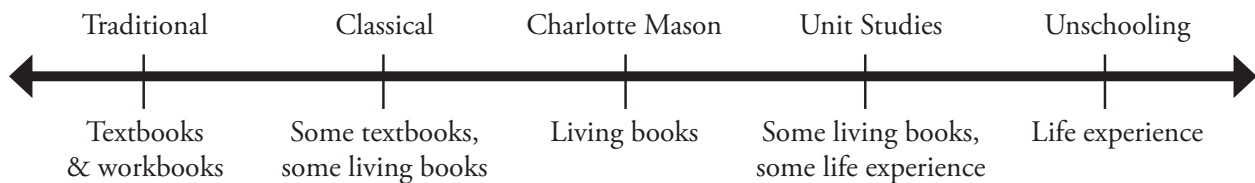


The Five Flavors of Homeschooling

Homeschooling is a lot like cooking.

1. Choose the flavor.

- Traditional
A separate textbook and/or workbook for each subject.
Read the information, answer the questions (multiple choice, T/F, short answer).
Remember the facts until the test.
- Classical
Based on the Trivium
Grammar Stage (ages 6–10): absorb and memorize facts
Dialectic Stage (ages 10–12): emphasize logic and why's behind facts
Rhetoric Stage (ages 13–18): add persuasive use of language
- Charlotte Mason
Living books instead of textbooks
Narration instead of questioning
Emphasizes ideas over dry facts
A wide variety of subjects; a broad curriculum
- Unit Studies
Arranges all subjects around a common theme
Usually lots of hands-on projects
- Unschooling
Child-directed
No set curriculum or agenda



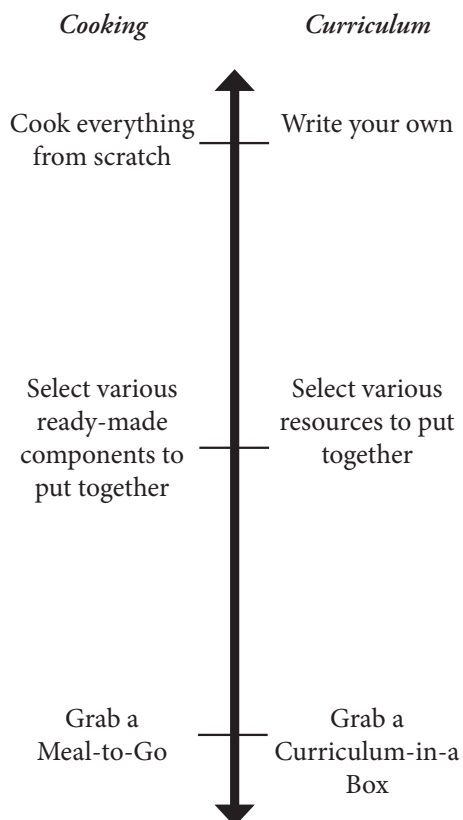
2. Plan the menu.

Common Subjects

Math
Science
Language Arts
 Reading
 Writing
 Spelling
 Grammar
 Literature
 Poetry
History (Social Studies)
Geography (Social Studies)
Bible
Art
Music
Foreign Language

Check with Home School Legal Defense Association for any legal requirements (hsllda.org).

3. Make your shopping list.



4. Shop for ingredients.

Different publishers cater to different flavors of homeschooling. (See list.)

Tips for Choosing Curriculum and Resources

- Helps you meet your goals
- Helps you meet legal requirements
- Agrees with your personal standards
- Is a good fit for this season of life

5. Evaluate the recipes.

Tweak as needed.

Friendly Reminders

- Make the curriculum your servant, not your master.
- Teach the child, not the curriculum.
- Curriculum is not a magic bullet.
- You have freedom to change if something isn't working.
- Too much hopping around can get disjointed.
- Don't be afraid to ask Why?

Curriculum and Resource Providers

Traditional

A Beka
Accelerated Christian Education (ACE)
Alpha Omega
Bob Jones
Christian Liberty Press
Christian Light Education
Landmark's Freedom Baptist Curriculum
Paradigm Accelerated Curriculum (PAC)
Rod and Staff Curriculum

General Stores

Rainbow Resource
Solomon's Secret
Schoolhouse Publishing

Specialty Stores

(those specializing in a particular subject or focus)

Classical

Classical Academic Press
Classical Conversations (local groups)
FreedomProject Education (online classes)
Memoria Press
Mystery of History
Tapestry of Grace
Veritas Press
Well-Trained Mind/Peace Hill Press

Charlotte Mason/Literature based

Beautiful Feet
Greenleaf Press (literature based)
Heart of Dakota (literature based)
Living Books Curriculum
Queen Homeschool Supply
Simply Charlotte Mason
Sonlight (literature based)

Unit Studies

Cornerstone Curriculum
Five in a Row
Heart of Wisdom (combined approach)
Konos
My Father's World (combined approach)
Weaver (from Alpha Omega)

Unschooling

(whatever)