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Homeschooling

HOW TO GET STARTED

Home Educators Association of Virginia (HEAV)

HEAV is a non-profit organization that promotes and protects home education in Virginia. The website provides homeschool information, resources, support, field-trip, ideas and more. Office staff and volunteers are available to answer questions by phone 804-278-9200 or by email at office@heav.org.

<https://heav.org/>

Home School Legal Defense Association

A non-profit organization that provides legal information, resources on how to get started with homeschooling, grants, what to teach your children, and how to connect with educational consultants and the wider homeschooling community.

<https://hsllda.org/>

Homeschooling in Hampton Roads

An inclusive Facebook group that is “a meeting place for the residents of Hampton Roads, Virginia and surrounding areas to find camaraderie for themselves and their children through homeschooling. The group includes informational units on the topics of Notices of Intent, Proof of Progress, Tutors, Testers, and Educational Consultants, Resume Enhancers, Drivers Ed, and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HSinHR>

The Organization of Virginia Homeschoolers

Independent, non-profit organization providing home school support to members. The website includes a quick start resources, such as how to begin, what to teach, how to stay legal, and information about homeschooling high school and preparing homeschoolers for college.

<https://vahomeschoolers.org/>

SPED Homeschool

An organization that seeks to empower special education families for homeschool success by connecting them to quality information, materials, services, and support.

<http://spedhomeschool.com/>

Find more resources at: suffolkpubliclibrary.com

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Virginia Department of Education

Find information on the Commonwealth's requirements for home instruction. Additional resources include the Home Instruction Handbook—Information for Parents, Diver Education Information, Sample Notice of Intent to Provide Home Instruction and information about Compulsory Attendance Statutes and health requirements.

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/families/private_home/index.shtml#home

ONLINE COMMUNITIES

Chesapeake Homeschool Group

A private Facebook group whose main goal is to organize social activities for homeschoolers. They provide some units to explain some aspects of home education and the City of Chesapeake. Must request to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1435311216685277>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HSinHR>

Suffolk Virginia Homeschoolers

A private Facebook group for Suffolk homeschoolers “to share ideas, community events, and answer questions about homeschooling and curriculums.” Must request to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/630226640727958>

DIGITAL RESOURCES

Ebsco Read It!

Read It! is designed for middle and high school students and adults who have a basic foundation in English grammar and reading but need adapted reading material for a variety of subjects. It offers resources to help build background knowledge, conduct research and improve study skills.

<http://web.a.ebscohost.com/ell/search/basic?vid=0&sid=32dffab8-450e-4fb2-9fb6-f55ac223e983%40sdc-v-sessmgr02>

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Explora Primary

Online resource that supports both student research and classroom instruction with rich, reliable content and easy-to-use functionality.

<http://web.a.ebscohost.com/web/ehk5/home?preview=false&usrNo=-26783667>

Gale In-Context: Elementary

Gale In Context: Elementary provides authoritative, curriculum-aligned, age-appropriate digital content that covers a broad range of educational topics.

https://go.gale.com/ps/start.do?p=ITKE&u=virginia_geoip&sid=geo

Testing and Education Reference Center

The Testing and Education Reference Center (TERC) offers test prep for the ACT, GED, GRE, LSAT, SAT and more. Resources are available for students of all levels as well as those participating in testing for their careers. TERC also provides a resume building resource. What you need: Create an account to access full resources. What you need: Create an account to access full resources.

<https://terc.nelnetsolutions.com/>

Universal Class

Universal Class has over 500 online classes available in a wide variety of topics with the option of earning continuing education units (CEUs) with a certificate. These self-paced classes include lessons, exams, assignments, discussion boards and actual assessments of your progress. Classes of particular interest may be found under the category "Teacher Resources" and "Special Education."

What you need: Library card number.

<https://suffolkva.universalclass.com/>

BOOKS AVAILABLE ON HOOPLA DIGITAL

***Answers for Homeschooling (2018)* by Israel Wayne**

This author provides answers to the top 25 questions about homeschooling to become confident in your journey. Topics include socialization, qualifications, college, legality, academics, sports, affordability, and competency.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12066895>

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Create a Great Homeschool Experience (2019) by Jeffrey L. Kuhlman

This book is for those parents interested in homeschooling and those who wish to be more effective in their communication with their children's teachers and administrators. It provides a guide for gaining adequate general knowledge of homeschooling to those parents so that they are armed with the information necessary for them to confidently decide whether to homeschool or not.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12598379>

Home Education (2015) by Charlotte Mason

This book consists of six lectures by Charlotte Mason about the raising and educating of young children (up to the age of nine), for parents and teachers. She encourages us to spend a lot of time outdoors, immersed in nature and handling natural objects and collecting experiences on which to base the rest of their education.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11531703>

Homeschool Bravely (2020) by Jamie Erickson

A faith-based e-audiobook that teaches you to see homeschooling as a calling, helps you overthrow the tyranny of impossible expectations, and guides you through the common bumps in the road, including how to: juggle school and parenting with toddlers at home; teach a struggling learner; plan with the end in mind; accept your own limitations without feeling guilty; and stay the course even in the face of criticism

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12624185>

Homeschooling for the rest of us: how your one-of-a-kind family can make homeschooling and real life work (2010) by Sonya A. Haskins

In this book, the author shares affirming stories and practical ideas from dozens of everyday families who successfully deal with cluttered schedules, academic struggles, sibling squabbles, and other real-life issues.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11475289>

The Homeschooling Handbook (2014) by Lorilee Lippincott

A guide to homeschooling that cover types of homeschooling, socialization, scheduling, affordability, teaching children with disabilities, legal requirements, burnout, and more.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12352011>

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