Getting Started in Home Schooling

Once the confirmation letter is received, home instruction should begin immediately. Parents select the curriculum and materials of their choice in order to instruct their children in the required courses. Parents may:

- purchase a curriculum with materials
- use free materials which they locate online or from another source
- develop their own curriculum and materials of instruction

The public school system does not supply curricular materials or materials of instruction and cannot recommend or endorse a product or provider. However, a list of curricular and instructional materials that are popular with home-schooled families is available under Parent Resources.

Online Schools

Some home instruction families select on-line vendors or schools to provide the curriculum. Most, but not all, online instruction falls under the category of Home Instruction.

Option 1: Parents may choose to enroll their children in online courses from any provider and bring information about that coursework to their twice-yearly portfolio reviews. Printing summaries of online instruction that provide the course title, percentage of course completed and grade or level of mastery is part of the documentation for online instruction. Be aware that many online schools do not necessarily provide instruction in all seven of the required subjects. Parents may need to supplement online instruction with elective courses which meet the requirements in Maryland.

Option 2: Another option is to choose enrollment in International Connections Academy. If you choose to enroll your children, full-time, in International Connections Academy, they are not considered home-schooled.