

Homeschool 101

1. Recognize you have options

Book Recommendation: So You're Thinking About Homeschooling by Lisa Whelchel
<https://www.amazon.com/So-Youre-Thinking-About-Homeschooling/dp/1590525116>
(This has some religious content)

2. Give yourself and your child...TIME

a. Give yourselves time to understand and appreciate what it means to learn in freedom.
Your homeschooling journey will change.

3. Do your Research

a. Learning Styles - Test website for you and your kids.
<https://plsclasses.com/store/resources/kaleidoscope-profile-learning-styles-inventory-online/>
Mother/Educator: It helps to know how you learn in order to teach to relate to your kids.

B. Education Philosophy - Do your research for educational philosophies but in reality this will be an aspect that comes with trial and error. Do not overwhelm yourself with this one yet.

4. Get Connected - DO NOT SKIP THIS STEP!

a. Connect with many homeschool moms to talk to and ask questions
B. Co-ops (once a week to start) are an excellent way to establish consistency and build relationships for you and your kids.

5. Watch, Wait, and Listen

- a. Watch your children; see how they are learning.
- b. Wait for answers to your questions
- c. Listen to what your kids are telling you, both verbally and nonverbally.

6. Be Flexible

- a. The wonderful part of homeschooling is that it can be and should be unique to each family.
- b. If that Math curriculum is just not working....DUMP IT!
- c. Bottom Line....You have to find what works for your family.

7. Enjoy it!

- a. Make this step and ENJOY it!
- b. Give yourself reminders to enjoy this time with your kids.