

HOMESCHOOL PROGRESS CHECKLIST

Decision Making

- Read books, magazines, and websites about homeschooling.
- Research your state's homeschool laws.
- Contact a state homeschool organization and/or local support group.
- Consider your family's goals, needs, schedules, and commitments.
- Discuss it with your spouse, pray about it, and decide if homeschooling is for you.

Information Gathering

- Sit in on a support group meeting, take notes, and talk to current homeschoolers.
- Attend a convention/curriculum fair and/or obtain catalogs from curriculum publishers.
- Choose your homeschool style and plan your curriculum.
- Create a mission statement describing the vision you have for your homeschool.

Getting Started

- Join the state homeschool organization, an independent support group, an e-mail discussion group if desired, and the Home School Legal Defense Association.
- File an Affidavit of Intent to Homeschool with the County School Superintendent (check your own state's laws for other requirements).
- Begin home school record keeping and retrieve public school records, if any.
- Make a master schedule/calendar/course of study for your homeschool.

Following Through

- Purchase curriculum, books, and school supplies.
- Begin home instruction and keep records.
- Attend support group meetings and homeschool events.
- Participate in standardized testing (required in some states; optional in others).

Continuing

- Review the year's progress and analyze test results.
- Note areas that need improvement.
- Re-examine curriculum choice and make changes if necessary.
- Make a list of items you want to look for at the next curriculum fair.
- Update records and file copies with support group or state (if required).

Finishing Up

- Plan high school transition and check college entrance requirements.
- Prepare for PSAT/SAT/ACT tests and begin college application process.
- Maintain transcripts and obtain diploma.
- Attend graduation ceremony (optional).

Congratulations!

- You are an expert homeschooler...now you can offer to help a beginner!