

CALIFORNIA HOMESCHOOLING FUNDAMENTALS

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“Parents, ...bring your children up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4

Steps to begin Homeschooling in California

1. Ask God to show you how He wants you to educate your children
2. Look into curriculum (set of subjects, books, and videos) and costs. See websites below.
3. Plan a tentative weekly schedule, include hours for productive fun. A cooperating homeschooler can often do in about 3 hours what it takes 6 hours in a public school.
4. Decide to DO IT! ...if you are confident God wants it for you and your children...
5. Decide whether you will
 - a. **establish a private school** in your home by filing a Private School Affidavit (PSA, free) and giving it a name (we chose “Agapē Academy”), and purchase your curriculum (see a few website suggestions below);
 - b. or if you will **join a Private School Satellite Program** (PSP) and pay them monthly to file the papers, determine and provide your curriculum, keep the records, and oversee your homeschool;
 - c. or if you will **join a Charter School**, and the State of California pays everything, and takes care of everything except your in-home instruction, but provides and requires you to use the curriculum of the California State Board of Education.
6. Join the Home School Legal Defense Association (if yours is a PSA) \$130/year/family, but \$110 if you join CHEA of California first
7. Join the Christian Home Educators Association of California (if yours is a PSA) \$35/year/family
8. Connect with a homeschool support group like this one we are starting now so you won’t be going it alone (free)
9. Determine your curriculum and order materials and/or contract for resources
10. Withdraw your child(ren) from public school (if they are enrolled), but don’t inform them until you have established your private school or enrolled them in a PSP. See the handout for this.
11. Schedule and implement your first homeschool day
12. File your affidavit (if yours is a PSA) between October 1 and October 15 for the school year, or on any day you begin. We can help you with this.
13. Participate with other homeschool families through your support group, with whatever activities you help plan and implement

Essential and Trustworthy Websites:

Family Protection Ministry <https://fpmca.org>

Christian Home Educators Association of California <https://www.cheaofca.org/>

Home School Legal Defense Association <https://hsllda.org/>

Traditional homeschool curricula with textbooks, academic excellence, Biblical worldview, and critical thinking:

Bob Jones University <https://www.bjupresshomeschool.com> Cost depends on what you order.

Abeka <https://www.abeka.com/homeschool/> Cost depends on what you order.

Alpha Omega Publications <https://www.aop.com/> Their Monarch is \$699/year for 2 or 3 students

Note: All three of these offer monthly payments if you prefer not to pay in full up front.

Other Helpful Websites:

Delightful and animated grade-level biblical instruction that our Children's Ministry uses here at the Rock Church: <https://deeproootsbible.com/> To supplement your charter school curriculum.

Articles by Barbara Danza <https://www.facebook.com/BarbaraCDanza/posts> For encouragement.

American History and Civics that is comprehensive, godly, thorough, grade-level, and free:

<https://k12.hillsdale.edu/Curriculum/The-Hillsdale-1776-Curriculum/>

Top 10 Homeschool Curriculum Reviews <https://www.homeschool.com/top10/top10reviews-asp/>

Acellus <https://www.powerhomeschool.org/> \$25/student/month for up to 7 courses at a time online

Schoolhouse Teachers <https://schoolhouseteachers.com/> \$179/year/family for online home education

Easy Peasy All-In-One <https://www.homeschool.com/resource-guide/easy-peasy-all-in-one-homeschool/> This complete online curriculum set is free.