

South Carolina Homeschool Compliance Checklist

What every homeschool family should track each year.

South Carolina is one of the most homeschool-friendly states in the country, but families are still responsible for maintaining certain records and requirements.

Use this checklist to make sure your homeschool stays organized and compliant.

1. Choose Your Homeschool Accountability Option.

South Carolina allows homeschooling under three legal pathways.

- **Option 1:** Homeschool through your local school district.
- **Option 2:** Homeschool through SCAHS.
- **Option 3:** Homeschool through a third-party option association.

2. Complete 180 Instructional Days.

South Carolina requires homeschool programs to include:

- **180 Instructional days** per school year.
- At least **4.5 hours** of instruction per day (**only required for option 1**).

Parents are responsible for tracking these instructional days.

3. Teach the Required Subjects

South Carolina homeschool programs must include:

- Reading, Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies.
- **For grades 7-12**, Writing & Reading become Composition, and Literature.

4. Maintain Attendance Records

Parents should maintain a record of instructional days.

Your attendance log should include:

- **Date** of instruction.
- Confirmation the school day was **completed**.
- **Total days** completed toward 180.

5. Keep Instructional Records

Families should maintain documentation showing instruction is taking place. This can include:

- Lesson summaries.
- Subjects taught.
- Activities completed.
- Reading assignments.

6. Maintain a Student Portfolio

A homeschool portfolio helps demonstrate progress and learning. Common portfolio items include:

- Writing samples.
- Math work.
- Science projects.
- Reading lists.
- Creative work.

7. Track Academic Progress

Parents should keep some record of progress throughout the year. Examples include:

- Periodic **progress notes**.
- Completed **work samples**.
- **Assessment results** if applicable.

8. Store Your Records Safely

Homeschool documentation should be organized and accessible if needed. Important records to include:

- Attendance logs.
- Instructional records.
- Portfolio items.
- Progress documentation.

Keeping everything in one place makes the homeschool year much easier.



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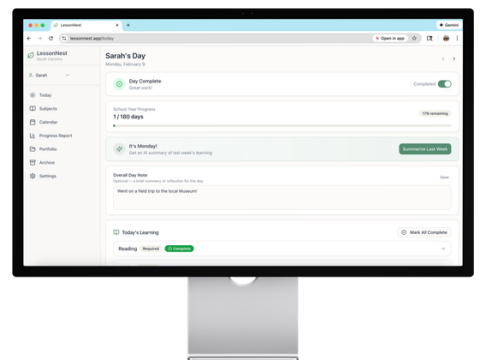
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