Home Educator Kit

A Self-Start Guide

Equipping Parents and Grandparents to Educate Your Children at Home

Are You Worried About Your Child's Education?

It appears that many schools either won't be open this fall; and if they are, they most likely will never be the same as they were before.

Are you considering looking for alternatives, but you don't know where to start?

- GTI Ministries has compiled a list of options that you can take advantage of TODAY which can provide your family solutions in this education crisis
- Each of the companies and websites listed have over 20 years of experience in providing families like yours with the absolute best educational resources available

We have attempted to make your search for educational solutions for your child as simple as possible. Just click the links to read more

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The Benefits of Homeschooling

- Homeschooled children consistently outperform public school students in standardized tests, and the socialization available within co-ops can produce far greater results than overcrowded, politically-correct state-run schools.
- You establish a bond with your child that 16,000 hours of K-12 public school over 12 years could never replace
- Schooling hours are totally flexible and can fit into your schedule and energy level
- Schooling doesn't force your child into a one-size-fits-all learning method
- Customize the curriculum that works for you and your child

From TheHomeschoolMom.com:

- Parents and kids **do not need to follow the conventions of school** when they're homeschooling; they can customize, choosing their own curriculum or approach. Homeschooled kids are widely accepted at colleges and in the workplace.

6 Steps to Start Homeschooling

(from TheHomeschoolMom.com.

(An excellent primer)

Options for K-12 education

(For in-depth answers to additional homeschool questions, see https://www.thehomeschoolmom.com/)

Option #1:

If one adult is available to supervise the child(ren) while they complete daily lessons, those lessons will be supplied by curriculum providers of your choice and the supervisor simply oversees. No teaching experience is necessary. (See the curriculum resource list below) Joining a co-op is highly encouraged. The annual budget for materials per child can range from $50 - $300 per year.

See the list of resources below[1]

Option #2:

a. Connect with a local homeschool **co-op group** that provides group classes a few days a week . This can allow the parent to work a part or even full-time job if a trusted friend or grandparent can perform the role of supervisor the remaining days while learning at home. There may be small fees for group class programs.

b. Locate a **University-model school** near you, if available. The University-Model *"takes the best attributes of homeschooling and combines them with the best attributes of traditional, Christian education." -National Association of University-Model Schools* Most university-model schools hold on-campus classes two or three days per week, while the remainder of the week is spent in the "satellite" classroom–the home. **Parents do the in-home lessons with their children, but certified teachers have prepared those lessons.** Parents and teachers partner in each child's education. The time at home gives parents more time for imparting the values they hold precious. This model allows parents to maintain their God-given responsibility as teachers and leaders, while giving students an opportunity to achieve academic excellence.

c. **Micro Schools** are similar to the above and are gaining traction among families who are dissatisfied with the quality of public schooling options and cannot afford or do not want to pay for a traditional private-school education. These families want an option other than home schooling that will personalize instruction for their child's needs. A school in which students attend a couple days a week or a small school with like-minded parents can fit the bill. Micro-schools are typically a fraction of the cost of a private school and educate no more than 10 to 15 students at a time.

See the list of resources below[2]

NOTE: In the options above, you may - if your state allows and if available in your area – have your child(ren) attend classes 1-3 days per week and do homework 2-4 days at home.

Option #3:

Combination online and at-home curriculum. In this case, the curriculum is more costly, (less than $3,000 per student per year, with scholarships available) but the instructors are generally highly professional and knowledgeable.

See the list of resources below[3]

Resources (footnotes from above):

[1]Option #1:

One Voice Alliance© *Family Resource Library* Website.

A **FREE** website which is simply a one-stop-shop that provides links to many of the top homeschool curriculum providers listed below, as well as links to co-op organizations in your area who can help you in your new homeschooling adventure.

Referred Curriculum Providers

(Our recommendations)

Complete Curriculum

- BJU Press, classicalacademicpress.com, Tapestryofgrace.com, Sonlight Curriculum, Masterbooks.com

Biblical Worldview Curriculum (application of biblical principles to life):

- Summit Ministries, Greater Than I Ministries, RenewaNation, Cornerstone Curriculum

Math

- Math-U-See, Singapore Math, Life of Fred

Writing

- Writing: Institute for Excellence in Writing,

[2]Option #2:

Co-op, University-model, and Micro-schools

- **Connect with Co-ops, University schools or Micro schools.**
- For lists of co-ops in your area and more, see https://www.thehomeschoolmom.com/

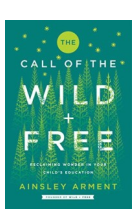
[3]Option #3:

Online Schools and Curriculum

- iLumenEd Academy
- veritaspress.com

More helpful links:

- Homeschooling 101 – An invaluable overview of the BASIC questions (with answers) parents are concerned about
- Rescue Your Children Webinar with Jeff Keaton & Josh Mulvihill
- Five Flavors of Homeschooling – An excellent video explaining the different types of homeschool methods.
- Making the transition from public to home-centered education



- The Call of the Wild and Free: Reclaiming Wonder in Your Child's Education

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