

Homeschool Guide:



For a Self-Directed
Individualized Education

From the Professionals at:

Deep Root Center



A Guide to Homeschooling: For a Self-Directed Individualized Education

Welcome!

You are likely here because you have already begun the process of homeschooling, whether as a member of Deep Root Center or on your own. Your IHIP & LOI have been submitted and you and your child are ready to get started on your homeschool journey. Now What?

A word of caution - everyone's path will be different. There is no wrong or right way to homeschool. Your child will take the lead - follow them and their interests and goals.

This booklet is simply a guide.

The Question We Hear Most Frequently is, "When do we start?"

The answer is always, "Now!"

You don't need anything fancy or purchased. The world is literally wide open to your child's exploration.



Learning is Natural & Fun!

We want kids to understand that learning is fun and based on curiosity, creativity, exploration, and discovery - not rote memorization.

Every individual is a brilliant natural learner with strengths, challenges, interests, and an internal timeline, which means the artificial developmental schedule based on age and grade level makes zero sense. **No child can be behind - only on their very own schedule.**

Hence, there is no specific curriculum for this approach. **We don't recommend purchasing a curriculum-based program.** We do suggest getting a library card for your child. Your local library is an invaluable resource - both in-person and online.



We also suggest that your child be guided by the things they are interested in. These are likely written into their IHIP - if your child expressed those interests during their initial conversation with Maria.

What We Mean When We Say: "Everything Counts"

The below lists of projects and activities is not exhaustive. Your child's can literally include anything they are interested in. It doesn't have to be labeled "educational" to be a valid learning activity. **Play is the best way to learn!**

Workbooks and free apps or websites (such as Khan Academy, CK-12, or Universal Class)

These are grade-level based but can be used - non-linearly - they can jump around from one concept (one grade level) to another (**If your child is in 3rd grade they can do 2nd grade or 9th grade activities. Remember, grade levels are an arbitrary construct that mean very little.**) Or, if they want to take a specific class from beginning to end, they can do that too.

Hands on Activities can Include:

Playing Games (gaming or traditional), watching YouTube video tutorials or DIY, reading or listening (novels, comics, or graphic novels), independent research about a hyper fixation, drawing, painting, crafting, developing story-lines for computer games and then creating them, writing fan fiction stories based on their favorite series, cooking, baking, researching a hyper-fixation (animals, trains, world cultures, etc), building with Lego (Manga-tiles, Lincoln logs, etc.), nature studies, erecting cardboard cities, playing with toy cars and trucks, racing, running, and chasing around the yard (hide & seek or tag), tearing apart a computer, car, or ... and putting them back together - this list of projects and activities can literally include anything the child is interested in. **I can't say this enough - It doesn't have to be labeled "educational" to be a valid learning activity. Everything counts! And remember to have FUN!**

A Review of Homeschool Requirements

You have already submitted your IHIP and LOI for this year. They do need to be submitted each year in July or August.

- Quarterly Progress Reports (four per year - the dates of submission are listed on the IHIP) - These are narratives of what your child has done for each subject over the previous ten weeks. (Some districts require a chart with progress grades. We know which ones.)
 - **Two weeks before the quarterly reports are due, we will send an email with specific instructions asking for a list of projects and activities your child has completed over the previous ten weeks.**
 - At the end of the year there are also annual assessments that we can guide you through. When a standardized assessment is required, we recommend the CAT - which can be purchased and completed online.
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Finishing High School - three documents that show compliance for high school completion - provided by DRC as part of our homeschool completion package.

- Home-school diploma - blank template - completed by parents.
- Transcript - includes classes, projects, & activities as a home-schooler and high school classes completed at a previous school - with credits - no grades or GPA.
- Letter to the District Superintendent asking them to write a letter of completion, including the statement: this is a certification of compliance in accordance with New York State home-school regulations Section 100.10. This letter is not pertinent unless the student is applying directly to college.
- We are now suggesting that students prepare for and take the GED if they plan to attend college. Superintendents are less likely to write the letter. The local BOCES has prep classes and adminsters the test.

Resources:

This list is not exhaustive. You will find many free resources by "googling" the topic of interest

Learning Apps & Websites:

Khan Academy - <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

CK12 - <https://www.ck12.org/student/>

PBS Kids - <https://pbskids.org>

Math Games - <https://www.mathgames.com>

Crash Course - <https://thecrashcourse.com>

Learn at Home

scholastic.com



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Study Hall



Bio Explained With Dr. W

Ho Everyone, I'm Dr. Wefer and I've been teaching for over 20 years, I have my Ph.D. from Columbia (Teachers College), am a NYS Master Teacher Emeritus, but most o...

YouTube

Resources available through North Country Library System - all you need is a library card

kanopy
Stream Movies & TV

<https://www.kanopy.com/en/login>

[https://learn.mangolanguages.com/login?](https://learn.mangolanguages.com/login?gymToken=MTEzYTNjYmEwM2Q4Yzk3OGM6dXVpZD0tMSxleHA9MTY0MTA2MTAwNCxpcD0wLHVybD0xLGE9MzA2MCxjbGllbnRfaXA9MTYyLjlxMS4xNzluNzcscmVmZXJyZXI9&r=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cantonfreelibrary.org%2F)

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Libby (from OverDrive) provides downloadable eBooks and Audiobooks. You can read and listen right in your browser or download the Libby app to get started!

YouTube is an amazing resource. Your child can find anything they want to learn about.

Google searches are also a valid way to explore ideas or seek out specific information..

Don't forget - traditional books are always a great resource for pleasure or research.

[click here for](#)
[CAT Year-end Assessment](#)

We are Here to Support You & Your Child


Feel free to get in touch with questions anytime.

Text or email work best - I can't always answer the phone.

DRC Phone -315-323-1435 (M, T, Th, & F - 8:00am - 3:00pm)

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Fees



Deep Root Center
Pop-Ups & Consultation Fee Schedule

Drop-in Fee \$8/day each child	IHIP & Letter of Intent Package \$60	Quarterly Reports \$50/ea	Additional Home-school Support 1st 1/4 hr. free then \$50/hr	High School Completion Package \$75
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Invoices are sent out through Omella after each consultation service has been complete and sent to you. You can pay online through the invoice.

- If there is a nonpayment for an invoice, we will not be able to help with any reports until your bill is paid in full.
- Quarterly Reports and IHIPs are included with in-person membership fees.