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## *guide to* **HOMESCHOOLING**

### What is homeschooling?

By definition, "homeschooling is the education of children at home by their parents." Schooling became an institutionalized way to educate in the early 1920's, it was very normal to send your child to school in order for them to receive an education. During this time there were families that chose to educate their child at home, but doing so was viewed as radical.

State's began passing laws geared towards home education in the late 1990's. While some still viewed homeschooling as a more nontraditional approach between 2010-2020 the idea of homeschool becoming normalized.

After the COVID pandemic, millions of U.S families have chosen to homeschool their children and resources to support them are in high demand.

**There are over 3.1 Million  
homeschoolers in the U.S**





# *styles of* **HOMESCHOOLING**

## SCHOOL-AT-HOME

This is a type of homeschooling that mimics public school, only it is done at home. Most new to homeschooling families will start with this style until they figure out what works best for their family and eventually switch to a new style of homeschooling.

All-in-one curriculums, school-in-a-box programs as well as enrollment to a virtual academy are all methods of the "school-at-home" homeschooling style.

## UNSCHOOLING

Unschooling is a more informal approach to education. This method focuses on learning through life experiences. Allowing the child to learn based on interests and recognizing when a child is ready to learn skills and incorporating opportunities that will teach them these skills through various experiences. Unschooling is more of a child lead approach, but parents are still very much involved in the unschool homeschooling style. It works best for those that learn better with a more hands on approach.

## UNIT STUDIES

This style of homeschooling teaches core subjects through a single topic. For example, families that use unit studies might focus on the topic of U.S history and will do so through a unit study that takes the child through all core subjects, such as writing, math, history, spelling, grammar, science etc...

Unit Studies are great for families that are teaching multiple children in different age ranges. It saves time and allows the children to learn at their age level.

## ECLECTIC

Eclectic style homeschooling uses a variety of resources, such as, books, games, websites, group/co-op classes etc... in order to teach their child.

The eclectic style really allows the parent to dial down and focus on what works best for their family and individual children. It also allows flexibility and gives the parent a chance to educate based on their child's needs. This style is one of the most popular styles of homeschooling.

# Tips for your **HOMESCHOOLING JOURNEY**

## KNOW YOUR STATE'S LAWS

Make sure when you start your homeschooling journey that you take the time to get to know your state laws and local requirements for homeschooling. Every state is different and even some county superintendent offices may interpret the law and requirements in a different way. We always recommend contacting your local superintendent office to confirm what your requirements are. Do not skip this step, it is an important step to homeschooling.

## SPEND TIME "DESCHOOLING"

Deschooling is an amazing tool and there is no right or wrong way to do it. It is most effective when a child is moving from public school to homeschooling, and offers a reset for you and your child. The purpose is to help you shift your mindset from "school" to "learning". How long you choose to deschool is up to you. Do what works for your family. Deschooling is a great way to decompress and get to know how your child learns and how best to homeschool for your family.

## CHOOSE YOUR HOMESCHOOLING STYLE

This is often times an ever changing decision as you learn what works best for your family. Start off with the homeschooling style that you are most comfortable with and remember you can change things up at anytime. This decision is often best made once you have deschooled and spent getting to know your child's learning style.

## FIND A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT

It is important to have a community of support, whether family, friends, fellow homeschoolers etc... Either in person, online or both. We recommend looking into homeschool groups in your area as well as joining our Facebook Homeschooling Group "Homeschool Support for Parents".

We strongly encourage being a part of a community of like minded members.

One of the biggest challenges that homeschoolers face is keeping their records, accurate, up-to-date and organized. Whether you are using a self-paced in the box curriculum or more of a free style approach, the Modify™ homeschool app will help alleviate your record keeping frustrations.

Modify™ allows families to manage their children's activities, attendance, portfolio, and even generates official transcripts and attendance records into beautiful PDF's that you can save and print right from the app. It is packed full of features that help families stay compliant no matter what type of homeschooling style they use.

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Like most homeschool parents the decision to homeschool comes filled with excitement for all the possibilities. It also comes with fear and doubt and can sometimes make us feel overwhelmed and and often times leave us questioning if we made the right choice. Don't let that scare you. Just know that it is a completely normal thought process and you are not alone. Most of us have been conditioned with a public school mindset and breaking away from that mindset takes time.

**Remember to breathe.**

If you are feeling overwhelmed or have questions please reach out to us or your homeschool community for support. Do not be afraid to post on our Facebook Group or reach out for support, no question is a silly question. Every homeschool parent feels this way from time to time and it is important to recognize how common it is so that when the time comes and you feel this way you can know and understand that you are not alone.

**Do not be afraid to take a break! It's okay to be flexible.**

## FAQ'S

### **How can I start homeschooling?**

All states have different homeschooling laws and requirements. We recommend contacting your local county superintendent to learn where to start.

### **Do I have to wait until the start of a school year to begin homeschooling?**

No. Once you have taken the necessary steps to withdraw your child, you can start anytime. Homeschool families do not have to follow the traditional school year calendar.

### **Can my child go to college if they are homeschooled?**

Absolutely. There are several homeschool friendly colleges. Be sure to keep accurate transcripts and portfolios to help with admissions.

### **If we homeschool do we have to homeschool forever?**

No, You can be as flexible as you need to be in order to meet the needs of your child and family.

### **What about socialization?**

There are several ways for your child to socialize with both adults and their peers. This can be done through local community groups, lessons, classes and simply reaching out to other homeschoolers.

### **Is my child learning enough?**

Following the guidelines for your state will help ensure your child is learning what is required. It also helps to have clear goals set and work towards accomplishing them. There are also testing options available if need be.

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## Customize Learning

Modify™ allows you the freedom to customize your child's education while adhering to your local homeschool laws.



## Flexibility

Modify™ allows you and your child flexibility, which gives users the opportunity to an education that caters to different learning styles.



## Collaborate

Modify™ offers users the option to share courses, assignments, tests, and more with others in your groups and communities.



## Community

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