

## GETTING STARTED

1. **Why?** What are your reasons for homeschooling?
2. **What?** What does your child need to learn to be “Successful”?
3. **How?** You know your child best: How does your child learn best? What is your teaching style?
4. **Plan!** Start choosing curriculum, resources, clubs and activities.
5. **File.** Follow the law and file your plans and reports.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Visit [www.shbe.info/getting-started](http://www.shbe.info/getting-started) to find additional information on learning styles and educational methods. You will also find guidance and templates to help you file your paperwork.



Saskatchewan Home Based Educators

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Homeschooling in Saskatchewan

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Saskatchewan Home Based Educators provides information to help homeschoolers plan and deliver their home based education programs.



# MAKE IT YOURS

The key thing to remember is that your Home Based Education Program is **YOURS**. It is custom for you, your family and your child.

## WHY?

Start by carefully considering why you want to homeschool. What are the philosophical or religious convictions that convince you to homeschool? What is the purpose and nature of education? Answering these questions will drive the rest of your plan and can be referenced during your year as a source of strength and inspiration.

## WHAT?

The core subjects are Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. You may choose to teach additional subjects such as religion, music, health, industrial arts and so on. Consider how subjects overlap so you can make effective use of your time.

## HOW?

Homeschooling offers a lot of freedom, so many of the preconceptions you may have from classroom experiences may not apply.

Learning style, level of independence, special needs, and your style and preferred teaching method will all shape how you homeschool.

For example, if your child is more kinesthetic and has difficulty listening while sitting still, perhaps you can let him play with Lego while you read to him. Is your child an independent learner – use historical novels in her social studies.

Will you base your approach on Charlotte Mason, Classical Education, Unschooling or use a mixture of methods?

## PLAN!

Having considered why you will homeschool, what you will teach and how you will homeschool, you can make better decisions about what curriculum and/or resources to use. Join a homeschool support group or attend a homeschool convention. Speak with other families to see what works for them.

## FILE

Just like filing taxes, there is paperwork that must be submitted. The province requires you to file a notice of intent, written education plan, and annual progress report. SHBE has templates and information to assist you to file!



# CONSIDERATIONS

- What do you believe and why?
- What is the purpose of education?
- What do your children need to learn?
- What subjects will you include?
- What are your children's learning styles?
- How independent are your children?
- What do your children find interesting?
- Do your children have special needs?
- What is your preferred teaching style?
- What curriculum, if any, will you buy?
- What resources will you use?
- What local support groups will you join?
- In what activities will you participate?
- Where can you find help or inspiration?

# ABOUT SHBE

Saskatchewan Home Based Educators (SHBE) is the official voice of home-based educators in Saskatchewan. Working with relevant organizations, SHBE assists in creating a positive social and political environment for home-based education in Saskatchewan. SHBE organizes and develops social, supportive and instructional events for its members.

