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ApricotPie.com

An online community for homeschool writers. Gives home schoolers a chance to meet each other, and let themselves be seen through their writing and thoughts.

<http://www.apricotpie.com/>

Format Writing Wordsmiths

1355 Ferry Road

Grants Pass, OR 97526

Fax: (541) 474-9756

<http://www.jsgrammar.com/>

Carries Format Writing, Jensen's Grammar, Major Punctuation and other books.

Homeschool ConneXion

"Interested in writing? Want to participate in a learning venture unlike any other? Apply to be on the HC Team where you will sharpen your writing skills while at the same time learning about the ins and outs of working on a publication." This is an online magazine for and by teens.

<http://www.hsconnexion.com/>

National Writing Institute

624 W. University #248

Denton, TX 76201

(888) 688-5375 orders and customer service

<http://www.writingstrands.com/>

This writing program was developed for use in a homeschool setting. It teaches students creative and expository writing plus research and report techniques.

No Girls Allowed

Healing Curriculum Publishing

4116 19th Avenue SW

Calgary, Alberta T3E 0G6

(403) 242-1138

Email: nogirlz@aol.com

A writing program for boys emphasizing male-specific learning styles, teaching tips for parent-educators, writing projects boys love all within a cross-curricular structure.

Princeton Review Writing Smart, Junior by C.L. Brantley and
Writing Smart by Marcia Lerner

<http://www.princetonreview.com/college/bookstore.asp>

The Junior book is designed to stimulate your child's interest in writing with creative exercises. *Writing Smart*, for the older set, is full of helpful tips and useful drills to improve both business and academic writing.

Wordsmith Series

Common Sense Press

PO Box 1365

Melrose, FL 32666

(352) 475-5757

<http://www.cspress.com/>

Wordsmith is a creative writing course for grades 4 through high school that encourages students to develop their writing skills as they participate in every role on a newspaper staff: editor, reporter, writer, etc.

WriteAtHome

<http://www.writeathome.net>

Composition classes for students in grades 9-12. Weekly feedback by personal, professional Writing Coaches, weekly lessons, challenging and creative writing assignments. Their Writing Coaches all have experience in English education or professional writing, in most cases both.

WriteGuide

835 Josh Drive

Palmer, AK 99645

Phone/Fax: (907) 746-7052

<http://www.writeguide.com/>

WriteGuide offers individualized writing programs for students in grades three through twelve. Computer and email required. The program can serve as a full-fledged writing curriculum, or to as a supplement to virtually any other course of study. You work with a personal writing consultant.



Grammar and Punctuation

Caught'Ya!: Grammar With a Giggle

by Jane Bell Kiester

ISBN: 0929895045

It only takes 10 minutes a day to build grammar competency. Students correct grammar, punctuation and usage in an ongoing story which you construct. There are lots of examples so that you can create a story of interest to your particular student. Other books in the series include: *Caught'Ya Again!: More Grammar With a Giggle*, *The Chortling Bard: Caught'ya Grammar with a Giggle* for High Schools, Elementary, *My Dear! : Caught 'Ya!, Grammar With a Giggle for Grades One, Two, and Three*

Daily Grams: Guided Review Aiding Mastery Skills

by Wanda C. Phillips

This is a series of books from second grade to 6th and above. Each non-threatening page is a short review lesson which takes no preparation time and just a few minutes to complete and includes capitalization, punctuation, sentence combining and grammar. New information is introduced slowly to promote independent learning without being overwhelmed, and review is continuous. It may be used alone or combined with another grammar text. The author has written a companion text, *Easy Grammar*, for the elementary grades.

Great Adventures in Editing

Common Sense Press

PO Box 1365

Melrose, FL 32666

(352) 475-5757

<http://www.cspress.com/>

Teaches and reviews grammar, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary.

Jensen's Grammar, Major Punctuation and other books

Wordsmiths

1355 Ferry Road

Grants Pass, OR 97526

Fax: (541) 474-9756

<http://www.jsgrammar.com/>

Princeton Review Series

Grammar Smart Junior : Good Grammar Made Easy/Grades 6-8 by Liz Buffa and
Grammar Smart : A Guide to Perfect Usage by Nell Goddin, Erik Palma (Editor)

<http://www.princetonreview.com/college/bookstore.asp>

The Princeton Review Series is well known for its irreverent humor which is guaranteed to capture the imagination of secondary-grade students. These are great books for grammar usage remediation.



Literature

Chinaberry

2780 Via Orange Way, Suite B
Spring Valley, CA 91978
(800) 776-2242

<http://www.chinaberry.com/>

Once upon a time there was a mom researching uplifting and positive books for her own child. She decided to share her finds and reviews with others and Chinaberry was born. This is a great guide while searching for good literature for your children.

E-Books

There are free books available for download or online reading from several sites:

American Literary Classics

<http://www.americanliterature.com/MAIN.HTML>

ByGosh.com Children's Classics

<http://www.bygosh.com/childrensclassics.htm>

Children's Literature Online Books

http://www.ability.org.uk/childrens_literature_online_book.html

Classics for Young People

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/storclas.html>

Fairrosa Cyper Library of Children's Literature

<http://www.fairrosa.info>

The Online Books Page

<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/>

Page by Page Books

<http://www.pagebypagebooks.com/title.html>

WebBooks.com

<http://www.web-books.com/cool/ebooks/Library.htm>

Growler Tapes

110 West 86th St.
NYC 10024
(800) GROWLER

<http://www.growler.com/>

The Growler tapes are audio adventures, mysteries without a narrator, using unusual voices and sounds.

Jim Weiss Storytelling Tapes

Greathall Productions

PO Box 5061

Charlottesville, VA 22905

(800) 477-6234

<http://www.greathall.com/>

Storytelling is a great introduction to good literature; Jim Weiss is a great storyteller. After listening to Weiss, your young children will want to learn how to read and your older children will want to read the classics: The Jungle Book, Three Musketeers, Robin Hood, and Shakespeare. Sound clips of his tapes are available on the website.

Library

Your librarian can suggest books based on your child's interests, age and abilities. Some libraries offer story time to delight the pre and new reader.

Mecho Classics

Provides audio recordings of the classics in MP3 format. Use while commuting or to introduce the classics to children not developmentally ready to read them.

<http://www.majormath.com/mechoclassics/>

Newbery Medal Award Winning Books

The award is named after John Newbery, a famous 18th century British publisher and bookseller. The annual award, presented by the Association of Library Service to Children, recognizes authors who contribute to American literature for children. This CD has a complete list of the winners in the Reading Lists folder.

Odds Bodkin Rivertree Productions, Inc.

P.O. Box 410

Bradford, NH 03221

(800) 554-1333

<http://oddsbodkin.com/>

Storytelling put to music.

Reading Lists for College Bound Students

by Estell, Satchwell, Wright, and Padgett

ISBN: 0764561014

Contains reading lists from 100+ colleges and universities and an annotated list of the 100 books most often recommended by leading schools. It provides guidance for setting up your reading program.



Penmanship

SmithHand

N11492 Oakwood Rd.

Daggett, MI 49821

(906) 639-2299

<http://www.dreamscp.com/smithhand>

Both manuscript and cursive writing using "natural motion."

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Start Write

Idea Maker Inc.

80 S. Redwood Rd., Suite 212

N. Salt Lake, UT 84054

(888) 974-8322

<http://www.startwrite.com/>

Software that lets you print custom handwriting worksheets quickly on your own computer.

Workbooks from Teacher Supply Stores

Teacher supply stores carry handwriting workbooks that are inexpensive and useful.

See your local Yellow Pages for teacher supply stores near you.



Reading

Reading Assessment Guides

The following link will allow you to download the Zork and Norkley Reading Assessment Tool. The developer says, "This tool can be used by parents and educators to assess children's phonetic and sight reading skills. It is especially suited for home school use. The Demo has one level of assessment whereas the registered version has three." <http://yippee.i4free.co.nz/html/win/education/title7000.htm>

Other reading assessment tools are listed on A to Z's home's Cool site at <http://www.gomilpitas.com/homeschooling/articles/060899.htm>

Alpha-Phonics

<http://www.alphaphonics.com/>

An intensive phonics program. Reading assessment tests also available.

At Last: A Reading Method for Every Child

by Mary Pecci

ISBN: 0943220076

A simplified step-by-step guide for teachers and parents/ Grade K- Adult. Comes highly recommended for all children and especially useful for children with learning disabilities.

Book Crossing

<http://www.bookcrossing.com/home>

This website encourages people to Read, Register, and then Release their books "into the wild" and track where they go and the lives they touch. Best of all, it's FREE. This is a great way to discover new books, encourage journaling, and learn some geography.

Flyleaf Publishing

P.O. Box 185

Lyme, NH 03768-0185

(800) 449-7006

<http://www.flyleafpublishing.com/>

An independent press that develops and publishes engaging, quality books specifically designed for beginning readers. The Books to Remember series - phonetic stories.

Letter Lane

Developed by homeschooling parents. Links from A to Z that have been carefully selected to cover a wide range of subjects.

<http://www.letterlane.com>

Mary Sturgeon Educational Games

6525 Gunpark Dr., suite 150-194

Boulder, CO 80301

(888) 578-4180

<http://www.licketysplit.nisa.com/>

Lickety Split - Monopoly-like board games that teach phonics, common words, blends, word families.

Phonics Pathways

<http://www.dorbooks.com/>

Recommended by Jessie Wise & Susan Wise Bauer, authors of *The Well-Trained Mind: A Guide to Classical Education at Home*, to teach reading at home.

RFB&D Learning Through Listening

Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic National Headquarters

20 Roszel Road, Princeton, NJ 08540

(866) RFBD-585

<http://www.rfbd.org/>

A non-profit organization that provides recorded academic textbooks for students from elementary through college. Students who use these recorded texts are in some way visually handicapped, including the blind and dyslexic, so are unable to read printed matter.

Sing, Spell, Read and Write

(800) 526-9907 for referral to local sales rep

<http://www.singspell.com/>

This phonic-based program utilizes songs, games, storybook readers, and consumable texts. Assessments are built into the program. Spelling and writing are also taught.



Spelling and Vocabulary

Common Sense Spelling Book

by Teresa Walker and T. W. Butcher

ISBN 0965429628

Exercises using poetry, phonics, Latin and Greek roots, spelling rules; grades 1-12

English from the Roots Up:

Help for Reading, Writing, Spelling, and S.A.T. Scores: Greek Latin

by Joegil Lundquist

ISBN: 0964321033

Start as soon as second grade to increase an understanding of the roots of words. Vocabulary can be taught even if you have never studied Latin or Greek. 100 Greek and Latin root words are given along with meanings and examples. Instructions are provided for making word cards, or the cards may be purchased (well worth it).

Mikie Metric Productions,

P.O. Box 3216,

Williamsport, PA 17701

<http://www.say-it-in-english.com/>

Learn to Write Better English at Home. This program is designed to provide a foundation in reading and spelling skills.

Making Words: Multilevel, Hands-On Developmentally Appropriate Spelling and Phonics Activities

by Patricia M. Cunningham, Dorothy P. Hall

ISBN: 0866538062

This is a how-to book based on phonics. It really does have a hands-on approach with hundreds of lessons which you can adapt to your student's particular need. Cunningham has other books including *Making More Words* and *Making Big Words* which (for 3rd through 5th graders).

Vocabulary from Classical Roots

Fifer and Flowers

Book A - ISBN: 0838822525

This series of books teaches a root and then the words derived from it are studied. Guaranteed to raise SAT scores.



Fine Arts

Art

Art Gordon School of Art

P.O. Box 28208

Green Bay, WI 54324

<http://www.newmasters.com/>

The home study course includes an instruction manual, a student art book, video-taped demonstrations of all worksheet exercises and projects, and the personal monitoring of student work by trained teachers.

Art-Works

10351 W. Washington Blvd.

Culver City, CA 90232

310-202-1894

<http://www.artworksstudio.org>

Professional artist who specializes in working with children. They offer classes, but they don't consider themselves a "formal" art school. The children will learning painting, drawing and collage techniques in order to explore line, shape, color, texture and more. Children will also be exposed to works of art from past masters. He provides a non-competitive environment.

The Homeschool ArtGuy

810-678-3101

Email: Artistnewton@aol.com

<http://www.homeschoolartguy.com>

A videotape series on classical art training. The first 3 tapes are on the basics, for instance, Tape 1 covers Shapes and Line. The producer of the tapes is a Disney feature animation artist and illustrator.

NanaBanana

<http://www.nanabanana.com/default.htm>

Publishes large, high quality coloring books based on classic tales. The books are printed on art-quality vellum so that young artists can experiment with a variety of coloring materials. Every book tells the whole story with detailed illustrations and a line of text. They have recently added a "learning page," which tests the reader's comprehension of the story.

Scribble Kids Art Site

For children of all ages. Learn about artists. Enter art contests. A free newsletters is available

<http://www.scribbleskidsart.com/>



Crafts

Crafts for Kids

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/>

Preschool and kindergarten crafts using materials found around the house, like egg cartons, cardboard, paper, boxes, string, crayons, paint, glue, etc.

DLTK's Printable Crafts for Kids

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/>

Features a variety of fun, printable children's crafts, coloring pages and more including projects for holidays, educational themes and some of our children's favorite cartoon characters. They have their own discussion group that you can join.

Fiber Arts and Crafts Projects

http://www.suite101.com/welcome.cfm/fiber_arts

Skills for beginning and advanced weavers. Project instructions.

Hands-on Crafts for Kids

<http://www.crafts4kids.com/>

Fun and creative craft projects for kids 7-12.

Making Friends.com

<http://www.makingfriends.com/>

Creative activities for kids ages 2 through 15. Also markets craft supplies.



Drama

Drama Kids International

<http://www.dramakids.com/>

All children, from the shy to the outgoing can develop at their own pace, with plenty of positive encouragement. Check their web site for all California locations.

Pioneer Drama Service, Inc.

PO Box 4267

Englewood CO 80155-4267

800/333-7262

<http://www.pioneerdrama.com/>

Excellent catalog of plays and musicals and all theatrical resources.

Prodigy Playhouse

310-770-3421, Email: karen@proactiveconcepts.net

Acting fundamentals for kids and teens. Karen Stapleton, the artistic director, has appeared on premier stages up and down the West Coast, plus she has trained young actors for many notable institutions including South Coast Repertory's Youth Conservancy, the Northwest Children's Theatre in Portland and the Lee Stasberg Institute in Los Angeles. She will do long or short-term sessions. The sessions consist of theater games that develop self-esteem and teamwork, while building the foundations of the craft of the theater. Expect to see story-telling, improvisation, and general silliness.



Media Arts

First Light Video Publishing

2321 Abbot Kinney Blvd. Top Floor

Venice, CA 90291

1-800-262-8862

<http://www.firstlightvideo.com/>

This is the nation's largest producer, distributor and source of technical training videos, CD ROMs, and DVD's teaching students, educators and professionals in the Media Arts: acting, advertising, broadcast journalism, film and video production, radio production, scriptwriting and more.



Music

Classical Kid Series

The Children's Group
1400 Bayly Street, Suite 7
Pickering, Ontario L1W3R2
Canada
800-757-8372

<http://www.childrensgroup.com>

Eight cassettes or CDs in the series combine the music of a classical composer with a story. Very entertaining.

Concert Band for Homeschoolers

Keith Pennings's S'cool Spirit Homeschool Band is open to experienced and beginning musicians for children ages 9 and up. They perform a wide range including classical show, move, themes, pop, jazz and original arrangements.

408-356-2789

keithpennings@hotmail.com

Harmonic Vision

68 E. Wachter Place, 7th Floor
Chicago, IL 60601
800-474-0903

<http://www.harmonicvision.com/>

Software for learning music

Music Davidson's Music

6727 Metcalf
Shawnee Mission, KS 66204
913-262-4982

<http://www.davidsonsmusic.com/>

A piano course and other musical instruction from a Christian perspective.

Piano For Life

<http://pianoforlife.com>

"This innovative, enjoyable program of 10 easy-to-follow chapters is taught by Mark Almond, a self-described quitter and accomplished musician. Learn to play beautiful music easily, without the rigid teaching techniques so many of us remember."-

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Shar

PO Box 1411

Ann Arbor, MI 48106

800-248-7427

<http://www.sharmusic.com/>

Suzuki music materials and instruments.

Young Musicians

PO Box 48036

Fort Worth, TX 76148

800-826-8648

<http://www.ymonline.com/>

Music, instruments and games.



Foreign Language Arts

Artes Latinae

Bolchazy-Carducci

1000 Brown St., #101

Wauconda, IL 60084

(847) 526-4334

(800) 392-6453 to order demo

<http://www.bolchazy.com/>

A programmed, self-teaching Latin course which is popular with homeschoolers. They have a variety of books in Latin including some Dr. Seuss books.

Audio Forum - Language Course Catalog

96 Broad St.

Guilford, CT 06437

(800) 243-1234 or (203) 453-9794

<http://www.audioforum.com/>

280 courses in 101 languages

Bridge Books

<http://www.bridgebooks.net/index.html>

Predesigned review sheets and student progress forms. Flexible lesson plans and instructional aids for the teacher.

Cambridge Latin Course

Cambridge University Press

<http://uk.cambridge.org/>

This textbook/workbook approach includes a stimulating story line, grammatical development and cultural information.

Elementary Spanish at Home

Northern Arizona University

<http://star.ucc.nau.edu/ES/>

Videos and workbooks for DISH Network courses.

Esperanto League for North America (ELNA)

P.O. Box 1129

El Cerrito, CA 94530

(800) 828-5944

<http://www.esperanto-usa.org/>

Free 10-lesson postal course and info packet. Course is also online. Videos, tapes, textbooks, links to other Esperanto sites.

Fairfield Language Technologies

The Rosetta Stone Language Library

165 South Main St.

Harrisonburg, VA 22801

(800) 788-0822

<http://www.rosettastone.com/home>

Language learning software on CD-ROM and online.

Over two dozen complete foreign language courses on CD-ROM and Online. Selected by the Peace Corps, the U.S. State Department, and NASA.

Greek 'n' Stuff

P.O. Box 882

Moline, IL 61266-0882

(309) 796-2706

<http://www.greeknstuff.com/>

Greek and Latin workbooks

The Language Company

2022 Cliff Drive, #312

Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Phone/Fax (805) 892-5440

<http://www.languageclub.com/index.jsp>

Interactive, modular, self-paced courses including click-and-hear audio and automated self-testing, answer checking and scoring. All courses include online workbook and reference materials including verb forms, grammar, notes and additional vocabulary. Currently offer Spanish, Italian and Japanese. Other languages are under development. Recommended for middle school through AP high school.

The Learnables**International Linguistics Corporation**

3505 E. Red Bridge Road

Kansas City, MO 64137

(800) 237-1830

<http://www.learnables.com/>

Chinese, Czech, French, German, Hebrew, Japanese, Russian, Spanish

Students look at pictures and follow along while listening to a tape in order to begin thinking in the language. It has been described as a method similar to how babies learn to speak—first they listen, then they understand and finally they speak.

Penton Overseas, Inc.

2470 Impala Dr.

Carlsbad, CA 92008

(760) 431-8110

<http://www.pentonoverseas.com/>

Audio, video, and CD-ROM. Ask for Penton Kids Catalog and Foreign Language and Travel Catalog.

Power-Glide Foreign Language Courses

1682 W. 820 North

Provo, UT 84601

(800) 596-0910

<http://www.power-glide.com/>

Spanish, French, German, Latin, Japanese, Russian The series was developed for homeschoolers and is designed to move you beyond vocabulary memorization and verb conjugation to actual communication.

Teach Me Tapes, Inc.

9900 Bren Rd. East B1-100

Minnetonka, MN 55343-9664

(800) 456-4656

<http://www.teachmetapes.com/>

Musical cassettes and CDs language learning materials.



Math

Activities for Learning

320-587-9146

<http://www.alabacus.com/>

K-4 learn math with a hands-on approach using an abacus.

Activity Resources

20655 Hathaway Ave

Hayward, CA 94541

510-782-1300

<http://www.activityresources.com/>

Get great advice on choosing a math curriculum from this book publisher who is dedicated to a math manipulative approach.

Computer Science Lab

<http://www.computersciencelab.com/>

Beginners start on a programmable graphing calculator to expose the students to the concepts of program memory, data memory, variables, looping, conditional branches, debugging, tracing, etc. Next comes assembly language where a simulation of an Intel 8051 microprocessor allows the students to control a scrolling signboard, a robotic mouse in a maze, and an audio peak detector. After this the students are introduced to C++ and Windows programming.

Creative Publications

5623 W. 115th Street

Alsip, IL 60803

800-624-0822

<http://www.creativepublications.com/>

Real-world context and hands-on experiences to develop both computational and thinking skills.

Cuisenaire

PO Box 5040

White Plains, NY 10602-5040

800-237-3142

Great resource for math manipulatives.

ETA/Cuisenaire

500 Greenview Court
Vernon Hills, IL 60061
800-445-5985

<http://www.etaquisenaire.com/>

Manipulative-based educational materials.

E-Tap Inc.**Teaching Assistance Program**

1521 Caribbean Way
Laguna Beach, CA 92651
949-497-2200

Email: bsubbiondo@home.com

<http://www.eta.org>

A California non-profit benefit corporation offering tutorial style instruction for middle and high school mathematics (grades 6-10). They have included most learning styles. Each student can proceed at his own learning speed.

Hotmath.com

<http://hotmath.com/>

A tutorial site that provides teachers and students with complete solutions to the problems in their math textbooks. There are no ads on the site and it covers Algebra I to Calculus. Every problem is worked out in a step-by-step format. Graphs are included when needed and hints can be given before the next step is displayed if desired. This tutorial/homework site is unique in that it is book specific. Users click on their book title, the page number and the problem number and the first step of the solution is displayed. New books are added periodically.

Innovative Learning Concepts, Inc.

6760 Corporate Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80919-1999
800-888-9191

<http://www.touchmath.com/>

A multi-sensory math learning program for K-3 & special education students.

Institute for Math Mania

800-NUMERAL

<http://members.aol.com/rmathmania/CourseOfferings.htm>

Books and manipulatives to encourage learning and playing mathematics.

Key Curriculum Press

1150 65th Street
Emeryville, CA 94608
800-995-MATH

<http://www.keypress.com/>

Lower grades use hands-on Miquon Math materials. Upper grades have an inexpensive, well-developed workbook program. The program is incrementally designed and is not overwhelming for the math phobic.

Lock Block Logic

John Messerly B.S. Education, Ohio State University

<http://www.enc.org/resources/records/full/0,1240,000367,00.shtm>

Imagine teaching Math in a fun new way with LEGO Blocks. Fun ways to build addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, geometry problems and more.

Mathematics: A Human Endeavor : A Book for Those Who Think They Don't Like the Subject

by Harold R. Jacobs

ISBN: 071672426X

Though technically a textbook, this book is an excellent read. It is a confidence booster and interest grabber as the author uses a wide range of real-life examples and humor to introduce the reader to mathematical sciences, including geometry, probability, statistics, topology and more.

Math Concepts, Inc.

PMB 372, 445 State Route 13 N., Suite 26-372
Jacksonville, FL 32259
800-574-9936

<http://www.mathconcepts.com/>

For grades 1-5, a ten-minute math program (Mental Math) and Fraction Mania game.

Math Facts Now

<http://www.mathfactsnow.com/>

A program developed by a homeschooler to help her young brothers and sisters learn math facts.

Math League

<http://www.mathleague.com>

Each year The Math League sponsors math contests for grades 4-8, Algebra Course 1 and High School. These are open to homeschoolers and can be used in a non-competitive format if desired. The goal of the organization is to encourage interest and confidence in mathematics through solving of worthwhile problems. You can also use their free Internet Help Facility for fast math help for grades 4-8, which includes examples and explanations.

Math-U-See California

1542 Norstar Lane
Fallbrook, CA 92028
800-454-6284

<http://www.mathusee.com/>

This manipulative-based program includes video instruction. The program intends to teach not only the how-to but the why of math. Although initially expensive, the manipulatives with minor add-ons are used through high school math which makes the program cost effective in the long run.

Meridian Creative Group

5178 Station Road
Erie, PA 16510
800-695-9427

<http://home.meridiancg.com/>

Educational print and software programs that teach math concepts and illustrates them with real-life applications.

MyMathMan.com

Contains over 70 3-4 minute audio/video clips of algebra 1 and geometry instruction with interactive practice exercises. Has a homework help message board. Option for delivery of full-screen television classroom instruction.

<http://www.mymathman.com/>

Pattern Press

P.O. Box 2737
Fallbrook, CA 92088
760-728-3731

<http://members.aol.com/patternpr/>

Elementary level math games and activities with a multisensory approach and an inquiry style of teaching.

Saxon Publishing, Inc.

2450 John Saxon Blvd.

Norman, OK 73041

<http://www.saxonpub.com/>

These are the books used by teacher Jaime Escalante whose story was popularized in the movie Stand and Deliver. The publisher has a homeschool package. The lessons build incrementally and the instructions are easy to understand. The books use a lot of drill. Don't expect fun activities; this is a traditional approach to math. There is a Saxon Math Activities page where you will find online graded and printable worksheets. There is an advance math and problem section.

http://www2.saxonpublishers.com/tech/online_activities.html

Singapore Math

For effective, inexpensive math and science curriculum.

<http://www.singaporemath.com/>

Teaching Tape Technology

8648 Highway 11 Chelsea

Alabama 35043

205 678-9996

<http://www.teachingtape.com>

They have Saxon Math videotape classes for Algebra $\frac{1}{2}$, Algebra 1 & 2, and Advanced Math.

Times Table Toons

Learn multiplication facts through music.

<http://www.teachingtoons.com/>



Physical Education

California Athletics for Home Schools

760-727-3604

<http://www.californiaathletics.com>

California Athletics for Home Schools was started by Todd Nash to offer athletic classes to younger home schooled children, and to provide competitive athletic opportunities for older home schooled children. Todd Nash has an extensive athletic background competing in many sports throughout high school and college, winning a national championship in track, and coaching several teams.

California Healthy Kids

<http://www.californiahealthykids.org/>

Videos and curriculum materials are available on a variety of subjects including nutrition, substance abuse, etc.

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310-820-1127

<http://www.goodsportsplus.com>

Works with organizations, youth groups and families to offer quality sports programs for tots to teens in a safe and positive environment. Programs include basketball, soccer, swimming, softball, tumbling, tennis and more. For teens they offer adventure programs like hiking, camping, indoor rock climbing, kayaking and a challenge course.

KidPower

800-467-6997

<http://www.kidpower.org>

Positive, practical — safety, confidence, and self-protection skills for all ages and abilities. Helps kids learn “street smarts” without frightening them.



Science

Acorn Naturalists

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Tustin, CA, 92781-2423
(800) 422-8886

<http://www.acornnaturalists.com/>

Comprehensive selection of science supplies, activity books, curricula, field equipment and related resources for grades K-12.

Astronomical Society of the Pacific

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San Francisco, CA 94112
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<http://www.astrosociety.org/>

Retail catalog and online store filled with over 300 educational products for the understanding and appreciation of astronomy. Grades K-College. Visit our website to shop online or request a catalog. Be sure to visit our Education section and sign up for our free online Teacher's Newsletter and to learn more about our national programs.

Backyard Scientist

P.O. Box 16966
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(714) 551-2892

<http://www.backyardscientist.com/>

Jane Hoffman's books come recommended by the National Science Foundation. All the experiments are easy to perform and use fairly common household items. She also sells kits which relieve you of the hassle of collecting materials.

Best of Wonderscience: Elementary Science Activities

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Educational Innovations, Inc.

362 Main Ave.

Norwalk, CT 06851

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Science workshop supplies. This is an interesting catalog.

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101 East Gloucester Pike

Barrington, NJ 08007

(800) 728-6999

<http://www.scientificsonline.com>

This catalog is where the scientists get their supplies; it has everything.

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<http://www.EdVentures.com>

PCS Edventures! is a single-source provider of engineering and science-based enrichment curriculum for children in the K-12 market.

Janice Vancleave's 202 Oozing, Bubbling, Dripping and Bouncing Experiments

ISBN: 0471140252

This former science teacher has written more than 26 educational activity books. The books give step-by-step instructions for experiments with easy-to-find materials. If you want your children oozing, bubbling, dripping and bouncing with excitement, try any of Vancleave's books.

JASON Foundation for Education

395 Totten Pond Road

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(888) 527-6600

<http://www.jasonproject.org/>

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Tucket, GA 30084

(800) 726-7345

<http://www.lwscientific.com/>

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Math-Science Nucleus

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(510) 790-6284

<http://www.ms-nucleus.org/>

A great science store. They also have K-12 math, science and technology curriculum that is free.

Sequoia Ministry

Nature and Science Programs with a Christian Emphasis

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<http://www.sequoiaministry.com>

Bruce Larson, ex-Park Ranger Naturalist, teaches nature from a Christian perspective. Cost is \$10 per student. Study guides are available for most classes.

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RealScience

<http://www.realscience-4-kids.org>

RealScience-4-Kids is a comprehensive science curriculum geared towards the elementary grade levels. It takes scientific concepts traditionally taught at the high school/college level and puts them in a form accessible to elementary students. Gives children the building blocks to study science. Lots of colorful graphics. Dr. Keller, a homeschool mom and active research scientist, originally developed this curriculum for her own children.

The Young Scientists Club

P.O. Box 634

Jamestown, RI 02835

(800) 964-1320

E-mail: instructor@theyoungscientistsclub.com

<http://theyoungscientistclub.com/>

Similar to a magazine subscription in that your child will be sent a complete science kit on a regular basis. For children ages 4-12.

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(science magazine) and <http://www.digonsite.com/> (archaeology magazine).

Websites include links and lots of info

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Greenleaf Press

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Lebanon TN 37087

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Clifton, NJ 07015-5208

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<http://www.highlights.com/>

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Living History Resources

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Riley's Farm offers Civil War, Revolutionary War, 19th century farm life and California History reenactments.

<http://historymedren.about.com/cs/reenactmentorgs/>

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Living History Resources

<http://www.militarymuseum.org/events.html>

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800-NGS-LINE

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ABC NEWS correspondent John Stossell's television specials present historical and present-day "real-life" examples and interviews.

Young Heroes of History

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Timeline Resources

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This world history timeline is partnered with an extensive online history website at the same URL. Not laminated. Secular perspective.

<http://chaos1.hypermart.net/>

Parthenon Graphics - Laminated. Secular perspective, but many timelines deal with religious topics.

<http://www.greenleafpress.com>

They have several timelines covering many different stages of history. Excellent quality. Christian/creation perspective.



Catalogs and Stores

American Resource Center for Homeschools

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Math, reading and science resources. They have an entire section dedicated to homeschoolers.

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Monrovia, CA 91016

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Owen Hall 001

790 E. Kirkwood Avenue

Bloomington, IN 47405-7101

800-334-1011

<http://scs.indiana.edu/>

9-12 curriculum: textbooks, online, dual-credit; diploma, transcript

Laurel Springs School

PO Box 1440

Ojai, CA 93024

800-377-5890

<http://www.laurelsprings.com/>

K-12 online curriculum, textbooks, customized curriculum, transcript, diploma

MyLearningPartners

<http://www.mylearningpartners.net>

Help home educators individualize and self-pace their children's learning in reading, math and spelling. Via email, parents send the results of daily one-minute samples of their children's learning. They use the data to match the curriculum to the child's learning.

North Dakota Division of Independent Study

701-231-6006

<http://www.dis.dpi.state.nd.us/>

Accommodates grades 5-12, open enrollment, delivery by fax or email, 65 years of experience.

University of Missouri Center for Distance and Independent Study

136 Clark Hall

Columbia, MO 65211

800-609-3727

<http://cdis.missouri.edu/>

The University of Missouri offers an amazing selection of elementary-level through university-level courses. Mail-in, e-mail and online courses offered. Open enrollment with 12 months to complete each course.



Family Friendly Sites

American Library Association's Resources for Parents, Teens and Kids

http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our_Association/Offices/Public_Information/Press_Kits2/Library_Card_Sign_Up_Month_Press_Kit/ALA_Resources_for_Parents,_Teens_and_Kids_.htm

A listing of sites recommended by the ALA.

Child Safety on the Information Superhighway

<http://www.4j.lane.edu/safety/childtoc.html>

An explanation of the risks and benefits of the information highway. Published by School District 4J, Eugene, Oregon.

Cyberhaunts for Kids

<http://www.freenet.hamilton.on.ca/%7Eaa937/Profile.html>

Includes a listing of game, graphics and general sites that are kid friendly. Even has a segment on how to build your own web page.

Family Friendly Sites

<http://www.familyfriendlysites.com/FamilyFriendly/default.asp>

An extensive directory of family friendly sites, which includes a listing of educational sites by subject.

Funology

<http://www.funology.com/>

"Funology.com is the best place on the Web to find things to do. Not just while you're sitting at the computer, but anywhere. Things to do by yourself or with your friends, your parents, your pets, anyone. We'll teach you a million and one ways to make things, explore the world, and discover skills you never knew you had. It's one place where you'll never be bored!"

Kids.Net.au

<http://www.kids.net.au/>

A search engine just for kids!

Kids Space

<http://www.kids-space.org/>

An international online community to foster literacy, artistic expression, and cross-cultural understanding among children.

Peek-a-Boo.net

<http://www.peakaboo.net/>

Search engines whose listings are closely monitored and “cleaned” in the effort to produce results that are family friendly.

SafetySurf.com

Filtering software for parents who wish to protect their children.

<http://www.safetysurf.com/>



Games

Aristoplay, Ltd.

8122 Main St.

Dexter, MI 48130

800-634-7738 to order 734-424-0123

<http://www.aristoplay.com/>

Educational games.

Educational Materials Associates

P.O Box 7385, Dept. L

Charlottesville, VA 22906

804-293-4263

<http://www.emagame.com/>

Games to teach history, geography, and science

Fun-Ed, a division of Excellence in Education

2640 South Myrtle Ave. Unit A-7

Monrovia, CA 91016

626-821-0025

<http://www.excellenceineducation.com/funedcatalog.php>

EIE offers catalog shopping online or a full-service bookstore. Curriculum advice is available. They offer a host of educational games to enhance any curriculum.

Games 2 Learn

150 Paularino Ave., Suite 120

Costa Mesa, CA 92626

888-815-4263

<http://www.games2learn.com/>

The creator of The Phonics Game also offers games to teach math, science, etc.

KinderStart

Thousands of free online and learning games for Kids all organized by topic. Hours of free learning fun for Kids at KinderStart new online learning center

<http://www.kinderstart.com/artsandentertainment/onlinegames/index.html>

LEGO Shop-at-Home

PO Box 1310

555 Taylor Road

Enfield, CT 06083

800-453-4652

<http://www.lego.com>

Locate small parts, plus sets not easily available in stores.

Lewis Educational Games

Box 727

Goddard, KS 67052

800-557-8777

<http://members.aol.com/dickwlewis/>

Currently offers two games: ElementO which teaches about the Periodic Table of Elements and Trigo, a game that introduces rudimentary concepts of trigonometry.

MindWare

121 Fifth Ave. NW

New Brighton, MN 55112

800-999-0398

<http://www.MindWareonline.com>

A Parent's Choice approved catalog with "brainy toys for kids of all ages."

Talicor, Inc.

14175 Telephone Ave., Suite A

Chino, CA 91710

Ph. 909-517-0076 ext. 101

lewh@talicor.com

<http://www.talicor.com/>

A 30-year old "manufacturer of board games, card games and puzzles.

Entertainment is not the only value provided by our games. Many of Talicor's games are educational, while others exercise communication skills."

Turn off the TV

PO Box 4162

Bellevue, WA 98009

800-949-8688

<http://www.turnoffthetv.com>

Family games and activities. A catalog so full of wonderful alternatives to TV watching that it has won Parent's Choice and National Parenting Center Seal approvals.

Young Explorers

PO Box 2257

1810 W. Eisenhower Blvd.

Loveland, CO 80539

888-928-3285

<http://www.youngexplorers.com>

Offering educational toys and books.

Youth Chess League Center

25864 Tournament Road, Suite G

Santa Clarita, CA 91355

(661) 288 1705

<http://www.cycl.org/>

Every Thursday night from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. they have a free chess night for kids of all ages and skill levels—absolute beginners to international champions. They are excited about accommodating homeschoolers.



Gifted

California Association for the Gifted

15141 E. Whittier Blvd., Suite 510

Whittier, CA 90603

Tel: 562-789-9933, fax: 562-789-9833

<http://www.cagifted.org/>

An association of parents & teachers of gifted children. Members receive a quarterly magazine, The Communicator, and a quarterly newsletter.

Center for Gifted Education

The College of William and Mary

<http://cfge.wm.edu/>

Curriculum designed for gifted students in conventional schools but adaptable to homeschool settings.

Challenging Gifted Kids

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/challenginggiftedkids/>

Discusses gifted homeschooling and what works for you or what doesn't. The answer isn't always in more "work" or moving to the next grade level, but in more depth and breadth of subject matter, more opportunities to stretch those thinking muscles!!

Educated Gifted Program for Youth (Stanford University)

<http://www-epgy.stanford.edu/>

A continuing project dedicated to developing and offering multimedia computer-based distance-learning courses. Combining technical and instructional expertise, EPGY provides high-ability students of all ages with an individualized educational experience, optimized in both pace and content. Through EPGY, students have access to courses in a variety of subjects at levels ranging from kindergarten through advanced-undergraduate.

Hollingsworth Center for Highly Gifted Children

<http://www.hollingsworth.org/>

A national volunteer and resource support network for gifted children and their parents.

Mensa, Gifted Children's Program

5304 1st Place, North

Arlington, VA 22203

703-527-4293

<http://www.smart.net/~wisdom/mensa/index2.html>

National Association for Gifted Children

1707 L St. NW Suite 550

Washington, DC 20036

202-785-4268

<http://www.nagc.org/>

Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth

The Johns Hopkins University, 2701 N. Charles St.

Baltimore, MD 21218

410-516-0337

Western Regional (main) - (310) 754-4100

<http://www.jhu.edu/gifted/>

Roeper Consultation Service

Ms. Annemarie Roeper

2089 Tapscott

El Cerrito, CA 94530

www.roeperconsultation.com

Telephone: (510) 235-3173

Westbridge Academy

<http://www.flash.net/~wx3o/westbridge/twaintro.html>

A college preparatory school for advanced homeschoolers.



Homeschool Resources

Discussion Groups

CHN's "Email Loops"

CHN has provided a complete homeschool community to guide you along. Homeschoolers can find support, get answers to questions and exchange information on the discussion groups we sponsor.

Click below to sign up.

General Information – CaliforniaHS

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CaliforniaHS/>

Events Calendar – CaliforniaHS-Calendar

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CaliforniaHS-Calendar/>

Car Schooling

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CarSchooling/>

Share ideas for learning every subject required by national curriculum standards in the car.

Click Schooling

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ClickSchooling/>

ClickSchooling searches the Net to bring you one, terrific educational website each day: Monday-Math; Tuesday-Science; Wednesday-Language Arts; Thursday-History & Social Studies; Friday Virtual Field Trips; and Weekends are for Electives—Art, Music, Foreign Languages and more!

Frugal Homeschooling

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/frugal_homeschooling/

Games For Learning

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GamesForLearning/>

The Game Lady is designed for parents who wish to use games as part of the education of their children.

Homeschool Kids Around the World

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Homeschool_kids_around_the_world/

For all Homeschool kids from any country in the world. The language used on this should be in English so that everyone can understand. Since homeschooling is becoming popular throughout the world this is one way for everyone to learn about one another's country, culture and what they do.

Homeschooled Scouts

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/homeschooledscouts/>

This list is intended for the exchange of ideas relating to families who homeschool and participate in Cub Scouts and/or Boy Scouts, no matter what their religious affiliation is.

Homeschoolers With Girl Scouts

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/homeschooledscouts/>

A great way to incorporate the scouting program into our homeschooling program.

Homeschooling Military Families

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HomeschoolMilitary/>

Discussion about military family life and homeschooling and the special challenges and/or advantages that each presents. All branches of United States Military, both active duty and reserve, and all homeschooling styles are welcome.

Homeschooling Multiple Grades

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Homeschooling_Multiple_Grades/

This group is for homeschoolers who have more than one child to teach. If you have 2 or more school age children, come share your tips with us. If you have one school age child and one or more preschoolers, then we may be the group for you.

Homeschooling Pre-K to K

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/homeschooling_preK-K/

For parents homeschooling children under the ages of 6 or 7. Or who may be just starting to think of homeschooling their young ones.

Homeschooling Toddlers

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Homeschooling_Toddlers/

This group is intended for homeschooling families who have toddlers in the home as well as children of other ages.

Unschool

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UN-SCHOOL/>

For those parents using the unschool or eclectic approach to homeschooling or for those interested in learning about this approach to learning.

Work and Homeschool

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WORKandHOMESCHOOL/>

This is a support group for working parents who have chosen to homeschool their children or are considering homeschooling, as well as for homeschooling parents who are thinking of returning to work.



Magazines

Looking for information on a particular style of homeschooling or resources for a particular religious affiliation? Check out CHN's listing of national organizations and support groups. Many offer newsletters.

ADDitude Magazine

<http://www.additudemag.com/additude.asp>

"There is information for people who have AD/HD and those who love them, teach them, or live with them."

Boomerang

<http://www.boomkids.com/>

This Parent's Choice Award winner comes as a monthly, 70-minute audiocassette tape. It is designed to introduce ages 6-12 to the world of big ideas—science, current events, economics, history, poetry, and geography.

Cobblestone Publishing, Inc.

<http://cobblestonepub.com/>

Cobblestone publishes a variety of children's magazines and resource materials covering history, world cultures, science and the language arts. Theme packs with teacher's guides and activity guides are available.

Odyssey Magazine

<http://www.odysseymagazine.com/>

The science magazine for young adventurers!
(Science magazine published by Cobblestone)

Dig Magazine

<http://www.digonsite.com/>

Dig brings the excitement, mystery, wonder, and fun of archaeology, paleontology, and earth sciences to children 8 - 13 years old in a style that both entertains and educates its young readers. Cobblestone websites include links and lots of info.
(Archaeology magazine published by Cobblestone)

Gentle Spirit

<http://www.gentlespirit.com/>

Homesteading, home birth, non-coercive parenting, gardening, simple living, faith journeys.

Home Education Magazine

<http://www.home-ed-magazine.com/>

"Each issue offers the very best interviews, feature articles, regular columns, political commentary and analysis, news reporting and more!"

Home Educator's Family Times

<http://www.homeeducator.com/FamilyTimes/>

Research on education and homeschool issues, successful homeschool strategies, practical how-to tips, and special concerns from gifted to special needs.

The Homeschool Digest, "The Quarterly Journal for Serious Homeschoolers"

<http://www.homeschooldigest.com/hsd.htm>

Christian-based magazine with plenty of practical tips, articles and resources.

Special offer for CHN Members: Subscriptions are \$18 per year for 4 issues. Mention CHN when you subscribe and get a one-year gift subscription to give to a friend... absolutely free.

Homeschool Fun - An Online Magazine

<http://homeschoolfun.com/>

Includes regular departments on typical homeschooling days, lesson plans and much more.

Homeschooling For Less Newsletter

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HS-4-LessNewsletter/>

This newsletter aims to help you provide your children with a high quality homeschooling education at the lowest possible cost. Once a month you will receive: the best low cost educational resources like free worksheets, unit studies, freebies for teachers and links to excellent educational and homeschooling sites, the best time and money-saving tips and links that helped our families live and learn better on less, the best tips and links that helped us organize our homes and our homeschool...from free record keeping charts to frugal meal plans, we've got it covered and the best advice and links given on popular discussion topics.

Homeschooling Parent

<http://www.homeschoolingparent.com/>

A free bi-monthly publication distributed through support groups and libraries across the nation. Curriculum review, field trip information, and great articles.

Homeschooling Today

<http://www.homeschooltoday.com/home.htm>

A Christian publication full of ready-to-use curriculum, teaching tips, resources, and practical encouragement for the home educator.

Kids Discover

<http://www.kidsdiscover.com/>

Commercial-free magazine for kids. It covers one subject in each issue: Elephants, The 5 Senses, Space, Weather, Amazon, etc. Back issues of this magazine are available and worth acquiring.

Kids Gazette

http://www.kidsterrain.com/shared/kidsterrain_products/kids_gazette.php

Published monthly along the lines of a traditional newspaper, with a lead story and editorial, and sections such as finance, sports, learning, science, environment, and entertainment. Certain words and phrases appear in bold face type and are defined for the child in the learning section.

Life Learning Magazine

<http://www.lifelearningmagazine.com/>

An international magazine for self-directed learners

The Link

<http://www.homeschoolnewslink.com/>

Free homeschooling magazine. This organization also offers an annual conference.

National Wildlife Foundation

<http://www.nwf.org/kids/>

The foundation publishes the three children's magazines "Ranger Rick" for ages 6-12, "Your Big Backyard" for ages 2-5 and "Wild Animal Baby" for ages 0-3. Spectacular photography and fun activities engage your children's interest and heighten their understanding of wildlife.

The Old Schoolhouse Magazine

<http://www.theoldhomeschoolhouse.com/>

Their company motto is: "...bringing the homeschool world together - from sea to shining sea...and around the globe." Currently published quarterly, they are moving to bimonthly in 2004. Mention CHN and you will receive a 25% discount.

Practical Homeschooling Magazine

<http://www.home-school.com/catalog/pages/phs.php3>

Product reviews, curriculum helps, homeschooling methods plus special features on special education, college applications and more.

TEACH (To Encourage and Challenge Homeschoolers)

<http://www.teachmagazine.com/index.php3>

Quarterly magazine for Christian homeschooling moms. Their goal is to offer specific ideas that will increase their readers' enjoyment while learning at home with their children.

The Teaching Home

<http://www.teachinghome.com/>

"a bimonthly magazine devoted to a Christian perspective of home education. Each issue is filled with a variety of sections and articles written by practicing home educators who share their valuable experiences with you."



Organizations & National Support Groups

The Adventist Home Educator

<http://www.adventisthomeducator.org/>

Information, encouragement, support, and newsletter for Adventist home educators.

AERO - The Alternative Education Resource Organization

<http://www.educationrevolution.org/>

"non-profit organization founded in 1989 by education expert Jerry Mintz to advance learner-centered approaches to education."

The Alliance for Parental Involvement in Education

<http://www.croton.com/allpie/>

"a nonprofit organization which assists and encourages parental involvement in education, wherever that education takes place: in public school, in private school, or at home. AllPIE offers a newsletter (Options in Learning), annual conferences and retreats, a book catalog, workshops, lending library and more."

ApricotPie.com

<http://www.apricotpie.com/>

An online community for homeschool writers. Gives homeschoolers a chance to meet each other, and be seen through their writing and thoughts.

AtHomeMothers.com

<http://www.athomemothers.com/>

Provides complete support for the at-home motherhood lifestyle, including free Info Guides, articles, tips, and newsletters online; plus *At-Home Mother Magazine* and the National Association of At-Home Mothers.

Catholic Homeschool Family Website

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/8579/>

Links, articles, and support for homeschooling families of the Catholic faith.

Family Unschoolers Network

<http://www.unschooling.org/>

The Family Unschoolers Network provides support for unschooling, homeschooling, and self-directed learning. You will find newsletter articles, reviews, resources, web sites, books and lots of other information to help your homeschooling or unschooling efforts.

Homefires

<http://www.homefires.com/>

Includes a directory of California homeschool support groups, a comprehensive listing of field trip destinations for families to enjoy in California, excellent articles, and information on the legalities of homeschooling in California.

Homeschool ConneXion

<http://www.hsconnexion.com/>

The Homeschool ConneXion is an online community completely for and by homeschooled kids and teens featuring free services for homeschoolers allowing them to connect in a family-friendly environment

Homeschool Social Register

<http://www.homeschoolmedia.net/register/>

Free networking service for homeschoolers with a method of contacting any other listed person without revealing anyone's email address or other personal information.

HUUMANS on the Web

<http://www.uuhomeschool.org/>

for Homelearning Unitarian Universalists and Kindred Spirits

International Home Education

<http://worldzone.net/lifestyles/homeducation/>

A great resource for international homeschoolers. You'll find a list of most of the countries of Europe and Australia with a synopsis of education law and homeschooling for each.

Jewish Home Educator's Network

<http://www.snj.com/jhen/>

"J.H.E.N. is a quarterly newsletter filled with thought-provoking articles, letters from readers that provide open dialogue on a wide range of interesting topics, mouth-watering recipes, creative holiday and craft ideas, stimulating book reviews, a Jewish calendar chock-full of information and original ideas, help columns with practical how-to advice on homeschooling."

LDS Home Educators Association

<http://www.ldshea.org/>

News, conferences and a newsletter, *A Call to Closeness*, serving Latter-day Saint home educators. Founder Joyce Kinmont writes, "Once we've seen the home school alternative, we know it's right. We recognize home schooling as a major step in answering that "call to closeness."

LDS Homeschooling in California

<http://ldshomeschoolinginca.org/>

Articles, links, support, quotes from church leaders and more.

The Moore Foundation

<http://www.moorefoundation.com/>

Offers books, seminars, a newsletter and an academy which the Moore Formula of "study, service and work." Proponents of delayed academics.

Muslim Home School Network and Resource

<http://www2.islamicity.com/mhsnr/>

Membership organization with a newsletter. Articles and some curriculum information on their web site.

Muslim Homeschooling

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/muslimhomemaking/>

The purpose of this group is to inspire, motivate and share with each other what we have learned about taking care of our homes and our families. We should strive to keep our messages uplifting and positive. In this group we support and encourage each other with tips, ideas and of course scriptures from the Holy Quran.

National Black Home Educator's Resource Association

<http://www.nbhera.org/family.htm>

"The purpose of NBHERA is to assist families nationwide who share the common responsibility of teaching their children at home by providing resources and other rich materials to facilitate and maintain an efficient and effective home environment."

National Home Education Network

<http://www.nhen.org/>

"The National Home Education Network exists to encourage and facilitate the vital grassroots work of state and local homeschooling groups and individuals by providing information, fostering networking and promoting public relations on a national level. Because we believe there is strength in a diverse network of homeschoolers, we support the freedom of all individual families to choose home education and to direct such education."

NATional cHallenged Homeschoolers Associated Network

<http://www.nathhan.com/>

Help for parents homeschooling challenged or disabled children. Newsletter, lending library and more. Christian perspective.

Native American Homeschool Association

<http://www.expage.com/page/nahomeschool2>

"We believe that our Native American languages, religion, history, songs, dances, stories, and crafts are just as important to us and our children as a knowledge of science, math, English, and the other things which are also important. If our children do not learn the old ways, it is because we have failed to teach them."

Native Americans for Home Education

<http://www.geocities.com/nuwahti/NAHE.html>

An organization for Native American home schooling families that believes that Native American children can learn and grow best at home, while preserving their heritage and culture. Offers support regardless of tribal enrollment.

Pagan Homeschool Page

<http://www.homestead.com/barbooch/PaganHomeschool.html>

Articles, booklists, legal helps and more.

Private Schools Unified Science District

<http://psusd.unpatented.com/>

Any homeschooled, K-12th student in Riverside, San Bernardino, Inyo, or Mono counties in Southern California is welcome to participate in the annual fair. Top winners go on to compete with public-schooled children in the RIMS County Science Fair and, from there, might advance to the California State Science Fair.

Professional Tutors of America, Inc

<http://www.professionaltutors.com/>

Privately owned corporation that offers tutoring services at all levels. Since its incorporation in 1983, P.T.A. has attracted many highly talented and motivated instructors from the education and business communities. Our tutors are carefully screened and selected to meet your specific requirements. P.T.A., Inc. has always believed that every student possesses unique talents. Our goal is to discover and develop these talents to their maximum potential.

The Separation of School & State Alliance

<http://www.sepschool.org/>

"The Separation Alliance is a grassroots nonprofit organization dedicated to re-discovering the original American public education system - privately operated, open to the public."



Websites

A to Z Home's Cool Homeschooling

<http://www.gomilpitas.com/homeschooling/>

A complete homeschooling community to guide you along, while providing you with a wealth of articles to read.

Easy Homeschooling

<http://www.easyhomeschooling.net/>

Christian emphasis. Articles and lots of free information.

Eclectic Homeschool Online

<http://eho.org/>

Published from a Christian perspective.

Free Stuff for Homeschoolers

http://www.geocities.com/reed_butterfly_farm/free_homeschool.html

Since homeschooling means purchasing resource materials on a single income, check out this site, which has a collection of completely free and/or pay-shipping- only sites.

Homeschool Associates

<http://www.homeschoolassociates.com/>

"We offer curriculum design and support to families considering alternatives in education, not limited to homeschooling. We provide expert speakers for conferences or workshops. We design and execute radio and television commercials promoting homeschooling. We publish a free newspaper that goes to thousands of families. We provide services such as the Bookmobile Online that help homeschoolers find the books and materials they need at reduced prices."

Homeschool Central

<http://www.homeschoolcentral.com/>

Advice and products for homeschoolers.

Homeschool.com

<http://homeschool.com/>

Your virtual homeschool with tons of resources listed.

Homeschool Crosswalk

<http://www.homeschool.crosswalk.com/>

Support, articles, etc., from a Christian perspective.

Homeschool World

<http://www.home-school.com/>

Official web page of Practical Homeschooling it has resources, articles and more.

Homeschooling Hamlet

<http://www.homeschoolinghamlet.com/>

Julie Gattis, homeschooling mom, and co-author of The McGraw-Hill Homeschooling Companion, authored this site. FAQs on homeschooling, learning activities, art gallery and more.

Homeschooling On a Shoestring

<http://www.homeschoolingonashoestring.com>

Help with cost cutting measures so that you can provide a high quality education for less money.

Homeschool Teacher's Lounge

<http://www.suite101.com/myhome.cfm/homeschool>

Articles designed to help structured homeschoolers run their schools.

HomeschoolYellowPages.com

<http://homeschoolyellowpages.com/>

"Every major city has its own version of the Yellow Pages. Now homeschoolers have one of their own! Everything for homeschooling - from curriculum to testing services! Includes listings of homeschool vendors, state and local homeschool information, homeschooling articles, homeschool convention information, contests for homeschoolers and much more!"

Jon's Homeschool Resource Page

<http://www.midnightbeach.com/hs/>

Collection of homeschooling resources on the internet.

Yahoo! Homeschooling Info

http://d4.dir.dcn.yahoo.com/education/theory_and_methods/home_schooling/

Yahoo's list of homeschooling resources.



Homeschooling an Only Child

Mailing list

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HSONeAndOnly/>

Article from a homeschooled only child

http://www.laughton.com/cougar/writing/only_child.html

Only Child

This web page is not a page about homeschooling, but it addresses some issues of parents with only one child.

<http://www.onlychild.com/>

Advice from homeschoolers:

If you have an only child, be sure to take time to find out what he/she is thinking and wants to do. It is really easy to fall into the trap of sharing your interests to the point that your child doesn't develop his/her own. Don't help him/her with everything. Give your child the opportunity to be an independent learner.



Parent Helps

ABC Teach

<http://abcteach.com/index.html>

Great resource for the lower grades. Free printables on math, reading, writing and more. Some theme units on animals, holidays, countries, etc.

American Library Association: Especially for Children and Their Parents

"The Internet offers kids many opportunities for learning, constructive entertainment, and personal growth. At the same time, parents are concerned about the risks kids face online. The challenge for parents is to educate themselves and their children about how to use the Internet safely." — Online safety rules, search engines for kids, other ALA resources and more.

<http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/children.html>

Ask Eric

<http://ericir.syr.edu/>

Over 30,000 resources collected by information specialists on all aspects of education.

Blue Web'n Learning Sites Library

<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/bluewebn/#top>

An online library of Blue Ribbon learning sites on the web Free weekly email updates on new sites, tutorials, resources, lesson plans, projects. This site is superb!

Classroom Connect

<http://www.classroom.com/login/landing.jhtml;jsessionid=34MBBNCJOTIWVQFIAJICUYQ?requestid=29642>

Definitely more for the classroom teacher, but if you check the site occasionally you'll see announcements for online projects and other programs that are also available to homeschoolers.

Clonlara School: Educational Sites on the Internet

Clonlara was founded in 1967 as an innovative private dayschool. They have opened their doors to assisting homeschoolers throughout the United States and in 22 countries worldwide. This site contains their listing of links on a variety of subjects.

<http://www.clonlara.org/index029.html>

Digital Librarian

Best-of-the-Web choices by Margaret Vail Anderson, a librarian in Cortland, New York.

<http://www.digital-librarian.com/>

Discoveryschool.com

Lesson plans, teaching tools, TV resources, subject links and more. Resources for teachers, parents and students.

<http://school.discovery.com/>

Easy Fun School

This website provides free articles, resource links, a free newsletter, and many other features to help make homeschooling easier and more enjoyable, both for the child and the parent!!

<http://www.easyfunschool.com/>

Education World

<http://www.education-world.com/>

Some great activity ideas under the "Subjects" area. The site contains thousands of links in subject areas. The slant is for the professional educator.

EduHound

A directory of over 20,000 pre-screened sites in 50 categories. Looking for Spanish links? This is the place.

<http://www.eduhound.com/>

Eduweb: Adventures

Interactive learning ventures and projects in the arts, sciences and social sciences. Some listings, like the JASON project are yearlong activities.

<http://www.eduweb.com/adventure.html>

E-Tap

A nonprofit organization dedicated to putting teaching resources at the fingertips of Americas' students, parents and teachers. Lessons are aligned with the Standards for K-12 curriculum and represent concepts taught throughout the world. Math has completed content with audio. Science, Language Arts/English, and Social Studies/History are partially completed and are operating with links to other instructional sites. New instructional materials added regularly to all sections.

<http://www.etap.org/>

FunBrain

Free games and activities, plus a quiz lab.

<http://www.funbrain.com/>

Homeschool Reporting Online—for confidential student record storage

Whether you are an individual family needing a convenient record keeping solution or an umbrella school desiring to reduce administrative overhead, Homeschool Reporting Online offers solutions. We are committed to providing and enhancing our services to meet the needs of our members. For families, we offer:

- Offsite electronic storage and backup of important student records
- Access and update your records from any location at any time
- Flexibility in reporting requirements
- Generate student transcripts immediately
- Records protected by username and password authentication

Opportunity for you to train your students in online computing. 30-day free trial available.

<http://www.homeschoolreporting.com/>

Homeschool Source—a lending library

Here are just a few of the items offered at The Home School Source Lending Library:

Moody Science Videos,

A&E Documentaries, The History Channel, NestFamily Videos, PBS, National Geographic, Your Story Hour Audios and much more For \$49.95 a year, you can have access to over 2000 videos, audios, curricula, and resources. All you pay for is the shipping! (Average round-trip shipping cost is only \$5.00. They supply the return-postage label!)

<http://www.thehomeschoolsource.com/>

HSAdvisor

<http://www.HSAdvisor.com>

This site is committed to providing sound advice and current resources to homeschoolers.

Interactive Guide

<http://pathstat1.ucop.edu/servlet/StoneGround?templateName=index>

"This web site aims to assist high school educators in designing innovative courses that meet both the University of California subject area requirements and conform to school curricular reform efforts. Specifically, the site provides a wealth of information about the "a-g requirements", including course descriptions of dozens of innovative courses that have been accepted by UC. It also provides assistance in understanding the UC course approval process and helpful insights as to why courses have not been approved. We hope that you find this site useful, and welcome any recommendations for improvement."

Kathy Schrock's Guide for Educators

<http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide/>

Has a categorized list of sites useful for enhancing curriculum. Updated frequently.

NOVA/PBS Online Adventures

"Since May of 1996, NOVA and PBS have produced a series of real-time expeditions called NOVA/PBS Online Adventures. The adventures follow scientists and explorers into the field, reporting on science as it happens and allowing the Internet audience to participate via e-mail. Each Web site also provides evergreen resources on the topic at hand, such as a visual tour of the Great Pyramid, or audio of a climber speaking from the top of Mount Everest."

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/adventures/>

Scholastic Activities

Web-based, ready-to-use curriculum projects and activities designed to meet learning standards and make learning fun. A great way to spice up your curriculum.

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/>

School for Champions

An international educational site that provides online lessons (science, history, writing and more), character-building messages, and positive techniques for excelling in school, work and life.

<http://www.school-for-champions.com/default.htm>

Sites for Parents

Have 192 sites (and growing) in their database to help parents with a wide variety of needs.

<http://www.sitesforparents.com/>

Teach at Home

<http://www.teach-at-home.com>

Online newsletter, curriculum information, consignment store, articles and more.

Teaching Treasures

<http://teachingtreasures.com.au>

Free, printable worksheets, interactive activities, K-12 projects and lesson ideas and more.



Pre-packaged Curriculum

Alpha Omega Publications

300 North McKemy Avenue
Chandler, AZ 85226-2618
800-622-3070

<http://www.aop.com>

A workbook-based curriculum, Christian-oriented.

Alta Vista Curriculum

1719 NE 50th Street
Seattle, Washington 98105
800-544-1397

<http://altavistaseattle.com/curriculum.htm>

Christian curriculum; integrated units in 15 different academic subjects. Multiple activities for all learning styles.

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Calvert School

105 Tuscany Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21210-3098
888-487-4652

<http://home.calvertschool.org/>

If you prefer a traditional, structured approach to homeschooling, the Calvert curriculum is your choice. It is a full-service (including paper, pencils, rulers and crayons), non-sectarian correspondence program with teacher assistance.

Curriculum Services

26801 Pine Avenue
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
877-702-1419

<http://www.curriculumservices.com/>

Customized K-12 curriculum program comes complete with all needed student and teacher's materials. Each comprehensive program is designed to be used for one student for one school year and takes an average of only 2½ hours per day leaving plenty of time to include your family's special interests.

KONOS, Inc.

Po Box 250
Anna, TX 75409
972-924-2712

<http://www.konos.com/>

A biblically based unit studies curriculum written in 1984 by two educators who are also homeschooling moms.

Oak Meadow

PO Box 740
Putney, VT
05346
802-387-2021

<http://www.oakmeadow.com/>

This homeschooling curriculum is Waldorf inspired. All the traditional subjects are studied, but painting, drawing, music, writing poetry, building things, and learning through experience are included in the curriculum. The developmental needs and learning styles of children are taken into account.

Robinson Self-Teaching Curriculum

Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine
2251 Dick George Rd.
Cave Junction, OR 97523

<http://www.robinsoncurriculum.com/>

This traditional-education program is based on 22 CDs and a set of Saxon Math books. It is a stand-alone, self-study education that will prepare a child for college entrance.

SkillWorks

Milliken Publishing Co.

1100 Research Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63132

800-325-4136

<http://www.millikenpub.com/>

K-8 core-curriculum software package on CD ROM

Sonlight Curriculum

8042 South Grant Way

Littleton, CO 80122-2705

303-730-6292

<http://www.sonlight.com/index.html>

This literature-based program offers the flexibility of purchasing a few books to the complete curriculum. While based on Biblical principles, Sonlight provides a non-propagandistic education with an international flavor. Because it is literature-based, you can teach several grade levels using the same books.

Stars and Stories/Math and Music

Wildridge Software, Inc.

Wildridge Farm Road, Box 61

Newark, VT 05871

888-244-4379

<http://www.wildridge.com/>

Interdisciplinary educational software for middle school and high school students. Through Stars & Stories students explore the connections between astronomy and mythology and learn related mathematical concepts, vocabulary and history.

SuperStar Teachers

The Teaching Company

7405 Alban Station Court, Ste. A107

Springfield, VA 22150

800-832-2412

Audio and video courses on many subjects taught by teachers chosen for their professional knowledge and charismatic presentations.



Preschool

Carol Hurst's Children's Literature Site

<http://www.carolhurst.com/titles/prek.html>

This page offers reviews of books useful in preschool as well as interesting teaching ideas for some of the best books.

Early Years: Birth through Preschool

<http://www.ed.gov/Family/RWN/Activ97/early.html>

Activities for reading and writing fun.

Enchanted Learning

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Home.html>

Produces children's educational web sites and games which are designed to capture the imagination while maximizing creativity, learning, and enjoyment.

Everything Preschool

<http://www.everythingpreschool.com/>

Curriculum, activities, book reviews, freebies, recipes, articles and more.

Fara and Friends

<http://www.faraandfriends.com/>

Online preschool curriculum with lesson plans, activity pages, material lists and more. A 12-month membership program. A free trial program is available.

KidSource: Preschool and Early Childhood Education

<http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/pages/preschoolers.education.html>

"A critical learning period for all children is the time from birth until they enter kindergarten. The articles below provide many activities, suggestions and background information to help your child learn during their preschool years. "

Letter of the Week

<http://www.letteroftheweek.com/>

Learning ideas and curriculum for birth through age 5. "This website is dedicated to providing quality learning ideas and curriculum for preschool children taught in the home."

PBS Kids

<http://pbskids.org/>

Official home of Sesame Street, Teletubbies, and PBS's other kids shows. Play games, read jokes, and paint some of their characters.

Preschool by Stormie

<http://www.preschoolbystormie.com/>

A year's worth of curriculum theme options with corresponding activities and more.

Preschool Education

<http://www.preschooleducation.com/>

Offers a free newsletter and tons of great ideas to keep your preschoolers busy, happy and learning.

Teaching Ideas for Early Childhood Special Educators

<http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/pep/teach.htm>

Lots of ideas for fun sorted by themes.

Theme Links for Early Childhood Educators

<http://hometown.aol.com/iteach345/>

"While surfing the web, I found many wonderful early childhood web sites that included thematic units, however, I needed a way to organize the sites so that I could easily find lessons and ideas for each specific theme that I wanted to use. Here it is!

Tot City

<http://www.totcity.com/>

Preschool and toddler activities plus free CD-Rom-style educational games and more.

World of Kindergartens

<http://www.coe.iup.edu/worldofkindergarten/>

Early childhood teachers from around the world have joined together to provide curriculum support to each other and anyone who needs ideas.



Private ISPs

Almaden Valley Christian School

6291 Vegas Drive

San Jose, CA 95120

408-997-0290

<http://www.almadenvalleychristianschool.com>

Provides an Independent Study Program for children with special needs. Website contains advice on homeschooling and recommended curricula.

Ballona Creek Academy

<http://ballonacreek.hopto.org/>

Inclusive ISP welcoming California homeschoolers of all faiths, cultures, and educational styles. Each homeschooling family determines an individual course of study. Record keeping assistance, networking, resource advice, consultation. To contact for more information, email ballonacreek@comcast.net or djjhp@yahoo.com

Bay Shore School

P.O. Box 13038

Long Beach, CA 90803

562-434-3940

<http://www.bayshoreeducational.com/BayShoreSchool.html>

Enrolls students of all faiths ethnic-backgrounds, and educational philosophies from all over CA; Local support (LA area) group, curriculum advice, transcript, diploma; run by a homeschooling mom.

Bear Hollow School

650-856-6463

<http://www.bearhollowschool.org/>

A private, secular ISP serving California homeschoolers, offering a range of services from record keeping to customized curriculum development.

Branford Grove School

P.O. Box 341172

Arleta, CA 91334

818-890-0350

<http://www.branfordgrove.com/home.html>

Country Christian School

37110 103rd St. East

Littlerock, CA. 93543

661-944-3651

CCSinCA@aol.com

www.countrychristianschool.info

"An EASY and low cost ISP for CA Homeschoolers. One page monthly report covers what is legally required by CA. All curriculums accepted or a combination may be used. CCS was started to be an asset for busy homeschooling parents, to lift the burden of record keeping, and to do this as simply and inexpensively as possible."

EIE Academy

527 Franklin Place

Monrovia, CA 91016

626-357-4443

<http://www.excellenceineducation.com/>

Family Learning Center

3590 Peralta Blvd.

Fremont, CA 94536

510-818-9864

Independent Study Program for K-12 homeschoolers. Provides resources to empower each family to create its own educational program.

HCL-Boston

P.O. Box 2920

Big Bear City, CA 92314

909-585-7188

<http://www.bostonschool.org/>

Kolbe Academy Home School

2501 Oak Street

Napa, CA 94559

707-256-4306

<http://www.kolbe.org/>

Orthodox Catholic, Classical education, K-12.

School of Choice

1718 Andover Lane
San Jose, CA. 95124
408-725-0810

<http://www.schoolofchoice.com>

All-Inclusive Independent Study Program for K-12 homeschoolers supported by a private day school with labs, playing fields, classrooms, etc. We support classical homeschooling locally and statewide with registration, counseling, classes or online tutorials.

School of Home Learning

Needles area
760-326-2107 (Fridays only)



Single Parents

Mailing lists for single-parent homeschoolers

- http://groups.yahoo.com/group/1Parent_hs/
- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HomeschoolingSingle/>
- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/homeschoolingsingles/>
- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SingleParentHSing/>
- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WORKandHOMESCHOOL/>

For all working homeschoolers, not just single parents. It is much more active than the other lists and many of the concerns would be the same.

Articles

Single Parent and Working

by Ann Zeise

Dateline: 11/21/01

<http://www.gomilpitas.com/homeschooling/articles/112101.htm>

Family Times

Single and Homeschooling

by Teri Brown

Dateline: April 2001

<http://www.homeeducator.com/FamilyTimes/articles/9-2article15.htm>

Advice from Homeschoolers

It's helpful for single parents to make contacts within local support groups. Many times other mothers will make themselves available by providing transportation for your children to attend field trips or park days.

Swapping childcare duties helps to ease the burden of single parent households. Trade offs can be made by the exchanging the teaching of a class, supplying gas money or exchanging the favor by letting these homeschool moms have a night out.

There are no guarantees, but, like most things in homeschooling, if you work steadily and patiently toward what you want to create, you will eventually get others to buy into your vision.



Special Needs

Alta Neuro-Imaging

Dr. Stephen Ferrari, Director

714-990-6536

Neurofeedback-ADD, a non-drug alternative treatment. Inattention and/or hyperactivity-Impulsivity, that bring about difficulties in learning, teaching and behavior are usually correctable.

Almaden Valley Christian School

<http://www.almadenvalleychristianschool.com/>

6291 Vegas Drive

San Jose, CA 95120

408-997-0290

Provides an Independent Study Program for children with special needs. Website contains advice on homeschooling and recommended curricula.

At Our Own Pace

Email Jean Kulczyk: yukko5@aol.com or

Write to: At Our Own Pace

102 Willow Drive

Waukegan, IL 60087

This is a free newsletter, but donations are accepted newsletter for home schooling families with Special Needs.

AVKO Dyslexia Research Foundation

3084 W. Willard Road, Suite W

Clio, MI 48420-7801

810-686-9283

<http://www.avko.org/>

Multisensory reading, spelling and writing materials to help teach dyslexic and dysgraphic children. Some free samples on the site to try first.

Balameetrics

<http://www.balameetrics.com>

800-894-3187

This company develops and manufactures products that address many brain processing based learning disabilities like ADD/ADHD, Dyslexia, Auditory Processing Disorder, Poor Reading, and Poor Academic performance. Part of their mission is to provide homeschoolers with quality products and therapies to enable them to successfully and affordably address learning problems at home.

BayShore School

P.O. Box 13038

Long Beach, CA 90803

562-434-3940

<http://www.bayshoreeducational.com/>

BayShore School, a private independent study program catering to homeschoolers, has an excellent listing of resources addressing homeschooling children with special educational needs.

Carol E. Aines, Learning Specialist

Vista Educational Assessment

Livermore area

925-447-1390

Homeschool-friendly specialist in educational assessment. The purposes of such assessments can vary from a desire to get more information regarding current academic functioning to determining whether there is a learning disability. Is also available to provide information to small groups regarding learning disabilities and related topics.

CMspecialkids

For those using Charlotte Mason homeschooling methods for special needs children. This list is for the sharing of information related to adapting CM for special needs and for sharing the unique challenges and joys of everyday life with our kids, for support, encouragement and prayer.

Subscribe: CMspecialkids-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Greenwood Institute

RR 2 Box 270
Putney, VT 05346
802-387-4545

<http://www.greenwoodinstitute.org/>

Professional support program for parents and adult tutors who are teaching children with learning disabilities.

How to Get Your Child Off the Refrigerator and on to Learning

by Carol Barnier

Great ideas for introducing and working on different concepts that involve movement rather than pencil and paperwork. A great book for parents with ADHD kids.

Joqueta Hayes, SLP

3900 Birch Street, Suite 103
Newport Beach, CA 92660

A speech and language pathologist who is a homeschool-friendly resource person.

<http://www.speechandmotion.com/>

joqueta@speechandmotion.com

949-261-0222

JoyceHertzog.com Learning Products and Services

Box 154
Big Sandy, TN 38221
800-745-8212

<http://www.joyceherzog.com/>

Provides teaching tools to make learning easier for everyone, and possible for anyone. Her works include The Scaredy Cat Reading System, History in His Hands Series, Choosing and Using Curriculum for Your Special Child and Learning in Spite of Labels.

LD OnLine

<http://www.ldonline.org>

An interactive guide to learning disabilities for parents, teachers and other professionals provided by WETA, a PBS station in Washington, DC. WETA has made a long- term commitment to serving the LD community. They create television, radio, and Internet programs dedicated to improving the lives of children with learning disabilities.

Mailing Lists

Homeschooling Kids With Disabilities:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hkwd/>

email list is a specialized list focused on homeschooling children with special educational needs.

Homeschool Special Needs Kidz

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Homeschool_SpecialNeedsKidz/

For those who live in the USA, who are homeschooling a "special needs" child, ages 5-19. Whether your child has ADHD, a learning disability, dyslexia, emotional or neurological disorder (bipolar, tourette syndrome, autism, anxiety disorder, oppositional defiance disorder, etc), then this group is for you.

HS Kids – Special Needs

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hskids-specialneeds/>

For parents wanting to exchange information on what works.

Special Needs-Homeschool

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/special-needs-homeschool/>

For those homeschooling at least one special needs/medically fragile child.

SNHomeschooling:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SNHomeschooling/>

email list intended to provide information and support to parents who are homeschooling their children who have disabilities.

The Moore Foundation Box

Box 1 Camas, WA 98607

360-835-2736

<http://www.moorefoundation.com/>

Specializes in working with families who homeschool burned-out, late-blooming, gifted and handicapped children.

NATHHAN (NATional cHallenged Homeschoolers Associated Network)

PO Box 39

Porthill, ID 83853

208-267-6246

<http://www.nathhan.com/>

Provides resources for homeschooling families who have kids with special needs.

National Academy for Child Development

California Regional Center, Chatsworth, CA

(801) 621-8606

<http://www.nacd.org/>

Email: <mailto:losangeles@nacd.org>

NACD designs very specific home Neurodevelopmental programs for infants, children, and adults.

Playtime is Science for Children with Disabilities

Educational Equity Concepts, Inc.

114 East Thirty-Second Street

New York, NY 10016

Voice/TTY: (212) 725-1803

<http://www.edequity.org/playdisab.htm>

A curriculum that aims to increase the ability of teachers, staff and parents to motivate and empower students with disabilities in grades K - 4 to develop science skills, build on their strengths, and develop confidence and skills in science.

RFB&D Learning Through Listening

Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic National Headquarters

20 Roszel Road, Princeton, NJ 08540

866-RFBD-585

<http://www.rfbd.org/>

A non-profit organization that provides recorded academic textbooks for students from elementary through college. Students who use these recorded texts are in some way visually handicapped, including the blind and dyslexic, so are unable to read printed matter.

Sensory Integration Resources

<http://webhome.idirect.com/~born2luv/sensory.html>

"Sensory Integration (SI) is a theory and type of treatment used primarily by occupational therapists (OTR). Its principles are applicable to all children and adults, but are particularly useful for helping children with autism, learning disabilities, attention problems, prematurity, general developmental delays, Down Syndrome, low muscle tone, and behavior problems."

Sensory Integration Network

<http://www.sinetwork.org/>

dedicated to bringing current sensory integration resources and information to families, consumers and professionals.

Sensory Integration International

<http://www.sensoryint.com/>

"Sensory Integration International (SII) is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation concerned with the impact of sensory integrative problems on people's lives. We bring together professionals, individuals, families, and researchers who want to know more about sensory integration. Our goal is to improve quality of life for persons with sensory processing disorders."

http://www.comeunity.com/disability/sensory_integration/

Articles to help your child with sensory integration issues, including an interview with Carol Kranowitz, author of the popular book *The Out of SyncChild*.

Solutions for Dyslexia—Los Angeles

Certified Davis Dyslexia Correction Provider and a certified Phono-Graphix Reading Therapist. Parents are provided with support training and encouraged to participate in the work their children are doing. Contact Richard Harmel, Email: raharmel@attbi.com or by phone: 310-823-8900.

Stockdale Learning Center—Kern County

1701 Westwind Drive
Ste. 104
Bakersfield, CA 93301
661-331-2373
Email: slc@igalaxy.net

Offers extensive services for dyslexia, ADD/HD, and other Specific Learning Disabilities. Diagnostic educational assessment; comprehensive and structured methods for all subjects; parent and professional educational consultation, advocacy and workshops.

Varied Abilities School and Training Network

PO Box 8391
Huntsville, AL
35808 256-829-1074
<http://www.vastnetwork.org/>

A not-for-profit organization designed to provide consulting services, resources, information, training, support and therapeutic services to families of children with special needs in home school. Their network of centers, support groups, schools and professionals help families meet the needs of their exceptional child.



Teen Resources

Career Development

ETS

<http://www.ets.org/index.html>

The world's largest private testing organization has software on a variety of topics, including educational and career planning software.

International Career Development Library

<http://icdl.uncg.edu/>

a free, online collection of full-text resources for counselors, educators, workforce development personnel, and others providing career development services.

My Cool Careers

<http://www.mycoolcareer.com/gotquestions.html>

Resource for investigating the career development process and researching careers.

Quintessential Careers

<http://www.quintcareers.com/>

They include a listing of available assessment tools and tests. Some are fee-based.

Rutgers University Career Planning for High School Students

<http://careerservices.rutgers.edu/PCCPmain.html>

This material is a starting point and may help generate some tentative ideas for college majors and future career plans.

Stanford University Career Development

<http://www.stanford.edu/dept/CDC/students/start/assessments.html>

The site has some terrific printable worksheets on such subjects as *Skills and Personal Traits* and *Preferred Workstyle*.



College Prep Links

Cafi Cohen's Homeschooling Page

Cafi Cohen, author of *"And What About College?" How Homeschooling Leads To Admissions To The Best Colleges and Universities*, has articles, links and how-to information for teens heading to college.

<http://www.homeschoolteenscollege.net/Default.htm>

California Colleges and Universities

A report of the California Postsecondary Education Commission—Online version

<http://www.CAcollegeGuide.com>

Lists and profiles all public and private colleges and universities in California, including community colleges. Lists the schools by county and by programs.

collegeboard.com

The creators of the SAT exam and Advance Placement Program offer all kinds of advice to help you find and get into the college of your choice. They include information on homeschooling.

<http://www.collegeboard.com/homepage/0,1158,,00.html>

college-scholarships.com

Links to California college and university websites and online applications, admissions and financial aid office telephone numbers and email addresses, free scholarship searches, and more. Their website also includes similar pages for all other states.

<http://www.college-scholarships.com/california.htm>

CollegeXpress

Tools to find a college, learn about financial aid, compare student loads and research scholarships.

<http://www.collegexpress.com/>

Colleges that Admit Homeschoolers FAQ

http://learninfreedom.org/colleges_4_hmsc.html

Karl Bunday's Learn In Freedom site includes a list of selective colleges that have accepted homeschoolers.

The Dollar Stretcher

<http://www.stretcher.com/stories/00/000529n.cfm>

Get Your College Degree by D. Rickerd – advice on saving time and money on a college degree.

FastWeb

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

Free scholarship search and free search personalized matching with colleges.

Federal Student Aid Programs

US Department of Education

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/Students/student.html>

The Student Guide is a comprehensive resource on student financial aid from the U.S. Department of Education. Grants, loans, and work-study are the three major forms of aid available through the Department's Federal Student Aid office. Updated each award year, The Student Guide tells you about the programs and how to apply for them. Contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)

iApply

<http://iapply.bridges.com/index.htm>

Help in preparing, paying and applying for college. Lesson plans available. Student calendar, starting with the Freshman year, to let you know what to do and when to do it.

Peterson's

<http://www.petersons.com/>

College search, test preparation, financial aid.

Reading Lists for College Bound Students

by Estell, Satchwell, Wright, and Padgett

ISBN: 0764561014

Contains reading lists from 100+ colleges and universities and an annotated list of the 100 books most often recommended by leading schools. It provides guidance for setting up your reading program.



Diplomas—Non-traditional High School

The California Proficiency Testing (CHSPE)

Sacramento County Office of Education

CHSPE Registration

9738 Lincoln Village Drive

Sacramento, CA 95827-3399

Get your diploma as early as the age of 12.

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/statetests/chspe/>

The California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) assesses proficiency in basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills. The test is given in English only. You may take the CHSPE **only if** you meet one of the following requirements on the test date: You are at least 16 years old, **or** You have completed at least one academic year of the tenth grade, **or** You are enrolled in the second semester of tenth grade. The CHSPE is administered twice a year, in April and November. If you pass the CHSPE, you are given a Certificate of Proficiency by the California State Board of Education that is considered equivalent to a high school.

CHSPE Test Preparation Materials

Barrons

<http://www.barronseduc.com/>

The GED

A GED credential documents that you have high school-level academic skills. About 96 percent of U.S. employers accept the GED credential as equal to a traditional high school diploma. About 95 percent of U.S. colleges and universities accept GED graduates in the same manner as high school graduates. GED graduates are also eligible for most federal financial aid if they meet the program's other criteria. You may take the GED Tests if: You are not enrolled in high school, **and** You have not graduated from high school, **and** You are at least age 16, **and** You meet state, provincial, or territorial requirements regarding age, residency, and the length of time since leaving school. In order to pass the GED exam, you have to be able to read, compute, interpret information, and express yourself in writing on a level comparable to that of 60 percent of graduating high school seniors.

GED Test Preparation Materials

Barrons

<http://www.barronseduc.com/>

Kaplan Test Preparation

<http://www.kaptest.com/catalog/templates/product.jhtml?PRODID=kprod31220104&CATID=200264&rcid=200054>

McGraw-Hill

<http://www.mhcontemporary.com/news/ged.php>

Online GED Preparation resources

<http://cite.telecampus.com/courses/index.html>

<http://www.gedonline.org/>

Peterson's

<http://www.petersons.com/>

Test preparation materials.

Plato Simulated GED Test Package

<http://www.plato.com/k12/assessment/ged.asp>

May be used in conjunction with web-based PLATO Instructional Solutions courseware

Steck-Vaughn

<http://www.steck-v Vaughn.com/c/@Hn5Ot0CSQieN./Pages/adultmain.html>



Distance Learning Links for Teens

Apex Learning

<http://www.apexlearning.com/>

Offers general studies, foreign language and Advanced Placement courses. Diagnostic assessments and study plans for each student. The tutorials are multi-media. There are scored practice activities.

High School Hub

<http://highschoolhub.org/hub/hub.cfm>

"The High School Hub is a noncommercial portal to excellent free online academic resources for high school students. It features learning activities, an ongoing teen poetry contest, a reference collection, college information, and subject guides for English, mathematics, science, social studies, world languages, arts, health, and technology."

Interactive Guide

<http://pathstat1.ucop.edu/servlet/StoneGround?templateName=index>

"... the site provides a wealth of information about the "a-g requirements", including course descriptions of dozens of innovative courses that have been accepted by UC. It also provides assistance in understanding the UC course approval process and helpful insights as to why courses have not been approved."

The International Distance Learning Course Finder

<http://www.dlcoursefinder.com/>

The world's largest online directory of e-learning courses -- over 55,000 distance learning courses and programs offered from a multitude of universities, colleges and companies in 130 countries.

PA Homeschoolers Advance Placement Test Preparation Courses

<http://www.pahomeschoolers.com/courses/index.html>

Offers a wide range of Advanced Placement (AP) test preparation classes for qualified homeschool high school students from all across the country.



Unschooling Teen Links

Autodidactic Press

"Self-University Newsletter: Committed to lifelong learning as the lifeblood of democracy and the key to living life to its fullest. Dedicated to furthering education not as something you get but as something you take." Great articles in the newsletter archives plus an extensive list of recommended books accompanied by reviews.

<http://www.autodidactic.com/selfnews.htm>

Grace Llewellyn's Home Page

She is the author of *The Teenage Liberation Handbook* and *Real Lives*, both books about striking out from the traditional high school scene.

<http://www.gracellewellyn.com/>

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<http://www.autodidactic.com/selfnews.htm>

free-ed.net

Free online courses, tutorials and activities.

<http://www.free-ed.net/catalog.htm>

Knowledge Products

Educational books on tape. History, philosophy, economics, religion.

<http://store.yahoo.com/know-products/index.html>

Austrian Economics Study Guide

Extensive bibliography to guide your studies in economics from the Mises Institute.

<http://mises.org/study.asp>

PinkMonkey.com

The Internet's one stop Free Study Site. Includes SAT Exam Study Guide.

<http://www.pinkmonkey.com/>



Testing Resources

How wonderful it is:

- to live in a state that does not require testing for homeschoolers
- to have resources for parents who decide to test their children
- to know that it is your prerogative to decide whether to test or not

Alfie Kohn

<http://www.alfiekohn.com/>

Insightful articles on the current “plague” of testing in schools. You will also find excellent articles on competition, the problem with rewards and other topics of interest to parents.

Bayside School Services

PO Box 250, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

800-723-3057

<http://www.baysideschoolservices.com/>

Offers nationally standardized achievement tests that are available all year. Bayside gives you original publisher materials plus genuine CTB scoring reports. They include free practice tests for all grades where available. Email:

orders@baysideschoolservices.com

Bob Jones University Testing and Evaluation Service

Bob Jones University Press, Greenville, SC 29614-0065

800-845-5731

<http://www.bjup.com/services/testing/>

Offers Iowa Test of Basic Skills and Cognitive Abilities Test, Stanford Achievement Test, Otis Lennon School Ability Test. They also provide practice tests, personality profiles, writing evaluations, and career guidance. Some tests require a college degree to administer or other special requirements. Email: testing@bju.edu.

Crosspointe Educational Services

7268 Turner Fish Rd., Willow Springs, NC 27592

919-577-1238, Email: cat5@bellsouth.net

<http://www.CEStesting.com>

Offers complete Survey and Complete Battery of California Achievement Tests. The Survey takes 3-4 hours to administer; the Complete Battery takes 7 hours. The Complete Battery provides a comprehensive report detailing specific mastered objectives for each subject. Both exams provide an overview of test results. You have a choice of testing dates and can administer the test in your own home.

Fair Test

<http://www.fairtest.org/>

"The National Center for Fair & Open Testing (FairTest) is an advocacy organization working to end the abuses, misuses and flaws of standardized testing and ensure that evaluation of students and workers is fair, open, and educationally sound."

Hewitt Homeschooling Resources

P.O. Box 9, Washougal, WA 98671

360-835-8708 or 800-348-1750 for catalog

<http://www.hewitthomeschooling.com/test/tmain.asp>

Email: info@hewitthomeschooling.com

The PASS (Personalized Achievement Summary System Test) was designed specifically for homeschoolers. Parents administer the test. It is untimed. Testing results show overall achievement as well as performance in each subject. Children's scores are compared with both national and home-school populations. More importantly, suggestions are given for goals in each assessment area.

Nadeau Educational Services

11060 Artesia Blvd. # D, Cerritos, CA 90703

562-924-9565

Email: RNadeau@compuserve.com

<http://www.nadeaucenter2.com/>

The Nadeau Educational website offers 8 diagnostic tests designed to identify ADD, ADHD, Dyslexia, Learning Disabilities and most Developmental Delay problems. Previewing these tests might lead to some insights, but I would recommend looking for a professional in your local community to do one-on-one testing with your child before designing a truly individualized program.

Thurber's Educational Assessments

400 Clayton Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514

919-967-5282.

<http://www.thurbers.net>

Provides the California Achievement Test to homeschools. Group discounts are offered.



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Richmond, VA 23235

804-794-6994

<http://www.edexbooks.com/>

Buy, sell, and trade used curriculum and educational materials. Run by homeschoolers who offer free curriculum consultation and advice.

Gray Wolf Books

14595 E. 14th St.

San Leandro, CA 94578

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Warehouse of used books. As one homeschooler wrote, "We spend hours there."

Hamilton Books

<http://www.hamiltonbook.com/hamiltonbook.storefront/>

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Homeschooling Used Curriculum Sites

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/8259/used.html>

A listing of many curriculum swap, auction sites, and mailing lists dedicated to used curriculum on the Internet.

Kaiser Books and Computers

<http://www.kaiserbooks.com/>

Late 19th and early 20th century used books. National Geographic Magazine Back Issues.

Moore Expressions

<http://www.mooreexpressions.com/>

6070 Indian River Road, Suite 110

Virginia Beach, VA 23464

757-523-4965

Specialize in homeschooling curriculum and books. Their motto is "their catalog is our catalog" to indicate their willingness to get just about anything your desire.

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<http://www.powells.com/>

Sells both used and new books. Has store locations as well as online sales.

Sacramento Surplus Book Room

4121 Power Inn Road

Sacramento, CA 95826

916-454-3459

<http://www.bookroom.org/>



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Educational animated movies, K-12 arena, that demystify Science, Biology and Technology topics. Families can buy unlimited access to the BrainPOP site for \$34.95 per year.

<http://brainpop.com>

Hollywood Video

Has a free movie program for schools. Go into any store and ask for the school program application. It is stored in their computer. They will have to print one out for you to complete.

Mentura

<http://mentura.com/DVDRentals/CaliforniaHomeschool.html>

The world's largest educational DVD rental service. Several membership plans to choose from.

Teach With Movies

<http://www.teachwithmovies.org/>

This site is organized by theme and provides companion curriculum to an enormous number of movies. They also have a monthly newsletter.

TMW Media Group

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