

Back to school is going to look different for everyone this year. It can be overwhelming, especially if you don't know where to start. We're here to help you cut through the digital clutter.

#### Homeschooling:

Long time homeschooling families agree they need coffee and a library card for homeschool success. Here are recommendations from other homeschoolers.

- [Abeka](#) - Christian curriculum, also used in parochial schools
- [Accelus Academy](#) - video based curriculum
- [Blossom & Root](#) – nature based secular homeschool curriculum
- [Build Your Library](#) - downloadable literature based curriculum
- [Moving Beyond the Page](#) - critical thinking and creativity based curriculum
- [Oak Meadow](#) – text based secular homeschool curriculum based on Waldorf method
- [Son Light](#) - Christian complete literature based curriculum
- [Time4Learning](#) - all in one virtual curriculum with common core
- [Torchlight Curriculum](#) - Literature based secular curriculum
- [Well trained mind](#) - history and classics focused curriculum

#### Additional Resources:

<https://homeschoolsuccess.com/>

<https://www.homeschoolbuyersco-op.org/>

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/HearthMagic>

<https://wideopenschool.org/>

Wondering about requirements for the State of Michigan?

Michigan Department of Education

[Michigan Department of Education Online Instructional Resources](#) (List)

[Homeschooling in Michigan](#) (PDF)

[Homeschooling and Non-Public Schooling handbook](#) (PDF)

Sites mentioned in the MDE Homeschooling and Non-Public Schooling Handbook

[GenNet Online Learning](#) Grades K-12

GenNET Online Learning is a service offered by Genesee Intermediate School District for students throughout the State of Michigan to provide a wide range of teacher-led courses and self-directed classroom tools delivered over the Internet.

[Michigan Virtual School](#) Grades 6-12

Michigan Virtual School gives nonpublic schools and home school families the opportunity to have students take middle and high school courses online and access a robust online career development tool.

[Regional Educational Media Center \(REMC\)](#)

Regional Educational Media Center (REMC) provides a service that is available to nonpublic and home school students. The REMCs work cooperatively with one or more intermediate school districts for the improvement of instruction in Michigan's elementary and secondary schools.

### MI Groups

[Michigan Homeschool Groups](#): The original site of Practical Homeschooling magazine and The Big Book of Home Learning / Mary Pride's Complete Guide to Homeschooling.

[Michigan Christian Homeschool Network \(MICHN\)](#): For the state of Michigan to be a place where Christian families have freedom to pass on their faith in Jesus Christ through Biblically-based, family-centered, privately-funded, parent-directed home discipleship.

[Michigan Alliance for Families](#): Information, Support, & Education Resources

### Virtual Learning Resources:

[PBS Back to School Resources](#): Resources for the 2020-2021 school year for all students

[MeL Reads](#): Resources for young readers to utilize online.

[Parent Toolkit on School from TODAY](#): Resources to help children with math, reading, financial literacy, and emotional support for students across all grade levels (K-12)

[Khan Academy](#): A nonprofit with the mission to provide a free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere.

[Duolingo](#): Free foreign language

[TumbleBooks](#): always available ebook collection

[Bedtime Math](#): Bedtime Math makes math part of the family routine.

[Libby](#): ebooks for all ages.

[Quill](#): Grades 3-12. Writing and Grammar.

Favorite site list from [MeL.org](#) eResources:

PebbleGo: helps teach students early research skills, while using a child-friendly interface that is great for emerging readers. The Social Studies module aligns with nearly all elements of the Michigan K-2 Academic Standards, and the Animals module supports many aspects of the K-2 Science curriculum.

Explora for Elementary: is an easy to use database that allows students to research most subjects of interest. Through this eResource, students have access to thousands of articles from publications such as Ranger Rick, Cricket, Sports Illustrated Kids, Ladybug, Dynamath, Stone Soup, and Zoobooks.

Explora for Middle School and Explora for High School: are excellent research databases for a wide range of subjects. We love how easy it is to teach students to refine results with their user-friendly sidebar. Teachers and students love the lexile feature that allows you to eliminate articles that may be overly complex or too easy.

Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints offers different perspectives on current topics of interest. We love the Topic Finder tool under the Advance Search setting and the easy to use citation tool available with most articles. Students love being able to browse all of the offered topics, which makes selecting and researching a topic easier. Teachers love how easy it is for their students to use the database and the up-to-date information that is offered.

Learning Express Library: offers test preparation for AP exams, ACT exams, SAT exams and more. This can also be used to prepare for the High School equivalency exam. In addition to exam preparation, Learning Express Library offers skill building for an array of subjects including Math, Science, Language Arts, and Technology. Teachers and students alike appreciate this resource.

Britannica School: With Elementary, Middle, and High School options, this simplistic database is perfect for beginning researchers of all ages, especially those who need easy-to-find subjects. Built-in trivia, or “fundamentals” make this appealing to elementary students.