

# Exploring Your Home School Options

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## I. The Advantages of Home Education

- A. Social Reasons
  - 1. Positive Socialization
  - 2. Negative Socialization
- B. Better Education
- C. Religious and Cultural Reasons
- D. Desire for Individualized Instruction
  - Special Needs
  - Giftedness
  - Desire for independent growth
- E. Desire for a Stronger Family Unit

## II. Considerations before making the decision

- A. The Commitment of Home Education
- B. The Cost of Home Education
- C. The Availability of Your Support System
- D. The Will of God for Your Family

## III. Your HomeSchooling Options

### A. The Textbook Approach

Resources:

**Bob Jones University**

**A Beka**

**Calvert School**

[www.bjupress.com](http://www.bjupress.com)

[www.abeka.org](http://www.abeka.org)

[www.calvertschool.org](http://www.calvertschool.org)

(secular—has evolution elements)

## B. Classical Approach

Other Resources:

Websites:

**Trivium Pursuit On-line**-- [www.triviumpursuit.com](http://www.triviumpursuit.com)

**The Well-Trained Mind**-- [www.thewelltrainedmind.com](http://www.thewelltrainedmind.com)

**Classical Conversations**-- <http://www.classicalconversations.com/>

Books About Classical Homeschooling:

**Teaching the Trivium: Christian Homeschooling in a Classical Style** by Harvey Bluedorn

**The Well-Trained Mind** by Jessie and Susan Wise Bauer

## C. Unit Studies

Other Resources:

**KONOS Character Curriculum** [www.konos.com](http://www.konos.com)

**The Weaver Curriculum** [www.aop.com/weaver](http://www.aop.com/weaver)

**Five in a Row** [www.fiarhq.com](http://www.fiarhq.com)

**How to Create Your Own Unit Study** by Valerie Bendt  
Cadron Creek

## D. Charlotte Mason

Other Resources:

Websites:

**The A-B-C's of Charlotte Mason**

<http://homepage.bushnell.net/~peanuts/faq1.html>

**Ambleside**

<http://www.amblesideonline.org/index.shtml>

(This is the site of a Charlotte Mason School, but it has the text of Charlotte Mason Books and some excellent resources online.)

Books:

**A Philosophy of Education** by Charlotte Mason

**A Charlotte Mason Companion** by Karen Andreola

**Charlotte Mason Study Guide** by Penny Gardner

**For the Children's Sake** by Susan Schaeffer Macaulay

**Charlotte Mason Education** by Catherine Levison

## E. Unschooling

Other Resources:

**Unschooling: Delight-Driven Learning**

[www.homeeducate.com/unschooling](http://www.homeeducate.com/unschooling)

**Unschooling.com** <http://www.unschooling.com>

(provides good starting point for definitions and resources)

**John Holt and Growing Without Schooling**

<http://www.holtgws.com/index.html>

**Amy Bell's Natural Learning Page**

<http://home.rmci.net/abell>

Unschooling Books/Resources

***The Unschooling Handbook : How to Use the Whole World As Your Child's Classroom,***  
by Mary Griffith

***Home School Burnout : What It Is, What Causes It, and How to Overcome It,***

By Raymond S. Moore, Moore Dorothy

**F. Self-paced Programs (paper based)**

Other Resources:

***Alpha Omega LIFEPAACS*** [www.aop.com](http://www.aop.com)

***Accelerated Christian Education***  
[www.schooloftomorrow.com/homeschool](http://www.schooloftomorrow.com/homeschool)

**G. Computer-based Programs**

Other Resources:

***Switched- On Schoolhouse*** [www.aop.com](http://www.aop.com)

***Robinson Self-Teaching Curriculum*** [www.robinsoncurriculum.com](http://www.robinsoncurriculum.com)

**H. DVD or Satellite Schools**

Other Resources:

***Bob Jones University*** [www.bju.edu/press](http://www.bju.edu/press)

***A Beka*** [www.abeka.org](http://www.abeka.org)

**I. Tutors or Co-ops**

**J. Eclectic—Most Popular**

**Blends several ideas into your own personal homeschooling style**

***General Home Education Resources for more information about homeschooling methods***

Websites:

***The Old Schoolhouse***

[www.thehomeschoolmagazine.com](http://www.thehomeschoolmagazine.com)

***A to Z Home's Cool***

[www.gomilpitas.com/homeschooling](http://www.gomilpitas.com/homeschooling)

***Homeschool Christian.com***

<http://www.homeschoolchristian.com>

***Homeschool World***

[www.home-school.com](http://www.home-school.com)

This is only a partial list. There are many other excellent sites available.

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