

Homeschool Through a Move Checklist

Before the Move:

- If you're moving to a new state, research the homeschooling laws in your destination state.
 - What paperwork needs to be filed?
 - By what date does the paperwork need to be filed?
 - Will you have to submit any records or portfolios?
 - Will you need to enroll in an umbrella school? Ask for recommendations.
- Look for homeschool support groups and co-ops in your new town or state. Check Facebook, Google "{state name} + homeschool groups", or visit hslida.org and click on the "support groups" link.
- Ask the homeschooling families in the area about support groups, co-ops, activities, and homeschool-friendly school districts.
- Sort through your homeschooling books and supplies. Sell, donate, or trash anything you know you won't use.
- Pack and label all non-essential homeschool supplies together.
- Look for field trip opportunities on your route.

During the Move:

- Pack a separate backpack and/or plastic storage bin with essential homeschool books and supplies for each child. Transport these essentials in your car rather than in the moving van.
- Use media. Purchase, borrow, or download audiobooks, DVDs, and educational games and apps.
- Store books on your e-reader.
- Take advantage of field trip opportunities.

After the Move:

- Put aside the books and explore your new hometown.
- Look for the life lessons involved in unpacking and settling in.
- Unpack and organize your new school space.
- Go to homeschool group and co-op events so that you and your kids can meet new friends.