



HOME SCHOOL BULLETIN

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Changes, Changes, Changes...

The Maricopa County Home School Division is making some changes and adding some services that are **NEW!** The first change is the reformat of our website. The site's changes are ongoing and can already be seen a little at a time. We are now offering an online Address Change as well as a brand new Upcoming Events sheet. Look for more helpful and user friendly updates, changes, and innovations throughout the year.

Resources for You!

The Home School Resource Directory has recently been updated! The new version can be found on our website or by calling to request a copy. The directory is updated on a semi-annual basis. If you know of some **GREAT** resources that we don't have in the directory contact us to share and we'll add it into the mix for the other home school families to check out.

Moved? Changed Addresses?

Let us know of your changes by either completing our online Address Change, filling out our Withdrawal form, or by calling.

Survey Help...

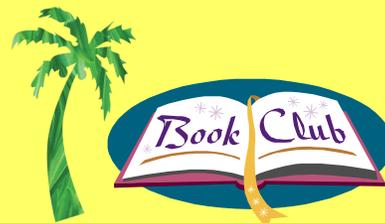
Thank you so much to the families that aided in completing our two online surveys!

For those of you who are not familiar, the Home School Division conducted a random online survey to get feedback on home school needs and about our website. This survey was conducted to make sure that we are offering the best services and resources to you, so that your home school journey will be a success!

We received some excellent responses that will be great in helping us get to a whole new level of service for you!

Home School Summer Tip #1:

Start a Home School Summer Reading Program for your home school group or for just your family. It's a fun way to keep the good times rolling and to keep the education coming. You can never read too much...



Welcome Dr. Donald Covey!

Maricopa County has a new Superintendent of Schools! We would like to welcome Dr. Donald Covey as the new Superintendent. Dr. Covey has been involved with education for over 30 years and truly is a lifetime learner. Dr. Covey's main objective is to improve the education for all students of Maricopa County. We are pleased to have him as our Superintendent.

Are you ready for next year?

Summer is not just a time for relaxation, but a time to start preparing for the next school year.

Are you putting your students back into the public school system? You need to make sure to withdraw from home schooling and to have the public school administer the grade placement test for your student.

Are you thinking of home schooling next year, but have never tried it before? You need to register with our office for home schooling so that your student is on file and you are in compliance with Arizona's laws for home school families.

Where can I get the most updated home school forms and information?

Our website!

www.maricopa.gov/schools

E-mail us!

homeschool@mail.maricopa.gov

Discount City

Barnes and Noble Bookstores -

If you bring in a copy of your home school affidavit stores will give home school families a 20% educator's discount!



Covenant Home School Resource Center -

Each month the CHSRC has a sale on curriculum and materials for home school families. Check out their information in our Resource Directory!

AFHE Curriculum Fair -

Come out for AFHE's Curriculum Fair this July and get some great deals. See our Upcoming Events sheet for information.



Home School Summer Tip #2:

Get out and get moving! Summer is the perfect time to check out all that Arizona has to offer. Check out some cool historic sites or hike a new trail. You could even beat the heat by visiting some

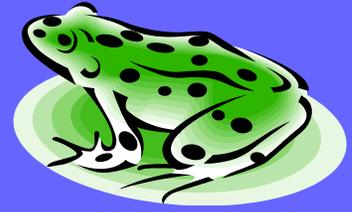
of Phoenix's cool museums. Check out our Resource Directory for deals at local museums



Registration Reminders...

Registration of home school records is only required once, unless you have previously informed us that your student was withdrawing from home schooling.

When registering we need to see your student's original birth certificate. This means that if you mail it in we will mail it back to you. If you bring it in, you'll be able to leave with it the same day.



Home School Factoid:

There are currently 10,237 home school students registered in Maricopa County alone!

This means that the home school enrollment is already up 10% from this time last year!

Sports Support...

Do your students play sports at the public school? Didn't even know that this was an option for home schooled students?

Well it is! Home schooled students can be involved with interscholastic activities at the school they are in the attendance boundaries of.

Contact the local school to get more information or call our office if you have any questions regarding the Arizona Revised Statute that pertains to sports and home schooling.



Home School Question Corner

Q: When school starts, can my student take a class at the public school?

A: This depends on the school district. The Arizona Revised Statutes do not address home school students taking classes at the public school, so each district has their own policy on the issue. Some districts require a certain percentage of enrollment time in order to allow your student to do this. Call the school district's office to find out what their policy says.

Have a question for our Home School Liaison?
E-mail your inquiry to:
homeschool@mail.maricopa.gov



Home School Summer Tip #3:

Creativity breeds learning. Be creative with your lesson plans and let your students be creative in their learning. This is a reward in itself.

Special Services Needed?

If your student has special needs and requires special services, this is a reminder that by law, the school district that you live in has an obligation to provide those services for your student; it does not matter if your student is a home schooler.

Contact the school district that you live in to get assessments done and services set up for your student. Just remember that the schools/districts are closed for the summer, so if you need assessments or services this needs to be done by the end of the year or first thing next school year.



Home School Summer Tip #4:

Summer school doesn't have to be the blues...it can be the reds and greens too. Get your student involved in an art class this summer. You can design it yourself or you can join a home school group that has an art summer program going. The cities that you live in also offer inexpensive art classes for people of all ages. Make it a family activity and let your imaginations soar!



Home School Factoid:

Home schooled students in Arizona are not required to take standardized tests...not even AIMS!

Kids' Corner

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