

Homeschooling Checklist

Your Guide to Getting Started



Essential first steps for your homeschool journey
From Starfish Supportive Learning Services

Step 1: Understand the Homeschool Requirements



Make sure you are complying with state laws.

- ☐ Review state's homeschool requirements*
- ☐ File required paperwork or letter of intent
- ☐ Organize important homeschool records
- ☐ Create a system for saving student work samples
- ☐ Confirm notification, registration, or documentation deadlines

Important Dates:

Homeschool Notification Due: _____

Evaluation/Assessment Date: _____

Other Requirements: _____

*State requirements can be found on your state's department of education website.

Step 2: Create Learning Goals



What goals do we want to accomplish this year

☐ Reading/Literacy Goal

☐ Math Goal

☐ Writing Goal:

☐ Life Skills

☐ Science/Social Studies

Step 3: Choose Curriculum & Learning Resources



Before purchasing curriculum, consider:

- ☐ Does this match my child's learning style?
- ☐ Is the level appropriate for my child?
- ☐ Does it allow flexibility?
- ☐ Does it include opportunities for hands-on learning?
- ☐ Does it provide appropriate accommodations or supports?
- ☐ Will someone be there if I have questions?

Curriculum Choices

Reading:

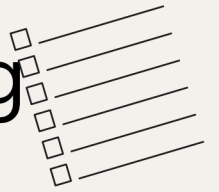
Math:

Science:

Social Studies:

Electives/Enrichment:

Step 4: Plan your homeschooling environment



Create a dedicated learning space at home

- ☐ Create a comfortable learning space
- ☐ Gather the school supplies
- ☐ Organize materials and resources
- ☐ Create a schedule or routine
- ☐ Plan breaks and movement opportunities
- ☐ Prepare calming/support strategies if needed

Our Learning Space Will Include:

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| ☐ Books/resources | ☐ Technology |
| ☐ Writing materials | ☐ Visual schedules |
| ☐ Sensory Supplies | ☐ Organizational system |

Step 5: Build a Flexible Routine



A successful homeschool schedule does not need to look like a traditional classroom.

Our homeschool routine:

Morning:

Learning Time:

Breaks:

Afternoon Activities:

Don't forget to plan in time for homeschool groups, therapies, etc.

Step 6: Support Your Child's Individual Needs



Consider

- ☐ What accommodations help my child learn best?
- ☐ Does my child need visual supports?
- ☐ Does my child benefit from movement breaks?
- ☐ Does my child need modified assignments?
- ☐ How will I support motivation and confidence?

My child learns best when:

Step 7: Create a Progress Monitoring Plan



- ☐ How will I track learning?
- ☐ What work samples will I save?
- ☐ How often will I review goals?
- ☐ What adjustments may be needed?

Progress Review Dates:

- ☐ September
- ☐ November
- ☐ January
- ☐ March
- ☐ May

Step 8: Build Your Support Team



Homeschooling does not mean doing everything alone!

Consider connecting with:

- ☐ Other homeschooling families
- ☐ Community resources
- ☐ Tutors or specialists
- ☐ Therapists/providers
- ☐ Educational consultants
- ☐ Parent support groups
- ☐ Homeschooling Originations (HEAV- Home Educators Association of Virginia*)

*Find a homeschooling organization in your state.

Step 9: Review Your Plan



Before starting the year, ask:

- ☐ Do I have a realistic plan?
- ☐ Does this plan fit my child?
- ☐ Do I have the resources I need?
- ☐ Am I creating a learning environment where my child can thrive?
- ☐ Do I know where to ask for help?

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Because every learner deserves a plan designed with their strengths in mind.

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