

Eligibility - Which Families Can Participate?

- They are a private homeschooler who filed the PSA for this current school year, or are a part of a PSP
 - A private homeschooling family with children also enrolled in a brick-and-mortar private campus school are eligible to participate.
- None of their children are in campus charter schools, charter homeschools, public school independent study programs, or brick and mortar campus public schools, etc.
- Families meeting the criteria above are eligible to participate and visit with our packets.
 - These families should be sent the email with more info

Questions to Help Determine if a Family is Exclusively Privately Homeschooling

- “Are you a private homeschooler?”
- “Did you file the Private School Affidavit with the California Department of Education for the 2020-2021 school year?” **OR**
- “Are you part of a Private School Satellite Program (PSP) that files the PSA for you, for the current school year?”
- “Are you a part of CHEA or any other local private homeschool group (like SCOPE in Sacramento)?”

Questions to Help Determine if a Family is Exclusively Privately Homeschooling (Cont.)

- “Are any of your children enrolled in any charter school, including campus charter schools, charter homeschools, public school independent study programs, or brick and mortar campus public schools?”
 - (If any of their children are part of charter or public school, at this time, we are **not** allowing these families to participate in *Virtual Capitol Day* or *Advocacy from Home*).
- “We want to make sure that you understand that we are going to advocate for private homeschooling and private home education, and not other education options. The purpose of the visit is not about charter homeschools or any type of public homeschooling or public schools or “school-at-home.” Can you support that and know that the purpose and focus of a meeting with your legislator with our packets is on private home education?”

Reason Why Only Private Homeschoolers Can Participate

- It is easier for families who privately homeschool exclusively to communicate their satisfaction with current private school law and that they don't want anything to change in private school law or the way private homeschooling is regulated in the state.

Ineligible Families

- If they are not a private homeschooler or have some kids in public school, the following statement should be used:
- “It is FPM and CHEA’s policy that district office visit participants privately homeschool exclusively in order to participate in Virtual Capitol Day or Advocacy from Home. You are free, of course, to visit your legislator regardless of this.”

Pushback from Families

- If you receive pushback from parents about not being able to participate because some or all of their children are in public/charter school, you can explain the following:
 - Private homeschooling is a practice that **functions under private school law** in California and does not fall under the authority of the public school system.
 - Charter schools, including those that offer a homeschool option, **function as public schools** under the control of the public school system.
 - Because this event focuses on advocacy for the current private school laws as they apply to private homeschool families, we only allow those families who are fully privately homeschooling (with no children in public or charter school) to participate in advocating for private home education.
 - **The group that advocates on behalf of charter schools in the Legislature is the California Charter Schools Association, and they may have a capitol day of their own. You can find out about them and how you can get involved in advocacy with them here: <https://www.ccsa.org/>.**