

Homeschooling the High Schooler: The Family Academy Way

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Family-Directed Education for the Secondary Student

Many quit homeschool after elementary years because it feels too free-wheeling, teens become less compliant, and/or the subject matter too intimidating. Many families become curriculum-controlled with “reading the chapter, answering the questions and taking the test structure,” burning students and parents out of homeschooling before and during the high school year. These authors offer ways to stay the course through high school and enjoy the process and one another through Family-Directed Education. In this book, junior high-high school students and their parents will find numerous tools to map out the high school experience in a thorough manner, following a self-designed process.

The original version of *Homeschooling the High Schooler* was written and self-published by the authors while still homeschooling their own children in the 1990’s. Now, all the kids have graduated but their mission remains: to pass on what they have learned these twenty-plus years. So for this newly published version, every page was reviewed, rethought, and reworked drawing on their collective parental, homeschool, and spiritual understanding and experiences. In addition, they encountered many exceptional homeschoolers over the years, so this fully-updated edition includes several “Viewpoints” showcasing these insights from fellow travelers of the Homeschool High School Road.

Included are:

- How to’s for planning a positive high school homeschool experience in light of adolescent needs
- Insightful discussions and helpful resources for personal and spiritual development, critical thinking, and biblical worldview training
- Simple explanations on credit issues, transcripts, diplomas, vocational concerns
- Necessary college preparation/entrance issues
- Useful scholarship information
- Suggestions to develop innovative courses that integrate thinking skills and learning differences/styles and a biblical worldview
- Numerous reviewed and recommended resources

Homeschooling the High Schooler Part One looks at the big picture regarding homeschooling the high school student. *Part Two* contains an overview of the high school subjects, providing key skills to be learned (core) for English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and selected elective courses for several subjects, college prep courses, and an annotated listing of alternative non-textbook resources.

About the Authors

Diana McAlister and Candice Broman Childs are the proud parents (most of the time 😊!) of their (respective) children. Candice and Diana are each committed Christians who taught in public schools for five years, but with the blessing and encouragement of their spouses, they became stay-at-home moms (and eventually homeschooling moms). Candice and Diana discovered homeschooling through Dr. Raymond and Dorothy Moore, John Holt, and other late ‘70’s-early ‘80’s local homeschooling pioneers. Both become committed to homeschooling, and in 1981, founded Family Academy/Academy NW, an accredited private school through which thousands of students, parents, and teachers have been trained in homeschooling.

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