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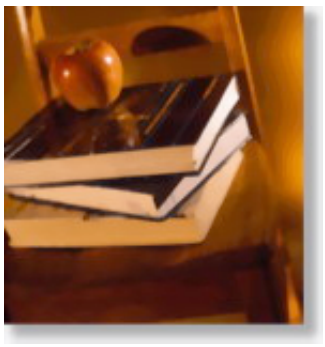
Above the Fold

GETTING READY FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Ready or not, fall will soon be here! Below are a few notes to keep in mind as you begin your preparations for the next school year.



1. Test Results Are Due August 1.

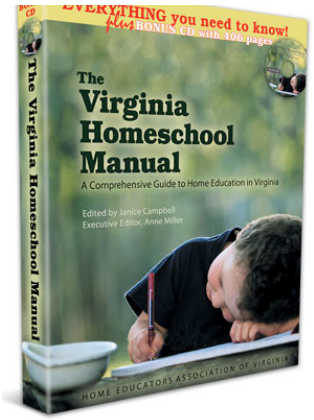
According to § 22.1-254.1, if you have complied with the homeschool statute, your student's test results, an evaluation, or an assessment are due by **August 1**.

2. Your Notice of Intent Is Due August 15.

Even though summer is still in full swing, don't forget that the deadline to let your division superintendent know you will be homeschooling (**August 15**) is fast approaching. The HEAV website has Notice of Intent information, as well as a Notice of Intent (NOI) form you can download and use.

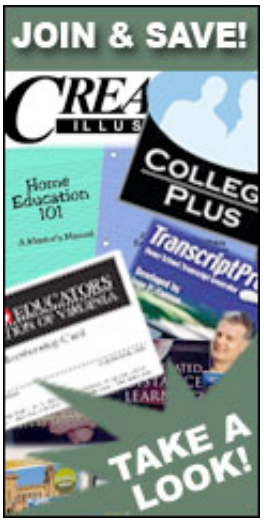
Have questions? Not sure how to file or where to send your NOI? Take a look at our Notice of Intent FAQs. If you don't find the answer to your question, please just give us a call (804-278-9200) or send us an e-mail (support@heav.org).

3. Find Answers to Your Homeschooling Questions!



Ever wished you could easily find the answers you seek in just ONE resource? Well, now you can! ***The Virginia Homeschool Manual: A Comprehensive Guide to Home Education in Virginia***--the most complete, single reference on home education in Virginia--will help you homeschool from preschool through high school, college, and beyond. The manual covers all the basics on how to begin, as well as such topics as choosing curricula, learning styles, gifted education, apprenticeships, college at home, and LOTS more!

ORDER YOURS NOW!



4. Don't Forget to Join HEAV!

People often mistakenly think they are members of HEAV because they receive our free quarterly Virginia Home Educator magazine by mail. Yet **getting the magazine does NOT make you a member** as HEAV offers this resource (and the Virginia Homeschool Update) to anyone interested in home education.

The truth is, if you haven't officially joined HEAV or renewed your membership, **your support is greatly needed today.** Your membership and financial gifts contribute directly to providing needed information and year-round support to new and veteran homeschool families, as well as important legislation and practical resources.

Every year, HEAV spends countless hours helping new homeschoolers get started, strengthening leaders throughout the Virginia homeschool community, monitoring bills, lobbying at the Richmond capitol to safeguard homeschooling families' freedoms, and working with the Department of Education and local school superintendents.

Your membership in HEAV comes with many benefits (in fact we were recently told how an HEAV member is saving $1,000 dollars per semester, right now, at Regent University thanks to their membership)!

Your support is greatly needed (and appreciated!). **Call the HEAV office at 804-278-9200 to make it official today!**

5. Take a Magazine to Your Back-to-School Event!

If your support group is having a back-to-school event, why not give attendees a copy of the *Virginia Home Educator* magazine and let them know about this free *Virginia Homeschool Update*? Just give our office a call at 804-287-9200--we'd be happy to send you some complimentary magazines and a sign-up sheet.

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FROM OUR SPONSORS...

Save 52% on The American Heritage Series from Wallbuilders

An American history double header! Save 52% on the award-winning *The American Heritage Series* from Wallbuilders, and/or *History: Our Faith and Foundation* DVD set from Bridgestone. Together, these DVDs retrace America's true Christian foundations, discuss the secularization of history today, and recount how God was the root of America's birth as a free nation.

If you haven't had a chance to visit the directory...
this is a great homeschool resource.

Check out their product reviews and free giveaways!
www.HomeEDdirectory.com

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NEW HEAV WEBSITE UNDERWAY!

We have begun working on a brand-new website! If you have any wishes, comments, or suggestions for something you would like to see included on the new website, please e-mail phil.monk@heav.org.

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REMINDERS

Take the Pain Out of Creating a Transcript!
HEAV's transcript service will automatically do the GPA calculations and format your transcript into the professional format colleges and employers want!

Let Your Grocery Shopping Count!
If you shop at Martins, Harris Teeter, or Food Lion, please take a moment to register your cards so a percentage of your shopping will go toward supporting HEAV--all while you pay the same price you usually do.

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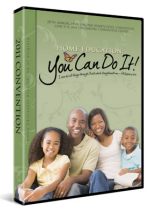
CONVENTION RECORDINGS



Missed the convention? Want to listen to workshops you couldn't attend? Need to hear that encouraging message again, or want to share it with someone else?
Convention audio recordings are available!

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HEAV-SPONSORED HOMESCHOOL EVENTS

Walk-a-Thon, Bike-a-Thon, and Canoe-a-Thon for Homeschooling
Want to raise money for your local homeschool support group or other community service group? Try a walk-a-thon, bike-a-thon, or a canoe-a-thon! You raise money for your local group, have a fun group outing in the great outdoors, AND raise money to support homeschooling in Virginia!

Homeschool Day at the Virginia State Fair
TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!
Homeschool Day at the Virginia State Fair is coming up on **Friday, September 30, 2011**. Thanks to HEAV's partnership with the State Fair, you and your family can attend at a discounted price! View more details about Homeschool Day at the State Fair, and get your tickets now!

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HEAV HOMESCHOOL SUCCESS SEMINARS
Get your questions answered and get off to a great school year! These three-to-four hour in-depth seminars by Yvonne Bunn, a seasoned homeschool mom who has helped THOUSANDS of homeschooling parents, only cost $20/$25 (HEAV member/non-member) for both you AND your spouse! Be sure to tell other families you know!

How to Begin Homeschooling: What You Really Need to Know
Just starting your homeschool journey? Get your questions answered and use the information from this seminar to prepare for a successful homeschool experience!

Richmond - Thursday, August 4
Richmond - Thursday, September 8

High School at Home: Yes, You Can Do It!
You'll leave this seminar with confidence to move forward and tools to develop a high school plan that will work for your student!

Richmond - Thursday, August 18
Richmond - Thursday, October 6

Learn more and register today!

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ARTICLES & INFORMATION
Article of the Week
It's Just Common Sense - Debbie Strayer
HEAV convention speaker Debbie Strayer offers three short, simple points to help you plan for the coming year--and rest in your decisions.

Homeschool Q&As
Notice of Intent: Which Form?
Q. Am I required to use the Notice of Intent form I received from my superintendent? It is asking for more information than in the past.

Notice of Intent & Test Results by August 1?
Q. Must I send my child's test results AND my Notice of Intent by August 1 as stated in a letter from my division superintendent? Has the law changed?

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1) Homeschool Items
View All Homeschool Items

1.1 Colonel Shipp's Leadership Institute - New Market - Register by July 22
1.2 Cornerstone Community Co-op Registration - Glen Allen - August 2
1.3 Powhatan Homeschool Music - Powhatan - Register by August 22
1.4 MacArthur Memorial Homeschool Day - Norfolk - Register by September 12
1.5 Field Trip Idea: Norfolk Police and Fire Museums - Norfolk
1.6 Trail Guide for Field Trip Hikes

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2) General Interest Items

View All General Interest Items
2.1 Academie de Ballet Junior Workshop - Chesapeake - Begins July 25
2.2 Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness Conference - Ashland - July 28
2.3 Fresh Air Fund Seeking Host Families - Virginia Area - Register by August 1
2.4 "Celebrate Enduring Marriages" Video Contest - Deadline Is August 15
2.5 Etiquette for the Internet Generation - Alexandria - Best Prices by September 16
2.6 Virginia Math Competition - Hampton - Register by September 16
2.7 Online Civil War Document Transcription Project - Ongoing

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3) Cool Sites for Homeschoolers

View All Cool Sites for Homeschoolers
3.1 Christian Resources: "Life Verse" Contest
3.2 Frugal Tips: How to Clean Stuff
3.3 Preschool and Kindergarten: Craft 10 Flowers with Preschoolers
3.4 GeoGebra
3.5 Sewing: Picnic Utensil Rolls
3.6 English: Fifteen Fun Writing Exercises
3.7 History: Free Declaration and Constitution for iPhone and iPod Touch
3.8 Cooking: How to Select, Store, and Cook Summer Produce
3.9 Free Amanda Bennett Summer Calendar of Fun

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4) Parting Thought - How to Spin Things

An interoffice softball game was held every year between the company's marketing and support staff.

The support staff whipped the marketing department soundly. But the marketing department showed how they earn their keep by posting this memo on the bulletin board after the game:

"The marketing department is pleased to announce that during the 2009 softball season, we came in 2nd place, having lost just one game all year. However, the support staff had a rather dismal season, as they won only one game."

- Author Unknown

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5) Worth Repeating

"Republics are created by the virtue, public spirit, and intelligence of the citizens. They fall, when the wise are banished from the public councils, because they dare to be honest, and the profligate are rewarded, because they flatter the people, in order to betray them."
- Joseph Story (1779-1845), a founder of Harvard Law School who was appointed to the United States Supreme Court (1811-1845) by James Madison.

United States Supreme Court (2011-2015) by James Madison.

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6) Verse of the Week

Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.
- Psalm 105:4 (KJV)

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7) Homeschool Laugh of the Week

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FORWARD TO A FRIEND!

If you know a family interested in homeschooling in Virginia, please pass this message along!

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Submit an Item

Know of an event, contest, or resource that would interest fellow homeschoolers? Please submit it using our online form at www.heav.org/resources/update/submit-event.html.

Note: We compile information for publication at least two weeks prior to the send-out date, so please submit items as early as possible (preferably one month in advance). HEAV reserves the right to accept or reject any material submitted.

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