

How to Start Homeschooling

7 simple steps for beginners · check each box as you go

1 Check your state's homeschool law

- ☐ Find my state on HSLDA's map or my state education website
- ☐ Do I need to file a notice? Deadline: _____
- ☐ Note required subjects, days, or hours
- ☐ Note any testing or evaluation rules
- ☐ Save a copy in my homeschool folder

2 Withdraw from school (if enrolled)

- ☐ Write a withdrawal letter to the principal
- ☐ Send it in a way I can prove (certified mail, return receipt)
- ☐ Keep copies of every letter and receipt
- ☐ Return school devices and books

3 Know our "why" and set goals

- ☐ Our main reason for homeschooling: _____
- ☐ 2-3 goals for this year: _____

4 Choose an approach to try first

- ☐ Read about the main homeschool approaches
- ☐ Circle one to start with:

Traditional

Classical

Charlotte Mason

Montessori

Unit studies

Unschooling

Eclectic

5 Pick curriculum for the core subjects

- ☐ Reading & writing: _____
- ☐ Math: _____
- ☐ Check my child's level (placement test or samples)
- ☐ Look for library books, samples, and used copies
- ☐ My budget for this year: \$_____

6 Plan a simple weekly routine

- ☐ Our school days: M T W Th F
- ☐ Start time: _____ Rough end time: _____
- ☐ Set up a learning spot and a supply bin
- ☐ Plan one library, outing, or catch-up day

7 Set up records and find your community

- ☐ Start a binder: attendance, subjects, work samples
- ☐ Keep test results or evaluations if my state requires them
- ☐ Find a local co-op or homeschool support group
- ☐ Look up library programs, classes, sports, and clubs

Our first homeschool day: _____

Notice or letter sent on: _____

Go easy on the first weeks. Start with reading and math, watch how your child learns best, and adjust. You can always add subjects later.

My First Homeschool Week

Keep it light: short lessons, one new habit at a time

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reading					
Writing					
Math					
Science / History					
Outing / Library / Art					
What went well					

Notes for next week
