



So you
want to
Homeschool?



Why?


What is your primary motivation?




Knowing your “why” is the best place to start!


Possible motivators:

 I want to protect my children from damaging worldviews & ideologies.

 I want to take charge of my family's education, culture and schedule.

 My child has individual needs that aren't being met.

 Online learning doesn't work for us.

 My kids need friends, and I need a supportive community!





We firmly believe that your children were given to YOU for a purpose. You have been given unique abilities to help you raise and teach your children to become a great force for good in this world. You ARE capable of providing them with all that is required for that purpose. The Lord will direct your path - and many times those directions come through an "idea in the mother's heart."

Perhaps you have an idea in your heart right now, that something about what your public school is offering is not right for your child. Trust in yourself!

Allow God to guide you! Perhaps remaining enrolled in the public school IS the right choice - follow that idea! Perhaps, even though you are scared, pulling them out is the right choice.

Follow THAT idea!

Homeschooling Benefits

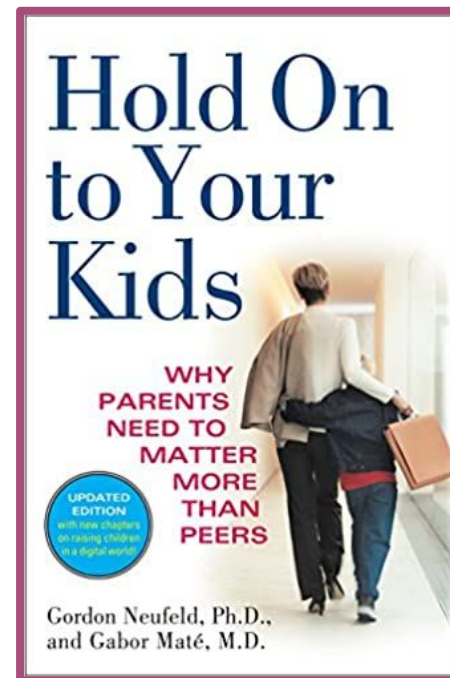
- School anywhere
- Not tied to a computer or location all day
- Flexible, child-friendly schedule
- Freedom to choose educational, recreational, and interest-based options
- Curriculum - what, how, frequency, etc.
- Can meet a child's ability level & grow from there - not tied to arbitrary State requirements
- Can incorporate family/religious values and teachings into your school day



Our recommended First Step:

Take time to Detox!

- Get out of the “schedule” mindset
 - Use an outline of a schedule for organization purposes, but not minute by minute requirements
- Help children turn their allegiance to their parents for schooling (and everything else!)
 - Sadly, it is very prevalent for children to have more allegiance to their peers and teachers than their parents. We HIGHLY recommend this book to give guidance.
- Reteach a love for learning
 - Children should not “hate” to learn! God sent them to you naturally inquisitive. Put aside all requirements. Explore, experiment, create, read! Share your excitement for new ideas. Allow creative messes!



After a successful Detox period, what is next?

Two important questions:

1. What does my child need now?
2. What is the NEXT RIGHT THING?



Styles of Homeschooling

- Online programs
- Box Curriculums
- Unit Studies

Most successful homeschools don't resemble the public school format. Don't be afraid to try something that is unfamiliar, but feels right.

If what you start doesn't seem to be working, it's OK to try something else. You won't ruin your children! Delight in the ability to teach your children in the manner they learn best!

- Unschooling



- Thomas Jefferson Education - Leadership Education
- Charlotte Mason
- Well Educated Heart - Libraries of Hope
- Classical Conversations

There is not one “right” way to homeschool!

We have the unique ability to teach to our child's genius! We can allow our children to explore *their* interests.



Mom and Dad can both be involved, facilitating and cheering for every success.

The purpose of learning ISN'T

to find out **WHO**

is smart,
but rather to find out

HOW and in **WHAT** ways

EACH

student is smart.

—Oliver DeMille

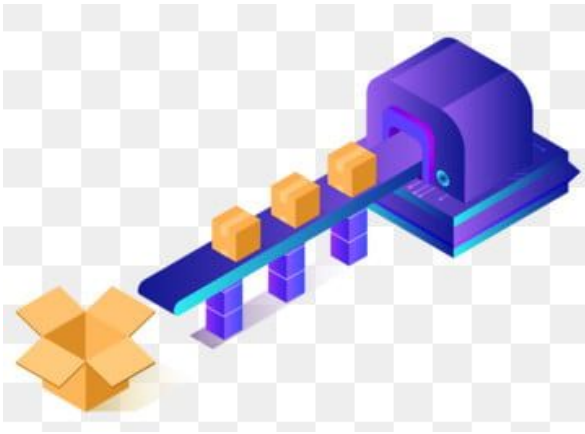
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- Do not try to replicate public school at home. Homeschool should not look like public school.
- Have a 'heart to heart' with your kids to discuss why you have made the decision to homeschool; how and why you know it will be better for them.
- Don't jump into too much, too soon.
- Don't go into homeschooling alone. Find a mom who can answer your questions and mentor you. Make sure your spouse is in this with you.
- Expect resistance from your kids. Whining, push back, etc...It's a transitional time.

- Write down, physically, WHY you are homeschooling. You will go back to it when you are discouraged and tired and overwhelmed. It will keep you anchored.
- Understand the homeschooling laws in your state. HSLDA is the premier source of info. www.hslda.org
- Make sure to schedule time to do things that you enjoy doing with your kids...exercise, outdoor activities, games, etc...
- Realize that you will be “different” from others. Don’t allow people to criticize you.
- Be patient!!! The rewards WILL come!

KEEP IT SIMPLE!

- Don't do for your children what they can do for themselves. Foster independence.



- Get off the conveyor belt - the mindset that everyone has to do all the same thing and the same time with the same outcome.

But what about High School??

Credits: Aren't they necessary?

Credits and diplomas are NOT mandatory to get into college.

Google search:

“Homeschool admission to (*insert your school of choice*)”

Almost all US universities only require ACT/SAT scores and essays from homeschoolers.



How do I get started?

Contact <https://hslda.org/legal> for specifics to your state's legal requirements.

Homeschool Laws By State

Search legal resources

Find Your State Homeschool Law

Choose your state or territory to get detailed information on how to withdraw from public school, homeschooling requirements including testing & mandatory subjects, plus resources and more.

Select a state or click on the map below.

FIND MY STATE

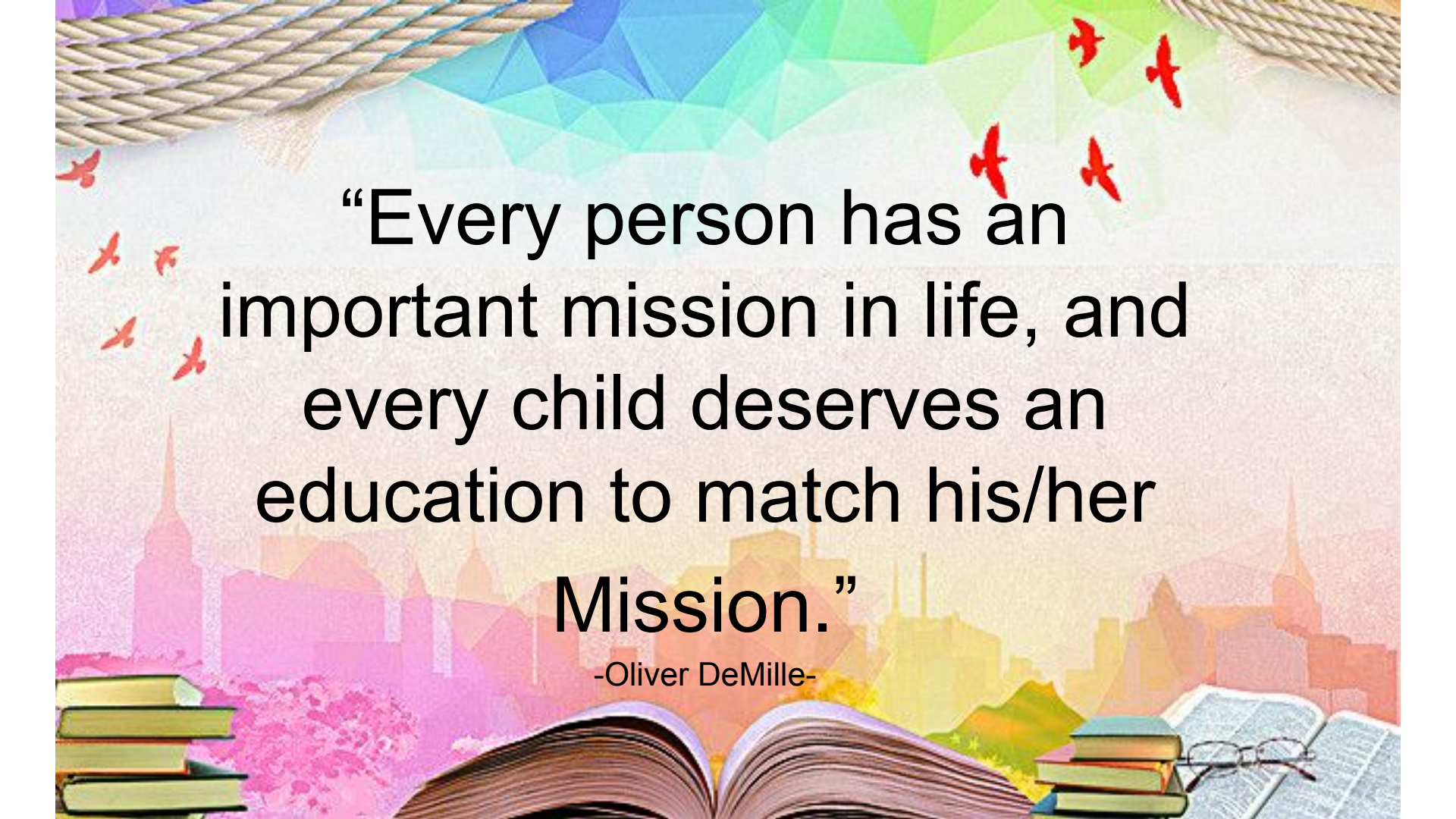
Legend:
● No notice required
● Low regulation
● Moderate regulation
● High regulation

The map shows the following regulation levels by state: No notice required (dark blue): Alaska, Texas, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine. Low regulation (light blue): Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine. Moderate regulation (light purple): Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine. High regulation (dark purple): Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine.

INSPIRE Family Academy's

WHY

- Educating our children in a way that strengthens **faith in God**.
- **Restoring families** as the center of our homes, social groups and education. We believe parents are children's best and most effective mentors
- Connecting our children to their rich **heritage of freedom**. We believe classic, living books connect us to the world, giving us inspiring stories, cultural literacy and heroes to emulate.
- Giving children and youth the opportunity to **discover and live their own personal missions**. We believe that we are each responsible for our own education and that freedom of choice is needed for real learning. This brings true happiness.



“Every person has an
important mission in life, and
every child deserves an
education to match his/her
Mission.”

-Oliver DeMille-

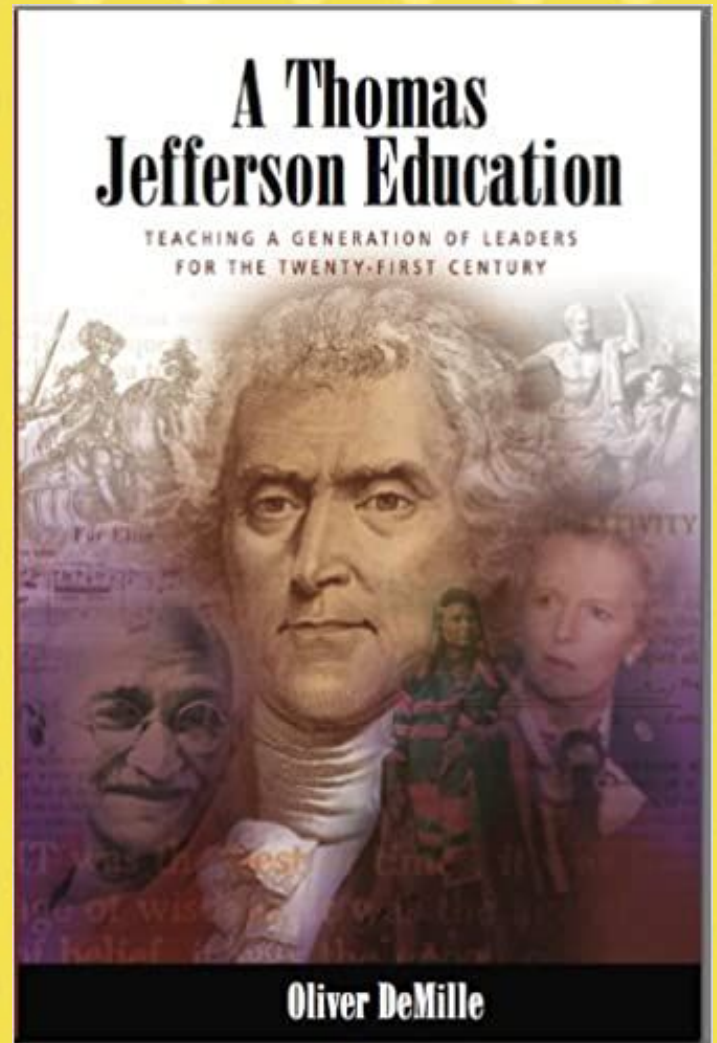


How do you
do **THAT!**?

We do this through

Leadership Education

based on
A Thomas Jefferson Education by Oliver DeMille



The Phases of Learning

Core (birth to age 8 or 9)

Love of Learning (ages 8-12)

Scholar Phase:

Practice Scholar (approx. ages 12 to 14)

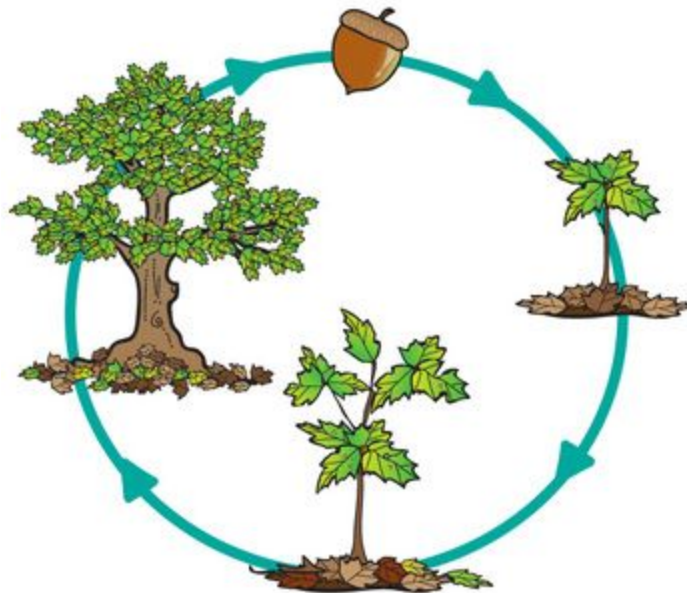
Apprentice Scholar (approx. ages 14-17)

Self Directed Scholar (approx. ages 17+)

Depth (college)

Mission (adulthood Building Two Towers of Family & Organization)

Impact (adulthood, elderhood and after death)



Core Phase “Curriculum”

- Right and wrong
- Good and bad
- True and false
- Work and play
- Allegiance to parents
and family



This is the best time to learn the lessons vital to the core of moral goodness - right and wrong, good and bad, true and false, etc. Rigorous academics are not really necessary during this phase of life.

Love of Learning



“The ultimate goals of *Love of Learning Phase* are to ***fall in love with learning and build confidence....***

Teach them to love:

great books...

languages...

music...

fine and performing arts...

the stories and lives of great scientists,
mathematicians, composers, artists, and inventors...

scientific process for the purpose of answering the
questions of their own curiosity.”

~Amy Edwards *For the Love of Learning*

Students in Scholar Phase...

- Have a thirst of knowledge, self-mastery and discipline which grows rapidly!
- Will typically study at first for a few hours at a time then increasing to 6 to 12 hours a day (as they get older), 5 to 7 days a week, for 10 to 12 months a year for 5 to 6 years.
- Gain a sense of mission and start to feel the pull in one direction and need for depth.



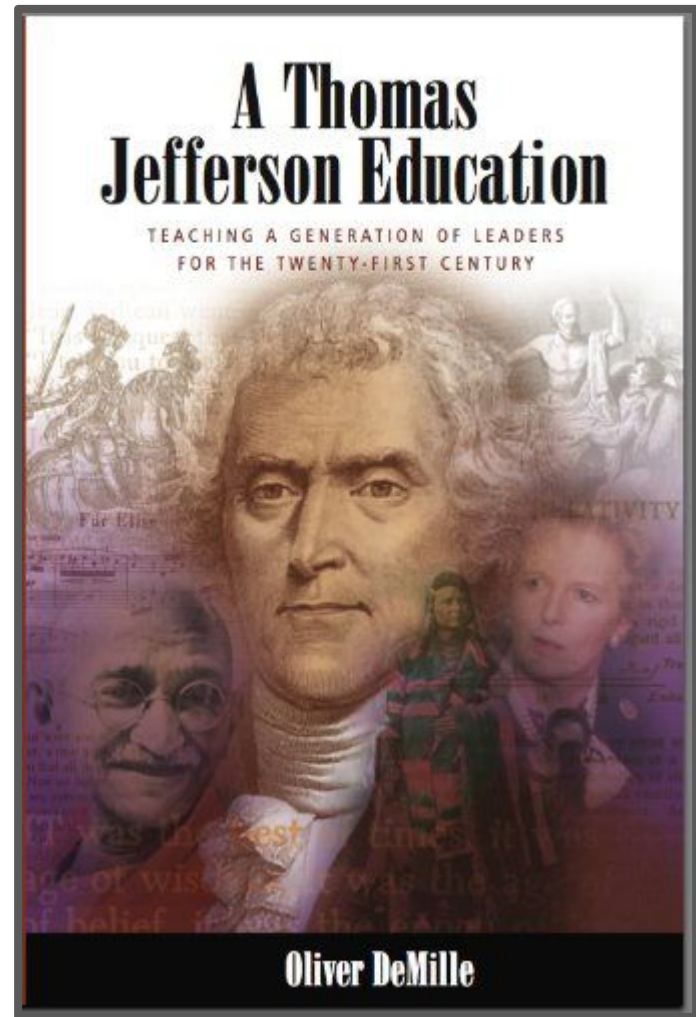
For additional information
on the Phases of Learning:

Read

“A Thomas Jefferson Education

by Oliver Demille”

Visit TJEd.org





Educational Philosophy

We use classic books as the base of our education, infusing our lives with connections to the world, inspiring stories, cultural literacy and heroes to emulate. We remember that we are each responsible for our own education and freedom of choice is needed for real learning. We also know that we are each infinitely perfectible, so there is no time limit on learning. We focus on training and supporting parents to provide a self-directed learning environment at home, restoring the family as the center of our homes, our social groups and our education. We respect and protect parents' time and energy to mentor their own children.

Guiding Principles

- Home Centered, School Supported
- Individualized Education for Every Learner
- Classes by Developmental Phase, not Age
- Application Completes the Learning Process
- Scholar Phase = Read, Read, Read and Discuss
- Inspirational Mentors for Self-Driven Scholars
- Principled Leaders Train and then Trust
- Learning is Lifelong

Want to know more?

Have questions?

Join us at our next information meeting, or
contact us

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