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The Delaware Code requires **all nonpublic schools** to register with the Department of Education (DOE). Schools must report enrollment information as of September 30 to the DOE by October of the same year and attendance information on or before July 31 of the same school year. Once you have registered with DOE, a school code will be issued and you will be placed on our database, which in turn ensures that the proper forms are sent to you in the fall and spring. You will receive notification within ten (10) business days that your registration form has been received and what school code has been issued to you.

Please fill out the appropriate form and return to DOE as soon as possible. You should also review the information regarding other state/local agencies that you may need to contact along with phone numbers in case you have any questions or need further clarification.

There are essentially three methods by which you may legally homeschool in Delaware (**PLEASE NOTE - OPTION 3 IS NO LONGER BEING UTILIZED by any of the school districts**):

1. Start your own **single-family homeschool** or **multi-family homeschool**. Please fill out the appropriate form and return it as indicated on the bottom of the form. By choosing this method, you are responsible for your own curriculum and materials and you must report enrollment and attendance information to the DOE on the forms that will be provided to you at the appropriate times.

Multi-family homeschools are responsible for reporting enrollment and attendance information for all families that enroll in that school.

2. Enroll in an existing and registered multi-family homeschool. By choosing this method you will not need to fill out any forms with the Department of Education. The multi-family homeschool liaison submits enrollment and attendance information to the DOE for you.
3. Homeschool your own children in your own home coordinated with the local school district. Fill out the appropriate registration form. Have your district superintendent (or designee) sign the form. Mail the completed registration form to DOE as outlined on the bottom of the form. You will be responsible for reporting enrollment and attendance information on forms that will be provided to you at the appropriate times.

You may also want to review the information sheet from the Delaware Home Education Association (DHEA).

Please Note: Any student returning to public or private school is subject to that school's and/or district's policies regarding acceptance of completed coursework and/or high school credits.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone (302) 735-4157 or by E-mail at jgoodwin@doe.k12.de.us.

Sincerely,

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