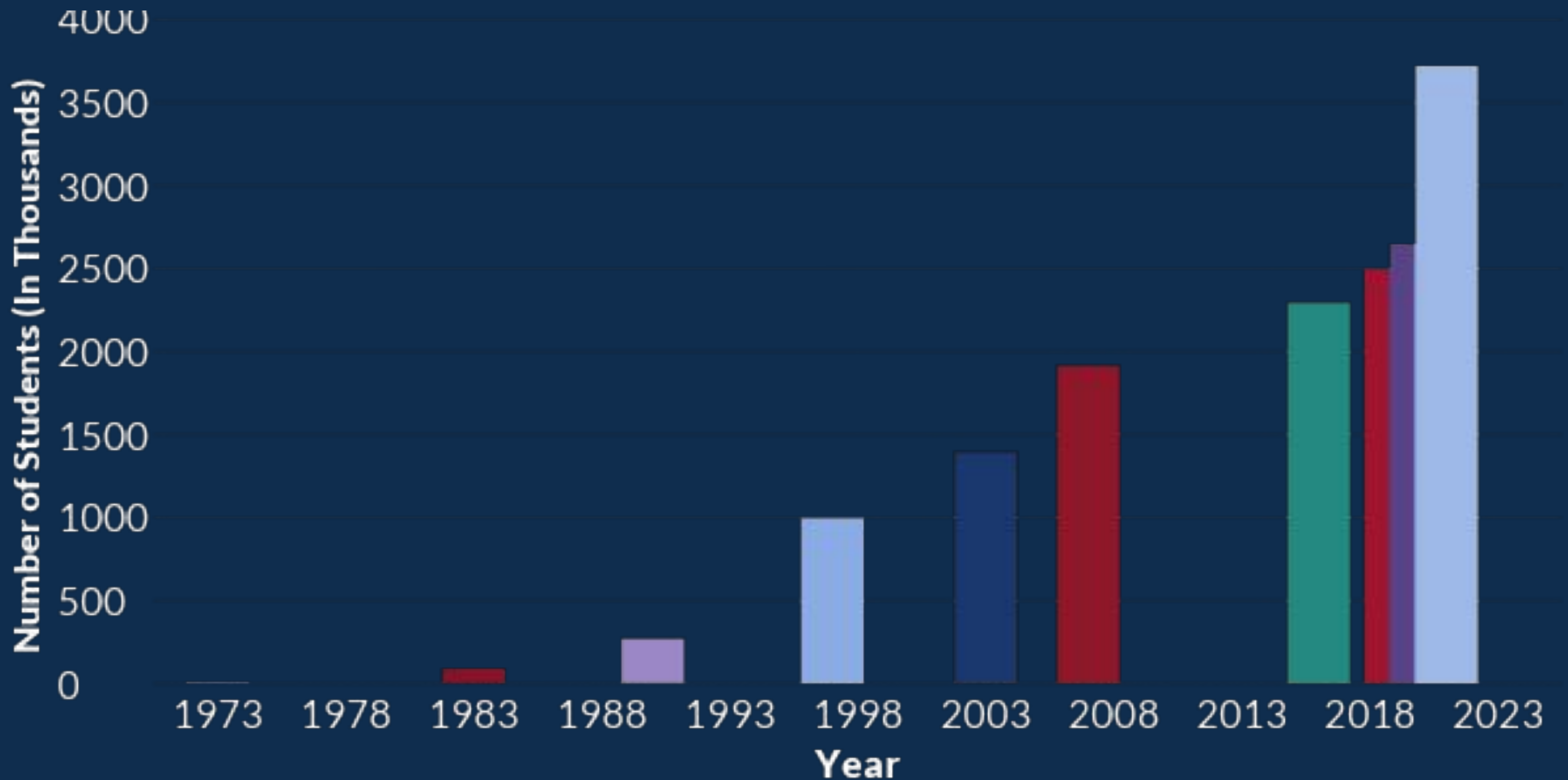
The Need for Current Research



The Reasons for Homeschooling

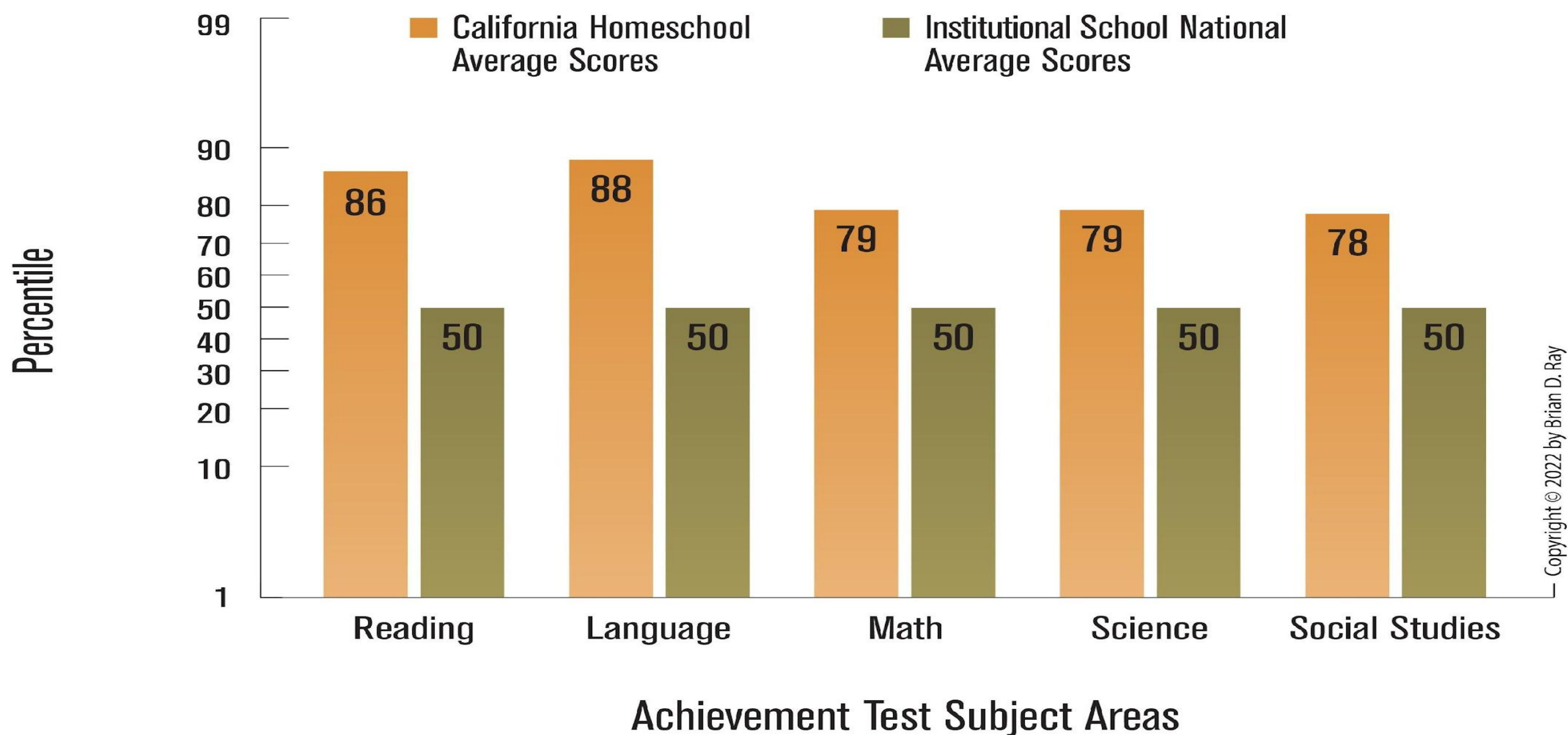


The Rising Number of Homeschoolers



Homeschool Academic Achievement

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF CALIFORNIA HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS AND U.S. INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOL STUDENTS



Footnote: Data are from the standardized academic achievement test scores of California homeschool students during 2020 and 2021 test norms.

Education

What does God Say?

What *Does* God Say?



“The Bible is authoritative on everything of which it speaks. Moreover, it speaks of everything.”

— Cornelius Van Til
Professor/Christian Apologist

Everything must be done for God's Glory

Education also must be done for Jesus.

*“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do **EVERYTHING** in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him”.*

- Colossians 3:17

What Does Scripture Say?

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

- Romans 11:36

What Does God Forbid in Education?

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the mocker. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law he meditates day and night”.

- Psalm 1:1-2

What Does Scripture Say?

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.”

- Proverbs 9:10

What Does God Forbid in Education?

“Learn not the way of the heathen”.

- Jeremiah 10:2

Who Should Teach Our Children?

Who is to be the primary authority and the main influencer and guide regarding a child's education?

What does God say?

Biblical Mandate

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 - “These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”



Is Schooling Mentioned in the Bible?

*“And you, **fathers**, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord”.*

- Ephesians 6:4

Christian Vs. Non-Christian Education

1 Corinthians 15

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried and, that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures.

Does God Have an Opinion?

“Most Christians believe God doesn’t care, one way or the other, how our children are schooled or what methods we employ”.

- Israel Wayne

Notable Quotes

“There is no such thing as a neutral education. Every education, every curriculum, has a viewpoint. That viewpoint either considers God in it or it does not.”

- Dr. R.C. Sproul

Notable Quotes

“ I greatly fear the high schools are nothing but great gates of hell, unless they diligently study the Holy Scriptures and teach them to the young people.”

- Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Notable Quotes

“There is no neutral ground in all the universe: every square inch, every split-second is claimed by God and counterclaimed by Satan”.

- C.S. Lewis (1898-1963)

Notable Quotes

“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry: ‘Mine!’”

- Abraham Kuyper (1837-1920)

Education With a Biblical Worldview

“There are no morally neutral subjects. Everything in *all* of creation reflects the Creator and tells a story about the Fall of man and God’s ultimate redemption of our fallen world through the shed blood of Christ”.

- Israel Wayne

Education With a Biblical Worldview

“I call this ‘Thinking Christian.’ There is a correct Christian way of thinking about geology, biology, astronomy, physics, chemistry, art, music, psychology, history, language, politics, etc., etc.”

– Ken Ham

Education With a Biblical Worldview

“People need to be brought back to thinking correctly, by building their thinking on the only true foundation – the Creator of all things.”

- Ken Ham

Education With a Biblical Worldview

“And this correct way must start with the revealed Word of the Creator God and this His foundational principles.”

- Ken Ham

Christian Education vs Non-Christian Education

Van Til

- Non-Christians believe that the universe has created God. **They have a finite god.** They have a finite universe. Non-Christians therefore are not concerned with bringing the child face to face with God. They want to bring the child face to face with the universe. Non-Christian education is Godless education.
- Christians believe that God has created the universe. **What is of most importance to us in education, that which is absolutely indispensable to us, is left out entirely.**

Homeschooling is About Discipleship

Israel Wayne

Homeschooling is about discipleship. It is about God changing the hearts of the parents and children to conform us all into the image of Christ. There aren't any shortcuts to reaching that end. To the best of our ability, we should embrace the call to lay down our lives for our own children and model the life of Christ, on a full-time basis, in front of them.



California School Options

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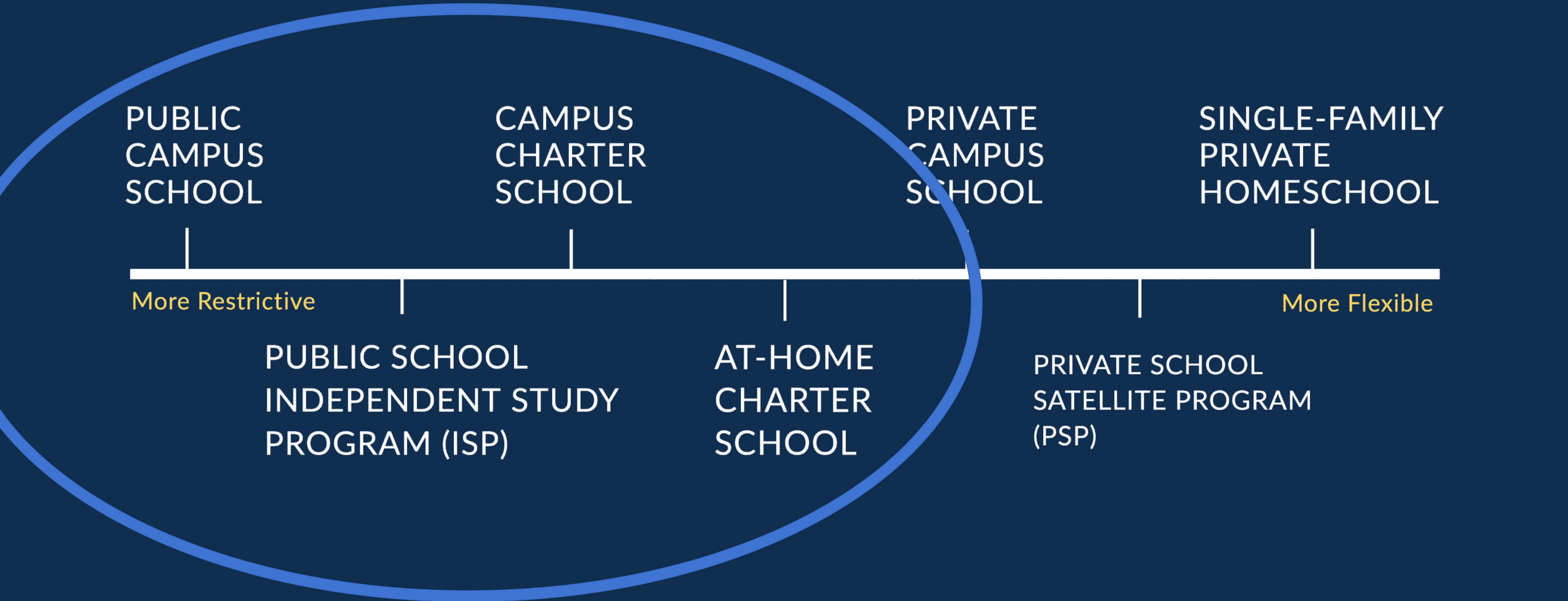
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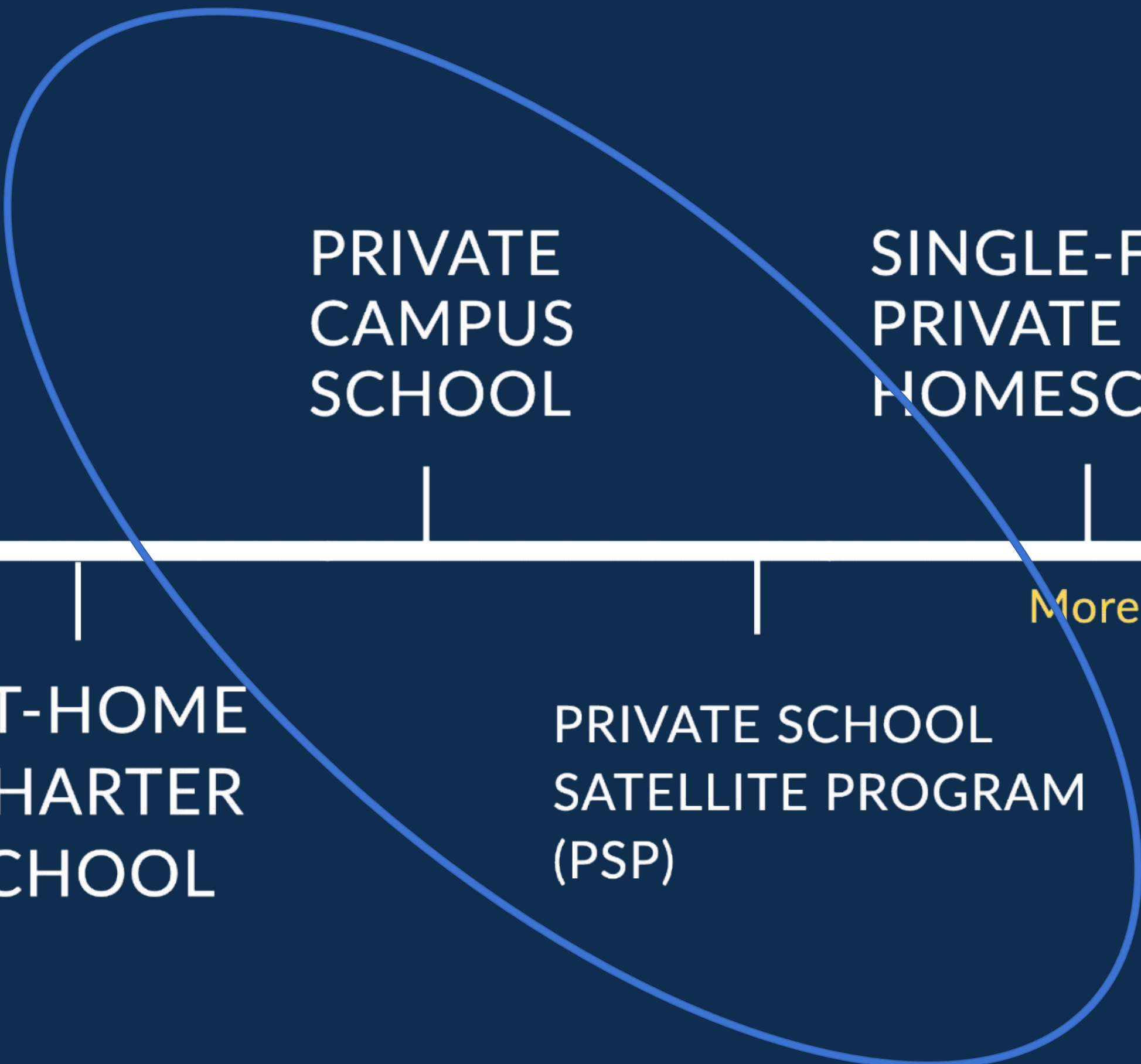
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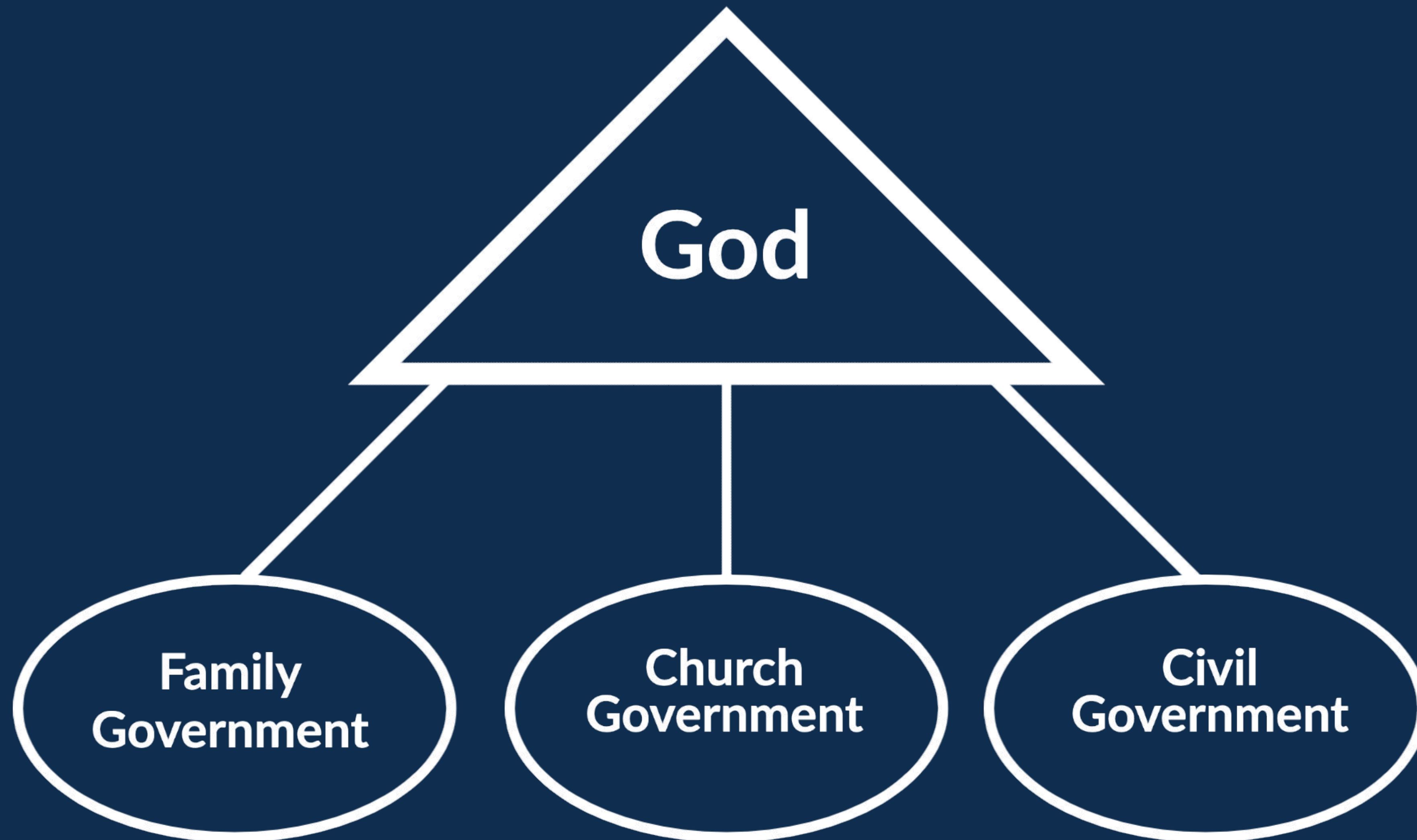
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Three Jurisdictions Of Government

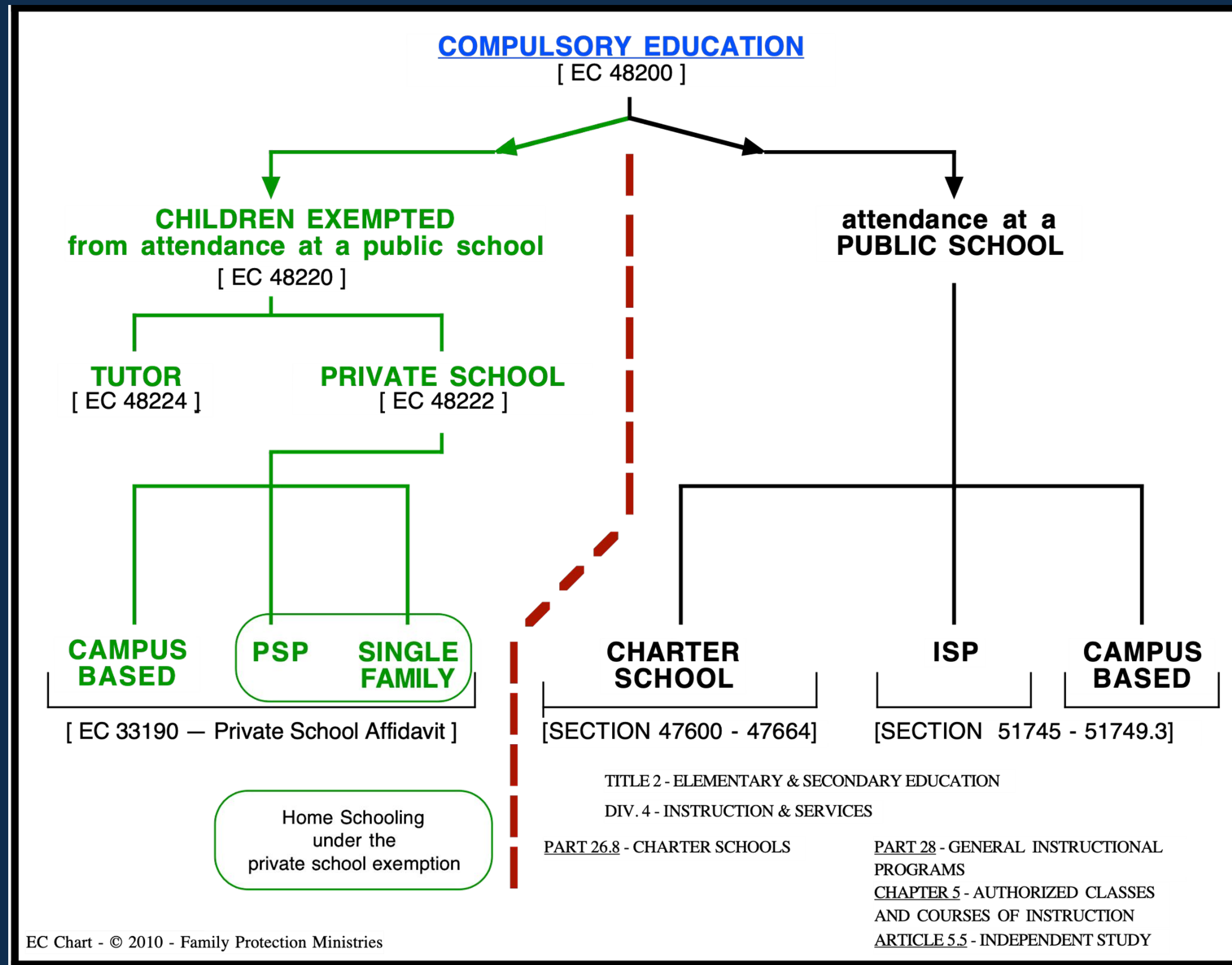


What Does Scripture Say?

God has ordained parents to be the primary caregivers and teachers of their children.

That is part of Family Government.

Public vs. Private



Compulsory Attendance

What is the Compulsory Attendance Age in California?

Helpful Article



- Compulsory Attendance Age in California is 6-18
- If your child will be 6-years-old on or before September 1st of this year, they need to be enrolled in a public school unless exempted
- Being enrolled in a private school exempts them from public school attendance
- If your child is 6 on September 1st, they need to be enrolled in a school this fall

Withdrawing Your Child From School

Parents, whose children are currently enrolled in school, should follow steps in this article **before** taking any action to withdraw their children from their current school.

Helpful Article



PROS AND CONS OF PRIVATE HOMESCHOOL OPTIONS IN CALIFORNIA

Private School Satellite Program (PSP)

ADVANTAGES

- Parent does not have to interact with the state, therefore neither the state nor local school district has information about the child's school or location where the education is taking place.
- Many PSP's offer help for parents educating their children beyond the private school affidavit.
- Diploma issued might have more credibility. • Might be able to participate in California CIF sports competition at the high school level.

PROS AND CONS OF PRIVATE HOMESCHOOL OPTIONS IN CALIFORNIA

Private School Satellite Program (PSP)

DISADVANTAGES

- Parents will generally have to pay for these services.
- Parents are under the authority of the PSP as it relates to their child's education.

PROS AND CONS OF PRIVATE HOMESCHOOL OPTIONS IN CALIFORNIA

A Single-Family Private Homeschool

ADVANTAGES

Parents are in total control of child's education

DISADVANTAGES

Parents may feel need for some accountability and will need to seek out help elsewhere.



Choose Community

No One Succeeds Alone!

Support Groups

- Great for whole family-even Dads!
- Least Expensive
- Encouragement and Fellowship
- Park Days
- Mom's Nights
- Field Trips
- CHEA has a directory
- Start your own!

Co-ops

- Whole family interaction
- Generally Affordable
- Academic Partnership
- Extra Curricular Enrichment
- Encouragement and Friends

Learning Centers

- Drop off
- Most Expensive
- Least Interactive
 - Be careful you don't lose the heart of homeschooling

If You Want To Start Your Own Single Family Private School...

Requirements For Private Schools

1. School is conducted in English;

Teaching Must Be In English?

REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING FAMILIES

- E.C. §30 provides an exception: “...*any private school may determine when and under what circumstances instruction may be given bilingually. It is the policy of the state to insure the mastery of English by all pupils in the schools; provided that bilingual instruction may be offered in those situations when such instruction is educationally advantageous to the pupils. Bilingual instruction is authorized to the extent that it does not interfere with the systematic, sequential, and regular instruction of all pupils in the English language.*”

Teaching Must Be In English?

REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING FAMILIES

The goal is bringing the student to
proficiency in English.

Parents learning together with the student is a good
thing!

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2. School is conducted in the day-time;

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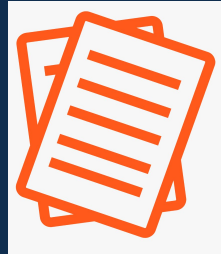





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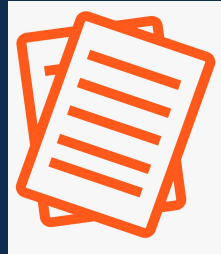
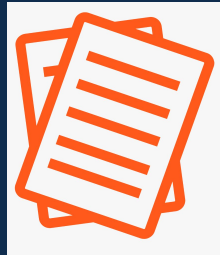


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7. A private school affidavit is required to be filed annually between October 1 and October 15.

Private School Affidavit

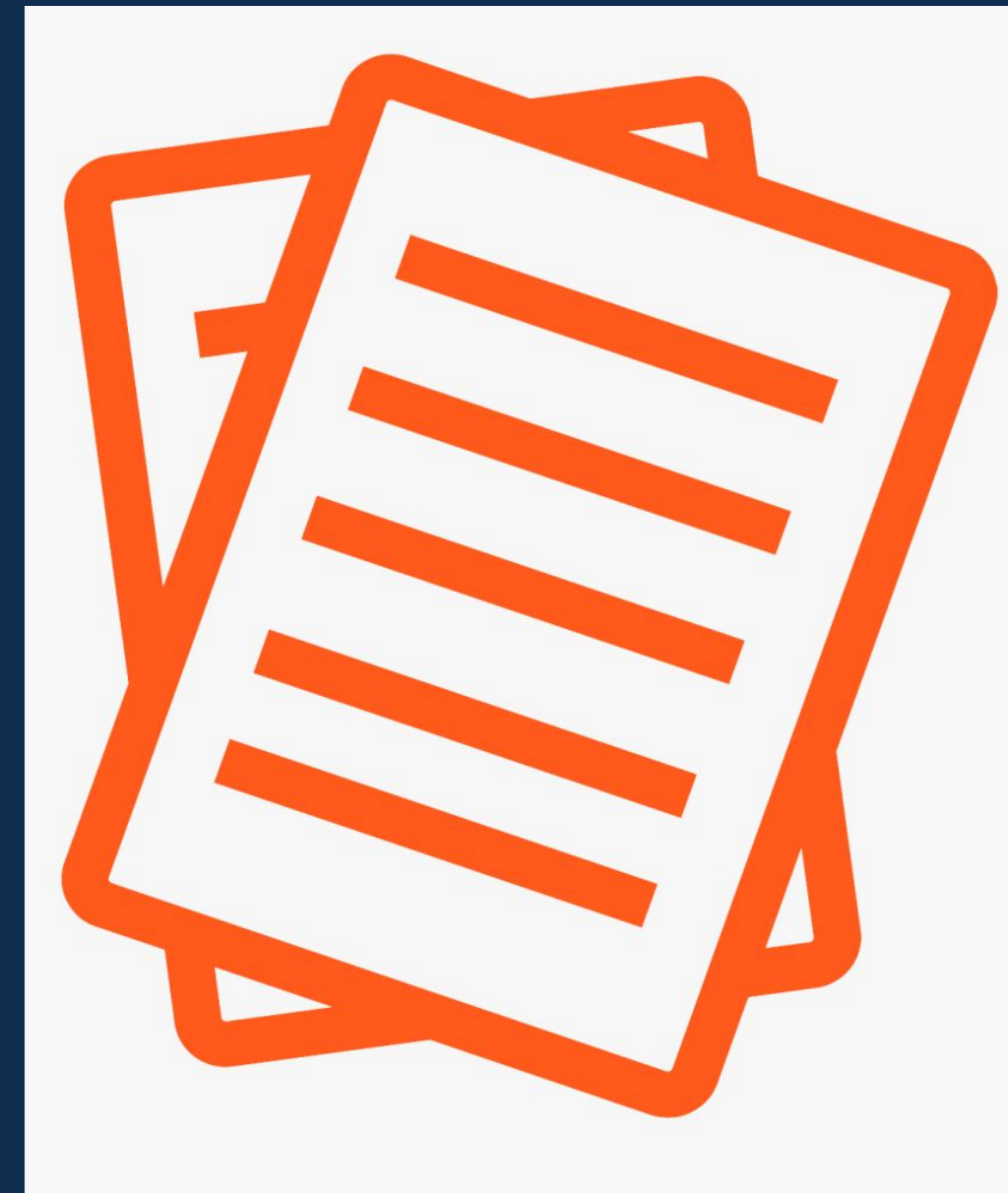
A Notice – Not an Application

- A private school affidavit is required to be filed annually
- Between October 1 and October 15.
- This is a notice, not an application.

Keeping Required Records

School Records and Student Records Minimum Requirements

1. School Records
 - a. Documenting Teacher Capability



Teacher Compatibility

An Introduction to Home Education by Susan Beatty pg 65-66 Published by CHEA

In preparing a document that outlines your qualifications as a teacher, you should begin to think of yourself as an educator . The number one qualification is the fact that you are the parent . If you are a credentialed teacher, include that information, but do not be intimidated if you are not a state certified teacher .

Nearly all parents are capable to teach their own children . Be creative, but be honest . Put down any schooling, high school graduation and above . Include work experience, skills, hobbies, interests, and any personal information that adds to your qualifications to teach such as a love of traveling and adventure, an inquiring mind, or love of reading, etc . Other qualifications can be leader of youth organization, church school teacher, and attendance at educational conferences . CHEA of California holds such conferences twice a year . (Schools call this In-Service Training .)

An introduction to Home Education by Susan Beatty pg 65-66

Teacher Qualifications

(Yes, you are capable)

- Remember God provides for what He requires
- You are the parent
- Your own education-High School, College, Training Courses, Skills learned on your own
- Your experience with children-Sunday school, VBS, babysitting
- Your Interests-Reading, Travel, Crafting
- Your Work Experience-both employee and management or Entrepreneurial
- Your Personal Traits-Curious, Self-Starter, Organized, Friendly, Loving, Determined

School Name _____ Date _____

Faculty Qualification

Name _____

Position _____

Family

Education

Work Experience

Experience in Child Care and Education

Professional Training

Skills

Hobbies

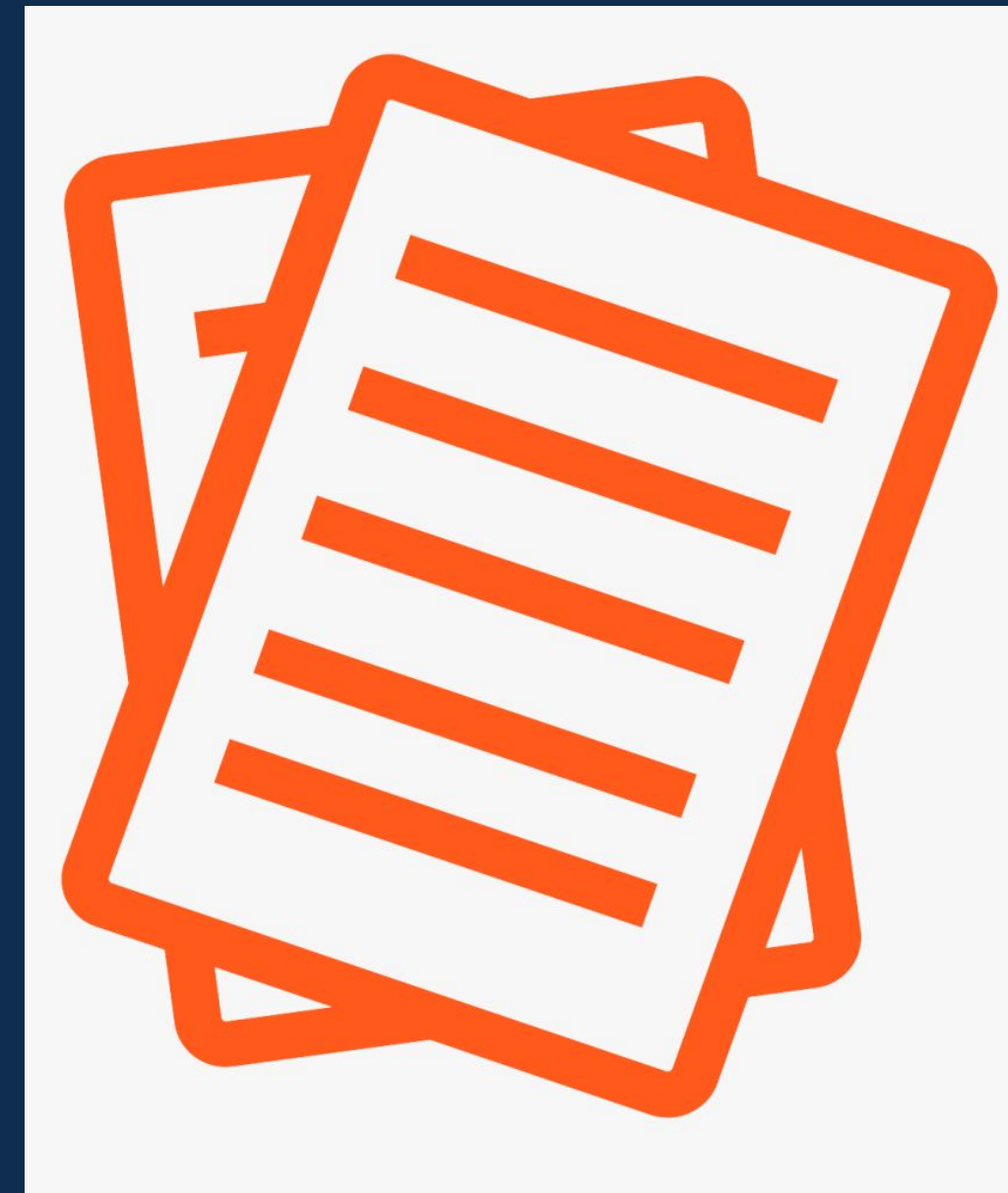
Personal Traits

Other

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1. School Records
 - a. Documenting Teacher Capability
 - b. Documenting Course of Study



Course Of Study

Overall as a School-Simple

- Must Cover the Courses of Study as the Public Schools
 - Parenting Skills in 6-9th grade
 - Driver's Training is an option
- Include Bible
 - If you don't teach them Jesus, what does the rest matter?

Elementary Grades 1-6

Bible
English
Arithmetic
Social Science
Science
Fine Arts
Health
Physical Education

Secondary Grades 7-12

Bible
English
Arithmetic
Social Science
Science
Fine Arts
Health
Physical Education
Foreign Language
Applied Arts
Career/ Technical
Parenting Skills

Course Of Study

Overall as a School-Detailed

Details may help fill out your thinking over the years

You can add and take away from this as you go

From the CHEA Introduction to Home Education Manuel

Course of Study - Grades 1-6

Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Learn basic biblical doctrines, including salvation•Learn the books of the Bible•Memorize important Scripture verses•Participate in regular fellowship•Learn Christian character and demonstrate spiritual growth
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Learn how to read, write, and communicate orally•Read independently from a variety of kinds of materials•Understand the importance and uses of written communication•Learn to speak in individual, small group, and public settings•Learn the basic skills of spelling, grammar, and penmanship•Begin a foundation of good composition skills
Arithmetic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Master the basic arithmetic operations of counting, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division•Learn the practical uses of arithmetic such as time, money, measurements, etc.
Social Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Study basic local, state, U.S., and world history•Study the concept of community and our place in it•Learn basic geography skills•Study basics of government and economics
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Study the basic concepts of science, including research and experimentation, across the disciplines of biology, chemistry, and physics, using hands-on activities•Develop an appreciation for God's creation
Fine Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Introduce various art media such as drawing, painting, sculpting, dancing, music, and more•Teach appreciation for beauty
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Learn basics of hygiene and nutrition•Learn basic body parts
Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Learn the value of regular exercise and develop a habit of physical fitness

Course Of Study

Each Student Yearly

Not Required

- You don't have to do all areas every year or the same amounts every year.
- You are not locked into or bound by this
- Make a plan for the year or perhaps a few years
 - Peace of mind
 - Watch for curriculum sales and freebies

An Introduction to Home Education by Susan Beatty pg 218 Published by CHEA

Elementary Proposed Course of Study

Student: Joseph Homeschooler

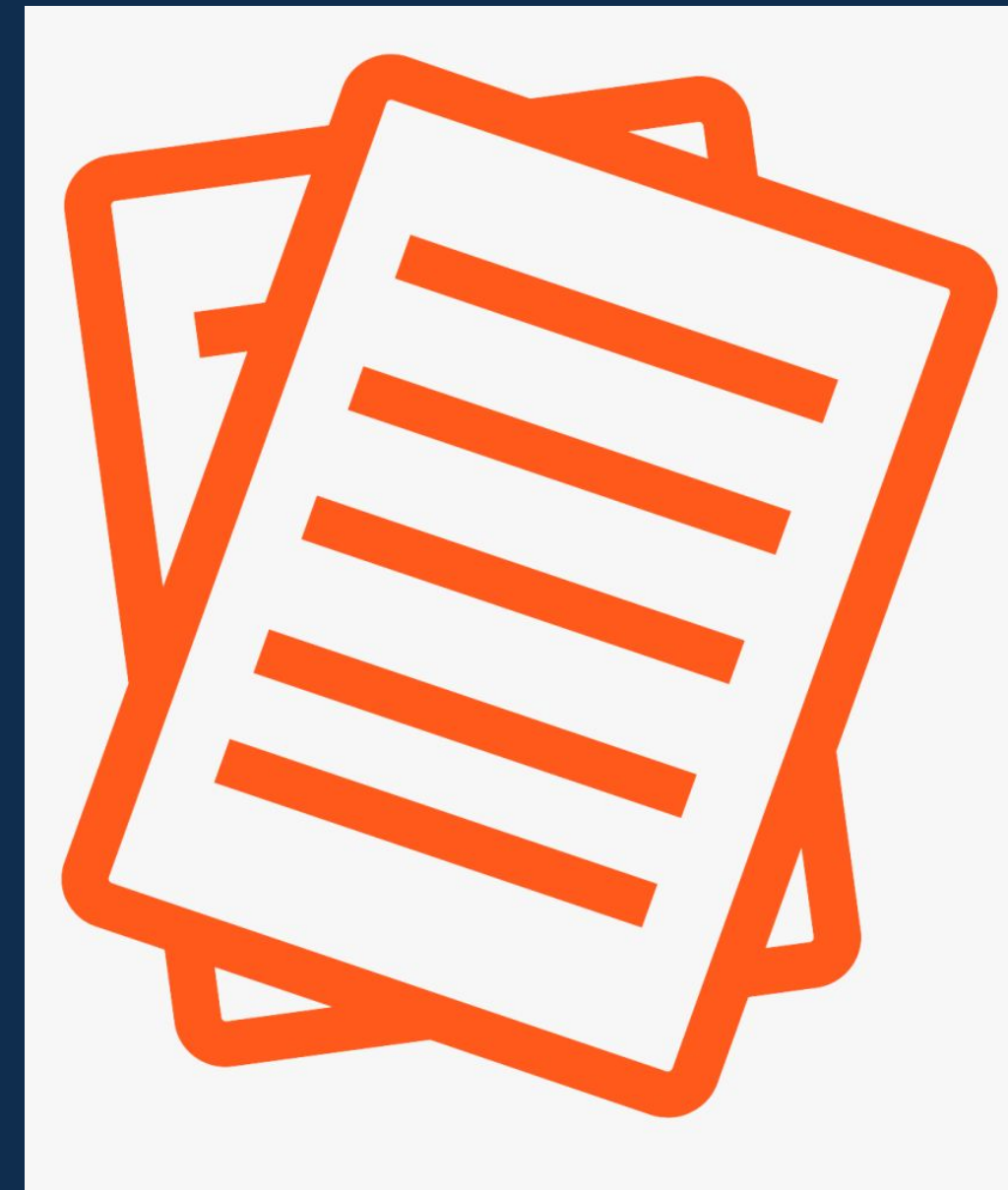
School Year: 2009-2010 Grade: 6

Subject	Book Title	Publisher	Level	Semester	
Bible Application Memory	Those Courageous Christians A Study of Acts	by William Coleman		X	X
English Reading, Spelling, Literature, Penmanship, Composition	English for Christian Schools Reading for Christian Schools	Bob Jones University Press	6 6	X X	X X
Arithmetic Calculations, Problem Solving	Math 6/5	Hake-Saxon	5-6	X	X
Social Science History Geography	See reading list for biogra- phies, historical fiction, and history books read	multiple		X	X
Science Life Science	God's Marvelous Works	Rod & Staff	5		X
Fine Arts Appreciation Art Music	Music of the Masters Piano Lessons			X X	X
Health Nutrition Personal Hygiene Safety	Informally				
Physical Education Motor Skills Sports Knowledge	City Soccer Sports Days Little League Baseball			X	X
Comments: Joe will be focusing more on writing skills this year. (composition, grammar)					

Keeping Required Records

School Records and Student Records Minimum Requirements

1. School Records
 - a. Documenting Teacher Capability
 - b. Documenting Course of Study
2. Student Cumulative files
 - a. Documenting Attendance



Documenting Attendance

- Just absences!
- What is absent from a homeschool?
- Don't need to be locked into a number of days of school or have a strict calendar
- Just record absences!

School Name_____

Record of Absences

Student Name_____

Student Address_____

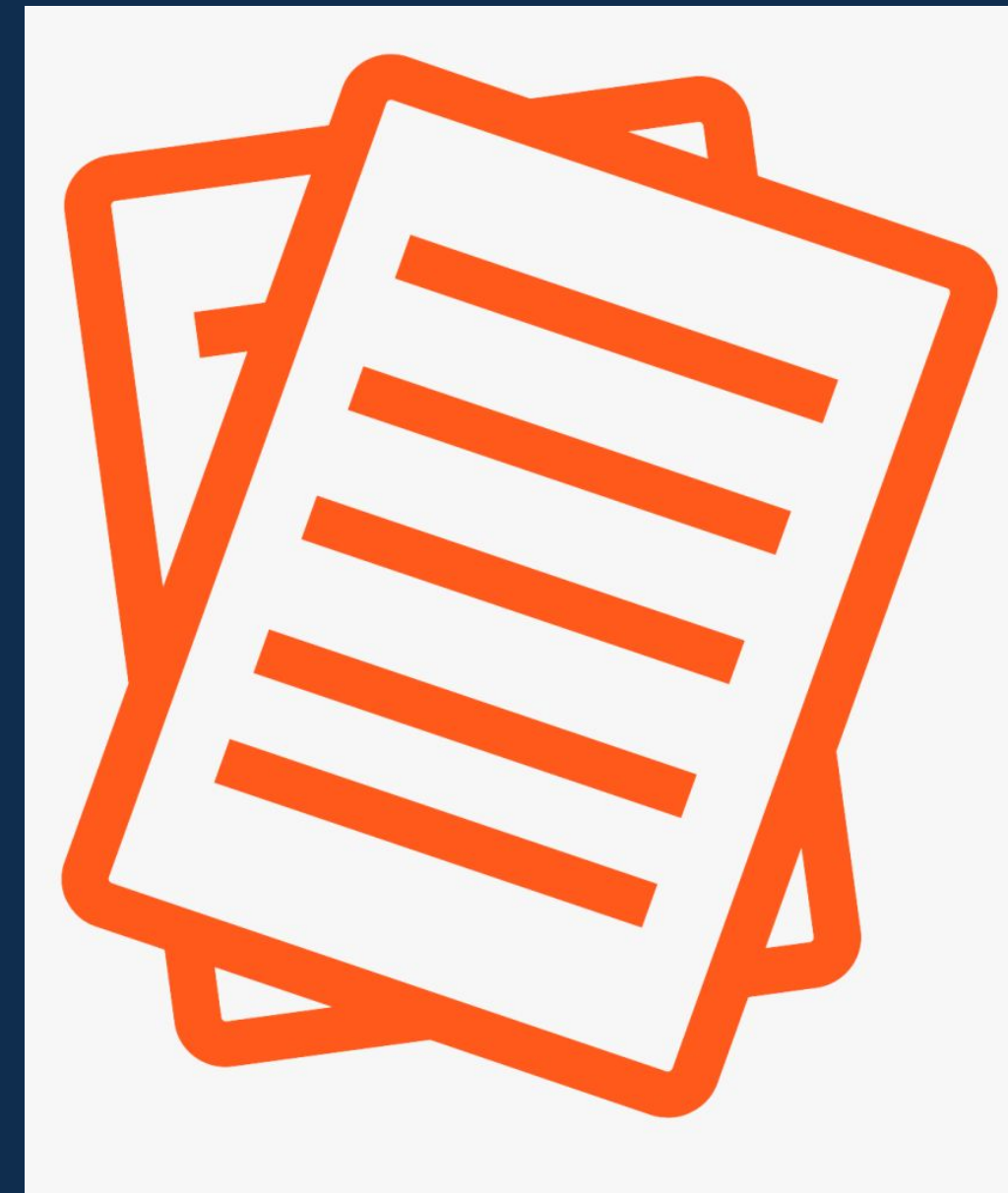
Year Enrolled_____

Year	Grade	Number of Absences
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	
	6	
	7	
	8	
	9	
	10	
	11	
	12	

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 - b. Documenting Medical Records



Medical Records 1 of 2

Medical Exam for School Entry Exam

- Supposed to be done before enrolling the first time.
- You can do this at a well-child check or make an appointment with your doctor

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency

Department of Health Services
Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program

REPORT OF HEALTH EXAMINATION FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

To protect the health of children, California law requires a health examination on school entry. Please have this report filled out by a health examiner and return it to the school. The school will keep and maintain it as confidential information.

PART I TO BE FILLED OUT BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN

CHILD'S NAME—Last

First

Middle

BIRTH DATE—Month/Day/Year

ADDRESS—Number, Street

City

ZIP code

SCHOOL

PART II TO BE FILLED OUT BY HEALTH EXAMINER

HEALTH EXAMINATION

NOTE: All tests and evaluations except the blood lead test must be done after the child is 4 years and 3 months of age.

REQUIRED TESTS/EVALUATIONS	DATE (mm/dd/yy)
Health History	/ /
Physical Examination	/ /
Dental Assessment	/ /
Nutritional Assessment	/ /
Developmental Assessment	/ /
Vision Screening	/ /
Audiometric (hearing) Screening	/ /
Tuberculin Test (Mantoux/PPD)	/ /
Blood Test (for anemia)	/ /
Urine Test	/ /
Blood Lead Test	/ /
Other	/ /

IMMUNIZATION RECORD

Note to Examiner: Please give the family a completed or updated yellow California Immunization Record.
Note to School: Please record immunization dates on the blue California School Immunization Record (PM 286).

VACCINE	DATE EACH DOSE WAS GIVEN				
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
POLIO (OPV or IPV)					
DtaP/DTP/DT/Td (diphtheria, tetanus, and [acellular] pertussis) OR (tetanus and diphtheria only)					
MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella)					
HIB MENINGITIS (Haemophilus Influenzae B) (Required for child care/preschool only)					
HEPATITIS B					
VARICELLA (Chickenpox)					
OTHER					
OTHER					

PART III ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM HEALTH EXAMINER (optional) and RELEASE OF HEALTH INFORMATION BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Fill out if patient or guardian has signed the release of health information.

☐ Examination shows no condition of concern to school program activities.

☐ Conditions found in the examination or after further evaluation that are of importance to schooling or physical activity are: (please explain)

I give permission for the health examiner to share the additional information about the health check-up with the school as explained in Part III.

☐ Please check this box if you **do not** want the health examiner to fill out Part III.

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

Name, address, and telephone number of health examiner

Signature of health examiner

Date

If your child is unable to get the school health check-up, call the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program in your local health department. If you do not want your child to have a health check-up, you may sign the waiver form (PM 171 B) found at your child's school.

PM 171 A (3/03) (Bilingual)

CHDP website: www.dhs.ca.gov/chdp

Medical Records 1 of 2

Medical Exam for School Entry Exam

- If you can exempt your child from the exam by filling out a waiver

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency

Department of Health Care Services
Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program

WAIVER OF HEALTH EXAMINATION FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

CHILD'S NAME—Last	First	Middle	DATE OF BIRTH—Month/Day/Year	
ADDRESS—Number, Street	City	ZIP Code	SCHOOL	Teacher

PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

Please fill out this form if you want to excuse your child from the health examination required by California law for school entry. **SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL** where it will be maintained as confidential information.

NOTE: SIGNING THIS WAIVER **DOES NOT** EXCUSE YOUR CHILD FROM RECEIVING THE IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA LAW FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL. ALSO, SIGNING THIS WAIVER WILL NOT DENY YOUR CHILD THE VISION AND HEARING TESTS DONE BY THE SCHOOL.

I have been informed about the health examination recommended by health professionals and required by state law. I have been informed about where my child can receive a health examination and about the income levels for receiving it at no cost to me.

Please check one of the following:

☐ I choose not to have my child receive a health examination as part of the school entry requirement.

☐ I would like my child to receive a health examination, but I am unable to obtain it.

Reason (see Health and Safety Code, Section 124085): _____

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

INQUIRE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR YOUR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION.
CHDP website: www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp

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Medical Records 2 of 2

Vaccine Record “Blue Card”

- Vaccines are not required for students enrolled in a home-based private school
- Fill the top part and then as much or as little as your family has chosen to acquire for your child
- Your doctor will give you a record of the vaccines the child has had

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency

California Department of Public Health



California Pre-Kindergarten and School Immunization Record

Staff must record the required vaccine dose information and status of requirements for each pupil. See reverse side for guidance.

Pupil Name (Last, First, Middle):	Statewide Student Identifier (SSID):	Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	Race: <input type="checkbox"/> African American/Black <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Name of Parent/Guardian (Last, First):	Birthdate (Month/Day/Year):	Sex:	

Required Vaccine	Date Each Dose Was Given (MM/DD/YY)					Permanent Medical Exemption	Notes for School Requirements
	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH		
IPV / OPV (Polio)			Age: ____ yrs.			<input type="checkbox"/>	4 doses meet TK/K-12 requirement, as do: 3 doses, if ≥1 dose given at age ≥4 years.
DTaP / DTP – Age 0-6 years Tdap / Td – Age 7+ years (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)			Age: ____ yrs.	Age: ____ yrs.		<input type="checkbox"/>	5 doses meet TK/K-12 requirement, as do: 4 doses, if ≥1 dose given at age ≥4 years; 3 doses, if ≥1 Tdap dose at age ≥7 years; Tdap dose may meet 7 th Grade requirement.
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) Age: ____ mo.						<input type="checkbox"/>	2 doses meet TK/K-12 requirement. Doses must be given at age ≥1 year.
Hib (<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b)						<input type="checkbox"/>	Required for pre-kindergarten only. At least 1 dose must be given at age ≥1 year.
Hep B (Hepatitis B)						<input type="checkbox"/>	3 doses meet TK/K-12 requirement.
VAR / VZV (Varicella/Chickenpox)						<input type="checkbox"/>	2 doses meet TK/K-12 requirement.
Tdap – 7 th Grade (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) Age: ____ yrs.						<input type="checkbox"/>	1 dose given at age ≥7 years meets requirement for 7 th grade advancement and 7 th –12 th grade admission.

Status of Requirements	Staff Initials <i>I reviewed pupil's immunization record</i>	Has All Required Vaccine Doses	Requires Follow-up			Follow-up Date(s) (See conditional admission schedule or exemption end)	Other <i>See codes on reverse side</i>	Date Requirements Met
			Temporary Medical Exemption	Missing Doses Not Currently Due—Conditional	Missing Doses Are Overdue—Needs Doses Now			
Pre-Kindergarten (Child Care or Preschool)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> IEP	
TK/K-12		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> IEP <input type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> Home	
7th Grade (Advancement or Admission)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> IEP <input type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> Home	

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Keeping Required Records

QR Code for Required Records at fpmca.org

1. School Records
 - a. Documenting Teacher Capability
 - b. Documenting Course of Study
2. Student CUM files
 - a. Documenting Attendance
 - b. Documenting Medical Records



How Can I Afford Private Homeschooling?

Remember Our God Provides

- Consider Academics vs. Extracurricular
 - **Heaviest costs are extras: music lessons, gymnastics, sports, raising animals, etc.**
 - **Beware pressure to do too much-so many good and great opportunities**
 - Kids can work to help pay for things
- Prayerfully consider what God would have you participate in

Tips and Tricks to Save on Costs

How to be a Walmart, Thrift Store, Hand-Me-Down Homeschooler

What is a normal amount to spend?

Allow yourself a learning curve to curriculum and approaches-you won't see it all on day one.

God provides one year at a time

Tips and Tricks to Save on Costs

How to be a Walmart, Thrift Store, Hand-Me-Down Homeschooler

- Co-op share resources among the class
- Free give aways
 - People giving away curriculum
 - Free curriculum and lesson plans online
- Borrow!
 - Local Public has books, movies, audio dramas, sheet music, magazines, SAT Prep guides etc.
 - Support Groups, Co-ops and PSPs often have lending libraries
 - Borrow from friends

Tips and Tricks to Save on Costs

How to be a Walmart, Thrift Store, Hand-Me-Down Homeschooler

- School closing sales are great for furniture
- Used Book sites and stores
 - Abe Books, Thrift books, Ebay, Kingdom Builders....
 - Used Curriculum Sales in the Spring and Summer
- Discount sites
 - Rainbow Resource
 - Great sales on basic supplies at the beginning of the traditional school year
- Past Editions are often cheaper than the latest edition

Tips and Tricks to Save on Costs

How to be a Walmart, Thrift Store, Hand-Me-Down Homeschooler

- Make supplies like flash cards and timelines
- Choose curriculum that passes down well among siblings
- Choose publishers that allow copying within your family
- Treat consumable curriculum as non-consumable
- Cover paperback books with contact paper and make hard-back book covers from paper bags
- Resell curriculum after using.
- Make books and school tools gifts for holidays

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- Leadership: Mid-year Checklist

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- Raising Discerning Children in a World of Error
- Your Family The Best Advocacy

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- How to Write Letters and Position Papers to Your Legislator
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