

# Homeschool 101



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- ❖ Introduction (WHO)
- ❖ Module 1: WHAT is Homeschooling/WHEN did it start?
  - “Education of children at home by their parents”
- ❖ Module 2: Texas Homeschool Laws (WHERE)
  - Texas: THSC.org/All states: HSLDA.org
  - 1994: TEA v. Leeper: Homeschools=Private Schools
  - No compulsory attendance laws- your child is not truant
  - The instruction must be bona fide (i.e., not a sham).
  - The curriculum must be in visual form (e.g., books, workbooks, video monitor).
  - The curriculum must include the five basic subjects of reading, spelling, grammar, mathematics, and good citizenship: for ages 6+ only
  - Not Required: Testing, Grading, Number of Days/Hours, Accreditation, Record Keeping (?)
  - There is no need to register or in any way contact the local school or the state government prior to homeschooling, **unless your student is currently in public school**
  - High School
  - Withdraw from public/private school with a certified letter/email
- ❖ Module 3: WHY Homeschool? And HOW?
  - Bullying, special needs, giftedness, private school expenses, travel, flexibility, etc.
  - Socialization: The biggest concern that is no concern at all.
  - YOU are the most qualified person to DIRECT the education of YOUR child!
  - Methods/Buzzwords (next page)
  - Approaches (next page)
  - Do your homework
  - Research/purchase curriculum: [homeschoolspecialist.com](http://homeschoolspecialist.com); [rainbowresource.com](http://rainbowresource.com)
  - Join a support group: [myhcch.com](http://myhcch.com) or others
  - Withdraw from public/private school or just start!



## ❖ Methods:

<b>Classical</b>	<b>Charlotte Mason</b>	<b>Unschooling</b>
Ancient practices	Christian	John Holt
Great books	Short time blocks	Free-form
Trivium	Nature walks	Student centered
Latin/Greek	Journaling	Unconventional
Biblical	Hands-on	Interest driven
Chronological	Child-directed	Activity based
Rigorous	Flexible	No testing
Socratic Dialog	Observational	*Caution
Veritas Press	Simply CM	Lack of structure
Memoria Press	Master Books	Re-invent the wheel
Claritas Press	CM homeschooling	Gaps

## ❖ Approaches:

	<b>Pros</b>	<b>Cons</b>	<b>Good For?</b>
<b>Traditional Textbooks</b>	Scripted, parent can open and go	Heavy in multiple ways, can be boring	Math, LA, History, Science
<b>Consumable Workbooks</b>	Economical, easy on parent	Boring, busy work, No hands-on	Handwriting, Math, Grammar
<b>Online-Self Paced</b>	Easy on parent, travels with you	Less relational, more screens	High School, Dual Credit, History
<b>Online- Live</b>	Easy on parent, interactive	Time zones, expensive, technology	Science, Foreign Language
<b>Co-ops/ Tutors</b>	Easy on parent, social for kids	Driving, expensive, set schedule	HS Science, Art, Foreign Language

Other buzzwords: K12, Unit Studies, De-schooling, University Model



## Parent Homework

1. Write down your “why statement”:

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2. What method most appeals to you?

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3. Pick an approach for each subject:

Math	
Language Arts	
History	
Science	
Electives	

4. Make a list of keywords you would like to describe your homeschool:

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5. Email me if you want more help putting together a personalized plan for your students:

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6. Read Teaching from Rest by Sarah Mackenzie (podcasts too), Brave Learner by Julie Bogart (podcasts too), and/or Rethinking School by Susan Wise Bauer.

