1,773,000 Homeschool children are in the U.S. (2012), up 61.8% in 10 years, or 3.4% of the school-age population.
—National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), a division of the U.S. Department of Education

**General Resources**

- Top 100 Homeschool Websites 2019

- THSC Homeschool SPECIAL NEEDS Resources (PDF)

- Personalized Homeschool Diploma
  [https://store.hslda.org](https://store.hslda.org)

- Homeschool High School Transcripts

- Homeschool Giveaways & Frebies Group

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**Local Homeschool Groups**

  See more resources at our Homeschool Resources webpage

- [http://www.aledochristianschool.com/homeschoolclasses.cfm](http://www.aledochristianschool.com/homeschoolclasses.cfm)

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- **Local Homeschool Classes**
  - [https://www.pinnaclechristian.org/](https://www.pinnaclechristian.org/)
  - Parker-Wise County Homeschool Group
  - [http://pcche.org/](http://pcche.org/)
  (Parker County Christian Home Educators)

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"Homeschooling is largely heart to heart. The methods and even the curriculum do not matter nearly as much as the relationship between the child and parent.”  
—Ruth Beechick
STRUGGLING STUDENTS

Frustrated Unmotivated
Non-Compliant Stressed
Disorganized Behind in skills

• Break from the work that is frustrating the student and take time away to develop a solution strategy together
• Provide motivation for finishing work, like a favorite game or activity
• Incorporate natural and hands-on learning
• Encourage more school work selections by the student based on his or her own personal interests
• Concentrate on finding any problems or deficits and correct learning gaps found
• Integrate organization skills as part of school study
• Set deadlines for longer and more difficult assignments, allowing time to make corrections and ask questions
• When annoyed, take a breather, then return and try again (walk it off OR find something enjoyable to distract and clear the mind)
• Allow freedom of movement
  > Ex. read a nature book in the back yard
• Mastery should be the focus of a good education, not grades
• A child’s learning style should be considered when determining school assignments and evaluating progress

“It is the duty of a citizen in a free country not to fit into society, but to make society.” —John Holt

The TexShare databases have access to practice tests for college entrance exams, research aids, and many more resources for educational purposes.

E-books, audiobooks and e-magazines are available through the library system.

Try different formats to add variety to the homeschool experience. Audiobooks, multi-media kits, online learning and educational DVDs are some of the options that can boost interest.

Programs for all ages are available throughout the year, and the Summer Reading Challenge is a great opportunity for motivating your children to read. Summertime at the library is also a wonderful choice to supplement the school year...with more than 100 programs and activities!

Check our calendar for scheduled book sales (2-3 per year). Home Educators and Teachers are invited for a preview night. All proceeds benefit the library and its collections.

The WPL Homeschool Resource webpage contains links to library items and online websites of interest to home educators. It is an extensive resource created by a homeschooler for homeschoolers.

Ask a librarian for any assistance with locating items for your educational needs, including suggestions for literature and homeschool materials in the collection.

For the most complete and current list of homeschool information links, go to:

www.weatherfordtx.gov/WPLhomeschoolresources
Parents decide to homeschool their own children for a variety of reasons.

- Family convictions of faith or moral standards
- Bullying, peer pressure, or another negative experience that has occurred in a school setting
- Academic expectations
- The child’s learning or health needs are not being addressed appropriately or satisfactorily
- To instill a love of learning
- To enrich strengths and work on weaknesses at a pace that works for the individual student
- Better use of time by learning practical things that matter rather than subjects of no interest or use to the student’s future plans
- Creative and unique opportunities can be explored
- Behavior guidance is consistently applied throughout the day according to the family’s personal values

Homeschooling is especially helpful for students with challenges. The options are unlimited for modifications that fit the child’s ability, interest and learning style.

- Frequent breaks, as needed, watching for signs of frustration
- Work at a comfortable level, with slight challenge
- Hands-on fun (see, hear, taste, touch, smell)
- Learning should be personally meaningful and have a purpose that will be useful to the child in life
- Work at child’s own pace
- Use a timer to motivate improvement and increase attention, concentration and independence
- Use games, distance learning and computer software for variety
- Incorporate therapy into school work
- Create an incentive based plan (with prizes) OR a reward system
  - Chore Chart
  - Choice Board
  - Work Boxes
  - Token Economy

“Education is an atmosphere, a discipline, a life.”
—Charlotte Mason
Special Learners

**CURRICULA**

* The ABA Companion Guide AAR/AAS (Orton-Gillingham)
* How do I Teach this Kid to Read? Simply Classical (Memoria)
* Self-Help Skills for Autism Teach Me Language
* Teaching by Design The Writing Road to Reading
* Breaking through: Using Educational Technology...
* Helping Children with Down Syndrome Communicate Better
* Success Strategies for Teaching Children with Autism

**DISTANCE LEARNING**

Bridgeway Academy HOPE Reading Horizons
Reading Rockets StarFall
Time4Learning WiloStar3D

**PRODUCTS**

Little Giant Steps Difflearn company
Therapro SuperDuper Inc.
Model Me Kids Tasks Galore

**Area Resources**

Behavioral Innovations Child Study Center
FEAT-NT Center Green Apple Therapy
Miracle League of Parker County Sylvan Learning Center
Mathnasium Kumon Centers

[Links to various resources]

Texas Homeschool Laws

In accordance with Texas Education Code §51.9241, the state of Texas considers the successful completion of a homeschool education to be equivalent to graduation from a public or private high school. —U.S. Department of Education

1. The instruction must be *bona fide* (i.e., not a sham).
2. The curriculum must be in visual form (e.g., books, workbooks, video monitor).
3. The curriculum must include the five basic subjects of reading, spelling, grammar, mathematics, and good citizenship.

TEA code §25.086 requires you to withdraw your child from public school should they already be enrolled. For instructions on withdrawal procedures, go to [link](https://www.thsc.org/getting-started/7-easy-steps-to-begin/withdraw-from-public-school/)

**Advocacy**

**Homeschool Legal Defense Association**
[Link](https://www.hslda.org/)

**Texas Homeschool Coalition**
[Link](https://www.thsc.org/)

**Texans for Homeschool Freedom Public Group**

**National Center for Homeschool Liberty** (a division of the National Center for Life and Liberty)
[Link](http://homeschool.ncll.org/)
Charlotte Mason
- “Living books”
- Copy work, narration, dictation, nature study and fine arts
- “Learning for the sake of learning”

Classical
- The three stages of learning: Grammar, Logic and Rhetoric
- History and Science are studied in four year cycles
- Systematic and rigorous

Eclectic
- Most common method used
- Emphasis on the basics—Reading, Writing, Math, History and Science
- Flexible for family and child’s preferences

Montessori
- “Errorless” learning at child’s pace
- Prepared, controlled and structured environment
- Self-directed time with exploration encouraged
- Emphasis on nature and practical life skills

School-at-Home
- Traditional classroom approach using textbooks and workbooks
- Labor intensive for instructor and often boring for child
- Other options, e.g. distance learning online

Unit Studies
- “Cross-curricula” theme
- Lapbooks are a popular format
- Great for large families to work and learn together
- Hands-on and interest driven
- Easy to integrate into any method

Unschooling
- Parent is a facilitator rather than instructor
- Child-directed, choosing materials and researching personal interests
- BOOKS only—no curriculum, workbooks, texts, or tests

Waldorf
- Imitation (PK-age 7), Imagination (age 7-13), Discrimination (age 14+)
- Interact hands-on with natural materials and through the Arts
- Focuses on moral and character development
- Learning from personal experience

HELPFUL HINTS
For Teacher Burnout

⇒ Turn the phone ringer off
⇒ Train children to help with housework
⇒ De-clutter and organize
⇒ Make plans, but be reasonable and flexible
⇒ Exercise
⇒ Take a power nap OR take a break
⇒ Find “praises” each day
⇒ Put on some uplifting music
⇒ Ask for help from a local homeschool group or friend
⇒ Do something fun in school or on your own
⇒ Make time for a personal project or hobby
⇒ Avoid comparing your child’s progress with another child
⇒ Avoid comparing your teaching style against another teacher
⇒ Ask family for some “alone” time
⇒ Choose different teaching options and reduce activities: Transition all or some of work to online Limit extra-curricular choices Use a different format (e.g., audiobooks or DVDs)
⇒ Take a day off to refresh and focus, then pick back up with a new perspective and positive outlook

“I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.”
—Mark Twain
Learning Styles

Discover your child's learning style, sometimes referred to as multiple intelligences. Below is a link to a test online to help evaluate. [http://www.whatismylearningstyle.com](http://www.whatismylearningstyle.com)

This sample pie chart is from the study below and supports the concept that a student benefits from an education based on learning modalities.

Evaluating the Impact of Technology Education on Military Maintenance Students — Journal of STEM Teacher Education
[http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/JSTE/v47n2/jordan.html](http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/JSTE/v47n2/jordan.html)

VARK Learning Styles

♦ Visual Learners
- need to see photos, graphs, charts, pictures

♦ Auditory or Aural Learners
- need to hear and repeat aloud information

♦ Read/Write Learners
- need to read books, write flash cards, etc.

♦ Kinesthetic Learners
- need to DO something active, discuss, walk, create, move while learning

All-in-One

A Beka
Alpha Omega
Book Shark
Calvert
*Five in a Row
KONOS
Memoria Press
My Father's World
Pearson Homeschool
Rainbow Resource
Sonlight Curriculum
Tapestry of Grace
Veritas Press

Popular Curricula

Online Options

[https://www.allinonehomeschool.com](https://www.allinonehomeschool.com)
[http://www.homeschoolshare.com](http://www.homeschoolshare.com)
[http://www.themeasuredmom.com](http://www.themeasuredmom.com)
[http://www.amblesideonline.org](http://www.amblesideonline.org)
[http://www.thisreadingmama.com](http://www.thisreadingmama.com)
[http://www.mamashappyhive.com](http://www.mamashappyhive.com)

More links available online at [WPL Homeschool page](http://oyc.yale.edu)
Curricula By Subject

*Indicates some items available at WPL or through PCLA

**READING**
- *A Beka Readers*
- *Alpha-Phonics*
- Foundations (Logic of English)
- Primary Phonics
- *Painless Reading Comprehension*
- *Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons*

**SPELLING & VOCABULARY**
- All About Spelling
- Spelling You See
- Spelling Power
- Vocabulary from Classical Roots
- *Word Smart CDs*
- *Michael Dahl word use books*

**TEACHING TIPS**
- Refrain from teaching curriculum *verbatim*. Instead, use it as a guide and choose activities that are the most appropriate for each child's educational goals.
- Skip repetitious exercises, use what works, and add in elements of interest and fun for each child when possible.
- Look for unique learning opportunities in your daily routine and provide electives at the high school level that creatively support future aspirations.
- Gradually guide children to some form of independence in their work, boosting confidence and promoting responsibility.
- Avoid getting bogged down in planning. The focus should be on the child's success, not completion of a schedule.
- Have a “done” moment for the day, but take advantage of natural learning outside of school hours.
- Praise is motivating to any student. Celebrate in a way that is complementary to your student’s personality.
- Set reasonable expectations for each student based on their strengths.
- Encourage towards improvement through correction.
- Focus on understanding and mastery rather than errors.
- Change up your routine to reduce monotony.
- Focus on language development and hands-on activities for preschoolers and special needs students.

- Reading aloud to child
- Fine motor skills
- Gross motor skills
- Counting
- Environmental print
- Practical life skills
- Tactile awareness
- Phonemic awareness
- Pretend play
- Following directions
- Imaginative play
- Conversational speech
- Listening
- Articulation
FINE ARTS AND ELECTIVES

LOGIC
The Art of Argument
Fallacy Detective
Thinking Toolbox

ART
Artistic Pursuits
Atelier Art Curriculum
See the Light DVDs

MUSIC
Alfred's Guitar
Color the Classics
Piano Adventures
*The Story of the Orchestra (book & CD)

COMPUTERS
Kid Coder
SOS Computer Applications series
*Coding from Scratch

CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW
Deeper Roots Bible Study
Explorer's Bible Study
*What We Believe series
*I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist

FOREIGN LANGUAGE
BJU Press
La Clase Divertida
Rosetta Stone
Excelerate Spanish
*Living Language
http://www.8notes.com/piano
https://www.ultimate-guitar.com
http://mmusssbaum.com/
https://www.rocketlanguages.com/
https://biblebasedhomeschooling.com/
http://factorytoursusa.com
http://compuscholar.com/homeschool

WRITING
Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW)
Classical Composition (Memoria)
Handwriting Without Tears
Italic Handwriting
Wordsmith series
Write with the Best
*Writing with Ease
*The Elements of Style
*The Art of Cursive Handwriting
http://www.handwritingworksheets.com
https://owl.english.purdue.edu
https://sense-lang.org/typing/
https://www.time4writing.com/

ENGLISH AND GRAMMAR
A Beka Language
Easy Grammar
*First Language Lessons
Hake (Saxon) Grammar & Writing
Rod and Staff English
Life of Fred Language Arts
*Grammar Girl series
*Word Smart—Grammar Smart CDs
Holt Elements of Language (Warriner's updated)
Language Lessons for Today (Emma Serl updated)
LLATL (Learning Language Arts Through Literature)
http://www.englishmaven.org/
http://www.gardenofpraise.com/mugram.htm
http://www.dailygrammar.com/archive.html
https://www.mhschool.com/reading/treasure_workbooks/national.html
http://www.kissgrammar.org/
**MATHEMATICS**
Horizons Math  
*Life of Fred  
Math Mammoth  
Miquon Math  
*Singapore Math  
Jacobs Math  
*Interactive Notebooks for Math  
Mathematical Reasoning  
Math-U-See  
*Saxon Math  
Teaching Textbooks  
Developmental Math  
*Algebra Survival Guide

http://www.tlsbooks.com/mathworksheets.htm  
https://www.purplemath.com  
http://www.homeschoolmath.net  
http://www.donnayoung.org/math/index.htm  
http://www.mathsisfun.com  
http://themathworksheetsite.com

**SCIENCE**
*Apologetics Science  
*Christian Kids Explore Chemistry  
*Eyewitness Science  
*100 Backyard Activities  
*VanCleave For Every Kid series  
*The Story of Science (Hakim OR Bauer)
Berean Builders  
Elemental Science  
Holt-McDougal  
Supercharged Science  
Thames-Kosmos kits  
*Basher science books

https://www.brainpop.com  
https://answeringgenesis.org/kids  
http://www.sciencekids.co.nz  
http://www.howstuffworks.com  
http://www.sciencebuddies.org  
http://www.exploratorium.edu/  
https://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/index.html  
https://www.science4us.com/

**HISTORY**
Beautiful Feet guides  
*Draw & Write Through History  
*Eyewitness History  
Geography Songs kit  
*History Pockets  
Jim Weiss CDs (Greathall)  
Map Trek  
Notgrass History  
*Sterling Biographies  
*Story of the World, also guides  
*Trail Guide to U.S. Geography  
Veritas Press Omnibus  
History Through the Ages Timelines

http://www.christiananswers.net  
https://online.hillsdale.edu/  
http://www.50states.com  
https://www.icivics.org/games  
http://www.projectexplorer.org/kids-home  
http://www.wiseoldsayings.com/history-guide/  
http://www.eyewitnessstohistory.com

**LITERATURE**
A Beka Literature  
IEW Literature guides  
Progeny Press Guides  
Stobaugh Literary Analysis guides  
Teaching the Classics  
Total Language Plus

http://manybooks.net/  
http://www.litcharts.com/  
http://www.arbookfind.com/  
https://archive.org/details/gutenberg  
http://www.pinkmonkey.com/index2.asp  
http://www.classical-homeschooling.org/celoop/1000.html  
http://a2zhomeschooling.com/main_articles/reading_lists_p1/  
https://classicalhouseoflearning.wordpress.com/  
https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-lists