

HOMESCHOOL CURRICULUM PLANNING SHEET

Before You Shop • Start with your child, your family, and your real life

Remember: You are not looking for the perfect curriculum. You are looking for a good fit for your child, your home, your teaching style, and your current season of life.

Child / Grade:	_____	School Year:	_____
Subjects:	_____	Budget:	\$ _____

1. MY CHILD'S NEEDS & LEARNING PREFERENCES

What seems to help my child engage? (seeing, listening, moving, creating, independence, calm pacing, etc.)

What does my child naturally enjoy or gravitate toward during learning?

What tends to frustrate, overwhelm, or shut down learning?

2. MY TEACHING PREFERENCES

How much parent teaching and preparation am I realistically comfortable with?

Do I want open-and-go lessons, flexibility, hands-on activities, discussion, structure, or something else?

BUILDING A CURRICULUM FIT

Think about the rhythm, practical details, and educational experience you want

3. OUR HOMESCHOOL RHYTHM

What does a realistic school day look like? Consider work, siblings, activities, appointments, and our current season.

When during the day does my child tend to be most ready to learn?

How much time can we realistically spend on this subject each day or week?

CURRICULUM FEATURES I WANT

- ☐ Short lessons
- ☐ Independent work
- ☐ Family-style learning
- ☐ Hands-on materials
- ☐ Mostly books / reading
- ☐ Digital options
- ☐ Other: _____

CURRICULUM FEATURES I WANT

- ☐ Longer / deeper lessons
- ☐ Mostly paper
- ☐ Minimal prep
- ☐ Open-ended / flexible
- ☐ Clear step-by-step plans
- ☐ Lots of parent support
- ☐ Other: _____

4. PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Lesson length, prep time, and materials: What can I realistically manage?

Cost, extras, consumables, and technology: What is the true cost and commitment?

Parent involvement and support: How much help will I want or need?

5. EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY & OVERALL FIT

What kind of learning experience do I want this curriculum to provide? What values or approaches matter to me?

What would make this curriculum feel like a good fit for our family?

COMPARE BEFORE YOU BUY

Use this page for your top three curriculum choices

CRITERIA	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
Child fit			
Parent fit			
Family rhythm			
Lesson length / prep			
Cost			
Materials / technology			
Educational philosophy			
Support available			
Overall feeling			

MY NOTES WHILE I RESEARCH

What do I love about the options I'm considering?

What concerns or questions do I still have?

What am I noticing about what my child actually needs?

MY NEXT STEP

The curriculum I am leaning toward is:

Why it seems like a good fit:

One thing I want to check before purchasing:

You don't need the perfect curriculum. You need a curriculum that fits the homeschool you're actually living.

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