

Building on a Sure Foundation: Staying the Course through High School HSLDA

As your child grows older, you may be considering high school at home - but you've got your doubts! Why is homeschooling high school a crucial decision for your teen? How is it possible? What help is available? We'll answer your questions; but more importantly, we'll encourage and challenge you to explore the steps you should take as you weigh the possibility of teaching high school at home.

Introduction

Questions to Ask?

- Why? Reasons to homeschool high school
- When? The time is now!
- How? Ways to accomplish the task
- Where? Knowing where to find help

Importance of Perspective

- Determine factors influencing decision
 - Friends
 - Child's view
 - Financial considerations
 - Sources of support
 - Child's future plans
 - Child's level of maturity
- Sharpen focus
 - Curriculum options
 - Class and extracurricular opportunities
 - Veteran homeschoolers
- Don't mind the gaps
 - Unexpected solutions/blessings
 - Opportunity to trust God
 - One step/year at a time

Why? Reasons to Homeschool High School

- Parenting teens
- Preparing for adulthood
- Strengthening family bonds
- Influencing peer relationships
- Developing talents and abilities
- Teaching the Word

When? The Time is Now!

- Build confidence
- Choose a philosophy of education
 - Traditional

- Classical
- Unit study
- Unschooling
- Eclectic

How? Ways to Accomplish the Task

- Recommended resources
- 4-Year Plan
 - “Developing a Plan for High School”
 - HSLDA newsletters
 - HSLDA high school coordinators
- Course options

Where? Know Where to Find Help

- HSLDA’ high school program
- Reference books
- State organization
- Local support groups
- Experienced homeschool families
- Blogs
- Master Builder

Conclusion

Resources

General HSLDA Links

- Home School Legal Defense Association
www.hslda.org
- HSLDA’s Homeschooling Thru High School webpages
www.hslda.org/highschool
- For HSLDA members:
HSLDA High School Coordinators: Becky Cooke and Diane Kummer
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You Can Do It! Section of HSLDA website

<http://www.hslda.org/highschool/youcan.asp>

(Includes encouragement articles and reasons why to homeschool during high school)

High School Email Newsletter Links

- Subscribe to free monthly Homeschooling Thru High School email newsletters:
www.hslda.org/highschool
- Newsletter Archives
<http://www.hslda.org/highschool/newsletter.asp>
- Past newsletters:
The Joy of Mentorship—Learning from One Another
<http://www.hslda.org/elert/archive/2007/10/20071005091512.asp>

Hope for Tomorrow

<http://www.hslda.org/elert/archive/2007/01/20070104144731.asp>

High School Brochures

<http://www.hslda.org/highschool/brochures.asp>

- Developing a Plan for High School: Sample 4-Year Plans
- Recordkeeping for High School: Simplifying the Process
- Homeschooling the College Bound: Successfully Navigating the Road to Admissions
- It's Off to Work We Go: Homeschooling for the Marketplace, the Home Front, and the Military
- Keeping on Track: A Time Line for High School
- You Can Homeschool High School

HSLDA High School Coordinators' Blog

<http://www.hslda.org/highschool/blog.asp>

Recommended Resources

- Homeschool Marketplace (review of educational approaches)
<http://www.homeschoolmarketplace.com/e-zines/ejournalapr2706.htm>
- *100 Top Picks for Home School Curriculum* by Cathy Duffy, www.cathyduffyreviews.com
- *Homeschooling High School* by Jeanne Gowen Dennis
Provides practical advice for achieving your high school goals
- *Senior High: A Home Designed Form+U+La* by Barbara Shelton
A practical look at dealing with everything from initial planning, record keeping, documentation, reproducible forms for curriculum reviews, course description, grading, guidelines for graduation, and encouragement for the faint-hearted
- *The High School Handbook: Junior and Senior High School at Home* by Mary Schofield
Reviews of all the various high school curricula
- *Homeschooled and Headed for College: Your Road Map for a Successful Journey* by Denise Boiko www.homeschoolroadmap.com
- *The Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling Teens* by Debra Bell
Provides suggestions for laying the foundation for high school in the middle school years
- High school curriculum providers, HSLDA High School website
<http://www.hslda.org/highschool/curriculum.asp>

Spiritual Refreshment

<http://www.hslda.org/highschool/resources.asp#devotionals>

State Organizations

<http://www.hslda.org/highschool/stateresources.asp>

“God Sees” by Bob Kauflin

An encouragement song written by a homeschool dad and pastor.

<http://www.hslda.org/highschool/youcan.asp#encouragement>

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