

Home Schooling

Parents have a number of choices if they are interested in homeschooling. All parents must follow certain state guidelines and must notify the state of the establishment of a home school via the home school website (electronically), or send written notification to the Secretary of Education at 300 Don Gaspar Santa Fe, NM 87501-2786 (Attention: Home School Bureau) within thirty (30) days of establishment of a Home School and re-notify on or before April 1st of each year thereafter. The Public Education Department of New Mexico's Home Schools bureau disseminates information and provides technical assistance to parents, community members, schools, and district personnel on home schools. Home schools are operated by a parent or legal guardian of a school-age person who instructs a home study program, including but not limited to reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. These students are not considered public school students and do not receive credits for the courses, unless the home study program is through an accredited correspondence school. For further information, visit the NMPED Home School webpage at <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/HomeSchools/> or call the NMPED Home Schools Office at (505) 827-6909. Resources provided by the New Mexico Public Education Department can be found on the webpage.

For more information on accredited correspondence schools contact the Kirtland AFB School Liaison Officer at (505) 846-6477 or 377MSG.CCL@kirtland.af.mil.

APS Home School Support

The APS Home School Office has resources for parents and students in home school programs. They can also provide you with a list of contacts for teaching materials and connect you with support groups.

The Desert Willow Family School is an alternative K-8 program offered through the Albuquerque Public Schools. Students enrolled here participate in a program that combines a half-day of classroom instruction with a half-day of home-based instruction. This helps parents and students take active roles in their educational process and also provide support for students transitioning into public schools.

Kirtland Air Force Base Homeschoolers

Contact: Chelsea Poll, phone: (702) 481-5078

Michelle Johns, phone (334) 580-7649, Email michellejohns@msn.com

Facebook: "KAFB Homeschoolers"

This group's mission is to connect with other homeschoolers for the social support of moms and kids alike! The group consists of kids from Preschool through High School. All are welcome. The group meets every week for Fun Friday's and have an active schedule made up of park days, field trips, mother's night out, seasonal parties and family gatherings.

Additional Home Schooling Support Groups

ABQ Homeschool Park Group

Organizer: Kayla Snell

<http://www.meetup.com/Albuquerque-Homeschool-Park-Day/>

ABQ Homeschool Park Group exists to provide an authentic and welcoming community for its homeschooled children and their parents. They are first and foremost a social group. Their primary and unifying activity is a weekly park day on Thursday afternoons.

Christian Association of Parent Educators - New Mexico (CAPE-NM)

P.O. Box 3203, Moriarty, NM 87035

Phone: (505) 898-8548

Email: info@cape-nm.org

<http://www.cape-nm.org/>

CAPE is a nonprofit organization, directed by a board subscribing to a Christian statement of faith. CAPE's purpose is to serve the entire home school community, regardless of religion. The annual convention and curriculum fair, fall family leadership retreat, state Capitol Day, voice mailbox, quarterly newsletter, and statewide support group information are just a few of the opportunities that CAPE sponsors.

Albuquerque Homeschooling Meetup

Organizer: Jamie E. Santillanes

<http://www.meetup.com/Albuquerque-Homeschooling-Meetup/>

If you are a homeschooling family and are looking to have fun with other families on park, zoo, aquarium, museum, etc. outings, then they would like to meet you.

Albuquerque Unschoolers

Serving the greater Albuquerque Metro area

Contact: Sylvia

Email: sylgt04@yahoo.com

<https://www.facebook.com/Homeschoolers-Unschoolers-in-Albuquerque-New-Mexico-USA-20842073463/>

Their main goal is to foster a local friendships with like-minded Unschoolers & Radical Unschoolers within Albuquerque.

Incarnation Home School Group

Organizers: Andrea Lucero-Watje, Theresa House

<http://www.meetup.com/Incarnation-Home-School-Group/>

Incarnation Home School (IHS) Group is a ministry of the Church of the Incarnation Roman Catholic Church in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Their mission is to serve homeschooling families by offering prayerful support, friendship, information, and a faithful Catholic community. All who have a genuine interest in homeschooling from a Catholic perspective are welcome to join their

community, and they are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding homeschooling or the Catholic faith.

In Him Homeschoolers

2A Locust Hill Rd, Tijeras, NM 87059

Contact: Lisa Silva

Email: fullhousewithsix@aol.com

<https://eastmountainhomeschoolers.wordpress.com/>

In Him is a Christian homeschooling group. They live in the East Mountains or Albuquerque area of New Mexico and usually meet in Edgewood or Tijeras. Their field trips are all over the Albuquerque and East Mountains area. They homeschool in a variety of manners and methods.

Life Learners- Albuquerque Homeschool Group

Organizer: Jenny Parsons

<http://www.meetup.com/Life-Learners-Albuquerque-Homeschool-Group/>

This is an inclusive group open to all homeschoolers in the greater Albuquerque, NM area. They welcome homeschoolers looking to build friendships and share support. This group depends on member participation to make it a success. All members are encouraged to host events.

New Mexico Family Educators (NMFE)

P.O. Box 92276, Albuquerque, NM 87199-2276

Contact: Darla McLeod

Phone: (505) 275-7053

Publishes newsletter 10 times per year, The Connection. Membership \$20 per year, fee includes subscription.

Rio Grande Valley Home Learners

P.O. Box 1785, Los Lunas, NM 87031

Contact: Teresa Jeansonne

Phone: (505) 865-0927 or (505) 489-3652

Email: teresajeansonne@yahoo.com

They are an informal homeschool group in Valencia County. They have one or two field trips a month. They also have PE days and special events. Everyone is welcome!

Sandoval Area Support for Homeschoolers (SASH)

Sandoval Country, Rio Rancho, Corrales, Placitas

Contact: Lisa Batrs

Phone: (505) 771-0441

Email: sandovalareasupportforhomeschoolers-owner@yahoogroups.com

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SandovalAreaSupportforHomeschoolers/>

SASH is a support group for home educating families in the Sandoval County, New Mexico area. They are a relaxed and diverse group. They are open to all

faiths (or none), beliefs, opinions, and home education styles (unschoolers to e-schoolers and everything in between). Moreover, they are there to support each other and for social gatherings.