25-26 ACADEMIC YEAR

OpenEd

Build An Education That Fits Your Child This Year

Welcome

Dear Families,

Thank you for your interest in OpenEd. For over 15 years, we have combined the flexibility of personalized learning with the support and resources of traditional education, creating an experience that truly fits each child.

Whether you're already directing your child's learning, part of a microschool, or just exploring alternatives to conventional education, we're here to support your family's unique educational journey.

Isaac Morehouse, CEO of OpenEd



What is OpenEd?

OpenEd is America's #1 most loved program by homeschoolers. We help families create a learning experience that works for their children.

Rather than forcing families to choose between public/private, remote/on-site, part-time/full-time, large school/small school, homeschool/unschool, or any other approach, open education allows learners to take the best of all approaches and adapt it to their goals.

We partner with innovative schools to offer this program at no cost to families. This means you get the flexibility of personalized learning with the benefits of traditional education (resources, special education support, sports, and more).

Comparison Chart

Feature	OpenEd	Virtual School	Homeschool	Traditional School
Flexible daily schedule	✓	√	✓	
Learn at your own pace	√		✓	
Personalized learning path	√		✓	
Choice of curriculum	√		✓	
Education funding	√	√		✓
Teacher support available	√	√		✓
Parent directs education	√		✓	
Learn anywhere	√		✓	
Access to educational resources	✓	✓		√
Reimbursement for learning expenses	√			
In-person social opportunities	√			✓
Online learning options	✓	✓	✓	
Special education services (varies by state)	√			√
Record keeping handled for you	√	√		√
Access to microschools/co-ops	√		✓	
Freedom to take vacations anytime	√			





How Can We Help Your Family Achieve Your Goals?

What you'll get inside of OpenEd:

- Learning materials and curriculum (or bring what's already working)
- Technology and tools for learning
- Support from experienced teachers who understand personalized learning
- Reimbursement for approved educational expenses
- Special education support and services
- College and career support
- Parent support
- Records, transcripts, and credits tracking
- Access to our learning management system (OpenEd platform)
- Regular field trips and events
- · Student clubs and activities
- A program that meets all state requirements
- The freedom to create an education that truly fits your child

Is OpenEd right for you?

Who can join?

- Homeschoolers, microschoolers, and families interested in flexible, student-tailored learning
- Students in grades K-12 (grades offered vary by state)
- No previous homeschool or alternative education experience needed



What do families need to do inside of the program?

- Create a simple education plan for your child (we make this easy)
- Share what your child is learning each week (just 10-15 minutes)
- · Participate in any required state testing

Ready to apply?

- 1. Complete online application at www.opened.co/apply
- 2. Once the enrollment window opens, you'll be able to submit required documentation:
 - Proof of residence
 - Birth certificate or proof of age
 - Immunization records or exemption form
 - Previous school records (if applicable)
 - Special education documentation (if applicable)
- Develop a personalized education plan (our team can help)

Processing time: 1-2 weeks for application review

Frequently Asked Questions

Daily Life & Parent Time

How much time do I need to spend teaching?

Your involvement can vary based on your child's age and independence. Some parents are heavily involved, while others mainly oversee and support their child's learning. You don't need to be actively teaching all day - many families spend 3-4 hours on structured learning and use the rest of the day for projects, activities, and exploration.

What does a typical day look like?

There's no required schedule! Some families start early and finish by lunch, others spread learning throughout the day. You can organize your day around your child's best learning times and your family's needs. Many families combine structured learning with hands-on projects, online courses, community classes, and activities.

Can we take vacations when we want?

Yes! You have the flexibility to plan your learning schedule. Many families incorporate learning into their travels or adjust their schedule to take breaks when it works best for them.

Support & Resources

How do you make this program free?

We partner with innovative schools to offer this program at no cost to families. This means you get the best of both worlds: the flexibility of personalized learning with the benefits of traditional education (resources, special education support, sports, and more).

How often do we meet with teachers?

Your teacher will check in regularly through email to support your family's learning journey. These check-ins are flexible. Your teacher is there to help when you need them, without adding any pressure to your schedule.

What if something isn't working for my child?

That's exactly why we offer personalized learning! If you'd like, your teacher can offer suggestions for adjusting the learning plan or finding different materials that better fit your child's needs. You can make changes throughout the year to ensure your child is engaged and learning effectively.

What does the weekly learning update look like?

It's a simple form where you note what your child worked on that week - usually takes about 10-15 minutes to complete. You might write "Completed two math lessons, read about the Civil War, attended science club, worked on writing project." We keep it straightforward!

Social Life & Community

How do kids make friends in the program?

Regular opportunities throughout the month let families choose the level of social interaction that works for them. Students can join clubs, attend field trips, and meet other kids through our community events. Many students participate in inperson sports, clubs, and classes.

Education Quality

How do I know my child is learning enough and on track?

While there are helpful national standards we can reference, your family gets to determine your educational priorities and values. Some families focus on deep project-based learning, others on traditional academics, and many choose a blend. If you'd like support, we can help you identify learning goals and suggest ways to reach them that align with your family's values.

What about college preparation?

If college is your goal, we'll help make it happen! We've found that colleges often value our students' self-directed learning experience - it shows initiative, independence, and a love of learning that sets them apart. You can choose to include early college classes, build a compelling portfolio of projects, and create transcripts that showcase your unique learning journey. Whether you're aiming for a traditional university or considering alternative paths, we'll help you design a high school experience that opens doors for your future.

Getting Started

How long does enrollment take?

You'll receive your acceptance email within 1-2 weeks. Then, once our enrollment window opens you'll need to upload into our platform:

- Proof of residence
- Basic student information
- Immunization records or exemption form
- Previous school records (if applicable)

Can we return to regular school if needed?

Yes! While most families stay with us long-term, you can transition back to traditional school if you choose. We'll help make any transition smooth and ensure your child's records are in order.

Still have questions?

Contact a member of our team:

Email: info@opened.co

Hours: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday