

# Hidden Treasures Homeschool Store

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## HOW DO I GET STARTED HOMESCHOOLING IN ALABAMA?

### Legal Information

Homeschooling is legal in all 50 states. In the state of Alabama, there is a church school option (recommended) and a private tutor option. For more information about these, visit:

<http://www.hslda.org/laws/analysis/Alabama.pdf> (HSLDA is a nonprofit advocacy group that serves homeschoolers by protecting your right to homeschool, promoting homeschooling, and preserving homeschooling freedom.)

### Church School Option

For a list of local and statewide church schools and their contact information, see:

<http://www.HiddenTreasuresHS.com/Church-Schools-and-Support-Groups.php>

Support groups are also listed at this site, but they are NOT legal coverings for you to homeschool under.

Questions to ask when evaluating a church school for the “right fit.”

1. Are you currently accepting new members? (Some groups accept members year-round and some only for a few weeks in the early summer.)
2. What are your fees?
3. What are your requirements?
4. What do I need to do to enroll with your group?

### Curriculum

If you prefer traditional methods of schooling and you want to follow a scope and sequence, you would probably feel more comfortable with A Beka Book, Bob Jones, Alpha Omega, Christian Liberty Press, etc.

However, if you are willing to deviate from the traditional, your options are endless. You might want to consider unit studies, sometimes called “delight-directed” learning, (especially if you have more than one student and want to teach all students at one time), unschooling, the Charlotte Mason method, or Sonlight to name just a few. For an overview of the most common homeschooling approaches, see our website:

<http://www.hiddentreasureshs.com/Homeschooling-Approaches-An-Overview.php>

Hidden Treasures Homeschool Store is predominantly a consignment store for gently used homeschool curriculum, but we also have the capabilities of ordering new curriculum from most publishers. Be sure and check with us often to see what is available!

### Learning/Teaching Styles

Identifying the learning style of yourself and your student will help in determining what approach you need to take in teaching. Your personal learning style will greatly influence your teaching style. Learning styles are visual, auditory, and kinesthetic (hands-on).

### 100 Top Picks for Homeschool Curriculum

We carry this book in the store. Cathy Duffy is a homeschool veteran who has years of experience reviewing curriculum. Her reviews are accurate and trustworthy. In addition to the reviews, she explores learning styles (and matches them to particular curriculums), the different homeschooling approaches (by providing you with a “test”), and evaluates ease of use and preparation of the curriculum and much more. This book is a wealth of information and has been our curriculum reference guide for years. We highly recommend it!

## **CHEF**

Christian Home Educators Fellowship of Alabama (CHEF) is a state organization offering information, resources, and support. They sponsor an annual state homeschool convention usually either in the spring or early summer. Check their website for more information: [www.chefofalabama.org](http://www.chefofalabama.org)

## **Hidden Treasures Homeschool Store**

We can help you save money - shop with us for consigned curriculum and other materials (and help another homeschooling family at the same time). We also can order new curriculum and books for you.

We send out a monthly e-newsletter with various articles and store news, announcements, classes/workshops/seminars, tips to help you in your home and your homeschooling, etc. Packed full of information. Sign up here:

<http://www.hiddentreasureshs.com/Sign-Up-For-Our-Newsletter.php>

We offer a variety of services - transcript preparation; copy service; personal consultations for one-on-one help in most homeschooling areas; gift certificates; advertising opportunities in the store, in our monthly e-newsletter, and on our website.

For more information about all of our services: <http://www.hiddentreasureshs.com/Services.php>

We offer Homeschool Jump-Start Seminars (an in-depth look at how to get started homeschooling); a monthly Moms Night Out covering various topics and a source of encouragement and support; classes and workshops taught by us and others to enrich and supplement your homeschooling. To see what events and classes are currently available, visit the website:

<http://www.hiddentreasureshs.com/Classes-Seminars-Workshops-Moms-Night-Out.php>

## **Home / School Brain: Manage Your Home and School Without Losing Your Mind!**

Written by Vicki S. Norris, co-owner of Hidden Treasures Homeschool Store, this is a compilation of 60+ forms to be printed, completed, and used to construct a Brain in a 3-ring binder to keep you, your home, and your school organized and running efficiently. The forms cover the following areas:

- \* Household - address and phone book, babysitter instructions, birthdays and anniversaries, budget planning and recordkeeping, chore charts, emergency numbers, shopping, healthcare, menus

- \* Holidays (not just Christmas), birthdays and anniversaries - gifts, traditions, shopping, planning

- \* Bible study - personal and family prayer journals and Bible Study journals, sermon notes

- \* Automobile - maintenance, emergency kit list

- \* Homeschool - records, grades, attendance, book reports, certificates, diplomas, transcripts, lesson planning, goals

- \*and much more!!!

Available in the store on CD-ROM or online as a CD-ROM or eBook. For more information see:

<http://www.hiddentreasureshs.com/Publishing.php>.

## **When NOT to Homeschool**

If you as parents are not in agreement...

If you as parents aren't committed to make this work...

If you as parents aren't willing to grow and change...

If you as parents haven't counted the cost...

## **More Questions?**

If you still have more questions you may:

1) purchase our *I Want to Homeschool in Alabama* booklet in the store on CD-ROM or as an eBook. For more information, see:

<http://www.hiddentreasureshs.com/Publishing.php>.

2) [sign up here](#) for one of our Homeschool Jump-Start Seminars (an in-depth look at how to get started homeschooling) if one is currently being offered, or

3) you may schedule a personal consultation by calling us at 334-671-7075 or e-mailing us at [vicki@HiddenTreasuresHS.com](mailto:vicki@HiddenTreasuresHS.com).