



Declaration process for homeschooling in Washington state

Washington state law recognizes the desire of some parents and families to seek home-based instruction for their children. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction offers technical assistance to school districts that are working with parents seeking to exercise this educational right.

RCW 28 A.200.01 states that each person whose child is receiving home-based instruction under RCW 28A.225.010(4) must file annually a signed declaration of intent that he or she is planning for his or her child to receive home-based instruction. The declaration is to be filed by Sept. 15 of the school year or within two weeks of the beginning of any public school quarter, trimester or semester. The declaration must be filed with the superintendent of the public school within which the parent resides, or if you've been accepted as a transfer student, with the superintendent of a nonresident public school district. In this case, the student is considered a transfer student of the nonresident district.

Contact your local school district or your transfer school district directly for a copy of the declaration of intent.

For more information, visit the OSPI website below.

If you need help in the process, please reach out to our School Support Services office at JBLM. You can speak with a school liaison officer, who will help you navigate the process in coordination with your assigned school district. Call 253-967-7195 for an appointment.

Homeschooling

How to Get Started and Where to Find Resources at JBLM

Through a *CYS Homeschool Partnership*, students in grades K-5 are invited to **Cascade School Age Care**, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. during the Clover Park School District school year. CYS follows the district's schedule for early release, school out days and school breaks. Children younger than 5 years old must always be supervised by parents. Cascade School Age Care offers:

- A safe, friendly space for students' projects, activities and academics.
- A meeting space for homeschool families – great for curriculum planning, homeschool group gatherings and other activities.
- A gymnasium and field for gross motor activities. Sports equipment is available for on-site use (basketball, football, soccer, etc.).
- Art room space for projects. Bring your own supplies for your arts and crafts.
 - A quiet area for academic work.

All families are required to complete a registration form with CYS if you're utilizing the space as a homeschool family. You must always provide line of sight supervision of all children while in the facility. Contact School Support Services to reserve your time and space. For more information, call Cascade School Age Center.

Child & Youth Services at **Hillside Youth Center** offers a free open-rec program for youth in grades 6-12. Hillside activities take place 2:30-7 p.m. during the school year and 1-7 p.m. during school breaks. Transportation to and from the center is free. Call for details! Also, the youth center can assist you with finding a sponsor through the Youth Sponsorship Program. For more information on the Youth Sponsorship Program, email JBLMyouthSponsorship@gmail.com or call the center.

JBLM Libraries offer diverse programs catering to all ages. Use computers, printers, and copiers, 3D printers, study and conference rooms, gaming centers free online resources and the Makerspace at McChord Library with Cricut and embroidery machines. Online resources including Scholastic BookFlix, Scholastic Teachables, *Tutor.com*, Scholastic ScienceFlix and Mrs. Humblebee's Academy.

- *Homeschool Hub* at **McChord Library**, 4th Mondays from 1-2 p.m.
- *Chess and Board Game Club* at **Grandstaff Library**, Mondays from 2-4 p.m.
- *LEGO® Club* at **Grandstaff Library**, Thursdays from 2-4 p.m.

Build your youth's skills with leadership, teamwork and self-confidence with **Child & Youth Sports**. Have fun and learn the fundamentals with recreational youth league sports and camps. View the current youth sports calendar online. Applicable fees may apply for sports activities. Call CYS Sports for questions and Parent Central Services for enrollment assistance.

Many trips with **Outdoor Recreation** listed at JBLMmwrRegistration.com can be modified to fit your students' needs. Book a private trip with other homeschool families any time of the year and incorporate educational elements. Get outside and explore your world!

The **Arts & Crafts Center** offers classes on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. During the hour-long sessions, students will learn art history, technique, key terms and creative development. Each month will focus on a period of art history and practice key styles and structures of the era. Lessons are suitable for ages 4-17 and are taught in a group setting. Cost is \$15 per student per class, and parents are expected to attend. A variety of activities open to all ages are also offered: ceramics painting, pottery wheels, mosaics and lessons in drawing and acrylic painting. Children are to be accompanied by adults at all times while at the Arts & Crafts Center.

Expand your options with MWR

Meet other homeschooling families, share curriculum ideas and have fun while learning! JBLM offers a variety of activities for homeschooling families through MWR programs.

Cascade School Age Care

2402 Bitar Ave, Lewis Main
253-966-8977 / 8978

Hillside Youth Center

6397 Garcia Blvd., Lewis Main
253-967-4441

JBLMmwr.com/Programs/MST

Grandstaff Library Book Patch Children's Library

2109 N. 10th & Pendleton, Lewis Main
253-967-5889 • 253-967-5533

McChord Library

851 Lincoln Blvd., McChord Field
253-982-3454

Child & Youth Sports

6398 Garcia Blvd., Lewis Main
253-967-2405

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Outdoor Recreation

8050 NCO Beach Rd., Lewis North
253-967-7744

email: JBLModr@army.mil

Arts & Crafts Center

1121 Barnes Blvd., McChord Field
253-982-6719

School Support Services

253-967-7195 • 253-966-0440

Parent Central Services

253-966-2977

Both offices: 2295 12th & Bitar, Lewis Main

OSPI Website: K12.WA.US/Student-Success/Learning-Alternatives/Home-Based-Instruction

Washington Homeschool Organization: WashHomeschool.org

Homeschool Legal Defense Association: Hslda.org

Homeschoolers of JBLM Co-Op Facebook Group: [FB.com/Groups/601134023561776](https://www.facebook.com/groups/601134023561776)



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