

# **Helpful Homeschool Resources**

Legalities of Homeschooling in Oregon, as well as lots of helpful links for figuring out your child's learning style, your teaching style, and different methods of organizing your school day. They also offer a very affordable membership for \$12/month which enables them to promote and/or fight legislation to protect home school families. With membership, they also offer legal protection for families should there be any problems.

<https://hsllda.org/legal/oregon>

They also have a wonderful portal for those considering home schooling and wondering how to get started here:

<https://hsllda.org/get-started>

To file your letter of intent to home school in Union County. They also briefly outline Oregon home school laws and requirements on their web page and they offer yearly proctored testing for students.

<https://www.imesd.k12.or.us/page/home-schooling>

This is a Christian-based network that offers advice for those just beginning homeschooling and a starter pack. They also keep home school families informed of legislation and happenings that effect us as well as offering a yearly conference with speakers, workshops and a curriculum fair.

The Oregon Christian Home Education Association Network (OCEANetwork)

<https://www.oceanetwork.org/>

This website offers home school information and support as well as curriculum options and affordable test proctoring in the privacy of your home to fulfill testing requirements. Their testing is very user friendly and they offer many different testing dates.

<https://www.bjupress.com/page/Home>

La Grande Public Library has a section of resources and books for homeschool families as well. It is located in the children's section of the library, near the craft table. Ask a librarian if you are unsure. You also will need to change you account classification with them to that of a homeschooler, which allows you longer shek-out times as well as access to the homeschool resources. This is a great way to preview different curriculum, as they have several on hand.

## **Links for homeschool curriculum**

This is not an exhaustive list, as there are thousands of programs and options out there. However, these are some of the most popular and widely used options from the years I have homeschooled. Some are religious based and others are not. Some will choose to use an entire program for all their studies, and others will pick and choose from many programs to put together something that works best for their family. You are in the driver's seat. You will want to cover the basic subjects such as Math, Social

Studies/History, Language arts (spelling, writing, handwriting, etc), and Science. You can also add in electives that interest your child, as well as participating in field trips with local homeschool groups. Some of these are free online resources, others are paid subscriptions and physical textbooks. Again, consider your child's learning style and your teaching style. Also realize that you are not married to your curriculum. If you find it's not working as you'd hoped, you can switch to something else that's a better fit.

Abeka

<https://www.abeka.com/>

Classical Conversations (there is a local group doing this program)

<https://www.classicalconversations.com/>

Alpha Omega Publications (AOP)

<https://www.aop.com/>

Masterbooks

<https://www.masterbooks.com/>

Sonlight

<https://www.sonlight.com/>

BJU Press

<https://www.bjupress.com/page/Home>

Rainbow Resource Center

<https://www.rainbowresource.com/>

Christian Book Distributors

<https://www.christianbook.com/>

Mystery Science

<https://mysteryscience.com/>

Spelling City

<https://www.spellingcity.com/>

Institute for Excellence in Writing

<https://iew.com/>

Teaching Textbooks (online math)

<https://www.teachingtextbooks.com/>

Math-U-See

<https://mathusee.com/>

Typing.com

<https://www.typing.com/>

Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Easy Peasy Homeschool

<https://allinonehomeschool.com/>

Elephant Learning

<https://www.elephantlearning.com/>

Life of Fred (math)

<https://www.lifeoffred.uniquemath.com/>

Ascellus

<https://www.acellus.com/>

Well Trained Mind

<https://welltrainedmind.com/>

Story of the World (history)

<https://susanwisebauer.com/book/the-story-of-the-world-series/>

The Good and the Beautiful Curriculum

<https://www.goodandbeautiful.com/>

Unit Studies- This is something you put together on your own based on a subject of your course. You can also Google and find many free Unit Studies online from homeschooling mamas. For example, I did one on the Oregon Trail with all of my elementary level kiddos. We read books, watched documentaries, did related games I found online. We built covered wagons with kits I purchased, visited the Interpretive Center, etc. It is fun, free, and you can customize it for your family.

Many museums offer free admission for homeschool families. Don't be afraid to ask! We have had many awesome field trips and experiences at no cost!

There are several Homeschool groups in Union County. Most are accessible through their Facebook groups. They are filled with homeschool parents and are very helpful in answering questions about anything homeschool. It's a great place to connect with others who can help guide you when you're stuck.

UCCHE (Union County Christian Home Educators)

Eastern Oregon Christian Home Educators

Homeschooling Forum Union County

Schooling from Home in Union County

Union County Homeschoolers