

Withdrawing your Child from School

- California has a compulsory education law, so you should decide one of the legal options to homeschool before withdrawing from current school. (Hire Credentialed Teacher, PSA, PSP,)

You can withdraw your child from school mid-year and start homeschooling. Many schools are supportive of homeschooling and can provide you with help and resources. However, withdrawing a child mid-year may be a little more complicated than starting homeschooling at the beginning of the school year, because the school has a record of your child and may be unwilling to lose a student. The school loses funding attributable to your child. We recommend that you do not tell the school that you are going to homeschool (see the discussion following) but rather tell them that you are transferring your child to another school, as they may try to convince you that you are not capable of teaching your child or that you cannot legally homeschool, especially if you are setting up your own home-based private school. They may even threaten you with a report to the truancy officer. As long as you follow the legal requirements, you can withdraw your child from public or private school and legally homeschool. If you decide to start your own school, prepare the documentation noted below and remove your child from school.

-Homeschool Association of California HSC

- First, you should notify the old school in writing that you are withdrawing your child and indicate the exact date of last attendance. You can mail this or hand deliver it, but you should keep a copy and note the date and to whom it was mailed/delivered. The school may ask you to fill out a withdrawal form and you should ask for a copy of that form, as well.
- Second, send or deliver a letter from your newly- established private school (not from you as a parent) confirming that the child is now enrolled in your school and that the school is requesting school records.

Sample letters Available here:
HSC.org
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Happy Homeschooling!