

WELCOME TO HOMESCHOOLING!

You're about to start an amazing journey. This starter kit has everything you need to get started:

- ✓ Your 30-day action plan
- ✓ Weekly schedule template
- ✓ Provincial requirements at-a-glance
 - ✓ Best free resources
 - ✓ What to do first

Let's do this! ■

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YOUR FIRST 30 DAYS: THE ESSENTIAL CHECKLIST

WEEK 1: LEGAL & SETUP

- Check your province's homeschool requirements
- Notify/withdraw from current school (if applicable)
- Submit required forms to school board/division
- Create a dedicated learning space
- Set a realistic daily schedule (2-3 hours to start)

WEEK 2: CURRICULUM & RESOURCES

- Choose your approach (structured vs unschooling vs eclectic)
- Pick 3 core subjects to start (reading, math, + 1 other)
- Get library card for free books
- Explore free resources (Khan Academy, PBS Kids, etc.)
- Join a local homeschool group

WEEK 3: ROUTINE & REALITY CHECK

- Try your schedule for a week
- Adjust what's not working (be flexible!)
- Plan one field trip or outdoor learning day
- Track what you're doing
- Take a deep breath - you're doing great!

WEEK 4: COMMUNITY & SUPPORT

- Connect with other homeschool families
- Find local activities (sports, co-ops, classes)
- Set up record-keeping system
- Review provincial reporting requirements
- Plan next month's learning goals

WEEKLY SCHEDULE TEMPLATE

Week of: _____

TOP 3 PRIORITIES THIS WEEK:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00					
8:00					
9:00					
10:00					
11:00					
12:00					
1:00					
2:00					
3:00					
4:00					
5:00					

WEEKEND PLANS:

Saturday: _____

Sunday: _____

FIELD TRIPS & APPOINTMENTS:

Date/Time: _____ Location: _____

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PROVINCIAL REQUIREMENTS AT-A-GLANCE

Quick reference for Canadian homeschool requirements:

BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Permission needed: Yes - notify school district
- Requirements: Learning plan, student progress reports
- Forms: Registration, annual learning plan

ALBERTA

- Permission needed: Yes - register with board
- Requirements: Choose home education program, annual review
- Forms: Home education notification

SASKATCHEWAN

- Permission needed: Yes - notify school division
- Requirements: Report card twice per year
- Forms: Home-based education notification

MANITOBA

- Permission needed: Yes - notify school division
- Requirements: Annual notification, attendance records
- Forms: Notification of intent to homeschool

ONTARIO

- Permission needed: No - just withdraw from school
- Requirements: Keep attendance records (recommended)
- Forms: Withdrawal letter to principal

For detailed guides and downloadable forms:

homeschoolhero.ca/guides

FREE RESOURCES TO GET STARTED

You don't need expensive curriculum! These free resources will get you through your first months:

MATH

- Khan Academy ([khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)) - Complete K-12 math
- Prodigy Math ([prodigygame.com](https://www.prodigygame.com)) - Game-based learning
- Math Playground ([mathplayground.com](https://www.mathplayground.com)) - Games and puzzles

READING & WRITING

- Your local library - Free books, ebooks, audiobooks
- Epic! ([getepic.com](https://www.getepic.com)) - Digital library (free trial)
- Storyline Online ([storylineonline.net](https://www.storylineonline.net)) - Read-alouds

SCIENCE

- CK-12 ([ck12.org](https://www.ck12.org)) - Free textbooks and simulations
- NASA Kids Club ([nasa.gov/kidsclub](https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub)) - Space!
- National Geographic Kids - Animals, nature, geography

CANADIAN CONTENT

- CBC Kids ([cbckids.ca](https://www.cbckids.ca)) - Shows, games, articles
- NFB Education ([nfb.ca/education](https://www.nfb.ca/education)) - Free Canadian films
- Virtual Museum of Canada ([virtualmuseum.ca](https://www.virtualmuseum.ca))

Download complete guide: [homeschoolhero.ca/downloads/free-resources.pdf](https://www.homeschoolhero.ca/downloads/free-resources.pdf)

YOUR FIRST STEPS

Not sure where to start? Here's your action plan for TODAY:

STEP 1: CHECK YOUR PROVINCE (15 minutes)

Visit homeschoolhero.ca/guides and read your province's requirements.
Know what forms you need and when they're due.

STEP 2: NOTIFY THE SCHOOL (if applicable)

If your child is currently enrolled, send a withdrawal email.
Keep a copy for your records.

STEP 3: SET UP A LEARNING SPACE

Doesn't need to be fancy! A corner of the dining room works.
Have: table/desk, basic supplies, bookshelf.

STEP 4: START SIMPLE

First week: Just do 1-2 hours of reading and math.
Use library books and Khan Academy (both free!).

STEP 5: TRACK YOUR ACTIVITIES

Write down what you did each day (even briefly).
When report time comes, you'll thank yourself!

Try Homeschool Hero free to track activities and generate provincial reports automatically:
[**homeschoolhero.ca/signup**](https://homeschoolhero.ca/signup)

REMEMBER...

- ✓ You don't need to be a certified teacher
- ✓ You don't need expensive curriculum
- ✓ Every homeschool family started where you are
 - ✓ It's okay to make mistakes and adjust
- ✓ Your relationship with your child matters most
- ✓ Homeschooling looks different for every family
 - ✓ You're doing better than you think

"The days are long but the years are short.
Enjoy this time with your kids."

NEED HELP?

- Read more guides: homeschoolhero.ca/guides
- Track & report: homeschoolhero.ca (free tier available)
- Email us: hello@homeschoolhero.ca

Welcome to the homeschool community! ■