OAK & HAVEN TEAM · UPSTATE SC FAMILY GUIDE

Homeschooling in South Carolina

How to register, your three legal options, and the co-ops and sports teams Upstate homeschool families use, all in one place.

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DO YOU HAVE TO REGISTER?

Yes. South Carolina requires school attendance for children ages 5 to 17. Homeschooling counts when you operate under one of the three options in state law. **Every option requires:**

- The teaching parent has at least a high school diploma or GED
- At least 180 days of instruction each school year
- Reading, writing, math, science and social studies, plus composition and literature in grades 7–12

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School district approval

SC Code § 59-65-40

- Apply to your district's board of trustees
- School day of at least 4.5 hours
- Records open to district inspection
- Progress reports twice a year
- Annual statewide testing

Most structured

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SCAIHS membership

SC Code § 59-65-45

- Join the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools
- Follow its academic standards
- SCAIHS reports student numbers to districts each year
- No state-required testing

Check SCAIHS for fees

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Association of 50+ families

SC Code § 59-65-47

- Join an accountability association on the SC Dept. of Education list
- Keep a plan book, a portfolio and a twice-yearly progress report
- No state-required testing

A popular Upstate choice

Switching from public school or moving mid-year? Line up your option first, then ask your child's school what withdrawal paperwork it needs (usually proof of your homeschool option) so there's no gap in attendance records. In Greenville County, Option 1 starts with Greenville County Schools.

FIND YOUR PEOPLE

Homeschool co-ops & classes, town by town

A co-op is a group of families that meets weekly for classes, labs, art and friendship. Co-ops don't replace your legal option; you still register under Option 1, 2 or 3. Days, locations and openings change every year, and many groups have a statement of faith or a teaching philosophy, so visit and ask questions.

Greenville

Carolina Kids Co-op · outdoor-based academics, preschool–high school

EspritGVL · academic & arts classes, K4–12, Tue/Thu

Faith Montessori Homeschool Co-op · ages 3–12, Tue–Thu

Ignite Learning Center · one-day STEAM program, ages 6–12

Milton Academy · middle & high school classes

Veritas Preparatory School · university-model, part-time on campus

Fletched Arrows Homeschool Co-Op · southern Greenville County (confirm location)

Enrichment: **Greenville Zoo**, **Kroc Center**, **SC Children's Theatre**

Greer

Cornerstone Christian Co-op · K–12, Tuesdays

Crestview Christian Homeschool Academy · grades 1–12, Thursdays

Vanguard Homeschool Academy · K4–high school, Tuesdays

Artios Academies of Greenville · arts & academics hybrid, K–12

INCLUDE Collective · homeschool community & co-op

Willow Creek Gathers · Charlotte Mason-style (Greer/Duncan)

Taylors

Velos Collective · K4–12, Tue/Thu

Academy of the Arts Co-op · acting, film & performing arts, Mondays

Upstate Homeschool Co-op · K4–12; younger grades at Hampton Heights (Taylors/Greer), older at Grace Church

THRIVE Academy · Montessori-style, grades 7–12

Travelers Rest

Upstate Homeschool Co-op · K3–8, Mon/Wed

Anchored Oak Farm School · academics & farming, K–12

Greenthumb School · classical, K5–9, Mon/Thu

Valley Forest School · forest school, ages 3–16

Meadowlark Collective · weekly enrichment co-op

TR Makers Co. · Friday homeschool art classes

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Co-ops & classes, continued

Simpsonville & Mauldin

HOPE Homeschool Co-op · Fridays, 12-week semesters

Faith Christian Homeschool Co-op · Mon/Wed

Stellar Homeschool Co-op · Tue/Fri

Haven Bridge Co-op · weekly enrichment

Little Learners Academy · homeschool support, Mauldin

Enrichment: Simpsonville Fine Arts Gallery, Greenville Gymnastics

Fountain Inn

Local directories list a Fountain Inn Homeschool Co-op that organizes on Facebook. Many Fountain Inn families also use the Simpsonville groups, about 15 minutes away.

Anderson

CHOICE Homeschool Group (ETC) · Thursdays

Anderson Home School Association co-ops · DASH, Enrich, Boost

Legacy Academy of Anderson · core-class co-op

Carolina Hybrid Academy · K–12, Tue/Thu

Highlands Latin Cottage School · classical

Scholé at New Covenant School · K–8, Tue/Thu

WonderHere Anderson · Friday School & nature workshops

Liberty Oaks Academy · flexible microschool

Easley & Powdersville

Ignite Homeschool Co-op · Tue/Thu

Heritage Homeschool Co-op · credit courses

Upstate Literacy Hybrid Homeschool · K–5, Powdersville

Wolf & Vinny's Art Academy · homeschool art

Woodruff, Moore & Reidville

Idlehurst Learning Collective · Woodruff, farm-based co-op & hybrid, K3–9

STARS Homeschool Co-op · Moore (Reidville Rd), Mondays

Bethlehem Homeschoolers · Tuesdays

Spartanburg

Upstate Homeschool Co-op · K4–12 at one campus (Church at the Mill, Moore), Tue/Thu

Homeschool Community of the Upstate · meet-ups

Carolina Kids Co-op · Spartanburg group

Maximum Christian School hybrid · K–12, Boiling Springs

Sacred Heart Hybrid Academy · K–12 hybrid

Classical Conversations

Weekly communities meet across the Upstate, including Greenville, Easley, Anderson, Simpsonville, Spartanburg and Moore. Find yours with the community search.

More directories

Kidding Around Greenville · HomeschoolingSC · The Homeschool Habitat

GAME ON

Homeschool sports in the Upstate

Play for your local public school: Equal Access

Under SC Code § 59-63-100, homeschooled students can try out for teams at the public school whose attendance zone they live in, if they:

- Have been homeschooled under Option 1, 2 or 3 for a full academic year
- Notify the district superintendent in writing before the season starts
- Meet the same eligibility, academic, conduct and tryout standards as other athletes (SC Dept. of Education)

Homeschool teams & programs

Greenville Hurricanes (Greer) · football, basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball, swim, track, cross country, cheer & more

Upstate Falcons (Greer) · basketball, softball; volleyball, baseball & track coming soon

Spartanburg Flames · baseball, basketball, soccer, cross country, track

Carolina Homeschool Cougars (Spartanburg) · **cross country & track**, **girls' volleyball**

Upstate Homeschool Bearcats (Spartanburg) · basketball

Palmetto Guardians (Easley) · volleyball & more

Anderson Cavaliers · football, baseball, basketball, volleyball

Anderson Lightning · basketball, volleyball, cheer

Simpsonville FC homeschool soccer · ages 4–12

Velos Storm Archery (Taylors) · archery

Foothills Fencing Academy (Piedmont) · fencing

Upstate Homeschool PE (Greer & Boiling Springs) · weekly PE

Your getting-started checklist

- [ ] Choose Option 1, 2 or 3 and enroll or apply
- [ ] Withdraw from school (if enrolled) with proof of your option
- [ ] Set up a plan book, portfolio and attendance log
- [ ] Visit two or three co-ops on a class day
- [ ] Check tryout dates for teams you're interested in

Homeschooling & your home search

Homeschool families often look for a dedicated school room, storage for books and supplies, a yard for outdoor learning and an easy drive to co-op days and practices. We're happy to help you weigh layouts and locations.

Moving to the Upstate? Let's talk.

We're Kristal & Erik Schirmer. We moved our own family here from Virginia, and we love guiding Upstate families home. Find neighborhood tours on our **Moving to Greenville YouTube channel** and more at **oakandhaventeam.com**.

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