

# Homeschooling Options in California

- **PSA/Homeschool Declaration Letter:** Want to be completely on your own, in your home, without being part of any school outside of your family? Then, file a Private School Affidavit (PSA) or Homeschool Declaration letter (depending on your state)
- **Umbrella PSA:** Want more administrative, official support and to be in an official group with other homeschool families? Want a private homeschool school that may provide independent study programs, blended learning options, and extra-curriculars such as band, sports, and clubs? This option would be considered an Umbrella (or cover) PSA. By enrolling in an Umbrella PSA, you still are the primary teacher, but need to report to someone else (Headmaster or Principal) who filed the PSA and keeps your attendance and records. This option may cost you money out-of-pocket, but state reporting and testing may be minimal.
- **Homeschool Public Charter School (HPCS):** Want the administrative, official support and to be in an official group with other homeschool families free of cost? Want budgeted state funding to procure educational resources of your choosing for your children? Or, want a hybrid option where your kids go to school 1-4 days per week in a traditional setting, and stay home 1-4 days a week? Or, want a school that may provide independent study programs, blended learning options, and extra-curriculars such as band, sports, and clubs? Then, you may want to be part of a government (public) run homeschool charter school (HPCS). There are all different types of HPCS's that offer these types of options. Typically, HPCS's may require monthly in-person meetings with a credentialed teacher, monthly work samples, attendance reporting, and standardized testing. This is a free option, and the amount of funding provided per student varies per charter school, depending on the state. Homeschool Charter Schools tend to be in high demand, so if you have any in your area, you may need to check their open enrollment window or sign-up for the wait list for a lottery date.
- **Traditional School Homeschool Track:** Depending on your area, some traditional public schools offer a distance learning, cyber learning, or homeschool track. Check with your local public school if they offer this option. This may involve a weekly or bi-weekly school attendance to a computer lab, and a full offering of all sports, clubs, and extra-curriculars.