

Learning Styles

Each child has a specific mode or combination of modes in which he learns best.

VISUAL LEARNERS: learn best by seeing flash cards, visual images, matching games, pictures and diagrams, puzzles, watching someone do something, printed material, charts, pictures, posters, wall strips, desk tapes, video tapes, computer programs.

AUDITORY LEARNERS: learn best by hearing cassette tapes, lectures, educational songs and rhymes, rhythm instruments, recitation, singing and reading aloud.

KINESTHETIC LEARNERS: learn best by doing and touching long nature walks, model kits, yard work, gardening, textured puzzles and manipulatives, typing instead of writing, drama, dance, lab experiments, building models.

SOCIAL LEARNERS: learn best by interacting with others through one-on-one conversations, discussions, group participation.

One my favorite learning style inventory tool used to determine the learning style can be purchased from Performance Learning Systems,

<http://plsclasses.com/store/resources/kaleidoscope-profile-learning-styles-inventory-online/>

This learning style inventory tool, The Kaleidoscope Profile, can be purchased as either a hard copy, or completed online. Students have a choose from one of the following two versions:

Student Version, Grades 3-6 \$2.00

Student Version, Grades 7-12 \$2.00

It is also recommended that the parent-teacher complete The Kaleidoscope Profile, Educator Version (for adults to determine their learning style): Educator Version, Adults.

The reason for parents to know their learning style is that teachers tend to choose curriculum and materials and to teach in their learning style, and it may very likely be different from the learning style of the student(s) they are teaching. So awareness of both the student's and teacher's learning style is helpful, particularly if they are not the same in an independent study learning environment.