

Ready to Homeschool — Six Month Countdown

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WEEK 12: HOMESCHOOL LEGALITIES

It is legal to homeschool in all 50 states. It is legal in SOME (not all) countries. But there are differences in laws throughout the United States and around the world. Find out what they are ASAP, and how they will affect the way you want to homeschool your kids.

HomeSchool Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)

This is a trusted organization that provides legal counsel for members, as well as many other services such as one-on-one counseling and assistance in making educational plans for special needs children.

It is worthwhile to pay membership dues annually to support their work.... And to have them on your side if you need them.

hsllda.org

They also have information on homeschooling laws in all 50 states, and usually include links to each state's homeschool organization.

<https://hsllda.org/legal>

If you are in a state that allows “Dual Enrollment” — your child will have the option to take part in public school classes or extra-curricular sports. Work on cultivating GREAT relationships with your local school officials if you can. Timely communication, a non-demanding approach when you make requests, polite conversations. Pave the way for good vibes for years to come.

Action Items:

- Print out or download anything you can find on homeschooling laws or policies in your state.
- Join your state's homeschool organization if you are financially able.
- Write down the names of local organizers and support groups.
- Look up dates of upcoming homeschool conferences in your area.
- Find out if there are used book stores in your area that feature homeschool curriculum.
- List any previous or current homeschoolers that you would feel comfortable talking to.

(Bonus points if they are local and can help you navigate state/local policies.)

For Week 14, we will be discussing *Wisdom's Way of Learning* by Marilyn Howshall. This is a set of four e-books that you can order and download immediately. Use this link:

<https://lifestyleoflearning.org/wisdoms-way-of-learning/>