

So You Are Thinking of Homeschooling: What Next?

Step 1: Make sure your family is on board and prepared to work TOGETHER, as a team. To read more about this, click the tab “Digging Deeper”.

Step 2: Read the SC Homeschool Law carefully to understand your rights and responsibilities under the law.

Step 3: GET LEGAL! All homeschoolers must be a member of a legal accountability group, like Foothills.

NOTE: LIBERTY ACADEMY, ABEKA ACADEMY, BOB JONES ACADEMY, or other Curriculum-Based Academies DO NOT COUNT as a LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY ASSOCIATION. Even If you use those full-service curriculum/transcript services, you still have to legally register with a 3rd Option group to be legal.

Step 4: Research curriculum options and purchase your curriculum.

- **Remember:** The most expensive is not necessarily the best—you don’t have to spend a lot of money to educate in a superior manner
- The “easiest” is not necessarily the best choice
- Not every high school curriculum is equal in quality and scope. Some will not adequately meet your goals for college. RESEARCH and ASK QUESTIONS!
- Curriculum can be purchased used on Amazon, ebay, or from local sources... AND... curriculum, well cared for, can be resold when you are finished with it to recoup your \$

Step 5: IF PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A STUDENT WITH THE LOCAL DISTRICT, Contact your school district as a courtesy and notify them of your intent to homeschool. No forms or letters are needed. The District can contact me by email if membership confirmation is needed. IF NOT PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED, no contact is necessary.

Step 6: Join a LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP, which provides MUCH NEEDED fun social opportunities for you and your children. TCHE is a local support group in this area.

Step 7: Attend the Mandatory New Member Orientation in which we will show you how to keep the required records and answer your questions relating to homeschooling in SC.

Step 8: Get Started! You have to achieve 180 days of school between now and May 31st. Lay out your calendar to balance school, work, vacations, and off days the way you see fit.

Step 9: Attend the January and May Records checkoff meetings.