

Building Blocks to Successful Home Schooling

- I. 6 building blocks:
- a. **Pray** – for the Lord to lead your family & over the needs of your children
 - i. **“for I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give hope and a future” Jeremiah 29:11**
 - ii. **“I pray that as a mother I point my children to Jesus by my own running toward Him, instead of frantically dragging them to where I believe they need to be” adapted from “Motherhood” by**
 - b. **Identify your families’ Purpose** – What is your unique purpose for home schooling? Faith built into curriculum, unsettled with Public School, unwanted cost/bubble of private school.. What will be your core values?
 - i. **Write down a list of why you are lead to home school w/ spouse or a mentor and pray on this reason regularly. Share it with others for accountability on a hard day.**
 - c. **Know State Laws** – Where can this be found? What legal issues are there and what do I need to teach to meet these guidelines?
 - i. **7 steps from Texas Home School Coalition**
 - ii. **Only Requirements to legally home school in Texas:**
 1. Instruction must be bonafide (not a shame)
 2. Curriculum must be in visual form (books, workbooks, video monitor)
 3. Curriculum must include; reading, spelling, grammer, math & good citizenship
 - d. **Community** – Socialization, support, outside resources for teaching/supplemental education, physical education etc. Regardless of where you find community it is completely necessary for the children AND the teacher to have community.
 - e. **Curriculum** – 102 Top Picks for Home School Curriculum, borrow from library, other resources below. THSC Convention..
 - f. **Healthy Boundaries** – Name of school, times, place, typical day, what’s allowed or not
 - i. **MSA Examples:**
 1. **School starts at 830 in classroom**
 2. **Annual Contract**
 3. **Rules:**
 - a. **Hebrews 13:17 “Follow directions quickly”**
 - b. **Col 3:23 “Make wise choices”**
 - c. **Phil 2:14 “Choose to please Jesus”**
 - d. **Luke 6:31 “Listen when others are speaking”**
 4. **Dad’s role?** Physical Ed, Finance, fishing, gardening, bible study, History, homework or substitute teacher are all options. What’s dad interested in and how can he play a role in the kid’s education?

g. Resources:

i. Books:

1. Teaching from Rest: A Home Schoolers Guide to Unshakeable Peace by Sarah Mackenzie
2. For the Children's Sake: Foundation of Education for Home School by Susan Schaeffer Macaday
3. 102 Top Picks for Home School Curriculum by Cathy Duffy
4. The Successful Family Homeschool Handbook: A creative and Stress free approach to home schooling by Dr. Raymond and Dorothy Moore
5. Educating the Whole Hearted Child: A Handbook for Christian Home Educating by Clay and Sally Clarkson

ii. Texas Home School Coalition

iii. Physical Education: Golf lessons, tennis, Home School PE