

IT HELPS TO PLAN *(at least a little)*.

# USE THIS HOW TO START HOMESCHOOLING CHECKLIST

TO HELP GET STARTED:

## 1. Meet other homeschoolers and gather ideas

- Read books, magazines, and online articles
- Join Sonlight Connections Facebook Group ([facebook.com/groups/SonlightConnections](https://facebook.com/groups/SonlightConnections))
- Find a Sonlight Connections In-Person group to join ([sonlight.com/connections](https://sonlight.com/connections))
- Talk with others who are already homeschooling and find a veteran home educator willing to mentor you
- Consider attending a homeschool convention

## 2. Create your homeschool vision and goals

- Write a homeschool mission statement: An explanation of your family's big-picture goals, as well as academic, physical, spiritual and social goals.
- Decide what you ultimately hope to accomplish through homeschooling.
- Get started at [sonlight.com/refuel-your-home-school](https://sonlight.com/refuel-your-home-school)

## 3. Consider how homeschooling will fit into your lifestyle

- Define the roles of each parent with respect to your homeschool
- List lifestyle priorities: what will you set aside and what will you emphasize as your family adjusts to homeschooling?

## 4. Choose curriculum

- Carefully consider the various educational philosophies to discern which might work best for your family
- Request catalogs and review websites of programs that interest you
- Try to find someone who has experience with the curriculum you are considering
- Try Sonlight Free at [sonlight.com/invitation](https://sonlight.com/invitation)

## 5. Meet any state requirements

- Learn the homeschool laws in your state at [hsllda.org](https://hsllda.org)
- Connect with a local homeschool support group (preferably one with some members who live in your school district)
- Contact your state homeschool organization for a knowledgeable review of your state's requirements
- Submit any necessary paperwork
- Head to [www.sonlight.com/getting-started](https://www.sonlight.com/getting-started) for more details and ideas.