Family Academy® News

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What Family Academy® Offers Homeschoolers

Our teachers are qualified to assist your family needs while continuing to homeschool.

We provide:

- School year planning
- Weekly Contact with students and parents
- Quarterly conferences
- Report cards for K-8
- Sports report cards for district needs
- Great online resources for Special Education Needs
- New Phonics program for K-2 online coming this Fall! Limited enrollments available.
- Highschool accreditation through a partner program for grades 9-12
 - Keep homeschooling and get an accredited diploma.
- Testing and Assessments
- Outdoor Schools
- Online courses available
 - o Spanish, German or French Classes
 - Music Classes
 - Art Classes
 - o Media Arts Online

To inquire about registration and availability please email us. We look forward to assisting you!

Early Enrollment

You can now register for the Fall through our online portal.

Enroll at https://familyacademy.org/student-registration/

There is a non-refundable enrollment fee of \$185.00 for Family Academy to hold your spot. Some Teacher Consultants have additional registration fees. They will contact you after enrollment is received to get a planning session in August where you sign contracts for the school year.

This is a great way to meet state requirements!

Homeschooling Experience

Did you feel satisfied about your homeschooling experience at the end of the year? If not, as Family Membership partners, you are eligible to take the Able to Teach Course for \$199.00!

This course, written by the veterans of the homeschool law, is a parent qualifying course for Washington State but its much more than that.

It's a resource tool to help you become effective home educators. We all have our specific gifts that God gave us. Some sit dormant and some you might see.

Able to Teach will give you the confidence to tackle homeschooling with a different perspective. Even those in-law moments of nonsupport, we recommend you have the in-law take the course too! Its enlightening!

You will receive a huge resource book and access to our teachers to answer any questions. The course is online and can be done in up to 20 hours.

Take time this summer, gain confidence, and tackle next year and be more successful!

Contact us to get enrolled.

Open House

We will be hosting an open house for Homeschoolers to come and meet the teachers, staff, view the books in person available. Some of our high school students will be cooking! There will be some hands-on activities for the kids!

Mark your calendar for August 20th! 10-3 pm. 23420 Jordan Road, Arlington, WA Look for the cow sign by the driveway!

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Who is Family Academy?

Family Academy was founded back in 1983 as a legal Private School in the State of Washington serving homeschool families in the communities. The Teacher Consultants were trained to assist families in their communities who were new to homeschooling and the homeschool laws.

Most all our Teacher Consultants have homeschooled their own children and loved it so much they assist homeschool families in various ways. Some just tutor, some have learning centers that operate 2-3 days a week, some are 4-day schools, and some are a full school set up.

The vision of Family Academy has always been to train the parents to be in the driver's seat of their children's education. Each state is different to the homeschool laws that parents must follow. However, Family Academy is striving to go national, and bring on more Teacher Consultants in various states to help homeschool families.

We invite you to share with other homeschoolers Family Academy and what we do! There are several programs available, and as a service organization, we are also a certified 501C3 program that accepts donations to help continue to be a resource and comfort to stressed out homeschooling parents!

Believe me, I homeschooled all 6 of my kids in different age groups and Family Academy was a godsend for me. The Teacher Consultants at the time helped me think outside the box and problem solve issues. Now I am the CEO with a soon to be Senior in high school (last child home). Life certainly had many turns and roadblocks, but now I am here to help you as well!

We invite you, who have Family Memberships to come and meet the founder of the homeschool law in Washington State, Diana McAlister. If it weren't for her many hours at the state capital, legislating, you would not be homeschooling today! Since Family Memberships are new to our organization, we want to show you what we have to offer, meet you and your students, and get to know you.

Our next meet and greet with teachers, staff and Diana will be August 20th from 10 am to 3 pm. There will be activities for the kids to do, food prepared by some of our high schoolers and all our products will be out to be viewed, purchased, and discussed.

If you need help with planning your school year, one of our teachers will be there to help with that! So, mark your calendar. RSVP is required for food! If you plan to come, please contact us at school@familyacademy.org

We want to hear from you how we can help make your homeschooling life less challenging!

Schoolhouse Teachers

Most families take off June and then in July and August look for curriculum to help plan out their students next school year. Take some of the work and stress out of your life this year and subscribe to School House Teachers. There are over 500 complete courses with planning structures already in place for you! There are courses from PreK through adult! Yes, the curriculum is written by Christians with the same biblical worldview as Family Academy, but you have the choice to choose what you use. Most of the teachers on this site do not put in biblical context. They have specific courses for that.

Plus, you get access to World Book online for great added surfing! Fees are reasonable and there are a lot of choices with some on video teaching!

We ask that you use our link so that we can earn a commission from them should you enroll for a monthly subscription. You can check them out through our link here! https://schoolhouseteachers.com/dap/a/?a=113023



Vendors are needed! We want to get the word out about our books and curriculum! If your interested in showing our products to a homeschool group, co-op or other gathering, please let us know.

Curriculum on Sale. First Come First Serve!!!!

Language Arts:

Title	Sale Price
A Writer's Guide to Powerful Paragraphs	9.00
A Writer's Guide to Using 8 Methods of Transition	3.00
Brightest Heaven of Invention (Shakespeare Guide)	9.00
Megawords Level 2 Student Workbook	5.00
Megawords Level 2 Teacher Key	6.50
Megawords Level 4 Student Workbook	5.00
Megawords Level 4 Teacher Key	6.50
Megawords Level 5 Student Workbook	5.00
Megawords Level 5 Teacher Key	6.50
Megawords Level 6 Student Workbook	5.00
Megawords Level 6 Teacher Key	6.50
Megawords Level 7 Teacher Key	6.50
Megawords Level 8 Student Workbook	5.00
Megawords Level 8 Teacher Key	6.50
Rules of the Game Level 1 Teacher Key	2.25
Rules of the Game Level 2 Teacher Key	2.25
Rules of the Game Level 3 Teacher Key	2.25
Write Source Publications:	
All Write Skillsbook Student Workbook	9.00
All Write Skillsbook Teacher Edition	11.50
All Write Student Handbook	11.00
Write Away (early elementary)	6.50
Writers Express Skillsbook Level 4 Teacher Ed.	6.50
Writers Express Skillsbook Level 5 Teacher Ed.	6.50
Writers Express Skillsbook Level 5 Student Workbook	6.50
Writers Inc. School to Work Student Handbook	6.50
Writers Inc. School to Work Teacher's Guide	6.50
Writers Inc. Skillsbook Level 11 Student	6.50
Write Source 2000 Skillsbook Level 8 Teacher Edition	6.50
Write Source 2000 Skillsbook Level 7 Student Workbook	6.50
History Curriculum:	
Doing History – Student - (Global Studies Edition)	6.00
Doing History – Student - High School (Level G-H)	6.00
Doing History – Teacher - High School (Level G-H)	3.00
Doing History – Student – Middle School (Level E-F)	6.00
Our NW Heritage	13.00
Science:	
The Geology of Yellowstone	15.00
Pagoo	6.00
Biblical/Apologetics:	
The Answer Gospel of John	3.00
Know What You Believe	6.50
Family Academy Publications	
Homeschooling the Highschooler	40.00
High School Your Way	16.00
Teaching My Own	16.00

Ten Tips for Homeschooling Children with Special Needs By Maggie Dail, M.A. Learning Specialist

I don't know how many times I have heard a mother of a child who has special needs express doubt that she could homeschool her child. You have parented that child since his birth. You remain the expert on your child. You may need some guidance, but no one knows your child like you do. Further, no one loves your child like you do. Does this mean it will be easy? Of course, not!

You have many decisions to make for your child. While I may offer some things to think about, you must make your own decision regarding diagnostic labels, homeschool methods and materials, medications, special diets, immunizations and much more.

No matter what decisions you make, one-on-one learning will produce more learning than in a classroom full of children, all of whom have different needs and abilities. Classroom teachers today have their hands full with the number one priority sadly is "classroom management."

- 1. **Determine what is important** –Spend your time doing the things that matter for your child as he grows and finds his way in the world. Usually that includes reading, writing, math and a love for learning. For enrichment, touch the other areas (especially if your State homeschool law requires certain subjects). Also, allow adequate time for your child to explore his interests.
- 2. **Don't do "School at Home"** —We must get over the idea that living up to the standards of the public school or even a private school provides your child the best education. Some of our special needs children need a structure to thrive, but that does not mean it will mimic the school setting. Your family may run a later than a school schedule or the opposite. Often, for those bringing their child home from school, get a better start by "de-schooling" before starting. During this "de-school" families benefit from spending time together doing field trips, playing games together, going on hikes.
- 3. **Expect Impossible Days** –All families have bad days, but when a family faces learning challenges, those bad days intensify in kind and frequency. It may be that your child has a hard time making transitions or lacking skills that we take for granted or excels in areas that you want to address at another time. What to do? Step back and evaluate the situation and underlying cause. Take a break running outside. Swapping children with a close family. De-stress with the child to understand him and help him understand the situation.
- **4. Plan Times of De-Stress** You and your family need to de-stress more than most families. This will get you through those bad days or maybe even prevent some of them. By planning activities that de-stress when it lands in your homeschool day and even preventing some of those bad days will make a huge difference. Physical activity is one way to de-stress from academic stress. Playing games might provide you family with less stress as well.
- 5. **Plan with Special Interests in Mind** Plan learning activities with your child's special interest in mind. Also, keep in mind his learning style and strengths. By doing Unit Studies on these topics, you can address many, if not all, of the subjects.
- 6. Explore Your Child's Learning Style and Diagnosis —Understanding your child and how he learns must continually fit high on your "To Do" list. Be a problem solver. Unless it is a behavior issue, find the solution by planning educational activities that fit your child. Your child's declaration that he hates math, may mean that the method does not fit your child. On the other hand, it might mean that the level of work is either too high or too low.
- 7. **Choose Your Own Way** Most schools follow the factory assembly-line approach to teaching. Real-life exposure and experiences will create a homeschool program for your family that will fit your child. Using curriculum may work for your family or not. Real books tend to interest children more than textbooks.

- 8. **Let Them Dream** Instead of dashing water on a child's burning dream help them explore that dream. Commonly, our children go through many dreams, even at the university level. Even if it seems impossible to us, we need to guide the child through this process.
- 9. Learn Family Advocacy Know your rights and advocate for them. https://www.wrightslaw.com/
- **10.** Homeschool Lifestyle Good for the Family Teaching parents learn many things they missed growing up. Homeschooling families have more control over their schedule and what their children are learning.

Some Helpful Websites:

https://familyacademy.org/family-academy-online/

www.unlockinglearningpotential.net

www.unlockinglearningpotential.com

Http://www.nathhan.com

www.hslda.org

MySciLearn

Now is a great time to enroll in Summer School and get the added help with your student's reading challenges. This is available for all ages K-12.

Maggie is offering MySciLearn for those who wish to try it out for three months. This researched tested (MySciLearn) and developed online programs help students learn how to read and how to learn at the same time. Our Learning Specialist monitors and helps the parents coach their children. Now available on a month-to-month basis.

Now also available: Bookshop Phonics - this provides instruction for K-2 and older students with learning challenges. It includes virtual support and printable curriculum on a month-to-month basis. Made possible by Family Academy Online.

Contact Maggie Dail direct for pricing and enrollment.

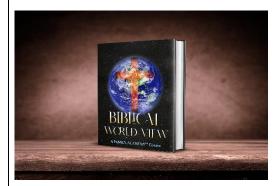
Hearing Assistance



<u>Family Academy Family Members</u> – (10% discount) A three-month subscription is only \$54.00! This makes a great addition to summer school for any student who has auditory issues. Give this a try!

High School Courses Highly Recommended by Family Academy®

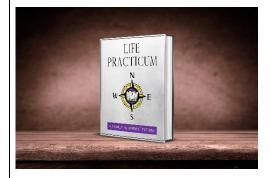
Biblical Worldview



This course is meant to provide you with some key principles for your life. The years between ages 15-25 have been called the "Critical Decade." Most of the key decisions you make during this time will set the direction of your life. We want you to become as wise as possible before you graduate so as you make these direction-setting choices, you do not end up in a heap of regrets and broken dreams. The Bible is your Creator's operating manual for your life. You can choose to follow it or not. We want you to at least become familiar with it and its foundational principles. That is the purpose of this course.

This book is available from Family Academy® for \$19.95.

Life Practicum



This course is meant to provide instruction in those critical areas of life that can determine personal and financial success. The key areas that typically cause a shipwrecked life are failure in understanding of what life is for, personal integrity, marriage and other important relationships, finances, and time and life management. Other schools now use this book, have praised it for getting teenagers ready for the real world! Get your copy today!

This book is available from Family Academy® for \$19.95

Filmmakers 4 Teens – Self Paced Online Curriculum

Filmmakers approached Family Academy® late in the spring about their products. This family is a homeschooling family out of Arizona who happen to be Hollywood Filmmakers themselves. Their children's friends wanted to learn some of these courses that they had designed for their own children. Thus, a family business sprouted! We are happy to work with them.

They now have a team of people to help offer these courses to homeschoolers around the country. We are pleased with the courses and want to share our experience with you!

My daughter has taken the **Acting for the Screen** (1 semester for \$150) because she has already been doing screen acting for "CW" shows. This gave her more insights and she had a blast!

My other daughter took the **YouTube4Teens** (1 semester for \$190), which takes you through all the ins and outs on how to become successful as a Youtuber! (Even how to get paid!) She already had a following, but nearly doubled in size putting some of the information learned into her own YouTube channel. Great for high school students who like being on social media and want to share their experiences with the world.

The **Photography** (1 semester for \$195) class I have reviewed and its one of the better ones out there that I have found. Being a partner with a photographer in previous years, this is great quality!

Filmmaking courses – there are two programs, but you must take program 1 **Intro to Filmmaking** (\$295) for the first year before you do the second program, which involves making a movie! The second year Advanced **Filmmaking** (\$500) is done via zoom and all participants work together to build a movie from concept to completion!

If you have a teen, add one of these courses to the list for the fall! You won't be sorry you did! To register for classes, contact the office.

Spanish 1 & 2

We have a student/teacher that will be leading our students in Spanish 1 and 2 using Zoom two days a week. There are PowerPoint presentations to see the words and hear the words, assignments to be done weekly, and we review the structures weekly.

This student/teacher has 4 years' experience with Spanish and has been training with one of our TCs in the Spanish 1 class this last quarter. If you have a student who would like to take Spanish 1 this next year, please contact me at telliott@familyacademy.org.

Semester courses are \$300.00. Course for High School students only.

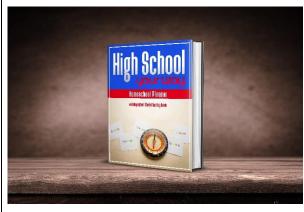
Homeschooling the High Schooler

If you have a new high school student this coming fall, you may want to order your copy of Homeschooling the High Schooler. This is now two books in one and has everything you need to know for high school but also for college and beyond.

You can order your copy through the Family Academy store!

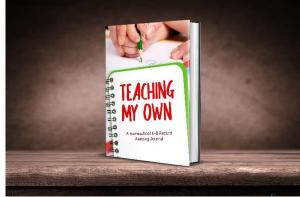
Planners

We have two planners available to assist you this fall. Order now!



High School Your Way

This planner is for high school students to teach them how to make them accountable. Comes with blank course contracts and enough weekly pages for recordkeeping for the entire school year. This book is available in Perfect Bound for \$16.00 or Spiral Bound for \$19.95. Order through the Family Academy store online.

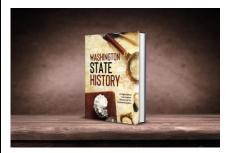


Teaching My Own

This planner is for the K-8 students to help you keep track of what they work on! Available in Perfect Bound for \$16.00 or Spiral Bound for \$19.95. Order through the Family Academy store online.

History Books by one of our Teacher Consultants

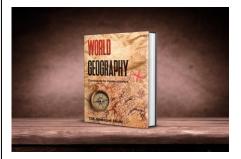
Washington State History



Washington State History written by a homeschool veteran of over 33 years has been a huge hit in the homeschooling community. This can be used with your High School level students and teaches research skills that are vital to the success of every student. This course can be accredited through our affiliate school, it only receives "Elective" credit due to state laws. However, this has everything your student needs to know about Washington State with lots of extra assignments to choose from to customize your students learning experience.

This book is wonderful. It can be purchased direct from Family Academy for \$19.95 or through Amazon.com

World Geography



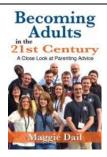
World Geography written by the same homeschool veteran above, is a fantastic curriculum. Written with a twist, learning world geography based off your student's ancestry. You study all the continents, the physical world, the seismic world but you also spend four weeks learning about the locations from a DNA test and the components that make up who your student is. Answers to the maps are included, and you are encouraged to remove those.

This book is available through Family Academy for \$19.95 or through Amazon.com

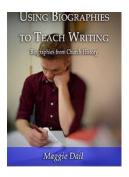
This author, T.M. Goddard-Elliott, is also a Christian author and authority on Bible Journaling. You can check out her books at www.tmgoddard-elliott which includes two books on Bible Journaling and a 30-day devotional with Bible Journaling ideas.

Currently, this Teacher Consultant teaches Emergency Preparedness; Careers; Spanish 1; and our homeroom classes for enrolled students to meet the 9 hours per quarter requirement by Washington State. She is also knowledgeable in Math and Business. She will be teaching HomeEc for homeroom class in the fall. If you wish to enroll to participate in the high school courses, please contact the school for more information. Most classes are via Zoom.

E-books Available



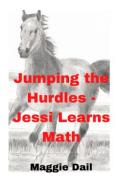
Have you noticed that it takes longer for children to become adults than before? It takes up to 15 years for what used to take about 3 years. Maggie Dail reviews the parents and the experts' advice on the subject. Dail and those she consults, begin with the premise that God's Word, the Bible, is the definitive word on parenting and any other endeavor in life. \$5.00



Combining subjects as in Unit Studies creates a winwin situation for students and teachers/parents and children. Maggie Dail has read and reviewed numerous biographies and historical fiction stories or books and used these as a guide for parents/teachers in teaching the art and skill of writing. Each reviewed biography or historical fiction story/book illustrates one aspect of learning to write. While not a complete curriculum, it does guide the parent in teaching her child to write beginning with paragraphs and building to multiple paragraphs. \$5.00



Rounding the Bases – Chris Learns to Read is the story of a boy named Chris who loved baseball but struggled in learning to read. His story illustrates how many <u>ICAN</u> neurodevelopmentalists work with their clients. \$5.00



Jumping the Hurdles, Jessi Learns Math, the second story in a series, is especially for families who have children who struggle with math. \$5.00

There is another book coming so stay tuned!

Pre-School Curriculum

We have full preschool curriculum for your budding student designed by a Homeschool mom! You must register with Family Academy to have access to this curriculum under our license with the company. Registration is \$185.00 and the monthly cost is \$25.00 per month! Plus, you get a Free Family Membership!

PreK-3rd Grade

Math Helps Highly Recommended

CalcuLadder 1-6

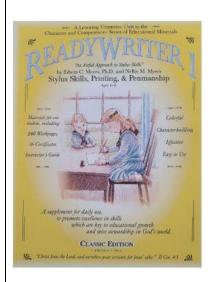


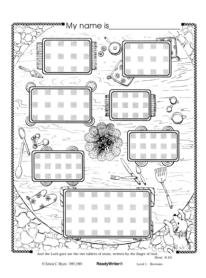
We have an affiliate contract with the Providence Project which has been around for over 20 years serving homeschool families with low cost, but highly effective math tools for kids!

This not only saves on paper, but it's also a great way to get a year of math for only \$30.00 plus shipping and tax. Each grade level ($1^{st} - 6^{th}$) comes with a slate, instructions for cleaning, bright colored pages, and wonderful instructions. The idea is that you use the same page for 5 days straight. The momentum of repetition proves a child learns and retains better math concepts. The ability to move on is when a student times under 2 minutes completing the entire page.

If you wish to purchase, please email us at the school. We will contact you for purchase.

Ready Writer PreK-2nd

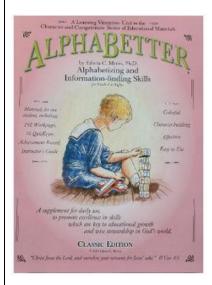




ReadyWriter starts with exercises that drill your students in the six fundamental stylus strokes from which letters and numerals are formed. What's so neat, though, is that your 4 - 8-year-olds **don't know they're practicing** "fundamental stylus strokes"—**they're having fun filling-in missing parts of pictures!** This curriculum is \$40.00 plus shipping/tax.

PreK-3rd Grade

Alphabetter 1st - 3rd







Do your children find dictionaries a pain? In a way we can't blame them. Even for us big folks, looking something up in a phone book or dictionary can be a chancy adventure—like walking into a trackless jungle never to return! In fact, many of us tend to avoid reference books entirely. As a result, we're probably not as knowledgeable or as capable as we might be. We'd rather pay extra for directory assistance than look up a number in the phone book!

A key reason for our "reference phobia" can be a simple lack of mastery of the alphabet. When you must back up to A and sing the Alphabet Song to figure out if Q comes before T, it can be a real pain to find things which are arranged alphabetically! This is recommended for grades 1-3. This curriculum is \$40.00 plus shipping/tax.

SanctiFinder





The SanctiFinder includes 8 drill Levels. Your child repeats a given Level each day until he can complete it correctly within the suggested time limit. Note that there are **two-time limits** for each drill—one for older students and one for younger students. Your child repeats a given Level each day until he can complete it correctly within the suggested time limit. Then he advances to the next Level.

Each SanctiFinder also includes a helpful Instructor's Guide and an Achievement Record. Plus, you get a complete set of QuicKey® grading keys to make scoring a breeze! SanctiFinder is great as a 9-week unit for Summer School, for anyone aged 7 or over who wants to find Bible passages quickly! This curriculum is \$25.00 plus shipping/tax.

Advertisements

One of our local business owners asked if we wouldn't mind sharing her books that are on special for May and June.

If you have a business and would like to share with our Family Membership holders, please contact us for additional information!

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Multilingual • Multicultural • Social Emotional Early Learning Board Books



I Am Me! English | \$9.99 ISBN 978-1-7372039-0-2

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Simplified Chinese | \$10.99 ISBN 978-1-7372039-6-4 May 2022

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Special Notes

Registration for 2022-2023 is underway! Become part of our private school organization to assist homeschooling families, especially if you don't qualify to homeschool. Or you can register in our Family Membership Program and get a huge discount on our Able to Teach program! Check out our shop on our website at http://www.familyacademy.org

McGraw-Hill Aleks Math

Is your student frustrated with math? Doesn't like math? Can't get them to do bookwork? Try Aleks.com! We give huge discounts to our families. Registration is \$45.00 and you can get a whole year of math for \$90.00. You get teacher oversight and assistance when needed.

ALEKS intelligence uses machine learning based on Knowledge Space Theory to efficiently develop and maintain a detailed map of each student's knowledge. ALEKS knows, at each moment, with respect to each individual topic in the course, whether the individual student has mastered that topic and if they are ready to learn it now. ALEKS facilitates super-effective learning by offering the student a selection of the topics that they are currently ready to learn. Since the student is always working at the boundary of their current knowledge, ALEKS students are not frustrated or bored as they are when they work on material that is too easy or too hard for them. Instead, the student's confidence and learning momentum build as they are challenged by, works on, and then masters each new topic.

The best thing about this course is the parents don't need to grade (even the high school level math); there are videos for the student to watch as additional help; the problems are graded immediately and step by step is visually available to show the student where they went wrong. There are worksheets for additional learning and if you want a textbook, those are also available.

This program is great to catch up a student when needed! We monitor so you don't have too! The recommendation is 30 minutes per day! You just need to fit that time into your student's schedule!

To register for this option please contact the office.

Time 4 Learning or IXL

Are you thinking about homeschooling with an online service? We recommend two curriculum options.

Time4Learning

Time4Learning is one of the top curriculum websites online that is completely awesome. However, there are some downsides. It gives you great coverage for the Elementary ages. Those who don't read, can learn with the animation characters that will help your student learn to read. They are good until third or fourth grade, then you will need to start supplementing some things like spelling books; reading books; and if you do science, some hands-on experiments. Completely doable for the homeschooling families.

There are not enough high school subjects to choose from, and I would recommend that for 8th grade on, use the service "Schoolhouseteachers.com" at the link: https://schoolhouseteachers.com/dap/a/?a=113023

This site gives you many choices of unique courses, all set up with weekly schedules already done! Amazing curriculum. No need to pay "Outschool" for what you can get through this company. Many courses have videos. One price — right now its less than \$20.00 a month and no contracts, cancel anytime. But you won't want too! There are courses for Prek through adult!

IXL

Is a simplified version of Time4Learning, but only does the core classes, and you will still need to supplement with spelling, reading books, hands on activities and teach electives. The perk is you get Spanish for \$40.00 for the school year, where Time4Learning charges \$50.00 for the school year and you have 9 languages to choose from.