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Non-public and Home Schools

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Home School Coordinators

Home Schooling in Tennessee

In Tennessee, parents have the option to educate their children at home, an option known as homeschooling or home education.

Parents in Tennessee may choose to home school their own children in grades K - 12. The Tennessee Home School law (Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-3050) states: "A home school is a school conducted or directed by a parent or parents or a legal guardian or guardians for their own children."

Parents desiring to home school their own children may do so by choosing one of the following three options.

- > Independent Home School
- > Church-related Umbrella School
- > Accredited Online School

Curriculum Resources

- [Tennessee Academic Standards](#)
- [Resources for Tennessee Standards](#)
- [Tennessee Electronic Learning Center](#)

[LEA Home School Coordinators](#)

(8/21/15)

Independent Home School Forms

- [Intent to Home School](#)
- [2015-16 Attendance Calendar](#)

Meningococcal Information

In compliance with T.C.A. § 49-6-3050(d):

The department of education shall provide annually to home schools with which they have contact information about meningococcal disease and the effectiveness of vaccination against meningococcal disease at the beginning of every school year.

[Meningococcal Vaccine Fact Sheet](#)

<http://www.tn.gov/education/topic/home-schooling-in-tn>

Parent Options to School at Home

1. Independent Home School
2. Category IV Satellite School
3. Category III Online School
4. Virtual Public School

Independent Home School

“Independent” home school students are those which are registered with the LEA.

Home School Law TCA 49-6-3050

- ▶ **Can a parent withdraw to home school at any point in the school year?**
- ▶ *Yes. The cutoff date for registering to home school has been removed from the home school law. A parent may be allowed to withdraw their child from the public school and register for home school at any point in the school year.*

Independent Home School

Requirements:

- *Intent to Home School* form (any time within school year)
 - Must be completed each year
- Parent must have GED or High School Diploma.
- Proof of immunization
- Attendance record for 180 days – 4 hours per day
- Parents may use any curricular program they choose.
- Parent creates diploma.

Testing Independent Home School Students

- Required to test in grade 5, grade 7, and grade 9.
- If a home school student in **grade 9** is taking a course for which there is a state board approved secure standardized end of course test, that student should be required to take that end of course exam.
- LEA is not required to test students enrolled in Category IV church-related schools.

Testing Independent Home School Students

Can a parent of a home school student in grades 5, 7, or 9 choose to provide some other form of assessment rather than TCAP/EOC?

Yes, there is an option outlined below in TCA § 49-6-3050 which would allow for a home school student to take a test other than the TCAP or EOC.

The test must be standardized, administered by a professional testing service within 30 days of the statewide assessments, and the results provided to the LEA for review.

Home School & Sports

Independently registered home school students may try out for athletics in school systems who are members TSSAA.

TCA § 49-6-3050

Change to TSSAA bylaws:

Home school students must be registered as independent with the LEA but now may also be registered with a private umbrella school as well

Deadlines:

August 1 – Register Intent to Home School form with LEA

August 15 - Make application for participation in athletics

<http://tssaa.org/compliance-publications/tssaa-home-school-rule/>

Category IV Satellite Schools

- Often referred to as “umbrella” schools
- Accept and enroll students although the parent teaches the child at home using the satellite school’s specific guidelines.
- Students enrolled in a satellite school are **not** considered “independent” home school students.
- *Intent to Home School* form not required
- Church-related school is responsible for notifying LEAs of registered students.

Category III Online Schools

- *Intent to Home School* form not required
- No parent education requirements
- Transcripts and diplomas are accepted in TN
- Must be regionally accredited by one of the following regional accrediting agencies:
 - *AdvancEd - Southern (SACS), North Central (NCA), & Northwest (NWAC) Associations*
 - *Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA)*
 - *New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)*
 - *Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)*
 - *National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and affiliates (e.g., SAIS)*
 - *National Council of Private School Accreditation (NCPSA)*

Acceptable Online School

for students in Tennessee



James Madison
HIGH SCHOOL

Question? 1-800-349-6861

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Our Accredited Online High School Promises a Great Education

James Madison High School is a nationally and regionally accredited online high school recognized by two major accrediting organizations. This certifies that our school delivers on the promise of a top quality education that meets the highest established standards for high schools nationwide.

Accreditation is a mark of excellence. Importantly, earning a diploma from an accredited online high school assures that your education will be accepted by colleges and prospective employers.

SACS CASI (Regionally Accredited)



James Madison High School is a regionally accredited online high school with accreditation from the [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement \(SACS CASI\)](#). SACS

CASI is dedicated to advancing excellence in education worldwide through accreditation, research and professional services. SACS CASI accredits over 13,000 schools and school systems throughout the United States and overseas and is an accreditation division of AdvancED.

WHY JMHS? TOP 5 REASONS


- 1 National & regional accreditation
- 2 Anytime, anywhere learning
- 3 Low Interest-free monthly tuition

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Unacceptable Online School

for students in Tennessee




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Accreditation & Registrations




National Home School Accreditation of America

Lincoln Academy is a Member of iNACOL



International Association for K-12 Online Learning

SCHOOL



Florida Department of Education

Lincoln Academy is registered with the Florida Department of Education (School Code 5898). We comply with all standards set forth by Florida Statutes requiring yearly reporting with the Florida Department of Education.


Lincoln Academy is registered with the BROWARD County School District, as a high school diploma granting school. Please select BROWARD from the drop-down menu located [here to view our status and registration with the Florida Department of Education](#).

The iNACOL Online Learning Clearinghouse is a comprehensive effort supported by the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) and [WestEd](#) to provide a listing of online learning laws and operating online learning programs in the United States. The Clearinghouse provides an independent, objective source of information to help you learn more about the online learning programs in your area.

Lincoln Academy students are eligible to take [The College Board](#) (SAT, PSAT/NMSQT) whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Please use School Code 9700000.

Resources

- [Accreditation](#)
- [Online High School Program](#)
- [Transcript Evaluation](#)
- [Who is Eligible](#)
- [Testimonials](#)
- [Refer a Friend](#)
- [Locations](#)
- [Graduation Store](#)
- [iPhone App](#)
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WHY WAIT ANY LONGER?

It is never too late to earn your high school diploma and to further your education. Enroll now to start your new and improved future of being a high school graduate.

Lottery Scholarships

In order to be eligible for the TN Lottery Scholarships, a home school student must be:

A Tennessee resident for at least one (1) year **AND...**

A. Registered with a Tennessee local public school district as an “Independent” home school student...

OR

B. Enrolled in a Category IV church-related “Umbrella” school

...for **one (1) year** immediately preceding the completion of the home school program.

Lottery Scholarships

A student who is enrolled in a Category III online accredited school (that is not located within the state of Tennessee) must have "given notice to the school district with the intent to conduct a home school program."

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615-253-7453.



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www.TN.gov/CollegePays

Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS) Home School Notice

For the purpose of the TELS program, pursuant to TCA §49-4-902 (23), a *home school student* means a student who completed high school in a Tennessee home school program meeting the requirements of §49-6-3050.

For one (1) year immediately preceding completion of high school as a home school student, the student shall have been a student in a home school associated with a church-related school as defined by §49-50-801 or an independent home school student whose parent or guardian has given notice to the local director of the Tennessee school district under §49-6-3050 (b)(1) of intent to conduct a home school. The TELS Home School Notice is required for the student who graduates from a home school programs that is not church-related and meet certain accreditation standards or membership as defined in §49-50-801.

Students who are enrolled in Category 4, 5 or 6 non-public secondary schools located in Tennessee may qualify for the HOPE Scholarship at an eligible postsecondary institution by completing high school in a Tennessee home school program for at least one (1) year of enrollment immediately preceding graduation. In this case, the TELS Home School Notice is not required for students graduating from TN home school programs.

To be completed by the Tennessee county local school district in which the student reside:

- Name of student: _____
Last First
- Student's Last four (4) SSN digits: XXX – XX – _____
- Student's Date of Birth: _____
/ /
- Name of Home School and State: _____
Name State
- Did the parent/guardian give notice to the school district with the intent to conduct a home school program? (check one) Yes: _____ No: _____

By signing below, I certify the information provided above is correct to the best of my knowledge. For the purpose of TELS, the student meets the minimum requirements as described in the content of this document for home school students.

TN School District County () Phone Number Date

Student Truancy

- Students in TN who are enrolled in a school that does not meet the requirements for approval are considered truant.
- Pursuant to TCA §49-6-3006, the responsibility and authority for the enforcement of the compulsory attendance laws is placed with the local board of education and its designated employees and officers.
- A current listing of approved non-public schools can be found online at:

<http://www.tn.gov/education/topic/non-public-schools>

LEAs may require the organization or parent who says they are operating the church-related school to provide assurance that they are meeting the requirements of the statute and rule.

Student Transfers

Category I, II, and III non-public schools (including on-line):

- transcripts/credits are accepted (SBE 0520-1-3-.03)
- no placement test required

Independent home school:

- no academic record other than a parent record or word
- student tested for placement or grade/class determination

Category IV & V non-public schools:

- may or may not have an academic record
- student tested for placement or grade/class determination

Non-public School Webpage

School Options

- Charter Schools
- Home school
- Non-Public Schools**
 - Categories
 - ESEA Benefits to Students & Teachers

Non-Public Schools

This page provides information for and about non-public schools in Tennessee, including reporting forms and school listings.

Download the current (as of June 10, 2015) [listing of non-public schools here](#).

Non-public schools are categorized based upon various characteristics. [Read an overview of non-public school categories](#).

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), provides benefits to private school students, teachers and other education personnel, including those in religiously affiliated schools. [Read more about these benefits](#).

Forms

Category I and I-SP Non-Public Schools

- [Non-public School Data Form](#)
- [200 Day Accountability Form](#)
- [200 Day Accountability Instructions](#)
- [Student Report \(S-file\)](#)

Handouts: Fire Marshal Codes

- [Fire Marshal Jurisdictions - Contacts](#)
- [Comprehensive School Inspection Report](#)
- [Follow-up School Inspection Report](#)

Non-Public School Directory Archives

The following directories include contact and demographic information reported by the non-public schools during each respective year.

Download PDF or Excel

Select an Option

<http://www.tn.gov/education/non-public/index.shtml>

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General Number

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Normal Calculation

A2			No							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	Satellite (Cat IV Only)	Assn.	Category	School Name	Address	City	ST	Zip	County	LEA Name
2	No	State	I	1st Class Montessori	1725 Appling Road	Cordova	TN	38106	Shelby	Memphis
3	No	State	I	1st Class Montessori	1336 Peabody Avenue	Memphis	TN	38104	Shelby	Memphis
4	No	SACS, SDA	II, III	A. W. Spalding Elementary School	4820 University Dr. PO Box 568	Collegedale	TN	37315	Hamilton	Hamilton Co.
5	Yes	TACRS	IV	Aaron Academy	645 E. Main Street	Hendersonville	TN	37075	Sumner	Sumner Co.
6	No	SACS	III	Abintra Montessori School	914 Davidson Drive	Nashville	TN	37205	Davidson	Davidson Co.
7	No	State	I	Academy for Academic Excellence	1970 Memorial Drive	Clarksville	TN	37043	Montgomery	Montgomery Co.
8	Yes	ACE	IV	Academy for Keener Minds	420-D Madison St.	Clarksville	TN	37040	Montgomery	Montgomery Co.
9	Yes	ACSI	IV	Achievement Academy of Monroe	P.O. Box 496	Monroe	TN	37885	Monroe	Monroe
10	No	TANAS	IV	Adonai Academy	1000 Oak Street	Chattanooga	TN	37403	Hamilton	Hamilton Co.
11		EASEA	II	Advent Home Learning Center	9000				Clinn	McMinn Co.
12		SDA	II	Adventist Christian School of Maryville	294				nt	Blount Co.
13	No	ACSI, ACCS	IV	Agathos School	12				ry	Maury Co.
14	No	SACS, TAIS	III, IV	Akiva School	80				dson	Davidson Co.
15			II	Alcy SDA School	13				by	Memphis
16		SDA	II	Algood Christian Elementary School	26				am	Putnam Co.
17	No	SACS	III	All Saints' Episcopal School	32				blen	Hamblen Co.
18	No	State	I-SP	Alpha Educational Learning Center	449 McCann Circle	Sevierville	TN	37862	Sevier	Sevier Co.
19	No	TACRS	IV	Annoor Academy of Chattanooga	5502 Brainerd Rd	Chattanooga	TN	37411	Hamilton	Hamilton Co.
20	No	TACRS	IV	Annoor Academy of Knoxville	724 Foxville Road	Knoxville	TN	37922	Knox	Knox Co.
21	No	ACE	IV	Antioch Baptist Christian Academy	5709 North Broadway	Knoxville	TN	37918	Knox	Knox Co.

Always consider lowest category. For example, if a school is a category III and IV, then you will consider it a III for student placement determinations.

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Documentation required for TN Driver License

Independent Home School:

- A letter from the Superintendent's Office in the county/city of the applicant's legal residence, confirming that the parent has registered their "Intent to Home School" form with the school system.
- **LEAs provide this letter ONLY for "independent" home school students**

Non-Public Schools located in TN (with access to Form SF1010):

- Non-public school completes a Certificate of Compulsory School Attendance (Form SF1010)

On-line Schools located outside of TN (or approved private or church schools in Tennessee without access to the SF1010 forms):

- Statement from the school principal or headmaster on official school letterhead specifically confirming that the applicant is not truant and is making satisfactory progress in their school.

LEA Responsibilities

- Notify home schooling parents of their responsibilities under TCA 49-6-3050.
- Collect and maintain file of students for whom you have an *Intent to Home School* form.
- Document that parents have met the educational requirements of TCA 49-6-3050 and provide proof of student immunizations.
- Notify home schooling parents of students in grades 5, 7, and 9 their child is required to be tested by the LEA.
- Examine test results each year and establish a plan of action as described by TCA 49-6-3050 for students who do not meet the required standards.
- Document attendance records for home school students.

LEA Reporting Form

- Please provide **TOTALS** of students in all columns.
 - December 15
 - May 15
- How does this benefit your district? The Office of Federal Programs allocates federal dollars to your district based on the numbers you provide.



LEA Non-Public and Home School Reporting Form
Tennessee Department of Education
Office of Non-Public and Home Schools
710 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

Indicate the **total** number of students in each of the fields below using the information received from the *Non-Public Reporting* forms and *Intent to Home School* forms turned in to your system. Submit the total number of students each time you report. E-mail this completed form to the TDOE Office of Non-Public and Home Schools twice within the school year no later than **December 15** and **May 15**.

Submit to Marcy.Tldwell@tn.gov

Date: _____ School Year: 2015-16

School System: _____

Name of person completing report : _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone number : _____

Age	Non-public School Categories I, II, III, and V	Church-related School Category IV	Independent Home School
5			
6			
7			
8			
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10			
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12			
13			
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15			
16			
17			
18 & above			
Total	0	0	0

Complete and return this form by email to Marcy.Tldwell@tn.gov

Non-public School Reporting Form

[illegible]

Funding for Mental Health Facilities

Pursuant to Public Chapter 426 (Public Acts of 2011), local boards of education are required to allocate funding in an amount equal to the per pupil state and local funds received by the LEA to state licensed residential mental health facilities on a prorated daily basis for the student's length of stay, provided the following criteria have been met:

- The residential mental health facility operates as a Category I (formerly Category VII) special purpose school pursuant to state board rules and regulations;
- The student admitted to the residential mental health facility is enrolled in the LEA; and
- The student is admitted to the residential mental health facility under a licensed physician's written order and such order is based on medical necessity.

Non-public & Home School Websites

Non-Public Website:

<http://www.tn.gov/education/topic/non-public-schools>

Home School Website:

<http://www.tn.gov/education/topic/home-schooling-in-tn>

PLEASE contact me if you are aware of non-public schools in operation within your districts who are not on the list or when a non-public school closes in your area.



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