SUPPORT GROUPS AND RESOURCES

Various organizations provide support for homeschoolers. The information contained herein has been provided by the organization, based on categories provided at the bottom of this file. Inclusion in this list does not imply evaluation, review or approval of any kind by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE).

While PDE does not list individuals as resources, an organization may download the Application for Listing as a Support Group from the Home Education and Private Tutoring homepage and return it for inclusion of their group on the website.

County and regional support groups for parents of homeschoolers are particularly welcomed to the list because they link together homeschool families in the same geographical area to share ideas, resources and activities.

Diplomas and diploma-granting organizations

Some organizations apply to PDE for recognition as state approved diploma-granting organizations, using the Home Education Association Application for Recognition. These organizations are listed at the Diploma-Granting Organizations for Home Education Programs (State Approved) link. Additionally, supervisor-issued homeschool diplomas are recognized by the state. This form for a supervisor-issued diploma (PDE 6008), and the others, are provided on the Home Education and Private Tutoring homepage.

SUPPORT GROUPS BY GEOGRAPHY

Support groups are listed in the following order:
- County in PA
- Regional in PA
- Statewide
- National
- Worldwide

County

Chester County

Classical Conversations (CC)
367 Hibernia Road, Coatesville, PA 19320-1287
Melissa Alton, 610-384-1306
Lori Herson, 610-384-4780
Email: malton@classicalconversations.com
Website: www.classicalconversations.com
Achievement testing, Association, Conference, Email, Evaluators, Newsletters, Support Group, Webpage

Franklin County

Franklin County United Homeschool Association
1853 Dawn Lane
Chambersburg, PA 17201
Mary Ellen Moore 717-267-3768
Annette Martin 717-263-3878
Email: me2moore@epix.net
Association, Email

**Fulton County**

Christian Home Educators Team
HCR 81, Box 58
Needmore, PA 17238
Norma Jean Hohman 717-294-6215
Ruthann Golden 717-294-3118
Email: hohman@nb.net
Advocacy, Association, Email, Evaluators, Information, Support Group

**Regional**

Regional - Allegheny, Butler, and Beaver Counties
Family Instructors of the North Suburbs (FINS)
1549 Crestview Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Barb Beideman, 412-358-0394
Becky Giebel, 412-635-9159
Email: pfins-owner@yahoogroups.com
Website: https://sites.google.com/site/pittsburghfins/
Association, Conference, Email, Evaluators, Information, Support Group, Webpage

Regional – Allegheny (Pts) and Westmoreland Counties
The McKeesport Area Homeschoolers
404 Owens Avenue
Liberty Borough, PA 16930
Barbara Page 412-461-6788
Email: pageclan@msn.com
Association, Email, Webpage

Regional – Carbon, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Parts of Monroe Counties
Schuylkill, Carbon, Upper Lehigh Parent-Teachers (SCULPT)
RD2, Box 121-27
New Ringgold, PA 17960
Marie and Joseph Courtney 717-386-4224
Advocacy (Information), Association, Information, Newsletter, Support Group

Regional - Berks, Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery Counties
Valley Forge Baptist Home Education Association (VFBHEA)
616 S. Trappe Road
Collegeville, PA 19426
Karen Melchior 610-948-8100
Lois Rall 610-948-8100
Email: kmelchior@vfbt.org
Fax: 610-948-6423
Association, Newsletters, Support Group, Diplomas, Email, Webpage

Regional - Monroe, Northampton, Pike and surrounding counties
Northeast Pennsylvania Homeschoolers (NEPA)
PO Box 884
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Judy or Paul Van Hook 717-476-9321
Email: nepahomeschoolers@yahoo.com
Curriculum Fair, Email, Evaluators, Information,

Regional - Philadelphia, Upper Darby, and surrounding areas
Accel Community Programs (ACCEL)
7400 Marshall Road, Upper Darby, PA 19082
Veronica Manley, Director, 484-461-8761
Email: vmanley@accelcyber.org
Website: www.accelcyber.org
Fax: 484-461-8778
Achievement testing, Diplomas, Email, Evaluators, Newsletters, Support group, Webpage

Regional - York County and surrounding areas
York Homeschool Association (YHSA)
500 Paradise Road, York, PA 17402
New Member Info - Bud & Lydia Goulart 717-741-2566
Coordinator - Julie Tate 717-751-4710
WEB: http://yhsa.org/
Association, Curriculum Fair (March), Information, Materials, Newsletter, Support Group and Webpage

Statewide

Aleithia Learning Center
68 Bertolet School Road
Spring City, PA 19475
Richard G. Patton 610-286-6361
Email: ALCenter@aol.com
Association, On-line Courses, Materials

Buxmont Christian Educational Institute, Inc.
146 W. Broad Street
Telford, PA 18969
Terry L. Johns 215-723-7226
Email: bceione@fast.net
WEB: http://buxmontchristianed.org/
Association, Conference, Curriculum Fair, Diplomas, Evaluators, Information, Materials, Newsletters, Support Group

Catholic Homeschoolers of Pennsylvania
101 So. College Street
Myerstown, PA 17067
Larry and Ellen Kramer 717-866-5425
Email: cathhmschpa@ihs2000.com
Fax: 717-866-5425
WEB: http://www.catholichomeschoolpa.org/
Association, Conference & Curriculum Fair, Email, Evaluators, Information, Newsletter, Webpage
Christian Homeschool Association of Pennsylvania (CHAP)
231 N. Chestnut Street
Palmyra, PA 17078
717-838-0980
Email: chap@chapboard.org
WEB: http://www.chaponline.com/
Advocacy, Statewide Convention, Email, Information, Newsletter, Webpage

Erie County Homeschoolers Diploma Association
9129 State Road
Cranesville, PA 16410
Edi Thomas 570-967-0951
Email: echsda@velocity.net
Association, Diplomas

Keystone Christian Institute
120 Kilingerman Road
Telford, PA 18969
Christa Hageman
215-721-1868
Email: PAhomeschool@undermothersheart.com
Web: http://www.PAhomeschool.com
Information, Webpage, Email, Handbell Choir (Music Classes)
Statewide and also classes for Bucks, Berks, Montgomery, and Philadelphia county homeschoole

Mason-Dixon Homeschoolers Assoc., Inc.
32 West Main Street #5
Waynesboro, PA 17268
Barbara Snider 717-749-5767
Email: mdhsaadmin@pa.net (for support group)
Alternate email: diploma@pa.net (for diploma program)
WEB: http://www.mdhsa-pa.org/
Association, Diplomas, Evaluators, Information, Newsletters, Support

Pennsylvania Home Education Network
952 Peach Street
Ellwood City, PA 16117
412/561-5288
Email: info@phen.org
Web: http://www.phen.org
Association, Email, Evaluators, Information, Newsletter, Support Group, Webpage

Pennsylvania Homeschoolers
105 Richman Lane, Kittanning PA 16201-5737
Kittanning PA 16201-9311
Howard and Susan Richman 724-783-6512
Email: richmans@pahomeschoolers.com
WEB: http://www.pahomeschoolers.com/
Fax: 724-783-6512
Achievement Testing, Email, Evaluators, Materials, Newsletter, On-line courses (Advanced Placement), Webpage
Pennsylvania Homeschoolers Accreditation Agency  
105 Richman Lane, Kittanning PA 16201-5737  
Kittanning, PA 16201-9311  
Dr. Howard B. Richman 724-783-6512  
Email: PHAA@pahomeschoolers.com  
WEB: http://www.phaa.org/  
Fax: 724-783-6512  
Association, Conference (High Schools at Home), Diplomas, Email, Evaluators, Materials, Newsletter, Webpage

Susquehanna Valley Homeschool Diploma Programs, Inc.  
484 Pleasant View Road  
Hummelstown, PA 17036  
Margaret T. Matthews, President 717-566-3573  
Sandra Elliott 717-582-7527  
Association, Conferences, Diplomas, Evaluators

The Lancaster Center for Classical Studies  
(The Classical Foundation of Lancaster)  
910 Marietta Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
Peter Brown  
717-397-3223  
Email: lccs.org@verizon.net  
Diplomas

They Read More Usborne Books  
6419 N. Fairhill Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19126  
Tracey D. Sims-Brooks  
888-229-0185  
Email: theyreadmore@gmail.com  
WEB: http://www.letsjustread.com  
Curriculum Fair

Upattinas School and Resource Center  
429 Greenridge Road  
Glenmoore, PA 19343  
Kim Coffin, Director of Admissions and Home Education Coordinator  
610-458-5138  
Email: office@upattinas.org  
WEB: http://www.upattinas.org  
Fax: 610-458-8688  
Achievement Testing, Association, Diplomas, Email

Statewide/National/Worldwide

Bridgeway Academy (a division of Essential Learning Institute)  
334 Second Street  
Catasauqua, PA 18032  
Admissions Office: 800-863-1474
Email: admissions@bridgewayacademy.com
WEB: http://www.homeschoolacademy.com/
Association, Diplomas, Nationally accredited, On-line courses, 24x7 tutors on-line,
Curriculum, Achievement Testing, Email, Evaluators, Information, Materials, Newsletters, Webpage

**Keystone National High School**
KNHS or Keystone
920 Central Road
Bloomsburg, PA 17815
Gary Myers, Provost  800-255-4937
Jennifer Unger, Director  800-255-4937
Email: Info@keystonehighschool.com
WEB: http://keystoneschoolonline.com/
Fax:  570-784-2192
On-line Courses, Support Group, Webpage

**National**

*Alternative Education Resource Organization*
417 Roslyn Rd
Roslyn Heights, NY 11577
Jerry Mintz 516-621-2195
800-769-4171
Email: Jerryaero@aol.com
Fax:  516-625-3257
Association, Email, Evaluators, Information, Materials, Webpage

*American School*
2200 East 170th Street, Lansing, IL  60438
Jeff Cox, 708-418-2800
Valerie Riley, 708-418-2800
Email: publicrelations@americanschool.org
Website: www.americanschool.org
Fax:  708-418-2831
Email, Materials, Newsletters, Online Courses, Webpage

*Curriculum Services*
26801 Pine Ave
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
Kathleen L. Sprafka
877-702-1419
Email: info@curriculumservices.com
WEB: http://www.curriculumservices.com/
Fax: 941-992-6473
Email, Materials

*Debra Bell's Home School Resource Center*
PO Box 67
Palmyra, PA 17078
717.838.5273  
Email: hsrc@debrabell.com  
WEB: http://www.debrabell.com/  
Fax: 717.832.7733  
Achievement Testing, Online Courses, Newsletter, Conference, Information, Materials

**ECS Issue Site - Homeschooling**  

**National Center for Home Education**  
PO Box 3000  
Purcellville, VA 20134  
540/338-7600  
Email: nationalcenter@hslda.org  
WEB: http://www.hslda.org/  
Fax: 540-338-9333  
Advocacy, Association, Email, Information, Newsletter, Webpage

**Homeschool Legal Defense Association**  
P.O. Box 3000  
Purcellville, VA 20134  
Cora Prather 540-338-5600  
Darren Jones, Legal Aide  
Email: mailroom@HSLDA.org  
WEB: http://www.hslda.org/  
Fax: 540-338-2733  
Advocacy, Association, Email, Information, Newsletters, Webpage

**National Challenged Homeschoolers Associated Network**  
NATHHAN  
5383 Alpine Road, SE  
Olalla, WA 98539  
Tim Bushnell 253-857-4257  
Email: NATHANEWS@aol.com  
WEB: http://www.nathhan.com/  
Fax: 253-857-7764  
Association, Email, Information, Materials, Newsletters, Support Group, Webpage

**National Home Education Research Institute**  
12221 Van Brady Road  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-7924  
William A. Lloyd 301-372-2889  
Brian D. Ray 503-364-1490  
Email: mail@nheri.org  
WEB: http://www.nheri.org/  
Fax: 301-372-0086  
Information, Webpage

**National School Is Dead; Learn in Freedom!**  
Karl M. Bunday  
Email: webmaster@learninfreedom.org  
WEB: http://www.learninfreedom.org/  
Email, Information, Webpage
CATEGORIES FOR SUPPORT GROUP

Achievement Testing - An organization which arranges for students to take nationally normed standardized achievement tests.

Advocacy - An organization which provides legal information and/or assistance.

Association - An organization which parents or families join for a fee.

Conference - Organizes an annual or more frequent meeting of organizations and/or parents regarding homeschooling issues.

Curriculum Fair - Organizes an annual or more frequent fair of organizations or companies that provide materials for instruction.

Diplomas - Organization which is properly registered with the Pennsylvania Department of Education to issue secondary school graduation credentials for post-secondary school admittance, PHEAA grants and loans, and supervision of a home education program.

Email - An address on the Internet.

Evaluators - An organization which provides a listing of evaluators.

Information - An organization which provides information on other organizations, materials or research on the subject of home education free of charge.

Materials - An organization which sells or provides without charge curriculum materials or other materials used in instruction.

Newsletters - An organization which provides a periodic newsletter or magazine for homeschooling families, with or without charge.

On-line courses - An organization which provides courses in limited subject areas or age groups via the Internet. The courses or age groups will be identified.

Support Group - An organization which provides parent support meetings, family programs, field trips, kids clubs, social activities.

Webpage - Electronically retrievable information available through the Internet free of charge.

If your organization would like to advertise on this page, complete the Application for Listing as a Support Group on the Home Education and Private Tutoring homepage and return it to ra-home-education@state.pa.us.