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Homeschool Toolbox

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# What's a Homeschool Toolbox?

A collection of items to help you have the best homeschool experience possible



Created by [Orietta Rose](#) on June 30, 2022

This toolbox is intended to provide resources to help with all aspects of homeschooling. Homeschool styles, learning path plotting, managing socialization, and more.

Created by me, for me, and offered to others with the hope of giving families an easy-to-use resource to make their homeschool lives better than ever!

When we know better, we can do better. By bringing together a myriad of resources I will further develop this toolbox over time.

Click a link to see a preview of the content & choose to continue to a new website.

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# Be Aware

The education climate is iffy



When considering what resources to use with your children, you must **ALWAYS** fully review the content before making plans around what you've found.

While there are many free, high-quality resources available, there are also many filled with extra content you may not want your children exposed to.

Be on the lookout for CRT (critical race theory), SEL (social-emotional learning), DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion), and other social justice driven content. There's also a lot of very anti-American, pro-Communism content out there, especially in the history/social studies realm.

While I do my best to provide impartial sources, I can't look all the way through every single lesson provided on a website.

**Fully review what you're planning to use BEFORE you implement it.**

**Make sure it's appropriate for your family.**

# Deschooling

Letting go of your schoolish notions



Check out [this tweet thread](#). It's all about how to deschool & why it's an important step:

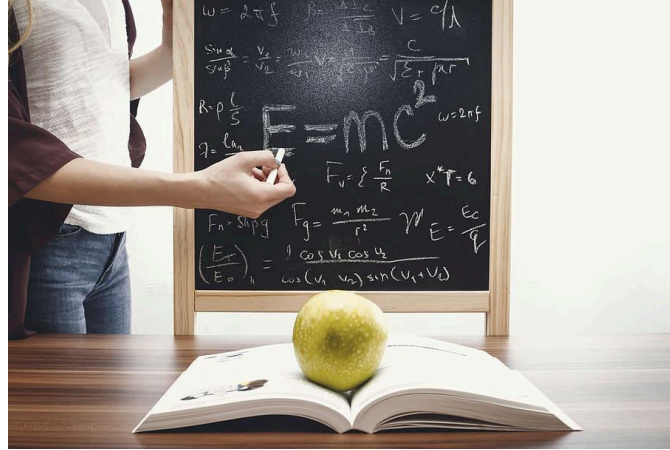


Deschooling is a process for new homeschoolers to go through, allowing them to shift their mindset about learning.

Current homeschoolers who find themselves on the struggle bus can also deschool to reset!

# What do my kids need to learn?

How do you know what to teach & when to teach it?



Check your state's department of education. They should have their standards available for you to see and/or download as well as information about legally homeschooling in the state. Some states require certain subjects, while others do not. Be sure you know what is required of you.

For example, [these are the standards for social studies K to 12 in Tennessee.](#)

This type of information can help guide you when it comes to planning how you'll run your homeschool.

Head over to [hslida.org](http://hslida.org) for more help and info on homeschooling where you live.

# Stage Over Age

Prioritizing the stage of learning over the age of the learner



## What it means

Considering the stage a child is at, instead of looking to their age for guidance, means ignoring how old the child is when thinking about what they need to learn.

Instead, we meet the child where they are, no matter the subject, and work on moving forward. We don't worry about how long it takes, we just make progress.

Using stage over age, we don't compare children to one another, only to themselves to see where they may be struggling, where they are excelling, & where they're making general progress.

We don't compare to shame the child or ourselves!

We use comparison to see where we should focus our efforts.

## How to implement

1. Gauge the child's level in basic subjects like:
  - a. Math

b. Reading

c. Communication - speaking & writing

2. Wherever the child is, work forward from there.

3. Track progress

# Tracking Over Scheduling

Less stress in the homeschool; keep going from where you left off



## What it means

Instead of making & trying to keep a strict schedule, start at the beginning and move ahead until you're done. This allows you to be sure no one is being pushed forward without a full understanding of the materials & also that no one is being held back when they're ready to move ahead.

## How to implement

1. Decide what books, workbooks, curriculum, etc are going to be used
2. Ignore any schedule provided by the creators of the resources
3. Get started and keep going until you've completed the books (or whatever you're using)

- a. Remember! You can stop using any resource at any time if it isn't working for your family. If people are really struggling, take a break & try something else.



# Learning Paths

Where you're going & how you'll get there



## How to create individualized learning paths

A learning path is like a roadmap. This map will take an individual from where they are to where they want to go.

Regardless of age, you can start making & implementing learning paths based on your child's interests.

Say your child wants to be a **zookeeper**. What kind of things will they need to know to become a zookeeper? A learning path for that may look like this:

- Learning about the profession by:
  - Visiting zoos
    - Talking to employees
    - Observing how the zoo is run
- Learning about zoo animals

- Terminology
- Species-specific information
  - Eating
  - Health/Wellness

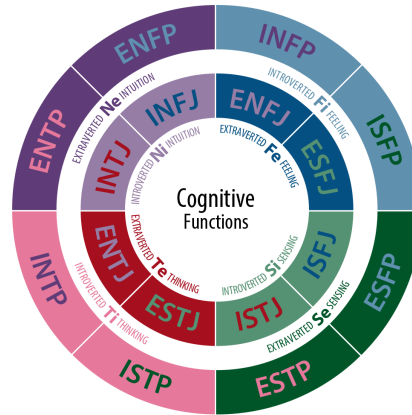
That is an elementary learning path outline. From here, you can add specifics like books to use, documentaries to watch, math to learn, etc. All the things you'd need to know to become a zookeeper. If your child stayed with this desire, the path might grow to include continuing education, volunteer opportunities, internships, etc.

Be ready to be flexible! Children change their minds about what they want to be daily. The learning path for a six-year-old doesn't need to be detailed. Start with the basics and if they remain interested in a goal, then you can put more work into fleshing out your map.

All learning paths should be made with the child's direct input. This helps develop an awareness of what it takes to move from where they are to where they want to be.

# Family Identity

Understanding your people & yourself



## Why it's important

Knowing who you are & who you're working with is invaluable information! It won't solve every dispute or dispel all boredom, but it can certainly help everyone understand each other & themselves. Knowing more about how your family members work will make homeschooling so much easier.

## Personality Typing

- <https://16personalities.com>
- <https://www.enneagraminstitute.com>
- <https://www.5lovelanguages.com/>

## Child Psychology

- [Understand Your Child Better With These Child Psychology Tips](#)
- [The 7 most recommended child psychology books](#)

- [Child Psychology Books For Parents - Child Development ...](#)
- [Child Psychology News -- ScienceDaily](#)

## Parenting Styles

- [4 Types of Parenting Styles and Their Effects on Kids](#)
- [Why Parenting Styles Matter When Raising Children](#)

## Learning Styles

- [Overview of learning styles](#)
- [What are Learning Styles? | Psychology Today](#)
- [What's Your Learning Style? - EducationPlanner](#)

## Communication Styles

- <https://soulsalt.com/communication-style/>
- <https://personalitylingo.com/free-communication-style-quiz/>
- <https://www.slpcorner.com/preschool-1/four-different-communication-styles-we-see-in-children>

# Growth Mindset

Nothing is set in stone



## Why it's important

A growth mindset says, "I don't know how to do this, yet."

A fixed mindset says, "I don't know how to do this & I never will!"

See the difference?

Having a growth mindset, believing that things can & will change and that you can affect those changes in positive ways, is something many people are missing. In homeschool, you can model growth mindset thinking for your children.

Homeschooling provides the perfect climate to learn to keep going, even when something is difficult. There's time to rest and try again later. There's even the freedom to change course entirely.

## What it isn't

The growth mindset is not a cure-all. While it's good to be a flexible thinker, resilient, and willing to keep trying, that may not always positively impact the situation! This includes your child's academics.

In fact, research has shown that (at least in the classroom), using growth mindset interventions had little to no positive effects on academic achievement.

So, while I still consider it a good way of thinking to model for your child, don't expect it to have a big impact on their academics (see [Researchers find that education intervention doesn't live up to its promise](#)).

I'll add my own thoughts here, too, though, because I believe the setup of school undermines the positive impacts the growth mindset *could* have on academics.

Schools are not built for flexible thinkers, creativity, or resilience. There is a schedule to stick to & that's that.

Sadly, even if a child would be willing to keep trying, they don't have the time. Classrooms move forward whether the kids are ready or not.

In homeschooling, a growth mindset has time to be established *and* practiced.



<https://www.k5learning.com/assessment?k5ref=learningabledkids.com> - Reading & math grades 1-5.

<https://www.sonlight.com/homeschool/curriculum/placement-tests> - Reading & math

<https://homeschoolgiveaways.com/2017/10/free-grade-rubrics-and-assessments-for-middle-and-highschool/> - Rubrics & assessments for middle & high school.

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# Free General Education Resources

Yes, you probably *can* do it!



## Free Textbooks, Worksheets, etc.

[19th Century Schoolbooks](#) - “The 19th Century Schoolbooks Collection contains schoolbooks from the Nietz Old Textbook Collection. In addition, this online collection also contains two works by Dr. John Nietz, which survey historic American schoolbooks in the context of the history of education.”

[Textbooks Online | Textbooks Download](#) - Free textbooks & workbooks for various grade-levels & subjects.

[200 Free Kids Educational Resources: Video Lessons, Apps, Books, Websites & More](#) - “This collection provides a list of free educational resources for K-12 students (kindergarten through high school students) and their parents and teachers. This page is being updated and cleaned up during the COVID-19 crisis. Please tell us if we're missing something valuable.. Below you will find free video lessons/tutorials; free mobile apps; free audiobooks, ebooks, and textbooks; quality ...”

[Kids' Worksheets - For All Grades and Subjects](#) - “Whether you want to give your little one some **handwriting practice** or want to help your 1st grader get better at

**addition** or want to improve your kindergartener's **vocabulary** or even want to test your 4th grader's **grammar**, JumpStart's worksheets cover every topic you can think of. Browse now!"

[1 Million FREE Worksheets for Kids](#) - "Take the work and expense out of doing school at home with our vast collection of free worksheets for kids! We not only have free worksheets, but we also have hands-on activities, printable games, and more to make learning FUN! You will find resources for all ages from toddler, pre-k, kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade, 6th grade, junior high, and more! We have the BEST collection of school worksheets."

[Free High School Textbooks on science, mathematics, statistics, Excel, economics, history](#) - I'm still looking into the quality of this one, but feel free to explore it yourself.

[200 Free Textbooks: A Meta Collection](#) - "Free textbooks (aka open textbooks) written by knowledgeable scholars are a relatively new phenomenon. Below, find a meta list of 200 Free Textbooks, and check back often for new additions. Also see our online collection, [1,500 Free Online Courses from Top Universities](#)."

[Textbook Library](#) - "Make a difference in your students' lives with free, openly-licensed textbooks. Open textbooks are textbooks that have been funded, published, and licensed to be freely used, adapted, and distributed. These books have been reviewed by faculty from a variety of colleges and universities to assess their quality. These books can be downloaded for no cost, or printed at low cost."

<https://openstax.org/subjects> - "Peer-reviewed. Openly licensed. 100% free. And backed by additional learning resources. Review our OpenStax textbooks and decide if they are right for your course. Simple to adopt, free to use. We make it easy to improve student access to higher education."

<https://www.teacherserver.com/teachers> - This is an AI-using website that allows you to generate lesson plans, make worksheets, etc. You need to create a sign in but it's free! I tried it & it worked great for me.

## Free Lesson Plans

[Free Classroom Lesson Plans and Unit Plans for Teachers](#) - “Thousands of grab-and-go lesson plans, unit plans, discussion guides, extension activities, and other teaching ideas.”

[Lesson Plans For Teachers](#) - “Teacher.org's lesson plans are brought to you by teachers who are committed to encouraging conceptual understanding and lifelong learning. These teachers have real life classroom experience and have gone above and beyond to create these lessons. The lesson plan section will dynamically grow as more teachers from the Teacher.org community continue to share their work with us.”

[Share My Lesson | Free Lesson Plans & Teacher Resources](#) - “Sign Up for Free Access to 400,000 Lesson Plans, Classroom Activities and Professional Development Resources”

## Styles of Education

[Homeschooling Styles](#) - “Homeschoolers often classify themselves under different methods, and if you are new to the whole idea of homeschooling you might be confused by some of the terms you will hear (school at home/textbook-oriented, classical homeschooling, eclectic or relaxed homeschooling, online or virtual school, unit studies, Waldorf, Montessori, Moore Formula, Charlotte Mason, unschooling).”

[The Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling Styles](#) - “When most people start considering homeschooling they assume they’ll be recreating school, just at home. While some people choose to do that, there are MANY homeschooling styles available.”

# Free Resources by Subject

Find what you need for free

(always fully review resources before using them with your child)



## Math

- <https://www.k5learning.com/free-math-worksheets>
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/math>
- <https://realnotcomplex.com/>
- <http://www.freemathprogram.com/>
- <https://plainandnotsoplain.com/math-download/>
- <https://www.goodandbeautiful.com/free-downloads/simply-good-and-beautiful-math-1/> - They offer Levels 1-5 of math free, this links to Level 1
- <https://lifeinthenerd.com/free-homeschool-math-curriculum/> - Lots of links to various free math curricula
- <https://schoolyourself.org/>
- <https://www.homeschoolmath.net/>
- <https://middleschoolmath.com/wp-content/uploads/Math-Curriculum-2.pdf> - 6th, 7th, and 8th grade for Middle Township Board of

Education and the New Jersey Department of Education to serve as a (detailed!) guide for lesson planning.

- <https://www.resourceaholic.com/p/digitised-antique-maths-textbooks.html?m=1> - Online Historical Maths Textbooks. This page provides links to digitized versions of old maths textbooks. All the books listed here are available to view for free online.
- [https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/fbd574c4-da36-0066-a0c5-849ffb2de96e/90439c6e-f40c-4b58-840c-557ed88a9345/The%20Ontario%20Curriculum%20Grades%201%E2%80%938%20-%20Mathematics,%202020%20\(January%202021\).pdf](https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/fbd574c4-da36-0066-a0c5-849ffb2de96e/90439c6e-f40c-4b58-840c-557ed88a9345/The%20Ontario%20Curriculum%20Grades%201%E2%80%938%20-%20Mathematics,%202020%20(January%202021).pdf) - THE ONTARIO CURRICULUM - Mathematics 2020 - **Grades 1 - 8** PDF versions of a curriculum include the following information from the Curriculum and Resources website: ● the Program Planning and Assessment and Evaluation sections of the Curriculum and Resources website that apply to all Ontario curriculum, Grades 1–12; ● the Curriculum Context that is specific to a discipline; ● the strands of the curriculum; and ● glossaries and appendices as applicable. The Ontario Curriculum Grades 1–8: Mathematics, 2020 Last issued: August 2020 **This has WOKE terminology all through the Contents. Use what you need & leave the rest!**
- <https://greatminds.org/> - Sign up is free & you can register yourself as a homeschool. There's a free full PK-12 math curriculum!! PDF downloads. You add the resource to your dashboard & then view/download from the dashboard. **EUREKA BASIC CURRICULUM FILES** - This free PDF version of the Eureka Math basic curriculum includes over 20,000 pages and features sequenced lessons, formative assessments, and fully integrated professional development for grades PK – 12. The package includes: Student and Teacher Editions, Curriculum Maps and Curriculum Overviews.

## Science

- <https://www.science4us.com/free-resources/>
- <https://www.sciencenews.org/about-science-news/free-science-resources-educators-parents>
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/science/>

- <https://www.elementaryschoolscience.com/science-subjects>
- <https://www.sciencebuddies.org/stem-activities/subjects/elementary-school>
- <https://lifeinthenerd.com/free-science-curriculum-all-grades/>
- <https://guesthollow.com/guest-hollows-high-school-biology-curriculum-online-schedule/> - “Christian homeschool biology curriculum. The course incorporates a free high-quality textbook, numerous online videos, tons of labs (with a multitude of budget and interest options), living books, a no-cost printable workbook with answer key, an independent study schedule, and more! It even incorporates Greek and Latin roots vocabulary!”
- <https://thehomeschoolscientist.com/homeschool-science-printables/>
- [https://guilfordschools.org/pdf/curriculum/Science%20Curriculum%20June%2013\\_%202011.pdf](https://guilfordschools.org/pdf/curriculum/Science%20Curriculum%20June%2013_%202011.pdf) - Science Curriculum Kindergarten – Grade 10 from Guilford Public Schools
- [https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/stateboardofeducation/documents/massivemeetingsfolder/meetingfiles4/10-20-17\\_III\\_J\\_Non-Substantive\\_Changes\\_to\\_Math\\_ELA\\_Science\\_Standards\\_Attachment\\_3\\_-\\_Science.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/stateboardofeducation/documents/massivemeetingsfolder/meetingfiles4/10-20-17_III_J_Non-Substantive_Changes_to_Math_ELA_Science_Standards_Attachment_3_-_Science.pdf) - Tennessee’s K-12 science standards
- <https://sites.google.com/view/forensicsillustrated/home?authuser=1> - Forensic science course that includes an online textbook, PowerPoint presentations, practice worksheets, projects, tests, labs, & answer keys.
- <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/school-readiness/article/marvelous-explorations-through-science-stories-mess> - PreK-K downloadable units.
- <https://cias.wisc.edu/curriculum-new/> - High School, Toward a Sustainable Agriculture, a curriculum for high school students developed by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems

## ELA

- <https://www.khanacademy.org/ela>
- <https://www.englishworksheetsland.com/topics.html>

- <https://www.oursmallhours.com/free-home-school-language-arts-resources/>
- <https://lifeinthenerd.com/free-language-arts-curriculum/>
- <https://www.gutenberg.org/> - Choose among free epub and Kindle eBooks, download them or read them online. You will find the world's great literature here, with focus on older works for which U.S. copyright has expired. Thousands of volunteers digitized and diligently proofread the eBooks, for you to enjoy.
- <https://readtheory.org/> - Free "Personalized reading comprehension exercises for K-12 and ESL students." You can sign up as a parent.
- <https://www.oursmallhours.com/free-home-school-language-arts-resources/>
- [https://dwscbcy9jc8hm.cloudfront.net/sites/303/comfy/cms/files/21003/files/original/Language\\_Arts\\_Curriculum\\_08091.pdf](https://dwscbcy9jc8hm.cloudfront.net/sites/303/comfy/cms/files/21003/files/original/Language_Arts_Curriculum_08091.pdf) - K-8 curricula in the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.
- <https://middletownshippublicschools.org/wp-content/uploads/HS-ELA.pdf> - 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade for Middle Township Board of Education and the New Jersey Department of Education to serve as a (detailed!) guide for lesson planning.
- <https://k12.hillsdale.edu/getmedia/84355dd1-7257-4cec-b848-5fe17bfed7b6/K12-Sample-Book-List-9-22.pdf> - K-12 sample book list from Hillsdale College.
- <https://summit-christian-academy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Lower-Elementary-Reading-List.pdf> - K-2 reading list

## Social Studies & History

It's been difficult to find free resources that aren't heavily social justice oriented, CRT, SEL, and very anti-American. There are a lot of opinions being inserted when it comes to historical learning content.

My advice is to pick a topic and find direct, no opinion, information about that subject. Build your units on history.

I will continue looking for high-quality, free resources on the topic of Social Studies & History.

If you find some, please [tweet them to me](#) so I can include them here + credit you for finding them!

As I advised above in this toolbox, always fully review anything you want to use with your kids before showing it to them. Even things I link to here, I can't look all the way through. Make sure what you're thinking of using is appropriate for your homeschool.

- <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities>
- <https://k12.hillsdale.edu/Curriculum/The-Hillsdale-1776-Curriculum/> - On the download page, scroll to the bottom to download the FULL curriculum, all at once.
- <https://www.oxfordreference.com/display/10.1093/acref/9780195071986.001.0001/acref-9780195071986-e-0618> - For Columbus Day nonpartisan information about what was happening in that timeframe.
- <http://www.opensocialstudies.org/K-6.html>
- <https://www.youtube.com/@LibertysKids>
- <https://www.thehomeschoolmom.com/homeschool-lesson-plans/money/> - Money & Economics Activities, Lesson Plans, and More

## Art & Music

- <http://www.arttango.com/> - K-5 lessons
- <https://www.ducksters.com/history/art/>
- <https://www.maestroclassics.com/curriculum-guides>



# Home Economics

- [https://curriculum.gov.mt/en/Curriculum/Year-9-to-11/Documents/curric\\_f3\\_f5/syllabus\\_home\\_econ\\_f3to5\\_2013.pdf](https://curriculum.gov.mt/en/Curriculum/Year-9-to-11/Documents/curric_f3_f5/syllabus_home_econ_f3to5_2013.pdf) - A detailed outline of modules and lessons.
- [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/teach/pdfs/curriculum/appliedskills/2007he\\_foodnutri812.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/teach/pdfs/curriculum/appliedskills/2007he_foodnutri812.pdf) - “This Integrated Resource Package (IRP) provides basic information to assist teachers in implementing Home Economics: Foods and Nutrition 8 to 12.” From Library and Archives Canada Cataloguing in Publication Data.
- <https://www.cxc.org/SiteAssets/syllabusses/CSEC/CSEC%20Home%20Ec.pdf> - From the CARIBBEAN EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL. Detailed overview of things to be taught.

# Bible

Do your due diligence checking to be sure curriculum aligns with your beliefs & is age/stage-appropriate before using it with your children.

- <https://harvestministry.org/twghw> - “A one-year unit study curriculum, especially designed for homeschoolers, incorporating God’s heart for world missions into nearly every subject!”
- <https://godshand.clclutheran.org/> - “... CLC has begun a project to produce a Sunday School series which can be used by not only its own membership, but also by anyone wishing to help children become more familiar with the most important book in their lives, the Bible.”
- <https://gardenofpraise.com/bibleles.htm> - Children’s Bible Lessons
- <https://calvarycurriculum.com/childrens-curriculum-original/> - Hundreds of lessons specifically designed for children.
- <https://answersingenesis.org/answers/books/> - Collection of Christian books, most of them freely available to read online.
- <https://www.gracenotes.info/diplomacourses.shtml> - Courses include: Exposition of 50 books of the Bible (verse by verse studies), Systematic theological studies of hundreds of Bible categories, History: Rome, Greece, Persia, Babylon, Old Testament, Early Church Age There are twelve (12) course Units. A Unit has five or six courses, and compares in quantity and quality with a semester of Bible College or graduate school.

- <https://courses.dts.edu/> - We believe the world desperately needs biblical truth, and these courses will help us reach and teach more people than ever before.
- <https://bible.org/article/theology-program> - The courses follow a very specific and intentional order. They are all designed with the previous and following courses in mind. Once one has taken the Introduction to Theology course, they can then move on to any of the other five courses, but students should proceed in the suggested order.

## Latin

- <https://www.homeschoollatinhelp.com/free-latin-curriculum-resources/>
- <https://www.halfahundredacrewood.com/free-on-line-latin-resources/>
- <https://compassclassroom.com/resources/latin-resources/>

## General

- <https://allinonehomeschool.com/>
- <https://www.freehomeschooldeals.com/>
- <http://www.letteroftheweek.com/>
- <https://www.coreknowledge.org/curriculum/>
- <https://www.amblesideonline.org/> - Charlotte Mason homeschool curriculum
- <https://freedomhomeschooling.com/electives/> - Free Electives Curriculum ([freedomhomeschooling.com](https://freedomhomeschooling.com) also has many other free resources!)
- <https://www.onecommunityglobal.org/free-education-resources/>
- <https://www.ck12.org/fbbrowse/> - Free textbooks for various grades & subjects
- <https://www.fishtanklearning.org/curriculum/> - ELA K-12, Math 3rd-Algebra 2. Sign up as a homeschool for free access to their materials. **'Justice' & 'Equality' buzzwords are around though, so make sure to fully**

*review materials before use. It looks like we can download the content, but not utilize customized downloads.*

- <https://www.coreknowledge.org/curriculum/download-curriculum/> - The Core Knowledge Foundation provides open access to content-rich curriculum materials for preschool through grade 8, including the [Core Knowledge Curriculum Series™](#), with many materials now available and many more in development.
- <https://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plans> - Art & Culture, History & Social Studies, Literature & Language Arts. Lesson plans, curricula, & teacher's guides.
- <https://noneprofitready.org/> - Free sign-up & you can create your own learning paths or follow a pre-made one. Designed for people working in some capacity with nonprofits, but there are lessons that could be applied elsewhere! **High school level**, imo.
- <https://www.overcomingobstacles.org/> - K-12 life skills curriculum available for free to educators worldwide. You can download all of our materials today in our online digital library - no registration required.
- <https://oldfashionededucation.com/> - Organized by subject, lists of public domain works that can be used in your homeschool.
- <https://www.athomemiddleschool.com/> - Free 6th-8th grade curriculum for English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Art, Coding, and more

# Other Google Docs w/ Resources

Public documents with EVEN MORE educational resources; some may include paid resources.

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- Organized educational resources (from email)  
[https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1GnpwPdIi2BaQfltJUjCSfL\\_VquqmYXl0L427jvinpN8/mobilebasic?usp=gmail\\_thread](https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1GnpwPdIi2BaQfltJUjCSfL_VquqmYXl0L427jvinpN8/mobilebasic?usp=gmail_thread)
- Copy 2 of Homeschool Free Resources  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1k6T4oVH0jS7BQXqGs5quPDEoS mDV8HGjMfOLB9Sbkbg/edit?pli=1>
- Online Resources Available to Support at home learning during the COVID-19-Pandemic  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14b3\\_d-vMwfGRcn5Fn-YTC5WcfmZXvK40AayniwDl80c/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14b3_d-vMwfGRcn5Fn-YTC5WcfmZXvK40AayniwDl80c/edit#gid=0)
- Large List of Resources : Sheet1  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VoHLwEy4PL15ojCf8pkURQM-H4Ga7csRJS1W5Numl-8/htmlview>

- K-12 Free and Open Educational Resources  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nXnLqRzjstjuS7K7e5RbhfAoHC38Vkx9LiVYYQnenco/edit#gid=0>
- Free Education Resources for Teachers, Parents, and Students  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/129cpWO0L0zr1q1eRfCSimT6mSRT6NA0GD1irK9LlfRc/edit#gid=0>
- Tech ed RESOURCES!  
[https://docs.google.com/document/edit?id=1DWoPj9ngks1AYJHQ8ily6LFeky nzh8cny5IqavXk8&hl=en&authkey=CI\\_i350E#heading=h.frlujoqj4ada](https://docs.google.com/document/edit?id=1DWoPj9ngks1AYJHQ8ily6LFeky nzh8cny5IqavXk8&hl=en&authkey=CI_i350E#heading=h.frlujoqj4ada)

# Making it Work

Work smarter, not harder

(always fully review suggestions before jumping in)



## Work From Home

- <https://medium.com/be-unique/9-best-work-from-home-jobs-for-homeschooling-single-parents-db5ae21bf92e>
- <https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/single-parent-working-from-home>
- <https://theworkathomewife.com/work-from-home-mom-jobs/>
- <https://www.ourhomesweethome.org/legit-work-from-home-jobs-for-moms/>
- <https://www.dataannotation.tech/> - You create an account, take a starter assessment, and if you pass the assessment you are then open to receiving work. **I am vouching for its legitimacy.** You can also browse the subReddit: [https://www.reddit.com/r/t5\\_2fd34i/s/WiNVnmIaHk](https://www.reddit.com/r/t5_2fd34i/s/WiNVnmIaHk)

## Single Parents

- [https://a2zhomeschooling.com/concerns\\_homeschooling/single-parent-homeschooling/](https://a2zhomeschooling.com/concerns_homeschooling/single-parent-homeschooling/)
- <https://homeeducator.com/single-parent-homeschooling/>
- <https://homeschooladventure.com/blog/single-parent-homeschooling/>
- <https://www.thebettermom.com/blog/2020/9/13/homeschooling-as-a-single-mom>
- <https://hsllda.org/post/single-parent-homeschooling-success-strategies>

## Working Parents

- <https://givemomaminute.com/homeschooling-working-parents/>
- <https://donotpay.com/learn/homeschooling-for-working-parents/>
- <https://www.workinghomeschoolparents.com/>

## Homeschool Community

- <https://www.homeschool.com/community/>
- <https://homeschoolmasteryacademy.com/virtual-homeschool-group/>
- <https://hsllda.org/post/state-homeschool-organizations>

# Homeschool Childcare

- <https://practicalbydefault.com/childcare-working-homeschool-mom/>
- <https://www.families.com/homeschoolers-in-need-of-daycare>
- <https://www.sittercity.com/babysitters>
- <https://www.care.com/babysitters>

Build your village. Get involved in a local church or other groups. Find people who are capable of & willing to care for your children.

Do not sit on your hands waiting for someone or an organization to magically appear before you'll remove your children from a toxic school environment.

Parents must get a move on themselves. You may even find yourself working with a childcare or homeschool co-op, where multiple families share duties.

## Affording Homeschool

This comes down to setting your priorities straight & understanding what you want to do.

- Do you need an expensive curriculum?
- Can you find it from a reseller online?
- Will you make your curriculum, pulling free & low-cost resources together?

In general, people find they can afford what they put their minds to attain. That's not always the case, but *don't quit before you even try*. Get your finances truly in order & see what you can do.

Here are some things to consider doing if homeschooling is on your heart, but you're concerned about your budget:



- Assess the budget. How much is coming in vs How much is going out.
- Consider downsizing to lower bills.
- Cut costs. Meal plan & eat at home, plan outings ahead of time, strict shopping list, shop at discount stores & thrift stores, etc.
- Avoid waste. Buy what you need & will use, use items fully (no half-full notebooks).
- Make use of free resources.
- Ask for help if you need it! The homeschool community is usually super helpful & friendly. People WANT you to succeed & be happy doing it. Join the community near you & online & participate.

# Special Needs



Many families face unique challenges with their children in the form of special needs. Children may have extra difficulty focusing, understanding social roles and rules, maintaining calm, more specific academic challenges, or any combination of physical, mental, and emotional needs that make it hard for them to gain the education they need.

Public schools are mandated to provide free, appropriate education for children with special needs, but in practice, that promise often goes unkept. A lot of families with children in special education report watered-down academics, low expectations, and inappropriate treatment of their children.

## **Can parents of special needs children homeschool?**

Many do!

Here are resources to help you consider this option:

## General

### **Homeschooling With Special Needs -**

<https://hslida.org/teaching-my-kids/special-needs/homeschooling-with-special-needs>

**SPED Homeschool** - <https://spedhomeschool.com/>

**The Special Education Support Toolbox (50+ Special Needs Resources)** - <https://homeeducator.com/special-needs-support-toolbox/>

**Special-Needs Homeschool Resources** - <https://heav.org/special-needs/>

**Your Guide to Homeschooling a Special Needs Child** - <https://thehomeschoolresourceroom.com/2021/03/15/homeschooling-special-needs-child/>

**Homeschooling Special Needs: Resources and Support** - <https://freedomhomeschooling.com/homeschooling-special-needs-resources-and-support/>

**Free Curriculum for Special Needs Homeschooling** - <https://freedomhomeschooling.com/free-curriculum-for-special-needs-homeschooling/>

## Communication/Nonverbal

**Communication Curriculum for Individuals on the Autism Spectrum** - <https://www.iidc.indiana.edu/doc/resources/communication-curriculum.pdf>

**You CAN Homeschool Your Nonverbal Child Podcast Episode** - <https://www.sdautismhelp.com/thrivingspecialfamiliespodcast/you-can-homeschool-your-nonverbal-child>

**Homeschooling Nonverbal Children** - <https://www.homeschool-life-situations.com/homeschooling-nonverbal-children.html#sthash.aFKrOOLb.dpbs>

**10 Tips for Teaching Non-Verbal or Minimally Verbal Students to Read** - <https://isaac-online.org/wp-content/uploads/10-Tips-for-Teaching-Non-Verbal-or-Minimally-Verbal-Students-to-Read.pdf>

**Three Tips for Homeschooling Nonverbal Students** - <https://www.autismparentingmagazine.com/homeschooling-nonverbal-students/>

# Support this Resource

Give your gratitude, pay it forward.

It takes time & effort to find all this stuff & put it together!

I'm a one-woman show over here. I'd love to do this type of thing full-time.



[Send a treat](#)  

Choose a treat & send it to me! I would love to receive a surprise meal delivery. Plus, that's a meal I don't have to plan & cook, lol.



Support me on Ko-fi

Download the free fact sheet from my Ko-fi Shop to learn about what I hope to do with Not Back to School!



<https://ko-fi.com/s/9030653415>

# PDF Grab Bag

Click a link & see where it takes you!



## Found PDFs

*I was not involved in the uploading of any of these PDFs, I just found them. They're all things I think can be useful in and/or for your homeschool, but I don't have the time to do a write-up on each one!*

So, it's pick & click.

Have fun!

<http://libraries.ne.gov/cpls/files/2020/08/Homeschooling-Curriculum-Resources-Free.pdf>

<https://homeschoolden.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Creating-a-Homeschool-Curriculum-Kindergarten-Grade-1-FREE-Homeschool-Planning-Resource-Guide.pdf>

<https://saidnazulfiqar.files.wordpress.com/2008/04/curriculum.pdf>

<https://homeschoolingwithdyslexia.com/wp-content/uploads/Homeschool-Curriculum-Guide-Homeschooling-With-Dyslexia-.pdf>

[https://hwpi.harvard.edu/files/morejoy/files/resources\\_for\\_k-12\\_home\\_schooling\\_1\\_1.pdf](https://hwpi.harvard.edu/files/morejoy/files/resources_for_k-12_home_schooling_1_1.pdf)

<https://www.145aw.ang.af.mil/Portals/41/Amazing%20Educational%20Resources.pdf>

[http://collierscreators.weebly.com/uploads/5/7/7/8/57783821/102\\_top\\_picks\\_pdf\\_2.pdf](http://collierscreators.weebly.com/uploads/5/7/7/8/57783821/102_top_picks_pdf_2.pdf)

[https://www.wildwood.org/uploaded/Redesign\\_2014/Academics/Curriculum/Elementary\\_School\\_Curriculum.pdf](https://www.wildwood.org/uploaded/Redesign_2014/Academics/Curriculum/Elementary_School_Curriculum.pdf)

<https://gloucestertownshipschools.entest.org/Elementary%20Music%20Curriculum%202021-22%201%201.pdf>

<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED295760.pdf>

<https://aasb.org/wp-content/uploads/JSD-MS-Science-Curriculum-3-8-18.pdf>

[https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/stateboardofeducation/documents/massivemeetingsfolder/meetingfiles4/10-20-17\\_III\\_J\\_Non-Substantive\\_Changes\\_to\\_Math\\_ELA\\_Science\\_Standards\\_Attachment\\_3\\_-\\_Science.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/stateboardofeducation/documents/massivemeetingsfolder/meetingfiles4/10-20-17_III_J_Non-Substantive_Changes_to_Math_ELA_Science_Standards_Attachment_3_-_Science.pdf)

[https://www.successacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/COM21\\_008\\_CurricGuide\\_MS\\_2v9-1.pdf](https://www.successacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/COM21_008_CurricGuide_MS_2v9-1.pdf)

[https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1614633626/gdsorg/nkiemjllnejiz8sujsbz/GDS\\_HS\\_Course\\_of\\_Study.pdf](https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1614633626/gdsorg/nkiemjllnejiz8sujsbz/GDS_HS_Course_of_Study.pdf)

[https://www.successacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/COM21\\_CurricGuide\\_ES\\_2v8.1.pdf](https://www.successacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/COM21_CurricGuide_ES_2v8.1.pdf)

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Health-Education/curguide\\_generic.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Health-Education/curguide_generic.pdf)

<https://fhe-mo.org/Resources/1-143.pdf>

[https://cdn5-ss19.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_804801/Image/HomeSchool/Science%20Curriculum%20Overview%20Per%20Grade%20Level.pdf](https://cdn5-ss19.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_804801/Image/HomeSchool/Science%20Curriculum%20Overview%20Per%20Grade%20Level.pdf)

<https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/junior-duck-stamp-home-school-education-guide.pdf>

# Following

ONLINE INSPIRATION



## INSTAGRAM

[thisgatherednest](#) - Homeschooling mother of 8 (bio & adopted), wife, author, and more. Family life and homeschool content.

[Jamerrillstewart](#) - Homeschooling mother of ten (one now graduated & married), a sudden homesteader, wife, and more. Family life, homeschool, & homestead content.

[teachdiligently](#) - Delivering simple tips to help your homeschool family thrive.  
▪ Events ▪ Community ▪ Resources Disciple your children through home education.

[homeschoolcollective](#) - A community for all things homeschooling. Be inspired, learn, and grow together.

[HSLDA](#) - HSLDA is a nonprofit advocacy organization that was established to make homeschooling possible! Check out [YouCanHomeschool.org](#)

## YOUTUBE

[Our Tribe of Many](#) - “Welcome to Our Tribe of Many!! We are an interracial and international family of eleven and here you will find videos on a wide variety of topics including... Homeschooling Large Family Logistics Grocery Hauls Family Finances and more! New videos every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday!”

[TheFallCoFamily](#) - Homeschooling family; Mom, Dad, two sons, & a youngest daughter. Entrepreneurs. Unschooling variation & gifted learning.

[The Felts Family](#) - “A family of 8, from three different nations, on two separate continents, living in the South! Yep, that’s us, The Felts Family, and we’d like to welcome you to our channel! Stan and I (Ashley) have been married for over 20 yrs. He has been in law enforcement for over 25 yrs, while I have chosen to be a stay-at-home mom and home school our six children. Our oldest son, Addison, is 19, and recently married Rainey, whom we absolutely adore! Our oldest daughter, Emerson, is 16, and our sons, Grayson and Jackson are 12 and 9. We thought Jackson would be our last child, but turns out God had a different plan. Through adoption, our family has been blessed with two amazing daughters, both who have special needs. Mika Ella is 7, and is from the Philippines, while Isabelle is 6, and is from China. While we are a larger than normal family, we live simple, yet purposeful lives, while striving to please God in all we do. Please SUBSCRIBE to our channel (It’s FREE) and thank you for dropping by!”

[This Gathered Nest](#) - “I’m Angela, mama to 8 amazing kids, married to my highschool sweetheart. We recently moved from a subdivision to a small hobby farm and are learning it all as we go! My first book is available NOW!

<https://amzn.to/2WHMLcn> Visit My Website for More:

<https://thisgatherednest.com/> ”

[Grace and Grit](#) - Hey, So glad you found me here! I'd love to have you stick around and join us! I'm Ashlee, God fearing, Fitness loving and instructing, homeschooling mom to 4. Sharing our journey through it all. Getting through each day with a lot of Grace, and a little Grit. Here you will find videos on Homeschooling multiple kids, Fitness, and the occasional haul or something I am excited about! Thanks for stopping by! I hope this channel is a blessing to you!



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