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Composition

**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.
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
* ByGosh.com Children’s Classics
* Children’s Literature Online Books
* Classics for Young People
  [http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/storclas.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/storclas.html)
* Fairrosa Cyper Library of Children’s Literature
  [http://www.fairrosa.info](http://www.fairrosa.info)
* The Online Books Page
  [http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/](http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/)
* Page by Page Books
* WebBooks.com

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

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.”

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](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](http://www.gomilpitas.com/homeschooling/articles/060899.htm)

Alpha-Phonics
An intensive phonics program. Reading assessment tests also available.

*At Last: A Reading Method for Every Child*
b
by Mary Pecci
ISBN: 0943220076

Book Crossing
[http://www.bookcrossing.com/home](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
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](http://www.letterlane.com)

**Mary Sturgeon Educational Games**  
6525 Gunpark Dr., suite 150-194  
Boulder, CO 80301  
(888) 578-4180  
Lickety Split - Monopoly-like board games that teach phonics, common words, blends, word families.

**Phonics Pathways**  

**RFB&D Learning Through Listening**  
Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic National Headquarters  
20 Roszel Road, Princeton, NJ 08540  
(866) RFBD-585  
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  
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
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
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, videotaped 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. Wacher 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.”
- WIRELESS (NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO) May 1997
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.
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.etacuisenaire.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.etap.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.
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 ½, 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.

Good Sports Plus
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**
17821 E. 17th Street, #103, PO Box 2423
Tustin, CA, 92781-2423
(800) 422-8886
Comprehensive selection of science supplies, activity books, curricula, field equipment and related resources for grades K-12.

**Astronomical Society of the Pacific**
390 Ashton Ave.
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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/

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.hollingworth.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
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
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=34M8BNCJ0TIWQVJ1C
UYQ?_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.

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
"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 djhjp@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.almadenvaleychristianschool.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.
Balametrics  
http://www.balametrics.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/  
jouqueta@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, Chattsworth, CA  
(801) 621-8606  
http://www.nacd.org/  
Email: 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*

*McGraw-Hill*

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-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/

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.
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.
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Austrian Economics Study Guide
Extensive bibliography to guide your studies in economics from the Mises Institute.
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PinkMonkey.com
The Internet’s one stop Free Study Site. Includes SAT Exam Study Guide.
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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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http://www.graywolfbooks.com/home.htm
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Hamilton Books
http://www.hamiltonbook.com/hamiltonbook.storefront/
New books at bargain prices.

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/
Videos and DVDs

BrainPOP
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.

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