

Advice on Homeschool Resources & Curriculum

From Study Solutions of El Paso

Language Arts:

For students with Dyslexia, teach them with **Barton Reading & Spelling** (www.BartonReading.com): one-on-one at least 2 hours per week (more is better). Provides reading, spelling, grammar, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, written expression at sentence level. Once student has completed level 4 they can begin IEW writing composition (www.iew.com). *If your child has dyslexia, no outside reading until the child initiates it: Use **Audio Books** from Learning Ally <https://www.learningally.org/>, Capti Narrator <https://www.captivoice.com/capti-site/> or another source instead.*

Writing Composition: **Institute For Excellence in Writing** (<http://iew.com/>)

Read-aloud to your children daily to increase vocabulary, comprehension, knowledge and a love of reading. For great titles to read aloud: <http://www.trelease-on-reading.com/rah-contents.html>

Penmanship:

Handwriting without Tears (www.hwtears.com): if student struggles to learn cursive or has dysgraphia, teach it one time so they can read it but let them switch back to printing.

Keyboarding:

Touch Type Read and Spell

www.readandspell.com

Math:

Addition & Subtraction (learning facts): www.TouchMath.com

Multiplication & Division (learning facts): www.TimesTales.com

Teaching Textbooks: It reviews each concept and goes step by step through a problem if you miss it. (<http://www.teachingtextbooks.com/>)

Right Start Math: They also have many math games and activities that provide ongoing review of facts that is fun: (<http://rightstartmath.com/>)

Science:

Apologia Science (www.apologia.com) has many numerous science curriculums for Elementary, Middle school and High school. You can order some of the books on audio CD or listen to them at Learning Ally as well.

For Elementary “The Young Explorers Series” is excellent.

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History:

Biblioplan: <http://www.biblioplan.net/p/welcome-to-biblioplan.html>

Sonlight Historical Read Alouds: <http://www.sonlight.com/homeschool/level/level-a/>

Christian Liberty Press: <http://www.shopchristianliberty.com/shop-by-grade-level/>

(www.YourStoryHour.org) "Your Story Hour" CD collections are great audio formats for listening to History. They also have **Bible** Story collections. They also have activity books to go with the stories - under the products tab.

Government:

www.TeenPact.com - TeenPact Leadership School is an incredible way to teach real life government to your children. TeenPact is a dynamic, hands-on leadership school for Christian students. "Our mission is to train youth to understand the political process, value their liberty, defend their Christian faith and engage the culture at a time in their lives when, typically, they do not care about such things."

There is a one-day class for students ages 8-12 and a four day class for student 13-18. Classes are held at the state capitol in Austin, TX

Current Events:

God's World News: <https://www.gwnews.com/> This is my favorite resource for reading together as a family. It can be used to facilitate any subject such as speech, government, history, critical thinking, reading, or Bible. Elementary through Highschool.

Bible:

Christian Liberty Press: <http://www.shopchristianliberty.com/bible-and-theology/>

Cornerstone Curriculum: <http://www.cornerstonecurriculum.com/Curriculum/SP/sp.htm>

The Picture Smart Bible (www.picturesmartbible.com) Incorporates art and lots of visual learning into Bible study for ages 4th grade to adults.

Also the K-3 Picture-Smart Bible is a comprehensive overview of Biblical history, geography, doctrine, important verses and major themes of each Bible book designed for young children. In this innovative Bible study program, an overview of an entire book is illustrated on a single page. For every book of the Bible you study, you will have a script to follow, a Master Drawing, and a Student Sheet.

Foreign Language:

Since students with dyslexia have a very difficult time learning to speak a second language, it is better to meet high school requirements with **Sign language** or **Latin**.

Latina Christiana: <https://www.memoriapress.com/curriculum/latin/latina-christiana-i/>

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Organization-Planners-Schedules:

Donna Young: <http://www.donnayoung.org/index.htm> is a place on the internet from where you may print [Lesson Planners](#), [Household Planners](#), [Calendars](#), [Handwriting Lessons](#), printable worksheets or papers for several subjects.

Electives:

The best part about Homeschooling is the opportunity to focus on your child's strengths and gifts.

Students with Dyslexia are gifted in one or more of these areas and can count them as elective credits:

- Art
- Athletics, sports
- Gymnastics, dance
- Music
- Singing
- Acting
- People Skills
- Cooking
- Gardening
- Science
- Good with animals
- Mechanical skills
- 3-D visualization
- Extremely curious
- Creative
- Mathematics
- Computers
- Leadership
- Public Speaking
- Organizing

Local Homeschool Organizations:

El Paso Liberty Homeschool Network

Vista Hills Homeschool Ministry

West El Paso Homeschool Co-op

These are great source for information, support, field trips and co-op classes.

Home School Legal Defense Association:

<http://www.hsllda.org/default.aspx> Joining HSLDA provides families with advice, support and advice.

Texas State Law Requirements Regarding Home Schooling:

www.THSC.org To home school legally in Texas, you must follow three state law requirements:

- The instruction must be bona fide (i.e., not a sham).
- The curriculum must be in visual form (e.g., books, workbooks, video monitor).
- The curriculum must include the five basic subjects of reading, spelling, grammar, mathematics, and good citizenship.
- See the article "7 easy steps to begin"

New Mexico Regulations:

<http://www.hsllda.org/hs/state/NM/default.asp>