Homeschool FAQ

I want to homeschool my child. What steps do I need to follow?

- Complete the MPS CHURCH/HOME SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FORM
 Mail this form to:
 Student Support Services
 321 Early Street
 - Montgomery, AL 36104
- This notification is only required at the initial decision to home school, **not** each year.
- Withdraw your child from the MPS School he/she is currently enrolled, unless they play sports and wish to participate under the "Tim Tebow" Act.

Is a "cover school" required for home schooling in Alabama?

It is the opinion of the State Superintendent of Education that a "cover school" is not required of parents who choose to home school their children.

The law requires parents/guardians to prove their children ages 6-17 are in school by giving their names to the local superintendent, is that right?

Yes. A parent/guardian who elects to homeschool their child should notify the local public school superintendent that they are homeschooling their child. This notification is only required at the initial decision to homeschool, and is not required to be made annually. A registration notification form is located in the Home School Information & Forms document.

Am I required to register with the state?

While Act 2014-245 requires that private schools (except church schools) register annually with the Department of Education, it is the interpretation of the State Superintendent of Education that this requirement does not apply to home school students. The collection of information regarding tuition, number of instructors, enrollment, value of property, and general condition of the school, tend to lend themselves to a brick and mortar facility rather than a home school environment.