

Choosing Curriculum to Fit Your Family

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Cultivate a Love for the Lord

Cultivate a Love for Learning

Cast a Vision for Your Homeschool

- **Write a vision statement**

- **Set goals**

What to Consider When Choosing Curriculum

- Options
 - All-in-one
 - Build your own
- Vision and goals
- Cost & preparation time
- Subjects to teach in English (Illinois law)
 - Language arts
 - Mathematics
 - Biological and physical science
 - Social science (social studies)
 - Fine arts
 - Physical development and health
- Children's specific needs
- Teaching methods

- Preferred learning styles *The Way They Learn* by Cynthia Ulrich Tobias
www.hswithconfidence.com – Informal learning style assessment

Tips on Choosing Curriculum

Popular Teaching Approaches

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Textbook</u></p> <p>Description</p> <p>Pros</p> <p>Cons</p> <p>Curriculum providers Abeka, ACE, Alpha Omega, Bob Jones, Christian Light, Master Books, Teaching Textbooks, Rod & Staff, OR Academies or Umbrella Schools: Abeka, Christian Liberty Press, Calvert Academy (NOT an exhaustive list) Best learning style fit - Perfect Paul/Paula</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Classical</u></p> <p>Description</p> <p>Pros</p> <p>Cons</p> <p>Curriculum providers Classical Conversations, Classical Academic Press, Latin Road/Phonics Road, The Works People, My Father's World, Tapestry of Grace, Trivium Pursuits, Veritas Press, Biblioplan, "The Well-Trained Mind" Susan Wise Bauer/Jessica Wise (NOT an exhaustive list) Best learning style fit - Competent Carl/Carla, Perfect Paul/Paula</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Unit Study</u></p> <p>Description</p> <p>Pros</p> <p>Cons</p> <p>Curriculum providers Five in a Row, Nancy Larson Publishers, My Father's World, Tapestry of Grace, Heart of Dakota, Sonlight, Progeny Press, History Revealed, Amanda Bennet, "Unit Studies Made Easy" Valerie Bendt (NOT an exhaustive list) Best learning style fit – all</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Charlotte Mason/Living Books</u></p> <p>Description</p> <p>Pros</p> <p>Cons</p> <p>Curriculum providers Five in a Row, Heart of Dakota, Sonlight, Imagination Investigation, Living Books Curriculum, Simply Charlotte Mason, Beautiful Feet, Total Language Plus, Learning Language Arts Through Literature, Progeny Press, Nature's Workshop Plus, Biblioplan (NOT an exhaustive list) Best learning style fit - Sociable Sam/Sue, Wiggle Willy/Wilma</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Eclectic</u></p> <p>Eclectic homeschoolers use a little of this and a little of that; they take aspects from various teaching methods and use what works best for each subject and for their family.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Delight-Directed Studies</u></p> <p>"The child's delight is the spark that ignites everything. Once established, like a fire, it is self-sustaining. The student begins to study for his own personal satisfaction, and the fruits of his study begin to flow outward to others." Gregg Harris</p>

Considerations

Don't forget to also look for...

Providing Support and Encouragement to Homeschooling Families

Curriculum Planning Document

Name & Age					
Language Arts					
Math					
Science					
Social Studies					
Phy-Ed					
Art/Music					
Other					

