
Explore Academic Options

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Explore Academic Options: The Goal. The Plan.

The overall goal is to help students discover their strengths, explore career options, and develop important skills for the future. *Don't Miss Out on Essential Resources—Act Now!*

Be Career Ready: Stats

- [A 2023 survey](#) revealed that only 34% of students felt their education would equip them with necessary job market skills, and 36% felt prepared for the workplace.
- [1 in 4 Hiring Managers](#) say recent Grads are unprepared for the workforce, many plan to avoid hiring them in 2025.

STEP 1: ASSESSMENTS

- **The Purpose of Assessments** is to Measure knowledge and skills; Find strengths and weaknesses; Guide teaching.
 - [Discover Your Learning Styles](#) tutorial.
 - [Interest Assessment](#) simple recipe for job satisfaction and success, includes a suggested career list.
 - [Classic Learning Testing](#) (CLT) exams comparable to SAT® and ACT® and PSAT®. Grades 3rd-12th.
 - [HSLDA Testing & Evaluations](#): Year-End Evaluations.

STEP 2: EXPLORE OPTIONS

- **Homeschool** *tailor fitted for the family* list [here](#).
 - **Micro-School Model** Pod/Micro-School *an Abraham Lincoln one-room classroom*
[Local Options](#) | [Build a Micro-School](#)
 - **College Fast Track** *via Exam Programs or Dual Enroll*
 - Exam Programs: Online [Clep.com](#), [Sophia.org](#), etc | [CollegeHacked](#) Tutorials and [Coaching](#) (use promo code MINDI20 will get anyone 20% off).
 - Dual & Concurrent Enrollment: [COD](#) or any local community colleges.
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- **Trade Schools** *for a particular job or trade:* Search specifically and [Apply for Scholarship](#)
- **Apprenticeship** *on-the-job training:* Search: Reach out to local companies with recommendation letters and resume in hand.
- **Entrepreneurship** *Centers offering business courses, mentors, certificates:* [Score.org](#), [CVWBC](#), [SBDC](#) and [Mission Increase](#).

The End Goal

THE END GOAL is to help your students explore their strengths, interests, and career paths, and develop the skills to be career-ready.

Bonus Must-Have Resources Now—Worth Mentioning!

[HSLDA Advocates for Homeschooling](#) - (HSLDA) is the nation's largest, most trusted homeschool advocacy organization. [High School & Beyond](#), [Testing & Evaluations](#), [Transcript](#), etc.

[Parenting Skills](#) by Love and Logic parenting: [Keeping Cool when Parenting Heats Up](#) audio, and more. Receive a promo code when you subscribe.

[Foundations of Communications Courses](#). Each course includes short [teaching videos](#) with assignments to instill communication habits and improve communication performance.

[Stand to Reason Apologetics](#): [Youtube](#), and start an [Outposts](#) *STR Outposts meet regularly all around the world*. Use this map to find an Outpost near you and to contact the Outpost Director for meeting times.

[Summit Student Conference](#) - This life-changing *camp & conference* could be the catalyst for lasting faith in your child. A 12-day adventure with top-notch Christian.

[Bible Institute, Yucca Valley](#) *Calvary Bible Institute* is a one-year program designed to equip those who feel called to serve the Lord in full-time ministry. Your perfect gap year option!

[Utmost for His Highest](#) This 365-day devotional is beautifully designed, but more importantly, full of messages that will stick long after you've finished reading them.

[The Fundamentals of Walking with God](#) Jason Duff explains in a powerful and clear way what practical elements go into a vibrant relationship with *Jesus* Christ. Study course: MAY2025

[24 Family Ways poster](#) Each *Way* includes a Scripture memory verse, character quality definition, an explanation of the *Way*, and five "just add Bible" *family* devotions (120 in all) ...

Have students ask for recommendation letters from people who have coached them or worked with them in activities where they've served, volunteered, or worked.

Please provide feedback by visiting [here](#). Feel free to share this resource.

Thank you!

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UPCOMING EVENTS Plan to attend, Mark your calendar, and Share!

2025



[A Skill Share Collaborative.](#) RSVP Mindi 760-219-1650

Dance Variety- Tuesdays/ Thursdays, 14 yo+, bring non-grip shoes, \$2pp.

Flag football/ Ultimate Frisbee- Summer season, evening, need 10+ players.

2026



[IT IS WRITTEN](#) - April 2026 At STR's Reality Conference, we show students that *Christianity matches up with the way the world really is*—with reality. It makes sense of the origin and ...



OPEN HOUSE [Set Apart Speech & Debate Club](#) - Curious about what your students will learn in speech & debate? Heart readiness, college readiness, fun readiness! **Interested in learning more or ready to join?** Contact Michelle Richardson at **760-902-2858** today!



[2026 June High School Conference at the Reagan Ranch](#) - YAF's four-day program will whisk you away on a journey through history, revealing the people, places, and ideas that shaped the 40th President. >> To bypass the waiting list and receive [EVRWP](#) scholarship, please contact Mindi Montes about 2026... 2025 Registration is Closed.

FALL 2026



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2025 Conference replay tickets and info, click [here](#).