

District of Columbia Homeschool Graduation Requirements

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State notification	Notice to OSSE at least 15 business days before instruction begins, re-filed each year by August 15
Legal basis	5-E DCMR Chapter 52, the District's home instruction regulations
Parent qualification	The teaching parent must hold a high school diploma or equivalent; OSSE can waive it on petition
Required subjects	Language arts, math, science, social studies, art, music, health, and PE (5-E DCMR 5204)
Testing / evaluation	No mandatory testing. OSSE may review the required portfolio at its discretion with 30 days notice
Graduation requirements	None in Chapter 52; the parent decides. GED and NEDP are the only District-issued routes
Who issues the diploma	The parent, in the program's name. OSSE cannot create transcripts or report cards
College admissions	DC TAG counts a parent-issued diploma and transcript as meeting its high school graduate requirement
Compulsory attendance ages	5 (turning five by September 30) to 18 (D.C. Code 38-202)

Full guide with statute citations and sources: <https://hsdiplomas.com/resources/state-graduation-requirements/district-of-columbia>

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