



# Homeschooling 101

You have decided to homeschool!

Now what?

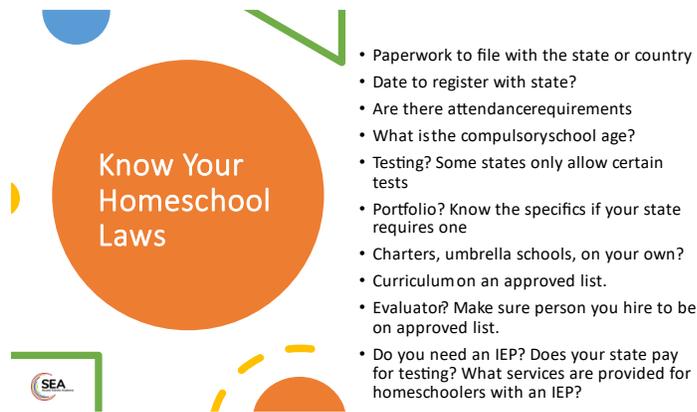


Welcome to the SEA Homeschooling Community

SEA Homeschoolers was founded in 2014 by Blair Lee, a homeschooling parent who was looking for a community where she could discuss how to provide an innovative, academically rich, personally meaningful education for her son. Fast forward to today: SEA Homeschoolers has 100,000 families all invested in their children's learning helping each other. SEA has become a teachers' lounge for homeschoolers. In addition to brainstorming, the SEA Homeschoolers Facebook Groups are known as being the best place for getting information about secular academic curriculum and programs.

SEA Homeschoolers is also a support group. A lot of homeschooling happens with just you and your children. Blair wanted to provide support for homeschoolers who are feeling isolated. The SEA Community does that and more. We show up for each other! We are here to celebrate with you when things are going great, and to help you when they are not.

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- State or Country and Date to Register.
- Are there attendance requirements? If so, how will you track attendance?
- What is the compulsory school age in your state?
- Does your state require testing? If yes, which tests? If yes, who administers them?
- Does your state require a portfolio? If it does, what are the specifics for that?
- What are all the modes for homeschooling in your state?
- Does your state or charter school require you to use only approved materials?
- Does your state have an evaluator on an approved list?
- What is the process for getting an IEP in your state? If you do have one, what services are provided for homeschooled learners with an IEP?





## Before Choosing Curriculum

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- Who is your child as a learner?
- What can you learn from the teachers you had
- My plan for making the dream a reality.
- Deschooling? Sometimes good and sometimes not.
- Methodologies are based in educational pedagogy – What are they?



- What I have noticed about how my child learns:
- Techniques used by your favorite teachers:
- Techniques used by your least favorite teachers:
- In what specific, practical ways will you address your reasons for homeschooling?
- Do I need to deschool? Do my children need to deschool?
- The teaching styles, methodologies, and pedagogies that appeal to me most – and why specifically these appeal to me:

## Learning skills

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- Metacognition: Know what you know and be able to use it!
- A multimodal approach for balanced learning: Use the modality that best fits the situation.
- Executive functioning skills: Academics is a good situation to work on these.



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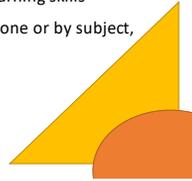
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- Latest and greatest or time tested
- Finding a fit for your child
- Is there an integration of learning skills
- Types: Online or print, all-in-one or by subject, for example
- Switching mid-year
- Cost



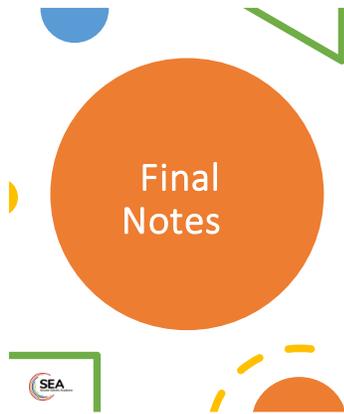
- What is important when choosing curricula: customer reviews, credentials of developer, evidence-based?
- What do I know about my child as a learner? Where do they struggle? What subjects do they find easy?
- If working on learning skills, are those integrated into the materials?
- What types of curriculum work best for my child (and me)? Which do not work?
- Notes about the pluses and perils of switching mid-year.
- Notes about cost:

**Getting Organized**

- Year round, “school” schedule, semester, or quarter?
- Resource management
- Tracking progress
- Establishing routine
- Organizing for multiples or an only
- When the plan is the problem

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- Socialization
- Parenting while you teach.
- You are taking on a new job.
- What will people say?
- Find a support network

- Socialization:
  - Online
  - In-Person
- Discipline around academics is often tricky when you are your child's primary teacher. Have a plan.
- My new job!
  - I am enough! I will be kind to myself! I am learning along with my kids.
- What will people say?
- My support network:

## Important Links

SEA Homeschoolers Website: <https://seahomeschoolers.com/>

Homeschooling 101 Page: <https://seahomeschoolers.com/homeschooling-101/>

The FREE SEA Homeschoolers Magazine features articles with advice, information, book recommendations, activities, and a recipe. <https://seahomeschoolers.com/secular-eclectic-academic-magazine/>

We have 100's of articles on the SEA Homeschoolers Blog:  
<https://seahomeschoolers.com/secular-eclectic-academic-blog/>

SEA Bookstore: <https://seahomeschoolers.com/store/>

## The SEA Homeschoolers Community Forums

### FACEBOOK

SEA Homeschoolers page: <https://www.facebook.com/seahomeschoolers>

*You must be a member of the Main group to join subgroups.*

SEA Homeschoolers Main Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SEAHomeschoolers/>

SEA Homeschoolers Middle School High School:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SEAHomeschoolersHighSchoolMiddleSchool/>

SEA Homeschoolers Preschool: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SEAPreschool/>

SEA Homeschoolers Gifted and 2e: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SEA2E/>

SEA Homeschoolers Learning Challenges:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sealarningchallenges/>

SEA Homeschoolers LGBTQ+: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SEALGBTQ/>

SEA Homeschoolers Chat: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/seahomeschoolerschat/>

SEA Homeschoolers Community Leaders:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/seahomeschoolerscommunityleaders/>

SEA Homeschoolers Vegan Homeschoolers:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SEAVeganhomeschoolers/>

SEA Homeschoolers Spaces: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/seahomeschoolspaces>

### INSTAGRAM

<https://www.instagram.com/seahomeschoolers/>

### LINKEDIN

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/blair-lee/>

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Developmentally Appropriate & Academically Rich Preschool and Kindergarten – [Kat Hutcheson](#)

LGBTQ+ Education – [Outschool](#)

Imposter Syndrome & Homeschooling – [Blair Lee, M.S.](#)

10 Steps to Enriching Strength-Based Homeschooling – [Sam Young](#)

Mentor Texts: What They Are, Why You Should Use Them, and Where to Find Them – [Dr. Michelle Parrinello-Cason](#)

Your Homeschool Transcript: What Colleges Want to See – [Lisa Davis](#)

Metacognition – [Blair Lee, M.S.](#)

Pride – [Joshua Jernigan](#)

What is Academic Homeschooling? – [Blair Lee, M.S.](#) and [Amy Sharony, Ph.D.](#)