

PA State Requirement-verbiage:

The Pennsylvania home school law, [Act 1988-169](#), also referred to as [Act 169](#), gives the legal right for parents in Pennsylvania to home school their children. Along with the right to homeschool in the state of Pennsylvania, comes legal requirements.

Sometimes I have to smile when I think of how it was to homeschool in PA prior to Act 169. In the pioneer days of homeschooling prior to Act 169, our fears centered on Child Services knocking on our door, being questioned by mall security when shopping, and neighbors reporting us to the “proper authorities” because our children were playing in our yard during school hours. Locally there were cases of harassment. However, there were documented cases, especially in the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia areas, where parents were jailed because they homeschooled their children. Times have definitely changed!

Instant quiz:

There are differing interpretation for Act 169. Whose interpretation has the most authority?

1. Department of Transportation?
2. A seasoned homeschool evaluator?
3. A veteran homeschool mom?
4. A long-standing homeschool association president?
5. Home School Legal Defense?
6. Local School District?

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