

Questions to Ask - Choosing the Right Curriculum for Your Family

- Why did I choose to homeschool in the first place?
- Which learning styles describe my children?
 - Auditory
 - Kinesthetic
 - Social
 - Logical
 - Musical
 - Naturalist
 - Visual
 - Reading/Writing
 - Solitary
- What is my teaching style?
 - How much time do I have to devote to each subject?
 - Do I want to lesson plan and grade work, or do I need it done for me?
 - How much prep work is involved?
 - How much do I like the subject? (What about my child(ren)?)
 - Do I want someone else to do the teaching?
 - Online Classes
 - Computer-based programs
 - Co-ops
 - What additional books, supplies, or ingredients will I need?
- What do I want my child to learn?
- What is my budget?
 - Will I need something free?
 - Will I need to purchase additional books or supplies for the program?
 - Can I purchase the program used?
 - Are there coupons, free trials, sample lessons, or blogs available to see?
 - Do I have a flexible budget?
 - Can I resell it later?
- Will I want an all-in-one program, or will I get different subjects separately?
 - Does an all-in-one program fit my needs?
 - If not, how much tweaking would I need to do to make it work?
- What homeschool method(s) are we using or do we want to use?
 - Classical
 - Eclectic
 - School-at-home
 - Computer-based
 - Charlotte Mason
 - Nature studies
 - Montessori
 - Unschooling
 - Unit Study
 - Lapbooking
- What grade level or program level will I need for my child?
 - Does this program have an assessment or placement test?
- Can more than one child be combined to complete the program?
 - Which children and for what grade levels?
- How long will the program take to complete?
 - Is it for one semester, a full school year, or a specific number of weeks?
 - How long will it take each day to complete?
 - Will it need *my* full attention?
- How flexible is the program?
- Is the program secular or Christian?
 - What is their statement of faith and does it align with mine?
- Can I get my hands on a physical copy before deciding?
 - Do friends have one I can look at?
 - Can I view it on Amazon?
 - Is it at the library?
 - Do bookstores locally have it?
- How long do I need to try it before I know it's working?
 - If it isn't working, when should I bail?
 - What would I use instead?