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Curriculum Catalogue

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BASIC ALL-SUBJECT Curriculum

Edgenuity: (www.edgenuity.com) Accredited **Online** curriculum with a credentialed online teacher for resource help. **Recommended for grade 9** students in order to gain the credits needed to transfer to high school. High academic curriculum and good support offered. ***Cost is per subject, at about \$300 per subject for the year. School Chromebook will be provided and must be returned at the end of the year.***

McRuffy Press: <https://mcruffy.com/> This publisher offers an **interactive basic math/lang arts K-5 curriculum that has been developed specifically for the homeschooling family.** It is aligned with the Common Core Standards, and offers easy-to-follow lessons for the parent. Using hands-on manipulatives and games along with workbooks, this is a good basic curriculum for K-5 language arts and math, but only offers a limited K-3 science, and does not offer a social science element. **Recommended as the easiest hands-on curriculum for the K-5 grade family new to homeschooling** to use as they begin their homeschooling adventure. **About \$350 for both Math and Language Arts for the year with interactive manipulatives, hands-on activities, and games. Additional K-3 science for around \$100. All Consumable.**

Studies Weekly (<https://www.studiesweekly.com/>) Weekly Newspaper format with reports of events for a particular time period and place. **Covers all the standards for Science or Social Science for each grade.** Crossword puzzles and activities to reinforce the content. **Grades K-8. \$30 per year per subject. Consumable.**

Savvas Homeschool: <https://homeschool.savvas.com> **Workbooks and online resources** offered in **Language arts, math, social science, and science,** with several choices of products. The parent guides are helpful, and includes a pacing guide. In addition, you can read the homeschool blog, catch up on the latest homeschool news, find great lesson plan ideas, and get new ideas for field trips. Available for **K-8. For under \$100 per subject you can get print and digital products, with some math manipulatives.** Consumable

Time4Learning: (www.time4learning.com) **Online curriculum** available for K-8 but **recommended only for grades 6-8 fully independent learners as a complete curriculum** which is easily monitored by parent and teacher, who have access to progress, grades, and time spent working on the program. **\$30 per month (\$300 for year). Covers all academic subjects.** School laptop will be provided and must be returned.

THEMATIC CURRICULUM

Beautiful Feet Books (<https://www.bfbooks.com/Info-FAQ/Charter-Vendor>) The themed book packs are a way to learn history through literature, (as well as lessons concerning other topics such as character and values). **K-8. Around \$300 for a literature kit which can be used for multiple age groups, with read-aloud as well as grade level reading selections focused on a historical or character building theme. Parent guides are around \$30.** Non-Consumable Reading Books must be returned to the USA library.

Bookshark (<https://www.bookshark.com/>) A K-8 literature-based approach to learning language arts and social science. Highly recommended for families who enjoy reading. Instructor's Manuals are very extensive, with all lessons fully planned, complete with a daily pacing guide. **Around \$500 for Reading Through History curriculum (with writing assignments); about \$1,000 for a complete all-subject curriculum (with your choice of math); \$100 for Instructor's Guide only.** Reading books are Non-Consumable and must be returned to the school when completed, but the Instructor's Manual and student workbooks are consumable and do not need to be returned.

Charter Memoria Press: <https://charter.memoriapress.com/> Formerly a religious company, this company recently expanded to serving secular charter schools while retaining the same philosophy of classical education. Through the study of the liberal arts and classical literature stemming from the ancient Greeks, the program strives to cultivate wisdom and virtue in the student. Subjects include the study of Latin, Music, Logic, and Greek philosophers. Includes materials for K-12. **Strong in language arts, where you can easily spend over \$400 for a year of reading, writing, grammar/ phonics, and spelling, plus another \$400 for classic read-aloud-to-me books, but a year of math is only around \$20, contained in one volume or workbook, and elementary school science has only five topics: birds, mammals, insects, trees, and astronomy.** Consumable.

Five in a Row: (<https://fiveinarow.com/>) Incorporating language, art, applied mathematics, science, and social science into learning themes, this series presents a method of homeschooling without walls, connecting to your child, and connecting your child to the world in meaningful ways. Each theme ties in with a trade book that must be purchased separately or borrowed from the library. **Only recommended for primary grade students.** (Not a complete curriculum, but a way of learning that can fulfill some to all basic requirements at grades K-3) **Consumable downloads for each theme, which may be bought separately for about \$20 each.** Trade books must be ordered separately, and must be returned to the USA Library.

Waldorf Essentials (<https://www.waldorfessentials.com/>) For families following the Waldorf philosophy, which strives to develop pupils' intellectual, artistic, and practical skills in an integrated and holistic manner. **About \$400 for a year of thematic lessons, all contained in one parent guide, along with online support and ability to print out digital curriculum.** Consumable.

PROJECT BASED ACTIVITIES

Most of these are not considered a complete curriculum, but great activities to add to book learning or inquiry-based research education, and may be used with parent-directed activities to fulfill the standards for science or social science in grades K-3. *Mystery Science* does form a complete standards-based curriculum, as noted with ***

Delta Science in a Nutshell (<https://www.deltaeducation.com/stem-solutions/supplemental-curriculum/science-in-a-nutshell>) **Hands-On science** topics that include approximately 12 activities, a teacher guide, and a student notebook. A great supplement to book learning. **Grades 4-8. Approx \$75 per kit; \$25 for each student.** *Consumable materials, with enough materials for three students, and should be returned for the next student's use.*

Kiwi Company (<https://www.kiwico.com/>) **Science, Geography, and Art Projects** delivered monthly. **Around \$20 per month; \$200 for the year.** *Consumable*

Learning Unbound (<https://www.learningunbound.net/>) **Thematic kits for K-3rd** which allow children to “play out” their understanding of what they learn in **science and social science**, using art, crafts, cooking, and imagination. May be used with additional parent led activities to create a complete science or social science curriculum for primary students. **\$40 per kit or get a subscription to one a month for 7 months for around \$200.** *Consumable*

Little Passports (<https://www.littlepassports.com/>) **Play-based science, geography, and social science** kits which can be purchased in thematic bundles. **\$100 for a bundle of activities to last about 3 weeks.** *Consumable*

Mel Science (<https://melscience.com/US-en/kids/>) Monthly **science activities** delivered to your door for three age groups: primary, elementary, and in middle school as a supplement to a complete science program. **\$35 per month.** *Consumable*

******Mystery Science*** (<https://mysteryscience.com/>) **Complete science curriculum**, **with online lessons** which lead the student through activities and experiments which tie into the common core standards for science for **K-5**. *School Chromebook will be provided and must be returned at the end of the year. Online lessons are available for free through the school subscription. Materials for experiments will cost \$25.*

LANGUAGE ARTS: Reading/Writing/Literature Curriculum

All About Reading Press (<https://www.allaboutlearningpress.com/>): **Specifically made for homeschool parents**, with scripted lesson plans and easy prep, this is a reading mastery-based program with children moving to the next level when ready, and only 20 minutes of reading a day suggested. The lessons are **multi-sensory** and good for **beginning readers in grades 1-3**. **Complete package with the additional reading games and interactive manipulatives runs about \$250.** *Consumable.*

Bob Books (<https://bobbooks.com/>) has inspired reading success for over 40 years because the **clean layout, short words, and simple phonics** make learning to read a fun and natural step for **beginning readers**. Especially good as an addition to a phonics curriculum for whole-word readers. **Individual book sets, games, and workbooks are \$25 or less; Can get entire set for \$550.** *Consumable.*

Handwriting without Tears (<https://www.lwtears.com/hwt>) **Printing instruction**, particularly important for those who are reluctant or impaired. *Materials included can be either consumable or non-consumable, depending upon what is ordered.* **\$300 for entire kit, but materials may be bought separately.**

Read Naturally (<https://www.readnaturally.com/>) **Reading intervention** program that uses online, print, and interactive methods to increase reading proficiency. *Consumable.*

Writeshop (<https://writeshop.com/>)- Writing is usually the most difficult subject for homeschool parents to teach (who doesn't love their child's sweet words, no matter how unstructured?). Without specific writing manuals, instruction is often neglected, and as a result, homeschoolers' essays and reports often suffer. This is where *Writeshop* can help get homeschoolers of all ages on track. The original manuals were written by two homeschooling moms, and the examples are from their own children. Since then, the product has been expanded and is now available for all ages. **Highly recommended as a supplement to any language arts program for grades 2-8.** Easy-to-follow directions and excellent rubrics to evaluate the writing. **\$100.** *Consumable.*

Math Curriculum

Learn Math Fast (<https://learnmathfast.org/>) The *Learn Math Fast System* teaches basic math from addition through Algebra with a unique approach allowing older students (**grades 5-9**) to **remediate holes in math and advance several grade levels in just one school year!** The older you are the faster you'll learn. These seven books are self-directing, so a Teacher's Guide isn't necessary. All lessons, worksheets, tests, and answers are included in each book. Grade levels are never mentioned, so older students won't be embarrassed to carry them. The first book looks as sophisticated as the last. The casual conversational tone makes it easy to learn, while the bits of humor keep it interesting. **Cost: About \$50 for each book; all 7 for about \$300.** *Consumable.*

Life of Fred (<https://www.christianbook.com/page/homeschool/math/life-of-fred>) Likely to be one of the most **unique math** programs you will ever come across, these books form a math program for **grades 2-9** that relies upon the self-teaching learning style many homeschoolers love. The texts follow the life of Fred Gauss—a six-year-old math professor at Kittens University who was born on the slopes of the Siberian Mountains—who has many humorous, unlikely, and zany adventures. Informal in tone and approach, these books are designed to engage students in a fun narrative while also instilling a solid understanding of the principles of mathematics--without an abundance of repetitive drills! Unlike the common “consumable” math worktext model, *Life of Fred* texts are hardcover, ***non-consumable textbooks***; students write their calculations and answers on separate paper. **\$25 per book; 10 books cover grades K-3; 3 books @ grade 4; 5 @ 6th-8.**

Math-U-See (<https://mathusee.com/>) **Highly recommended for reluctant mathematicians** at the **5th-8th grade level**. Focuses on one aspect of math each year: fractions (5/6); decimals and percents (6/7); pre-algebra (7/8); algebra (8/9). One concept a week is presented by a math teacher on DVD, then practiced all week in a workbook with a step-by-step answer key for the student to consult when done so he can see where he may have made a mistake. Review is included along with real world scenarios, and each week ends with a mastery test before going on to the next concept. *Consumable student workbooks; Non-consumable videos and teacher manuals. \$150 complete year.*

McGraw-Hill My Math / Redbird Math (<https://www.mheducation.com/prek-12/>) A **K-5 online program** developed by Stanford University to help students excel mathematically using critical thinking skills, conceptual understanding, procedural fluency, and application of principles. Student interacts with the text in multiple ways throughout the learning cycle. Personalized vocabulary, student created examples, online games, and downloadable apps move students from learning abstract concepts to concepts they can apply. Each lesson is guided by the approach of "We show you what to do, We do it together, You do it on your own." *School Chromebook will be provided and must be returned at the end of the year. \$40 for year subscription.*

Saxon Homeschool Math (<https://www.hmhco.com/programs/saxon-math>)

Traditional, comprehensive, strong math program easily taught by parents who likely followed a similar curriculum when they were in school. Often recommended for those who adhere to the traditional approach to learning. **K-8**. *Consumable workbooks. Non-consumable textbooks.* **\$150 Homeschool Curriculum**

Shiller Math (<https://shillermath.com/intro.php>) Designed as an **at-home Montessori Math program**, the hands-on, interactive lessons are perfect for the active, kinesthetic learner. Students sing and dance, play math games with manipulatives, and learn from colorful lesson books. Placement testing is included as part of the package. **K-6**. *Consumable.* **\$150 Homeschool Curriculum**

Teaching Textbooks (<https://www.teachingtextbooks.com/>) **Online math teaching (or DVD teaching) with a physical workbook.** Good for students who are ready to take on independent learning and the math has become too complex for the parent to teach easily. **Grades 5-8. \$200.** *School Chromebook will be provided and must be returned at the end of the year.*

Touchmath (<https://www2.touchmath.com/>) **Multi-sensory math** program that makes critical math concepts appealing and accessible for students who struggle to understand grade-level content. *Consumable.* **Cost: \$30 per module, around \$500 for entire grade level program with manipulatives.**