

HOMESCHOOL: GETTING STARTED IN 4 STEPS

Step #1: Know why you are homeschooling

Why do I believe homeschool is a better option?

My children will benefit
because:

Our family will benefit
because:

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Step #2: Know your rights

1. Review the Homeschool Legal Defense Association website:
<https://hslida.org/legal>
2. Engage with local homeschool groups on Facebook or through your church.

Take note of all relevant homeschooling laws and requirements in your state and write them here:

Keep in mind:

1. Do you have to log a certain amount of hours or days?
2. Do you report to an advisor or umbrella school? How do you contact them?
3. Do you have to be licensed or have a degree?
4. Are you required to participate in state testing?
5. Are you required to notify your local school district?

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Step #3: Are you prepared to do nothing for a while?

Remember, doing nothing doesn't actually mean nothing! The idea when we de-school is to structure our time to help create normalcy at home without duplicating the redundancy and rigidity at school. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

List 5 activities to do at home that require no screens and no school.

List 5 books to read. Better, list 5 books to read together. If you have younger children, read-alouds are a great way to get started.

Make a list of museums, zoos, historical sites, parks, and anything else you can do as a family during this time.

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Step #4: What does homeschool look like to you?

In this exercise, take a few days and keep notes with details about what your homeschool will look like? Is your day scheduled? Or is it relaxed? Do you utilize online platforms or do you help instruct courses? Is your child an active participant or is he more of a student. There is no right or wrong answer ... this is your vision!

