

Louisiana Homeschool Graduation Requirements

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Legal routes	BESE-approved home study program (R.S. 17:236.1), or registration as a nonpublic school not seeking approval
State notification	Home study application within 15 days of starting, then renewal by October 1 each school year
Annual assessment	Renewal needs proof of progress: a work packet, a grade-level test, or a certified teacher statement
Curriculum standard	A sustained curriculum of quality at least equal to the public schools at the same grade level
Recordkeeping	Keep every annual Home Study Approval letter; LOSFA wants the ninth and tenth grade notifications for TOPS
Graduation requirements	None. The parent decides completion and certifies the student finished at the twelfth grade level
Who issues the diploma	The parent, in the program's name; it may not use the state seal or imply BESE or the Department issued it
Diploma recognition	A BESE-approved home study diploma is deemed equivalent to a nonpublic school diploma (R.S. 17:236.1)
College and TOPS	TOPS requires BESE approval in grades 11 and 12, with home study ACT minimums of 17 to 31

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

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