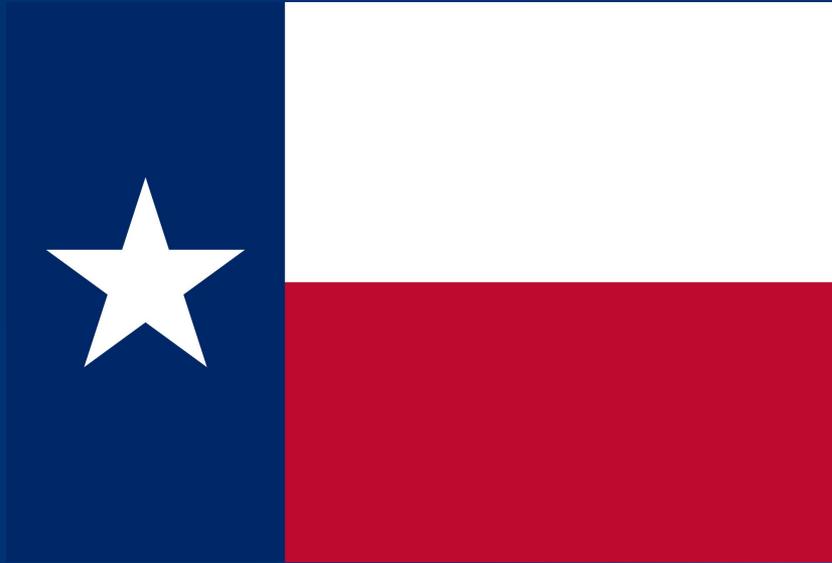


HOMESCHOOLING/UNSCHOOLING TEXAS LEGALITIES



Our Legal History Timeline

1981 TEA banned homeschooling in the state.
150 families had been prosecuted.

1985 The Leeper Court Case: The families sued every school district in the state and the TEA Homeschooling community responded. They moved to the hearing to the LBJ library because it could hold 1000 people. 6000 people came. The court ruled in favor of homeschooling.

1991 The state appealed. Court of Appeals ruled in favor of homeschooling.

1994 The state appealed. The Texas Supreme Court unanimously ruled in favor of homeschooling

END RESULT: Homeschools are considered private schools with all the same rights.

The Leeper Decision, still governs us today.

Helpful Texas Homeschool Facts

- School age in Texas: 6-17
- Local school districts have no jurisdiction over homeschools (since they are legally considered private schools.)
- “Unschooling” falls under the category of “homeschooling.”
- No prior approval is required for homeschool curriculum.
- No one is likely to ask to see your homeschooling records, but it is a good idea to maintain some sort of account of your children's work.
- Standardized tests are not required for Texas homeschool students.
- You are not required to follow the schedule and calendar that the local public schools use.
- If your children have never attended public schools, you do not need to register with anyone, and you do not need to notify any governmental agency that you are homeschooling.
- Compulsory Attendance – 170 days – Only applies to public schools

3 Requirements for Homeschooling

- The instruction must be bona fide (not a sham)
- The curriculum must be in visual form (e.g. books, workbooks, video monitor)
- The curriculum must include the basic subjects of Reading, Spelling, Grammar, Mathematics, Good Citizenship

How do unschoolers
Learn to Read
without curriculum?

How Do Unschoolers Learn to Read without a curriculum?

comics street signs texts cereal boxes holiday cards
menus billboards phone messages notes from mom
instructions kit directions DVD cases gravestones diary
maps store names Minecraft chat graphs leaflets wikis
letters from Grandma food packages games grocery lists
license plates recipes price stickers trivia games email
graffiti bird guides movie subtitles postcards yard signs
museum signs church bulletins magnetic poetry words
birthday cards amazon listings Ebay item descriptions
programs historical markers Pokemon cards

How do unschoolers

Learn

Grammar or Spelling

without curriculum?

How Do Unschoolers Learn Grammar/Spelling?

texts email messaging on the computer start a diary
create a menu notes to mom dictate stories
create a game write the grocery list postcards
letters to Grandma leave a phone message draw maps
Minecraft chat make signs record recipes score cards
sign the birthday cards journaling create comics
write out instructions make a program Mad Libs
write fan fiction create Smash books write poems
guided journaling captions for art books
Dragon writers scrapbook notes blog about interests
Use good grammar yourself!
Comment on grammar/dialects in movies

How do unschoolers
Learn Math
without curriculum?

How Do Unschoolers Learn Math?

measuring for rugs map distances identifying patterns
cooking measurements tessalations time/clocks money
math in video games estimating tips determine sale price
sewing projects music learn to sail car trips calendars
population growth taxes bank interest card games graphs
board games percentages weather estimates games
Dragon Box apps figure mileage estimate grocery purchase
round up on prices ratio/proportions double recipe
roman numerals score cards community college
skate ramps weights/scales coupons sports stats

How do unschoolers
Learn Citizenship
without curriculum?

How Do Unschoolers Learn Good Citizenship?

Don't toss trash Explain voting signs Recycle
Take them with you to vote Point out traffic laws
Follow laws yourself! Stay informed about the World
Explain what taxes pay for Visit historical sites
Who is the Governor? Who is your mayor? Help needy people
Identify when people act compassionately, with courage,
with kindness (stories or real life) Donate blood
Look at Letters to Editors (write one!) Volunteer
Talk about elections Watch CBS Sunday Morning Show
Talk about the Democratic process Talk about flags
Get to know your neighbors Watch History Channel
Travel to other parts of the country

20 Community Service Projects

Linus Project

Work in a soup kitchen

Operation Teddy Bear

Food Drives/baskets

Sandwiches for Homeless

Coat Drive

Special Olympics

Care Packages for Soldiers

Glove/Mitten drive

Hand out water bottle
at a race!

Habitat for Humanity

Trail Clearing

Race for the Cure

Adopt-A-Highway Program

Meals On Wheels

Children's Book Donation

Pick up litter at area lakes

Arbor Day Tree Planting

Gloves/Mittens collection

Work with a nursing home

Create a children's book drive