

## New to Homeschooling?

If you are new to homeschooling, there are probably many questions for which you need answers. Let's look at some of the Frequently Asked Questions:

### 1. Is homeschooling legal?

Homeschooling is legal in all 50 states. The laws vary and it is important for you to be familiar with the law in your state. A great resource is HomeSchool Legal Defense Association (HSLDA). To access their website, click [here](#). HSLDA membership is something for you to consider. On the HSLDA website you see that:

*Home School Legal Defense Association is a nonprofit advocacy organization established to defend and advance the constitutional right of parents to direct the education of their children and to protect family freedoms. Through annual memberships, HSLDA is tens of thousands of families united in service together, providing a strong voice when and where needed.*

### 2. How do I find curriculum?

There are many sources of homeschool curriculum. One resource is the internet. CBD ([christianbooks.com](http://christianbooks.com)) is a great resource. Once you know what you want to purchase, there are many options, including used books. Sometimes there are local lending libraries that contain homeschool curriculum that can be borrowed - or at least giving you the ability to see the curriculum before you purchase.

Some homeschool support groups host used book sales - another great resource for inexpensive curriculum as well as an opportunity to speak with someone who has used the curriculum themselves.

### 3. What about subjects that I don't feel qualified to teach?

A good curriculum is sometimes all that is needed. Some can be used by the student with little or no input from the parent. Other resources are group classes, co-ops, online classes, and the local community college (for high school subjects). For more information on teaching out-of-the-ordinary classes, check out our "Ask Barb" section.

### 4. Will my student be able to attend college?

Many colleges are eager to have homeschool students enrolled. Others are at least friendly to homeschoolers. Most will take a qualified homeschool student - as evidenced by GPA, classes taken (and levels) and SAT or ACT scores.

### 5. What about socialization?

Most of the people who ask this question define socialization as spending large amounts of time with one's peers. Unlike the type of socialization that happens in a traditional school setting, homeschoolers tend to socialize across the generations - interacting with adults, older students, younger students, as well as peers. There are many activities available in most communities for homeschool students and it is up to the parent to determine how much involvement works for each particular family.