



Curriculum resources

So you've made the decision to homeschool.....Now what? You will need curriculum. The following websites and curriculum resources have been very helpful to me over the years. There are **MANY** sources of curriculum, this list is not conclusive by any means, but these are my preferred places to purchase curriculum.

Rainbow Resource: <https://www.rainbowresource.com/>

Rainbow is by far the most extensive warehouse of curriculum! So try not to get overwhelmed by the selection. They have just about everything on the market! Even some curriculum written by Mennonite publisher Rod and Staff which is hard to find elsewhere due to the fact that they don't have their own website. Because Rainbow is a third party seller the reviews on their website are unbiased. This is a big plus even if you don't purchase through them, the reviews here are quite helpful.

Masterbooks: <https://www.masterbooks.com/>

Masterbooks carries some of the same curriculums that Rainbow carries, however they have a line of curriculum that is unique to them and cannot be purchased at Rainbow. My personal favorite from Masterbooks is the America's Story series of elementary history by Angela O'Dell. I searched for many years for a multi age history curriculum that was hands on and well written. Several years ago I found this and it was an answer to prayer! I highly recommend this history curriculum! There is also World's Story by Angela O'Dell for higher grades (middle and high school) We have not used this one yet, but I'm excited to continue our study of history in this style.





Bob Jones Homeschool, and Abeka

<https://www.bjupresshomeschool.com/content/home>

<https://www.abeka.com/>

If you want a straight forward textbook approach Bob Jones and Abeka are excellent options. We've used various grades and subjects over the years. With this style of curriculum you are limited to the grade your student is in. As opposed to some other curriculums that allow for children from multiple grades to use the same book with assignments altered for their grade level, these will require you to purchase books for each child in their specific grade. This is a great option if your student likes to read and complete a worksheet, or if you only have one student. They both also have an online option, and DVD option where you become more of a class tutor, and students are taught by the teacher through video, you only have to grade their work. This is the typical style of curriculum you will find in most Christian schools. Both are written from a Christian perspective.

All About Reading, All About Spelling:

<https://www.allaboutlearningpress.com/all-about-reading/>

All About Reading and All About Spelling are both a phonics approach to teaching reading and spelling. The reading curriculum covers Kindergarten through fourth grade, and the spelling curriculum covers first through seventh grade. I have taught several of my children how to read with this program and I have been very happy with the results! It's fun for the kids and challenging as well. They love seeing the progress chart and adding a sticker as they complete a lesson. It has also been a great program to help my students who struggle with dyslexia. Struggling readers may need a slower pace, but the nature of the program is that you can go as fast or slow as your student needs.

Discount School Supply: <https://www.discountchoolsupply.com/>

This is a site that specializes in schools and preschools so much of their items are in bulk, but you can get great deals on art supplies and supplemental games here. I LOVE their finger paint! It's called "bio color" by colorations. This is the best finger-paint I've ever used and I will NEVER go back to Crayola or any other brand. This finger paint doesn't stink, and it dries so nice and shiny, it will not crack. We've actually used this finger paint on a finger-paint paper and once dry we have used that paper as wrapping paper. I get a lot of our arts and crafts



supplies here. They have a line of curriculum as well, and STEM curriculum, but I have not personally used that. With any curriculum do your own research and make sure what the curriculum teaches agrees with your beliefs and what you want your children to learn.

Teaching Textbooks: <http://www.teachingtextbooks.com/>

Teaching Textbooks is a math curriculum which we have used and I personally really like due to the fact that there is minimal teacher involvement. There are 2 options with this curriculum. You can purchase the CD's and textbook and your children can complete their work on the computer without an internet connection, or they have an online option which is the same program but you do not have to purchase CD's. I've used both and have found the internet option is best for our family. When we used the CD's it was common for CD's to get lost, or scratched which made completing lessons difficult. However, if you do not have reliable internet the internet option would be a problem. The best part of this curriculum is the instant feedback. As your student watches the instruction, and then completes the lesson their answers are graded instantly telling them if they are right or need to try again. I love that this curriculum frees up a little of my time because grading math is quite time consuming. Teaching Textbooks begins in grade three.

Math U See: <https://www.mathusee.com/>

As a math challenged mom I want to encourage you, You CAN teach math! You just need the right curriculum! I grew up in public school and always just assumed I was too dumb to understand math. Turns out it was just never taught in a way that made sense in my brain. It wasn't until I started teaching math with Math-U-See that math finally made sense to me. I am personally thankful for this program because I learned right along with my children and I have a better understanding of math because of it. While Teaching Textbooks doesn't begin until grade three, Math-U-See begins with kindergarten (Primer) and goes all the way through high school math. This is a different approach to math than most programs. While most programs are a spiral approach with concepts getting lightly touched on, and then reviewed over and over, Math-U-See is a mastery approach where one topic is taken deep until the student masters it then, and only then do you move on to the next topic. In the early years this looks like an entire school year devoted to addition, then subtraction etc. It's worth looking into as a option. I feel this approach has given my kids a very solid foundation for math understanding. Another thing Math-U-See does very well is explaining



place value. Which is a foundational math concept that everything else is built upon.

Best Teacher Supply: <https://bestteachersupply.com/>

This is a local teacher supply store but they have a user friendly website as well. If you are in need of educational games/toys, and workbooks and are local this is a great resource. They also have a wide assortment of workbooks, and teacher plan books.

