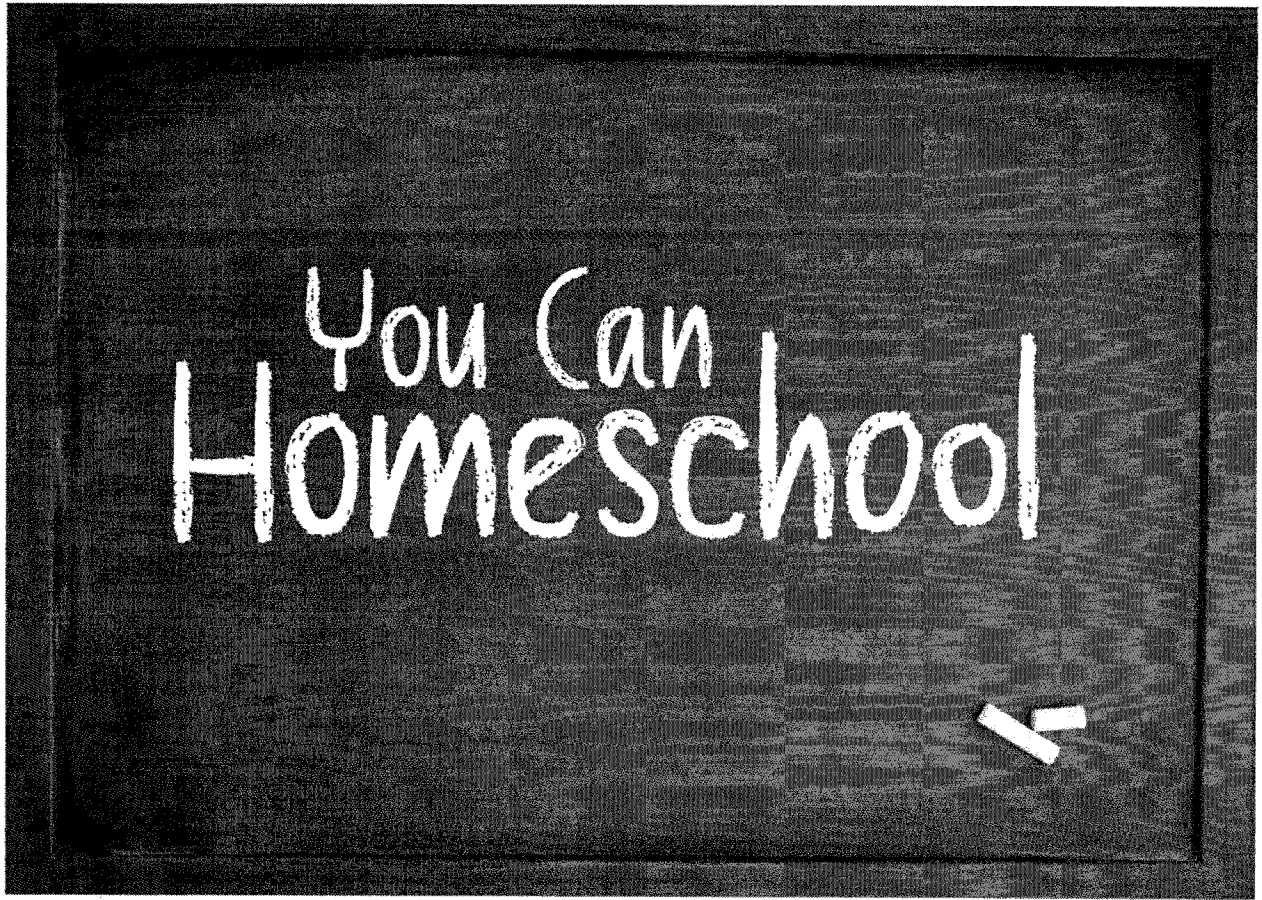


#### FRIDAY, JULY 14

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| 6:00-7:45 PM | GETTING STARTED IN PRIVATE HOME EDUCATION                      |
| 7:55-9:00 PM | CHARTER VS PRIVATE HOME EDUCATION: MAKING AN INFORMED DECISION |

#### SATURDAY, JULY 14

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| 9:00-10:50 AM  | HOMESCHOOLING THE YOUNGER GRADES               |
| 11:00-12:30 PM | PLANNING & RECORD KEEPING                      |
| 12:30-1:45 PM  | LUNCH BREAK & OPTIONAL Q&A; RESOURCE ROOM OPEN |
| 1:45-3:45 PM   | HOMESCHOOLING THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL              |
| 4:00-5:00 PM   | HOW TO START & BUILD A HOMESCHOOL COMMUNITY    |
| 5:00-5:30 PM   | RESOURCE ROOM OPEN                             |



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# GETTING STARTED IN PRIVATE HOME EDUCATION

## WHAT IS PRIVATE HOMESCHOOLING *REALLY* LIKE?

## BENEFITS OF PRIVATE HOME EDUCATION

Ultimate freedom

Meet special needs

Foster love of learning

Option for more rigorous academics

Nurture deep, lasting family relationships

Customized education & pace

Flexibility

## WHAT'S THE COST?

In time...

In money...

## YOU CAN TEACH YOUR CHILD

### CALIFORNIA LAW

All children ages 6 (by 9/1) to 18 must be enrolled in a public or private school.

Most common homeschooling option: home-based private school

- file annual private school affidavit (PSA)
- instructors must be capable of teaching
- provide instruction in English, in the courses commonly taught in public schools
- keep a list of instructors with their addresses and qualifications
- keep a list of courses of study
- keep an attendance register
- maintain immunization record or exemption

### STEP-BY-STEP STARTING YOUR SCHOOL<sup>1</sup>

1. Join Homeschool Legal Defense Association ([hslida.org](http://hslida.org))
2. Name your school
3. Withdraw your child
4. File Private School Affidavit (PSA) (October 1-15)
5. Connect with homeschooling parents
6. Discover your schooling style
7. Choose curriculum<sup>2</sup>
8. Make a plan
9. Re-evaluate and make changes as necessary
10. Celebrate progress!

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<sup>1</sup> [CHEAofCA.org/Homeschooling-101](http://CHEAofCA.org/Homeschooling-101)

<sup>2</sup> [CathyDuffyReviews.com](http://CathyDuffyReviews.com), [hslida.org/planning-tools](http://hslida.org/planning-tools), Portia Fielder at [CHEAofCA.org/about/staff](http://CHEAofCA.org/about/staff)

# CHARTER VS PRIVATE HOME EDUCATION: MAKING AN INFORMED DECISION

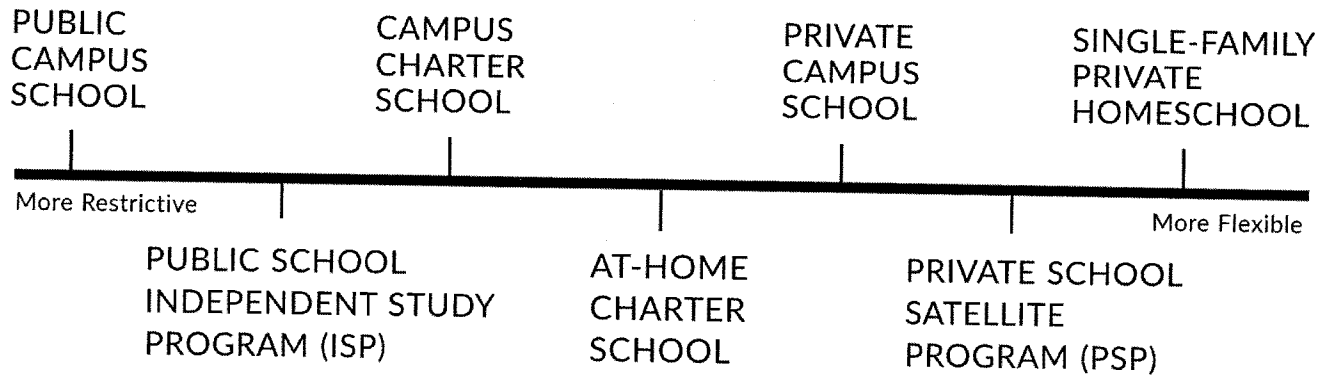
WHEN MANY FAMILIES COMPARE, THIS IS WHAT THEY SEE:

Public school at home	Private school at home
Funds!!!	Expenses
Expert teacher/counsel	I'm all alone.
Credibility	I'm just a mom.
Oversight	I'm winging it.
Rules	Am I doing enough?
Curriculum advice	How will I figure out what to use?

WHAT MATTERS TO YOU?

Charter – Public school at home		Private Home Education	
Pros	Cons	Pros	Cons
Time at home Family values Financial help Accreditation Teacher counsel	Rules Data collection Work samples/testing Less authority Mandatory reporters Religious resources work-around	Time at home Family values Parental authority No data collection Religious instruction Flexibility, choices	Purchase your own resources Need a support group (This could be considered a pro!)

DEGREES OF FLEXIBILITY IN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OPTIONS



# HOMESCHOOLING THE YOUNGER GRADES

WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT?

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CREATING A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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FOSTERING HEALTHY SOCIALIZATION

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DO I NEED TO KNOW IT ALL?

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WHAT TO TEACH...

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...AND HOW TO TEACH IT

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TESTS AND GRADING?

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GETTING DAD INVOLVED

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# PLANNING & RECORD KEEPING

## WHAT THE LAW REQUIRES

## 4 SIMPLE STEPS

1. Goal Sheet
2. Course of Study<sup>3</sup>
3. Year at a Glance
4. Lesson Plans

Evaluation: optional through middle school

## ADDITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RECORDS

Course Description

Syllabus

Reading List

Extracurricular Activities Log

Portfolio

Transcript

*Important to keep these records as you go; memories fade and the work compounds!*

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<sup>3</sup> Required by California Law



# HOMESCHOOLING THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

## PHILOSOPHY & PURPOSE

Discipleship and character development

Trivium: grammar stage (grades 1-4, knowledge), then logic stage (grades 5-8, understanding), finally rhetoric stage (grades 9-12, wisdom)

## EQUIPPING FOR THE FUTURE - WORKING BACKWARD

## CREATE YOUR SCHOOL'S MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Local high school

Admission requirements of college

California standards

## RECORD KEEPING

1. 4-year planner
2. 1-year plan for all children
3. Year at a glance
4. Course Description with evaluation criteria
5. Daily lesson plans
6. Transcripts: use online GPA calculator

7. Attendance, immunization
8. Reading list (school and leisure)
9. Extracurricular activities log

Determining course credit: CA credits: 10 = to 180 hours of work (less for an elective, more for a lab science), or 1 full year of 3.5-5 hours of work each week. Textbook publishers list course as full year or semester.

Report cards optional

## HIGHER EDUCATION BASICS

Dual Enrollment

High school to Community College to University

Straight to 4-year school

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) starting Oct 1 of senior year

## CURRICULUM OPTIONS

Parent-taught/Self-taught

Co-op courses

Online courses

Dual Enrollment

Hire a tutor

TESTS AND GRADING

KEEPING DAD INVOLVED

WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW CALCULUS?

## Why Homeschool Teens? By Elizabeth Smith

When our children reach the high school years, we begin to question whether homeschooling can really provide them with what they need--spiritually, socially, and academically. But homeschooling is effective in high school for the same reasons it is effective in the younger grades. As a matter of fact, homeschooling in high school can yield great dividends in the life of your teen. Here are 10 reasons why you might want to consider homeschooling your teen.

### 1. **Continue the Family-Building Process**

The teen years are a strategic time to cement relationships that last a lifetime. Parents can continue as the primary role models. You can make sure that your teen is instructed and disciplined consistently each day with moral training and sound doctrine.

### 2. **Cement Family Relationships**

Relationships are the most important thing in family life. When teens are away from home for six-to-eight hours a day, subtle changes begin to erode relationships at home. Divided allegiance or "serving two masters" can shake their foundation. The result is weakened family ties and parental influence.

### 3. **Provide an Excellent Learning Environment**

Receiving one-on-one instruction is the most effective way to learn. At home, academics have priority, and there are no classroom distractions. Conversely, studies show that barely one third of the school day in traditional high schools is dedicated to academics.

### 4. **Individualize Education Based on Needs**

You can customize your teen's education to provide motivating opportunities to develop gifts and abilities. In areas of academic weakness, you can provide extra time and help. No classroom setting can offer this consistent and loving support.

### 5. **Accelerate Academic Progress**

Many homeschooled children are academically ready to do college-level work between the ages of 14 and 16. Additionally, researchers have found that age/grade isolation or segregation actually inhibits socialization. Available data demonstrates that homeschooled children are ahead of their public school counterparts in maturity, socialization, and vocabulary development.

### 6. **Have Direct Influence over Peer Relationships**

Homeschooling allows parents to fulfill their God-given responsibility to oversee the choices and amount of time spent outside the family. Parents can mentor their teens as they develop the important lifeskills of evaluating and choosing friends, resolving conflicts, and handling romantic relationships.

### 7. **Protect from the Pressure to Conform**

Teens feel strong pressure to compromise their standards and personal identity to conform to "the group." Few are mature enough to withstand constant pressure.

### 8. **Maintain Flexibility**

Homeschooling allows great flexibility for family plans and work or service opportunities. Through these venues, teens can gain valuable experience to help prepare them for future adult responsibilities.

### 9. **Create a Safe Learning Environment**

News headlines tell us that the presence of drugs and violence are escalating on high school campuses across the country. Homeschooling offers a safe haven for learning, and it provides more opportunity for parents to recognize and lovingly intervene if their child exhibits at-risk behavior.

### 10. **Allow God to Show Himself Strong**

2 Chronicles 16:9 says, "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him." Let us look to God and trust Him as our provider during these special years.

# HOW TO START & BUILD A HOMESCHOOL COMMUNITY

# RESOURCES

## ORGANIZATIONS

- **HSLDA (Home School Legal Defense Association):** [hsllda.org](http://hsllda.org) We recommend every private home educator join HSLDA. Tremendous support for all ages and stages of home; premier home education legal experts, worldwide.
- **CHEA (Christian Home Educators Association):** [cheaofca.org](http://cheaofca.org) CHEA has supported and protected private home education for nearly forty years. Free curriculum counselor, downloadable forms, plus loads of practical help.
- **Family Protection Ministries:** [fpmca.org](http://fpmca.org) California family's watchdog in Sacramento. They read every piece of legislation to head off possible limitations to our freedoms as parents and home educators. Signing up for their email updates allows you to be notified when a bill requires a phone call to your representatives.
- **National Home Education Research Institute (nheri.org)** focuses on homeschooling research, homeschool facts, and in-depth scholarly articles. Great resource for questioning family and friends.
- **Association of Christian Home Educators of Ventura County: (achev.org)** is an example of a local support group, with a free curriculum library open to ALL private home educators.

## GETTING STARTED

- **CHEA:** [cheaofca.org/homeschooling-101](http://cheaofca.org/homeschooling-101); [Homeschool411.com](http://Homeschool411.com): CHEA's blog has great informational and inspirational articles for all aspects of private home education, including special needs.
- **Homeschool Bootcamp:** [apologia.com](http://apologia.com)

## PLANNING & RECORD KEEPING

- [JanelleKnutson.com](http://JanelleKnutson.com): Detailed videos, including high school resources
- <https://www.myjoyfilledlife.com/product/four-year-high-school-planning-forms>
- **High School requirements:** <http://calstate.edu>; <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu> or <http://cde.ca.gov>
- [CHEAofCA.org/downloadable-forms](http://CHEAofCA.org/downloadable-forms); <https://hsllda.org/post/recordkeeping-tools>
- **Transcripts:** <http://cheaofca.org/downloadable-forms>; <http://transcripts.hsllda.org>
- **Online classes:** <http://online.hillsdale.edu>; <http://onlinechristiancourses.com>

## CURRICULUM

- **Cathy Duffy** has been reviewing curriculum for the homeschooling community since 1984. [CathyDuffyReviews.com](http://CathyDuffyReviews.com)

## FREE RESOURCES

- Lapbooks and Unit Studies (younger grades): [homeschoolshare.com](http://homeschoolshare.com)
- many websites like [homeschoolforfree.com](http://homeschoolforfree.com)

