



Canada's #1 Homeschooling Partner



Homeschooling in Ontario

Lernsys is the new path in the ancient art of teaching.
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Getting Started Guide

Welcome!

We are thrilled to be able to partner with you!

Please review the information below regarding homeschooling in Ontario*.

Can I homeschool in Ontario?

Yes! You can homeschool in Ontario. Homeschooling in Ontario with Lernsys is simple and effective. We provide you the tools, curriculum, lessons and resources to make homeschooling in Ontario an enjoyable and fun process. By law, all states including Ontario must allow parents the right to homeschool their children. The guidelines each state set forth vary slightly. In the case of Ontario:

The Ontario Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2 requires that every parent, guardian or other person having custody and control of a child between 6 and 18 to ensure that such child regularly attends the public schools of the district or a day school in which there is given instruction equivalent to that provided in the public schools for children of similar grades and attainments or to receive equivalent instruction elsewhere than at school.

Note: The provision, "to receive equivalent instruction elsewhere than at school" found in 21 (1.1) permits a parent/guardian to educate the child at home.

When you choose Lernsys as your homeschooling partner, we eliminate the guessing work and make homeschooling in Ontario both enjoyable and straight-forward. Our courses and lessons are developed by licensed, certified, and qualified teachers. This is very important since some school districts may require homeschooling programs to be developed by professional educators. Additionally, we provide parents curriculum, testing details, certificates of completion as well as study records which parents can access as required.

Why Lernsys

Lernsys provides Ontario parents a comprehensive homeschooling program:

- Curriculum and courses developed by state and/or nationally accredited teachers
- Access to seasoned and award-winning educators with Masters and Phd's
- Lifetime access to your courses, lessons and resources
- Over 25,000 resources and lessons
- Certificate of completion, curriculum plan and study/testing records

The Lernsys Program

- Complete and result-driven homeschooling program
- Detailed lessons, activities and goal-oriented curriculum
- Step-by-step fun and engaging lessons students can watch over and over again
- Exercises, worksheets, practice documents, answer keys, and additional resources
- Lifetime access!

Who Uses Lernsys?

Millions of families choose to homeschool for different reasons. Some of the most common include:

- Students may have health or accessibility issues
- Students facing bullying, harassment at school, or other conditions (depression, anxiety, etc.)
- Dissatisfaction with their current education option or program available locally
- Need for additional coaching, tutoring, mentoring or academic help in some or all subject areas

NEED HELP?

Do you have a question about our plans or need help getting started? Please write to us at: support@lernsys.com.

One of our education consultants will get back to you usually within 24 hours.

*The information presented in this brochure is not intended as legal advice.

FAQs:

Homeschooling in Ontario

In Ontario, the Legislature under the compulsory education law (Ontario Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 21) has permitted children to receive "equivalent instruction elsewhere than at school," including the home. The following homeschooling questions and answers are intended to assist a parent/guardian and public school district(s) in dealing with issues that frequently arise in this context.

1. What are the statutory requirements regarding compulsory education?

The Ontario Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 21 (1) states that:

Unless excused under this section,

(a) every person who attains the age of six years on or before the first school day in September in any year shall attend an elementary or secondary school on every school day from the first school day in September in that year until the person attains the age of 18 years; and

(b) every person who attains the age of six years after the first school day in September in any year shall attend an elementary or secondary school on every school day from the first school day in September in the next succeeding year until the last school day in June in the year in which the person attains the age of 18 years. 2006, c. 28, s. 5 (1).

2. What particular law or regulation in Ontario exists regarding homeschooling? Is it legal to homeschool in Ontario?

Yes. The Ontario Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 21 (1.1) states that:

- A person shall be considered to be attending school when he or she is participating in equivalent learning if the equivalent learning program, course of study or other activity and the group, organization or entity providing it have been approved under paragraph 3.0.1 of subsection 8 (1). 2006, c. 28, s. 5 (1)

- A person is excused from attendance at school if,

(a) the person is receiving satisfactory instruction at home or elsewhere;

(b) the person is unable to attend school by reason of sickness or other unavoidable cause;

(c) transportation is not provided by a board for the person and there is no school that he or she has a right to attend situated

(d) the person has obtained a secondary school graduation diploma or has completed a course that gives equivalent standing;

(e) the person is absent from school for the purpose of receiving instruction in music and the period of absence does not exceed one-half day in any week;

3. Admission where pupil moves into residence not assessed in accordance with his or her school support

The Ontario Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 21 (44) states that:

Where a child who would otherwise have the right to attend school in a school section, separate school zone or secondary school district moves with his or her parent or guardian to a residence the assessment of which does not support that right, and the latest date on which the assessment of the residence may be changed has passed, on the filing of a notice of change of support for the following year with the appropriate assessment commissioner, the child shall be admitted, without the payment of a fee, to a school that will be supported by the taxes on the assessment of the residence on the effective date of the change of school support. 1997, c. 31, s. 22.

4. What are the steps required before beginning to homeschool in Ontario?

If a parent/guardian decides to remove an enrolled student from his/her school educational program, the parent/guardian will be required to complete a transfer form which includes information related to the intent to provide instruction elsewhere than at school for the purposes of collecting accurate data on high school enrolment. The letter of intent should be sent at the start of the school year to the school board where the child was previously enrolled.

3 Easy Steps: Getting started is easy!

1. Register your Student Account (Free)

Go to <https://www.lernsys.com/en/register> and register your Student Account. Registration is free. There is no fee for having a student account with Lernsys.

With your free Student Account you get instant access to:

- Over 15,000 free practice resources, activities and worksheets for Ontario students!
- Access to special promotions and discounts available only to registered users
- Updates on the latest courses published by certified teachers

2. Select a plan that meets your needs

We offer millions of homeschooling families 3 convenient plans to help make homeschooling a success:

- **On-demand Access.** You only buy access to the course(s) and curriculum you need.
- **Gold Program.** Select up to 3 courses at 40-60% off the regular price.
- **Platinum Program.** Select up to 5 courses at 60-80% off the regular price.

3. Get started and experience the Lernsys difference!

What makes Lernsys the number one homeschooling choice for families in Ontario? Lernsys is the only program which offers a complete, one-stop, professional homeschooling solution developed by professional educators. Our goal is to make homeschooling an effective, fun, and efficient endeavour both for students and parents. Unlike other solutions in the market, the Lernsys program covers all the content and needs of homeschooling families with a wide-ranging homeschool program developed by qualified, certified, and registered educators including from Ivy League universities such as Harvard, Princeton and Berkeley. With each plan, you get:

Program	Curriculum & Courses	Access
Complete school year curriculum for each subject	Fun and engaging video lessons	Life-time access!
Multiple licensed, certified, and qualified teachers to choose from	Counterpart exercises, activities and worksheets to help master each new topic	Desktop and smart-device access anywhere you go with an internet connection
Different courses to choose from including AP math, science and history	Step-by-step activity review videos where teachers review exercises one by one	Downloadable documents and exercises
All must-have subject areas (math, science, history, language, etc.)	Assessment quizzes and tests	Parent-only resources and answer keys
Complete solution in one centralized location	Over 15,000 resources, worksheets and practice exercises	Certificate(s) of completion, curriculum plan and study/testing records

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