

Getting Started Homeschooling

Homeschool Law

Christian Heritage Home Educators of Washington <https://www.christianheritageonline.org/>

OCEANetwork <https://www.oceanetwork.org/>

Homeschool Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) <https://hslda.org/>

Parent Qualifying Courses <http://washhomeschool.org/qualifying-courses/>

Family Learning Organization (testing) <https://www.familylearning.org/>

Basics

- Compulsory age 8-18 (OR – 6-18)
- Mail Declaration of Intent to school district annually by September 15th (OR – submit once to school district <https://www.oceanetwork.org/homeschool-laws-no-special-needs/#notification>)
- Parent is supervised by certificated individual, has been deemed qualified by superintendent, has 45 college credit hours, or completes parent qualifying course
- Instruction in 11 curricular areas: Occupational education, Science, Mathematics, Language, Social Studies, History, Health, Reading, Writing, Spelling, Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation
- Annual testing – approved standardized test or assessment by certificated teacher (OR – testing in grades 3, 5, 8, 10)

Homeschool Resources

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

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

<https://hslda.org/earlyyears/Curriculum.asp>

Preschool/Kindergarten

Five in a Row

Ruth Beechick books

Home and Library are all you need!

Homeschool Methodologies

Classical Education

- Classical Conversations – Grammar, Logic, Rhetoric
- Susan Wise Bauer

Unschooling – Child-led, delight-directed, relaxed

- John Holt, John Taylor Gatto
- Dr. Raymond Moore

- The Homeschool Mom

Unit Studies / Literature Studies

- Five in a Row
- Konos
- Valerie Bendt
- Prairie Primer

Charlotte Mason

- Home Education
- Books by Karen Andreola, Catherine Levison
- Ambleside online <https://www.amblesideonline.org/>

Other helpful resources

- The Bible!!
- Books by Ruth Beechick
- Educating the Whole Hearted Child, Clay and Sally Clarkson
- Easy Peasy All in One Homeschool <https://allinonehomeschool.com/>
- The Old Schoolhouse <https://schoolhouseteachers.com/>
- Kahn Academy
- For record keeping and college admissions – Lee Binz

Remember:

YOU are the expert on your child. And you are your child's first teacher.

Ask what are your must-haves, what are your children's interests, gifts, learning styles

You are teaching your child(ren), not a curriculum. Pray, Ponder, Plan

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;

1 Peter 5:2

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9