

Finding YOUR Family's Learning Style
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Who is YOUR family?

Set appropriate long-term goals

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Comparison is the death of contentment!

MORE STRUCTURED TEACHING STRATEGIES

Strengths: Ready for test, No "gaps"

Weaknesses: ♦Limits flexibility for individualized levels, pace, and learning styles
♦Less multi-age work ♦Very curriculum directed

Virtual Academy/Distance Learning – "Public School at Home"

Textbook/Workbook "Traditional"

Familiar Curricula:

- A Beka
- Bob Jones University Press
- Christian Liberty Press
- Rod & Staff

Paces Style Curricula:

- Alpha Omega Lifepacs
- Christian Light Education
- School of Tomorrow (ACE)
(Accelerated Christian Education)

Subject Specific Curricula:

- Saxon Math
- Apologia Science (7-12)

Technology-related/Correspondence

Video Courses, Schools: A Beka, School of Tomorrow - computer/video interactive, BJU satellite network

Computer classes, on-line instruction, academies: Alpha Omega Switched On Schoolhouse CD-ROM; Eagle Christian H.S. correspondence on Web; Escondido Tutorial Service classical education on-line

Traditional correspondence: Alpha Omega, School of Tomorrow

Satellite schools: Christian Liberty Academy, Sycamore Tree, School of Tomorrow

Strengths: ♦Avoid gaps ♦Sequential ♦Planned

Weaknesses: ♦Divides family ♦Can hinder pace ♦Doesn't fit all learning styles

Classical Education “Trivium”

Intellectual focus (Training the mind)
Incorporates Logic and Latin

Trivium (Three stages of Learning)

- **Grammar** (primary years) – Absorbing concrete basic facts, knowledge and memorization
- **Dialectic** (middle years) – Logic and analysis, understanding interdisciplinary relationships
- **Rhetoric** (high school) – Written and spoken expression, turning knowledge into wisdom

Douglas Wilson

<http://wwwFOUNDATIONSacademy.org/about.htm>

Well Trained Mind by W.W. Norton

www.welltrainedmind.com

Christine Miller [http://www.classical-](http://www.classical-homeschooling.org/v2/index.php?page=152)

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Story of the World, Mystery of History

Classical Connections –

www.classicalconversations.com

Classical Education Resources:

Strengths: ♦Learn to think ♦Solid educational foundation

Weaknesses: ♦Can be intimidating for teacher

The Principle Approach

Unit studies with Christian principle as the core
Very strong in providential history and civic responsibility

The 4 R's – Notebooking

- **Research** - Biblical principles
- **Reason** - Spiritual and governmental significance
- **Relate** – Connect principles to character issues
- **Record** - Personal application of principle

Principle Approach Resources:

The Classic Curriculum Guide of The Principle Approach by James Rose www.achipa.com/

The Foundation for American Christian Education

<http://www.face.net/227495.ihtml#question1>

Advanced Training Institute of America (ATIA)

<http://ati.iblp.org/at>

Strengths: ♦Biblically based ♦Strong family and civic base

Weaknesses: ♦Some may feel that it is rather narrow in scope

LESS STRUCTURED TEACHING STRATEGIES

Strengths: ♦Allows for individual styles ♦Multiple ages learn together

Weaknesses: ♦Fear of “gaps” ♦Harder for Type “A” moms ♦More prep
♦Trying to do too much and getting bogged down

Recommended Resources:

- *Home Schooling Methods* - Suarez
- *Things We Wish We'd Known* - Various
- *Discover Your Child's Learning Style* - Willis
- *You Can Teach Your Child Successfully* – Ruth Beechick
- *Beyond Survival* – Diana Waring
- *Successful Homeschool Family Handbook* - Raymond Moore

- *Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling* – Debra Bell
- Child Light Series-Susan Schaeffer Macaulay
For the Children's Sake
Books Children Love
Teaching Children
For the Family's Sake
- *School Proof* – Mary Pride
- *The Education of a Child* - Fenelon

Unit Studies “Integrated Subject Learning”

Unit Study Curricula:

- KONOS
- Weaver
- Lessons from History w/ The Art Part
- Diana Waring’s History Alive
- Greenleaf/Memoria Press Famous Men and Guides
- Story of the World
- Prairie Primer, Further Up & Further In, Where Brook and River Meet – Margie Gray

Strengths: ♦Multiple ages ♦Learning styles & subjects together ♦Student directed

Weaknesses: ♦Some need more prep ♦Fear of “gaps”

Literature Approach “Whole Heart Learning”

Resources:

- *Books Children Love* - Macaulay
- *All Through the Ages* - Miller
- *Learning Language Arts through Literature*
- *Five in a Row*
- *Sonlight Curriculum*

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Weaknesses: ♦Some need more prep ♦Fear of “gaps”

Unschooling “Relaxed Learning”

www.unschooling.com/library/faq/index.shtml

Strengths: ♦Completely flexible ♦Student directed

Weaknesses: ♦Difficult to define ♦Gaps ♦Harder to measure or prove learning ♦Often based on humanistic premises

Charlotte Mason “Love of Learning”

Resources:

- *Charlotte Mason Education* - Andreola
- *Charlotte Mason Companion* - Mason
- *Five in a Row*
- *Story Starters*

Strengths: ♦Multiple ages ♦Learning styles & subjects together ♦Student directed ♦Learning based on “Living books” ♦Produces life-long learners

Weaknesses:

Eclectic “Customized Education”

Best of the Best for YOUR Family

Find Your Balance!