

# OPTIONS FOR LEGALLY HOMESCHOOLING IN CALIFORNIA



## **I. Do nothing officially (opinions differ as to whether this is legal or not)**

- A. Choose your own curriculum and go for it
- B. I do not recommend especially for high school
- C. Home School Legal Defense Association membership highly recommended

## **II. File your own affidavit with California Department of Education**

- A. Cheaper than joining a private independent study program (ISP)
- B. You will have to keep your own attendance, grades, and transcripts
- C. HSLDA membership highly recommended
- D. In the state of California, this is just as legal as joining a private ISP

## **III. Private independent study programs (ISP's) (HSLDA recommended and sometimes required)**

- A. The most "independent form of homeschooling". Usually requires grades/progress reports, attendance records. You choose your own curriculum. Sometimes ISP's offer curriculum guidance, activities, park days, etc. You may teach from religious material.
- B. Some ISP's have a set curriculum, but you buy everything yourself. Substitutions usually can be made in curriculum choices
- C. Some ISP's offer full service curriculums. All books, lesson plans, etc are purchased from the school. Very few substitutions allowed.

## **IV. Public ISP through your local school district – cannot join HSLDA**

- A. Use public school curriculum
- B. No cost because public school texts used
- C. Usually meet once per week with teacher
- D. Religious material is not allowed
- E. Can sometimes join in public school activities (band, sports, etc.)
- F. Requires yearly testing

## **V. Charter schools (Public schools) – cannot join HSLDA**

- A. Can choose from a limited selection of secular materials for curriculum
- B. No cost since this is a public school
- C. Religious materials are not allowed
- D. Some monies available for tutors, classes, extra-curricular classes
- E. Some have 2 day school days each week
- F. Paperwork due weekly or monthly to your teacher
- G. Curriculum guidance, teaching help
- H. Requires yearly testing