

Are There Different “Styles” Of Homeschooling?

Description

At just over 2 years old, we don’t plan on starting our daughter with any kind of homeschooling for a while, but it’s a topic we frequently discuss. Hey, it’s always good to prepare when it comes to education!

Going Mom and I both agree homeschool is the best option for us, but we are unsure of the type or “style” to utilize when the time comes. Thankfully, Andrew Burgess, my guest poster today, can help clear up the differences and make choosing your ideal homeschooling method less of a hassle.

I’ll share more of my thoughts on what we do in our home as the time gets closer, but for now, enjoy Andrew’s short but precise post on homeschooling styles. Once finished, be sure to head over to his site, Future School, to learn more and see what home education services would best suit your family. Thank you, Andrew!

When it comes to [homeschooling](#), there is no set-in-stone way to get things done. Granted, there are certain subjects you should be sure to at the very least touch on, there is no specific way in which you are “required” to teach them. All in all, it is whatever works best for your child. You should conform your teaching style to match what methods allow them to learn best. Maybe it is online homeschooling, a less structured curriculum or a more structured curriculum “ whatever it may be, if it works, use it!

5 Common Homeschooling Teaching Styles

Here are the 5 most common homeschooling teaching styles.

- **Classic**

The Classic style of homeschooling is based on the idea that you teach your child in three stages: the grammar stage “ age 6 to 10, the dialectic stage “ age 10 to 12 and the rhetoric stage “ age 13 to 18.

- **Traditional**

Traditional homeschooling is very much that of what in-schooling is like. Each subject has independent texts, of which you read and then complete assignments based upon the readings.

- **Unschooling**

“Unschooling” is not the official term for this type of homeschooling, but it is what it is commonly referred to as. With this type of schooling there is no set curriculum. No books designated for particular subjects and no structured syllabus. Instead, you learn about whatever your child is interested in until they are satisfied.

- **Charlotte Mason**

This style of homeschooling involves the natural way in which children learn and tends to focus heavily on subjects such as art, literature, music, reading, etc.

- **Unit studies**

Unit studies involve taking one particular unit of study, say Ancient Egypt, and molding each subject to fit with the unit. So, maybe you make salt dough scarabs, learn about Ancient Egyptian history, architecture, scribe, etc.



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