

If my kids don't "go" to school, does that mean we're homeschooling?

Not necessarily. Here are some questions that can help you understand the difference.

	Homeschooling*	Not Homeschooling
How do students enroll?	Via form PI-1206 submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.	Sign up/enroll via any avenue other than submitting DPI form PI-1206.
Who can enroll?	Only children from a single family unit can be enrolled in a home-based private educational program.	Children from multiple family units may be enrolled in the program.
Who is responsible for record-keeping?	Parents/guardians responsible for all record-keeping.	An institution* keeps records on students. Parents/guardians may also retain some records.
Who chooses curriculum?	Parents/guardians are 100% responsible within framework of Wisconsin homeschooling law.	Provided by an outside institution*, or chosen from a set of options pre-selected by an institution.
Who is responsible for setting standards, including testing, grading, and other evaluation?	Parents/guardians have sole responsibility.	Overseen by an institution*, either directly or by providing guidance or evaluation criteria.
Who issues a high school diploma?	High school diploma is granted by parents/guardians.	Granted by an institution*.
Who determines graduation requirements?	Parents/guardians set graduation requirements.	Determined by state guidelines or private institution.

*You cannot file form PI-1206 until your child is age 6 on or before September 1st of the current year.

*An institution can be a school district, public school, private school, virtual or charter school.