

Dalet School

Homeschooling Information

High School:

Most High School students can work on Individualized Lesson Plans, only needing lectures and explanation to get the student through more difficult lessons. Some states will require a certified tutor. We recommend that a correspondence study plan be used. Some parents design a curriculum based on a work-study program depending on the student. Annual testing should be done as a diagnostic tool to assure everyone that proper progress is being made. American School, 2200 East 170th Street Lansing, IL 60438, (www.americanschoolofcorr.com or 866-260-7221) has an accredited correspondence program for high school. If your child is approaching ninth grade, this program is the preferred since some parents probably would not feel qualified to teach high school level subjects.

Junior and Middle School:

This is a transition between Elementary and High School, and various schools of thought exist on how best to educate students at this age. Generally, however at this level students begin to work effectively on individual projects that can be purchased from various suppliers. Requirements and curriculum guidelines will vary from state to state.

Grade School:

Grade school students need almost constant supervision. Teaching children at this level is very demanding on instruction time. Since the basics are taught at this level, a visit to the local library should be made with the student on a weekly basis. A good sources of free printable worksheets are the websites www.worksheetworks.com (answer sheets for the parents may also be printed) and <http://schoolexpress.com>. Several other websites allow printing worksheets for an annual fee for example www.getworksheets.com. A search of the internet will reveal many sites with free workbooks. Workbooks are also available in local stores.

Preschool (Kindergarten):

Some states do not require Kindergarten. However, if your state requires kindergarten, the information in the Grade School section above will give resources for workbooks. The emphasis in kindergarten should be on counting, colors, shapes, alphabet, matching like and differences, following directions, hand and eye coordination, visual discrimination.

Legal Guidance:

Each state will vary in requirements for conducting a home school. A national organization, Holt Associates Inc., PO Box 89, Wakefield, MA 01880-5105 (website www.holtgws.com) maintains lists of local home schooling help groups for each state as well as information regarding legal requirements in each state. Be careful that if you do become in contact with a local support group that the information and support that they give is taken with a grain of salt. Local support groups can be a valuable source of information, but be careful of becoming involved with individuals with "modern, liberalized" thinking, or New Age philosophies.

Source Information:

Textbooks may be obtained, both new and used, for a reasonable price from the following supplier: Follett Educational Services, 1433 International Parkway, Woodridge, IL 60517-4941 (Phone 800-621-4272, website www.fes.follett.com) If you are interested in basic education from texts used in the 1800's (such as the McGuffey Readers) contact Mott Media, 1130 Fenway Circle, Fenton, MI 48430 (phone 810-421-6645, website www.mottmedia.com), They have republished basic texts from the 1800's that are supplemented with modern workbooks. A catalogue explaining their program is available.