

Ready to Homeschool?

A simple guide to get started with confidence

1. Legal Basics

- ☐ Research your state's homeschool laws (I pull straight from gadoe.org)
- ☐ File your Declaration of Intent (DOI) form
- ☐ Keep a copy of all submitted paperwork

2. School Setup

- ☐ Choose a name for your homeschool (optional but fun)
- ☐ Decide where learning will happen (kitchen table, desk, cozy nook)
- ☐ Gather basic supplies (notebooks, pencils, binders, printer paper)

3. Curriculum & Resources

- ☐ Choose your core subjects (Reading, Math, Science, History)
- ☐ Pick a curriculum, online program, or DIY resources
- ☐ Plan your first month of lessons (don't overdo it – start small!)

4. Daily Schedule

- ☐ Create a simple daily rhythm (morning routine, reading time, outdoor break, quiet work)
- ☐ Set a consistent start time that works for your family
- ☐ Add breaks and fun activities to keep kids engaged

5. Record Keeping

- ☐ Decide how you'll track attendance and progress (binder, app, spreadsheet)
- ☐ Save samples of your child's work for your records
- ☐ Keep a calendar for homeschool days and activities

6. Support, Encouragement & Socialization

- ☐ Join a local or online homeschool group
- ☐ Find field trip opportunities in your area
- ☐ Remember: progress is more important than perfection 🧡