

Umbrella Programs

What is an umbrella program and why do I need one?

In homeschool umbrella schools:

- Students are legally considered private school students
- Parents choose and implement their own curriculum, but the umbrella program approves the curriculum (They can also submit the curriculum from tutorials/hybrid programs).
- Parents submit grades and attendance; umbrella schools conduct recordkeeping
- Umbrella schools may or may not assess students' progress *Check first before signing up so that you know what you are committing to.*
- Families have access to field trip groups, co-ops, sports and/or enrichment programs
- Enrollment is typically inexpensive
- Not all umbrella programs are accredited, so if that's important to you then please ask before you register
- Some umbrella programs offer online classes to fulfill state requirements
- Some umbrella programs have opportunities and/or requirements for students to complete state testing, so this is another question to ask before signing up if you want or don't want state testing for your child.

Does everyone who homeschools in Tennessee need an umbrella program? You do not have to have an umbrella program, but you will need to follow the guidelines set by the State of Tennessee if you do not. ***For more information about the different homeschool categories in Tennessee, click the link below:***

<https://www.tn.gov/education/families/school-options/home-schooling-in-tn.html>

What umbrella school should I use? While we cannot recommend umbrella programs because everyone has different needs and price ranges, the following are programs that many of our families have used and love:

<https://homelifeacademy.com/>

<https://thecomeniusschool.com/umbrella-program/>

<https://www.honorschooltn.com/>

****Please note that as the primary educators, parents are responsible for submitting attendance and grades regardless of whether or not you chose to use an umbrella program. Safe Harbor does not submit grades or attendance for anywhere.***