

The background is a collage of school supplies. At the top left, there's a pink paper with a white outline of a pencil. To its right is a red square sticky note. In the top right corner, there are two wooden rulers. At the bottom center, there's a magnifying glass with a gold frame. In the bottom left, there are two teal square sticky notes. The entire background has a light beige color with a pattern of thin, orange-brown lines.

HOMESCHOOL CURRICULUM PLANNER

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Determine Your Character Goals

What character traits do I need to focus on with my children?

Some ideas: Kindness, Obedience, Honesty, Neatness, Attentiveness, Gratefulness, Patience, Persistence

2. Determine which subjects you want to cover as a family. You may wish to teach the majority of your curriculum all together, such as history, geography, and science, or you may want to cover only a couple things together, such as Bible and Character Training.

3. Determine what individual subjects your students need to cover. Language Arts and Math are generally not suitable for teaching multiple ages together. Add any additional subjects that your students will be doing individually.

4. Determine the academic goals for each student. Each subject will most likely have a number of different goals. For example, Math goals may be: Be fluent in Addition and Subtraction up to 10; Understand How to Count Money, Etc . Or you may wish to keep your goals simple by simply saying "Complete a first Grade Math Curriculum".

5. There are enough pages for you to complete your curriculum planning for multiple children. Print more or less of each page as needed.

INSTRUCTIONS:

6. Answer the following questions to help you narrow down your curriculum choices:

What Homeschool style does my family prefer? (Charlotte Mason, Traditional, Unit Study based, etc. If you don't know, I suggest starting with a traditional curriculum - like you would find in a classroom - and exploring other styles after you become more comfortable with homeschooling.)

What is my child(ren)'s learning style? (Hands-on, workbooks, auditory, etc.)

How much time do I have to devote to homeschooling planning and prep each week?

How much time do I have to devote to teaching time each day?

What is my budget for homeschooling curriculum?

INSTRUCTIONS:

7. Now that you know the subjects for which you need to shop as well as some of the specific features you need, you can begin to research which curriculum will work for your needs.

List each subject, and based on your answers to the questions you just answered, begin to list out the features you need/want in that curriculum.

For example, when shopping for your first grader, you might write down "math". Under "features I want" you might have "hands-on", "minimal worksheets", and "low teacher prep".

Then you can begin the process of searching for various math curricula. Some will be eliminated right away because they do not have the features that you need. List anything that might work under "possibilities".

8. Once you have all your possibilities listed, you can begin to compare the curricula in a more in-depth way. List each curriculum you're considering along with its pros, cons, and the amount it will cost you. Be sure to search for reviews on each curriculum because you may find pros or cons that you had never even thought about.

INSTRUCTIONS:

9. Whew! That last step was the most time consuming.

Now that you've written down all these different curriculum possibilities, it's time to start crossing them off one by one until you're left with the very best one!

Read through the list of pros and cons that you created for each curriculum possibility. Are any of the cons dealbreakers? Cross that curriculum off your list.

Compare the options and select the one that has the most pros and the least cons.

Is the one that looks like the best fit too expensive? Leave it on the list for now. Also leave your second pick on the list.

Complete this step for every subject for every student until you have your choices narrowed down to just one or two. Now add up the cost for them all. Does the total of your curriculum picks fit within your budget? You may find that you had something on hand for one subject which frees up money for a more expensive curriculum for another subject. Keep juggling things around until you find the right fit and the right cost!

INSTRUCTIONS:



10. Now that you have your curriculum choices determined, you can do a little comparison shopping.

You might find used curriculum for a lower price or you might find that a different distributor carries it for a lower price than the curriculum website does.

Ask around to veteran homeschoolers because you can always glean tips about when different websites run sales or free shipping deals.

11. Finally, you can keep track of ideas for websites, apps, videos, and any other supplemental resources you might want to use for each subject.



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