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## Websites

[www.edhelper.com](http://www.edhelper.com). Excellent source of lesson plans, worksheets and other educational helps. Subscription fee.

[Home-school-inc.com](http://Home-school-inc.com) Creating a school at our site will provide you with more information, encouragement for you as a parent-educator, the ability for both parents to be more involved in home education, plus planning, organizing, and recording services.

[www.welltrainedmind.com](http://www.welltrainedmind.com). Resource for parents wanting to educate their children using a classical education method.

## Homeschooling Organizations

NHERI (National Home School Research Institute) is an excellent source for further information. PO Box 13939, Salem OR 97309 (503) 364-1490. [www.nheri.org](http://www.nheri.org).

HSLDA (Home School Legal Defense Association) P.O. Box 3000 · Purcellville, VA 20134-9000 · Phone: (540) 338-5600. [info@hsllda.org](mailto:info@hsllda.org)



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# Guide To Getting Started!



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## *Do Home Schools Become Accredited, or Approved by the State or a Board?*

- State regulations vary, from state to state, regarding what a state requires in order for a family to be able to homeschool. See [info@HSLDA.com](mailto:info@HSLDA.com) to check on legal requirements.

## *What About College?*

- Colleges today welcome homeschooled applicants. Homeschooled students tend to be well-prepared for college and other institutions of higher education.
- In our Community we have a section called- College Corner. Here we offer you help and resources for thinking ahead to college applications and college requirements as you plan the high school years.

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## Commonly-Used Homeschooling Methods

- *Character Trait*— begins with a goal of teaching and training children for character trait development. Typically it is combined with other methods such as unit studies, traditional learning, and eclectic learning. Often faith-based.
- *Charlotte Mason* – uses narration to verify learning. The Mason Method focuses on what the child knows, versus what he doesn’t know. It is used in unit studies and is primarily for the elementary grades.
- *Classical* – has three parts, grammar, logic, and rhetoric. It is language and history intensive.
- *Eclectic* - Any combination of the ideas and methods that work best for a child. This tends to become the method of choice for many homeschoolers as they observe and adjust to the changing educational needs of their children.
- *Traditional* (School in a box or Correspondence) - characterized by a pre-set curriculum from a publisher and can be from a correspondence school.
- *Unit Studies* – theme-based and integrating a number of subjects. Hallmarks of the unit study method are multiple-aged children in the learning group, flexible schedules, time-intensive planning and preparation, and project orientation. Math and reading skills are typically pursued separately and in addition to the family’s unit studies.
- *Unschooling* – Unschooling, or lifestyle learning, allows a child to lead his/her education which the parent facilitates. Unschooling is characterized by much hands-on learning.

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