

FAMILY PROTECTION ministries

Private and Public Education in California

Private homeschooling is a practice that functions under private school law in California. Private homeschooling does not fall under the authority of the public school system.

A single-family private homeschool is a private school established in a family's own home for their own children and files their own private school affidavit.

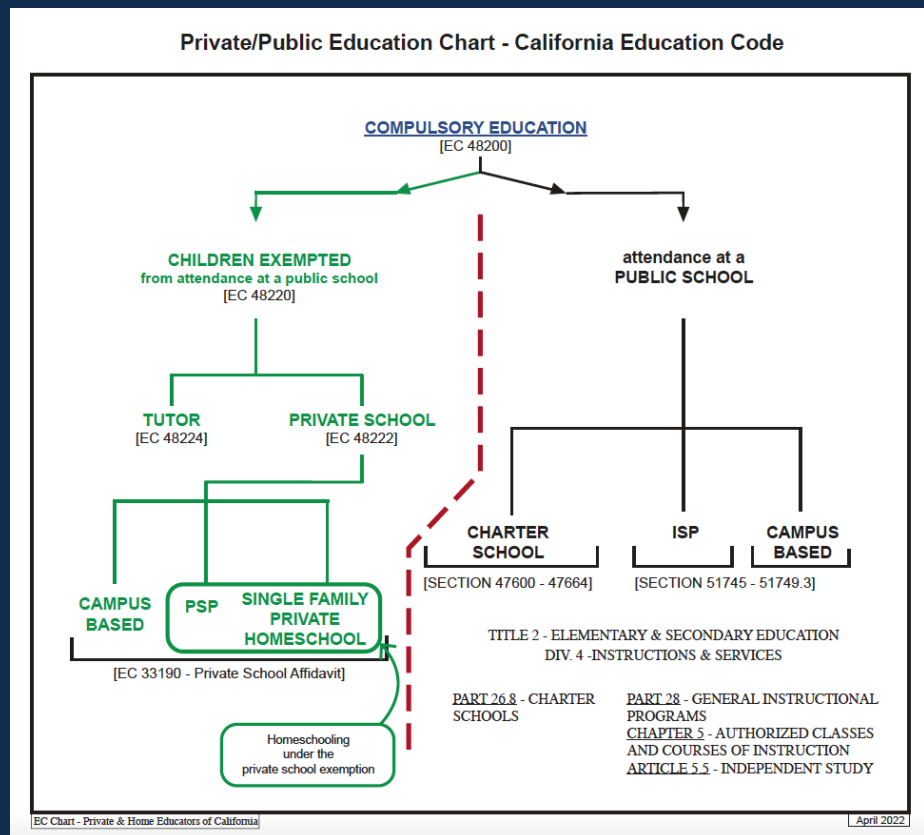
A Private School Satellite Program (PSP) is a multi-family private school that files one private school affidavit, whether it be a private campus-based school or a private school composed entirely of homeschool families. To find a PSP near you, contact Christian Home Educators Association of California (CHEA) at www.cheaofca.org.

Charter schools,

including those that offer

a homeschool option, function as public schools under the control of the public school system.

An Independent Study Program (ISP) is a program in which education is required to be provided by a public school and supervised by a certified teacher employed by the public school.



If you have further questions about the legality of private homeschooling, we recommend that you contact Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA). HSLDA is the very best resource for all legal and regulation issues and questions related to private home education.

JOIN
HSLDA!

You can contact
HSLDA at
(540) 338-5600 or
at www.hsllda.org.

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.

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 simple filing of the private school affidavit by keeping attendance and other records. For example, staff may offer expertise in specific areas that address education problems that arise with students.
- Diploma issued might have more credibility.
- Might be able to participate in California CIF sports competition at the high school level.

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

VERY IMPORTANT

Whichever private homeschool option families choose, they should find community. Fellow supportive, like-minded friends make homeschooling fun and rewarding. Visit CHEA's directory and connect with homeschool groups and resources in your area. cheaofca.org/directory

Degrees of Flexibility in California School Options

No Religious Instruction Allowed Per CA Constitution

PUBLIC
CAMPUS
SCHOOL

CAMPUS
CHARTER
SCHOOL

PRIVATE
CAMPUS
SCHOOL

SINGLE-FAMILY
PRIVATE
HOMESCHOOL

More Restrictive

More Flexible

PUBLIC SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT STUDY
PROGRAM (ISP)

AT-HOME
CHARTER
SCHOOL

PRIVATE SCHOOL
SATELLITE
PROGRAM (PSP)

Religious Instruction is Allowed