

Welcome Homeschoolers!

Welcome to the Westfield Washington Public Library! We are here to help you in any way we can. You will find several information sheets in your welcome folder, but our support of your endeavor does not stop there! Ask to be added to our homeschool email list to be the first to see each semester's schedule of classes. Follow the Homeschooling with WWPL Facebook page for a wide range of topics of interest to homeschoolers, and feel free to contact us by phone, email or in person with any questions.

We welcome you to use library space for meetings and activities free of charge. As long as the requested day and time does not conflict with a program or other scheduled usage, requests are usually granted. You may reserve the Maker Space, Story Castle, Community Room or any of our six private study rooms that are also available on a first-come, first-served basis. Study rooms may be booked through our website, under the Events tab: <https://wwpl.librarycalendar.com/>. A security deposit may apply for the Community Room.

We offer a wide range of classes for homeschoolers. Some of our recent offerings have included art, chess, creative writing, drama, Lego robotics and foreign language. Most of these programs require pre-registration and pre-payment. Please check the Events section of our online calendar, at the link above, for current program information and to register for classes, and pick up a copy of the current semester's homeschool class schedule in the Children's Department. Be sure to also sign up for our e-newsletter and pick up a copy of the monthly Children's calendar to discover other exciting programs that may support your curriculum. Check out our Learning Center (jLC) for curriculum materials, and our Library of Things for educational kits. Please let us know if you have any ideas for programs you would like us to do, or suggestions for jLC or Library of Things materials.

If we do not have an item you need, please do not hesitate to request it. As part of the Evergreen consortium of libraries, we share resources with over 100 other libraries in the state of Indiana. Additionally, the adult reference desk can often obtain items through inter-library loan. You may also request that we purchase items for our collection. We make every effort to honor requests.

If you are not familiar with the library, or if you would like a refresher, mini-tours are available upon request. We can also provide a self-guided Children's Department scavenger hunt upon request. This is a large building full of all kinds of amazing resources. We want you to be aware of all of them. We also encourage you to ask for help whenever you have difficulty finding materials. Our primary function is to help you get what you need!

Please let us know if there is any information you would like us to add to our welcome packet for homeschoolers, or if you find outdated information. It is difficult to keep up with all of the groups forming in this rapidly growing area. If your group is not listed, please give the pertinent information to Kim in the Children's Department.

Again, welcome to the Westfield Washington Public Library!

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Homeschooling Styles

There are many ways to homeschool, and every family does it differently. Homeschooling is the most flexible school choice in that the parent has more control over subject matter, materials, and methods used. If a parent is not comfortable teaching a particular subject, there are many ways to outsource that class – many virtual private schools offer part-time enrollment, and there are single subject online opportunities as well. Professionally taught classes are available through several homeschool groups, the Westfield Washington Public Library, the YMCA, and more. Immersion into the culture of homeschooling and meeting others in this community can result in a staggering array of opportunities. It is important to note that in Indiana, homeschools are non-accredited private schools and are considered equal to other non-accredited private schools. The same standards apply. A summary of Indiana homeschooling laws is available on the Home School Legal Defense Association website:

<https://hsllda.org/content/hs101/IN.aspx>. A wide range of educational philosophies and methods exist. The chart below does not represent all of them. It is intended to give an idea of the methods commonly used and discussed. The examples of common sources used are by no means a complete list – just a representation of a few common materials.

<u>Educational Philosophy</u>	<u>Examples of Common Curricula Sources Used</u>
Child-Directed Learning	Montessori Method, less formal/planned use of library materials and community opportunities
Classical Education	The Well-Trained Mind (Jessie Wise); Charlotte Mason; Trivium Pursuit; Memoria Press; Tapestry of Grace; Biblioplan; TruthQuest; Winter Promise
Computer-Based Education	Teaching Textbooks; Saxon Teacher; Switched-On School House; Robinson Curriculum; Time4Learning; ACE *To compare some of the top, on-line homeschools, go to https://www.consumeraffairs.com/education/online-homeschools/
Distance Learning	Clonlara School; Calvert Academy; Griggs International Academy; Laurel Springs School; National Repository of Online Courses (Hippo Campus); Bob Jones Satellite
Eclectic Homeschooling	Tend to use bits and pieces of all types of sources to fit individual needs
Formal Curriculum	McGraw-Hill; Houghton-Mifflin; Scott Foresman; Holt; Bob Jones; A Beka; Alpha Omega; Saxon; Christian Liberty; Calvert; Rod and Staff
Homemade Curriculum	Free internet sources; workbooks; library sources; books/ DVDs/computer sources; projects, etc.
Literature-Based Curriculum	Sonlight; Charlotte Mason; Winter Promise; Robinson Curriculum; Accelerated Achievement; Beautiful Feet; Five in a Row
Principle Approach	The Providence Foundation; Richard "Little Bear" Wheeler; Noah Plan; KONOS
Unschooling	Teach Your Own by John Holt; Homeschooling for Excellence by David and Micki Colfax; Life Learning Magazine

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Items of Particular Interest to Homeschoolers

Learning Center: Our Learning Center is located in the non-fiction section of the Children’s Department. This is a collection of activity-based books especially chosen for teachers, homeschoolers, and parents. The collection includes a variety of books on teaching methods/philosophies, activity books, study guides and teacher manuals.

Non-Fiction First Readers: We have many beginning reader books on a wide variety of subjects. These titles are shelved at the end of the jR (Reader) section, by subject. They include Eyewitness Readers, Dorling Kindersley Readers, Welcome Books, Rookie Read-About Science, Rookie Read-About Geography, Bullfrog Books, and more.

Research Guides: Magic Tree House research guides, Welcome to _____’s World (American Girls non-fiction guides to each character’s time period).

Audio Books: Audio books are great for improving reading comprehension and fluency. We have a wide selection at the front of the Children’s Department, including Wonderbooks (physical books with an audio player).

Award-Winning Book Collection: We have all of the Newberry and Caldecott Medal Winners, as well as most of the honors books, including Young Hoosier Book Award Winners, Coretta Scott King Award Winner books, and the Young Hoosier Book Award nominees for the current school year.

Educational DVDs: We offer a selection of educational DVDs on nature, science, history, geography, language arts, math and more, in both the children’s and adults’ non-fiction DVD sections. DVDs will also transit from other Evergreen Libraries if WWPL is your home library, as well as for PLAC card holders.

STEAM to Go Library of Things: Our “Library of Things” is sponsored by Duke Energy, through a Powerful Communities – Local Impact Grant awarded to the Westfield Library Foundation. The collection consists of S.T.E.A.M. kits that can be checked out, and cover a variety of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. These hands-on kits foster curiosity and learning, as well as critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Curriculum Support: If you need help finding resources to supplement your lesson plans, don’t hesitate to ask. We can help you find fiction and non-fiction books to supplement your curriculum or to match your child’s interests.

Homeschooling with WWPL: Stay up to date on homeschool classes and other resources with this WWPL Facebook page especially for homeschoolers.

Activity-Based Series: Books with hands-on activities. These are just a few favorites!

Science

Experiment with Science
Great Earth Science Projects
Let’s Explore Science
Living Science
Science Answers
Science for Fun
Science Surprises

Math

Got Math
Math and My World
Math Success
Math World
MathStart
RightStart Mathematics
Question of Math

Social Studies

American Kids in History
Artifacts from the American Past
Geography for Fun
Hands-On History
History of US
The Science of History
Story of the World

Computer Resources: The computers in the Children’s department, as well as our website, offer a variety of fun and educational activities to supplement your curriculum.

Children’s Department Computers: Interactive educational software for ages 1 through 10, including: Bailey’s Book House; Getting Ready for Kindergarten; Jumpstart; Reader Rabbit; Giggles; Miss Humblebee’s Academy; Sesame Street Learn, Play & Grow; Sammy’s Science House; The Science Express; Space and the Universe; Britannica Encyclopedia Elementary; Clue Finders; History Explorer; My Amazing Human Body; Know Your World; SpongeBob Typing; Math Blaster; and Math Doodles.

Website (Children's Department):

- **Indiana Digital Library/Libby:** A collection of downloadable eBooks and audiobooks just for kids. Browse by subjects, collections, or levels. Login with your WWPL library card number and password.
- **The Mailbox:** Provides support to teachers with Learning® magazine and digital experiences, including a fully interactive digital edition of The Mailbox® magazine, TheMailbox.com resources, The Mailbox Gold planning tools, Lesson Plans on Demand, eBooks, ePackets, and eGift cards. All of The Mailbox products are produced with teachers' needs in mind—from keeping the classroom creative to aligning to standards.
- **PebbleGo and PebbleGo Next:** *PebbleGo*, an award winning pre-K to grade 3 database for reading and research, includes built-in reading and research tools for emerging readers. Leveled text, educational games, and multimedia help teach concepts to young researchers. It offers four separate databases covering Animals, Science, Biographies and Social Studies. Databases are simple to navigate and offer key reading supports such as read-along audio and word-by-word highlighting. *PebbleGo Next* covers content appropriate to grades 3-6. Modules include States (grouped by regions), Science (Earth Science, Life Science, Physical Science, and The Field of Science), and American Indians (multiple categories). Once you are on the PebbleGo or PebbleGo Next website, log in with the username: *westfieldpl* and the password: *library*.
- **Renaissance Accelerated Reader:** Puts students in the driver's seat. You guide students, while engaging quizzes and activities help hone students' reading skills with authentic practice—encouraging growth.
- **Tumble Books Library:** This resource offers a huge variety of animated stories with both print and audio components. There are puzzles and games related to the stories, and playlists on particular topics, or you can create your own. The site also offers math stories, non-fiction, graphic novels, story books and chapter books, as well as Tumble Tunes, a huge array of short, educational DVDs, and a language learning component featuring French, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Korean, and German.
- **Tutor.com:** Provides on-demand tutoring, homework help, test preparation and writing assistance for students in grades K-Adult in over 60 subjects. Appointments are not needed. Tutors are available 4:00 pm – 11:00 pm. You can also use their drop-off reviews, practice quizzes, video lessons and The Princeton Review SAT®/ACT® Essentials to study 24/7. Tutor.com may be accessed from within the library building, or from home with your library card number.

Website (Resources):

- **Driver Education:** Contains 10 car practice tests, 6 motorcycle practice tests, 3 CDL practice tests, online driver's manuals for car, motorcycle and commercial driver's license, and a FAQ section with detailed answers to over 100 DMV-related questions.
- **Gale Courses:** Offers a wide range of highly interactive, instructor led courses that you can take entirely online. As a library card holder in good standing, you are entitled to these courses at no cost. Courses run for six weeks and new sessions begin every month.
- **Hoopla Digital:** Free digital app to borrow eBooks (including picture books and graphic novels); audiobooks; music and movies with your library card! With the new Read-Along feature, text, pictures, and sound come to life with page-turning titles from Disney, HarperCollins, and more. To use, just download the free app, or visit hoopladigital.com.
- **Inspire:** offers electronic magazines, encyclopedias, and other resources to all Indiana residents for your information needs. Research current events, science, business, health, notable people, and much more!
- **Rosetta Stone Level 1:** An interactive language learning program, offered in a wide variety of languages. Available on the Inspire database, through the "Resources" tab on the WWPL website.

Books about Homeschooling Available at WWPL

(Most are located in adult non-fiction, between 371.04 and 371.3944)

Title	Author
<i>102 Top Picks for Homeschool Curriculum: Choosing the Right Curriculum and Approach for Each Child's Learning Style</i>	Cathy Duffy
<i>The Brave Learner: Finding Everyday Magic in Homeschool, Learning and Life</i>	Julie Bogart
<i>The Core: Teaching Your Child the Foundations of Classical Education</i>	Leigh A. Bortins
<i>Everything Homeschooling Book</i>	Sherri Linsenbach
<i>First Year of Homeschooling Your Child: Your Complete Guide to Getting Off to the Right Start</i>	Linda Dobson
<i>The Heart of Homeschooling: Teaching & Living What Really Matters</i>	Christopher Klicka
<i>Home Learning Year by Year: How to Design a Homeschool Curriculum from Preschool through High School</i>	Rebecca Rupp
<i>Homeschooling for Dummies</i>	Jennifer Kaufeld
<i>Homeschooling: The Teen Years: Your Complete Guide to Successfully Homeschooling the 13 – to – 18 – Year Old</i>	Cafi Cohen
<i>Homeschooling All the Way Through High School</i>	Renee Mason
<i>Homeschooling and the Voyage of Self-Discovery: A Journey Of Original Seeking</i>	David Albert
<i>The Homeschooling Handbook: From Preschool to High School, a Parent's Guide</i>	Mary Griffith
<i>Homeschooling, the Early Years: Your Complete Guide to Successfully Homeschooling the 3-to-8-Year-Old Child</i>	Linda Dobson
<i>A Mom Just Like You</i>	Vick Farris
<i>A Parent's Guide to Homeschooling</i>	Tamra Orr
<i>The Parents' Guide to Alternatives in Education</i>	Ronald E. Koetzsch
<i>So You're Thinking About Homeschooling: Fifteen Families Show How You Can Do It!</i>	Lisa Whelchel
<i>The Successful Homeschool Family Handbook</i>	Raymond S. Moore
<i>Teach Your Own: The John Holt Book of Homeschooling</i>	John Holt
<i>Trust the Children: A Manual and Activity Guide for Homeschooling and Alternative Learning</i>	Anna Kealoha
<i>Ultimate Book of Homeschooling Ideas: 500+ Fun and Creative Learning Activities for Kids Ages 3 – 12</i>	Linda Dobson
<i>Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling</i>	Debra Bell
<i>The Well-Trained Mind: A Guide to Classical Education at Home</i>	Jessie Wise
<i>The Year of Learning Dangerously: Adventures in Homeschooling</i>	Quinn Cummings
<i>Unschooling Handbook: How to Use the Whole World as Your Child's Classroom</i>	Mary Griffith

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Extracurricular Opportunities for Homeschoolers

The businesses and organizations on this list have at some point in time offered opportunities especially for homeschoolers, or they have been recommended as homeschooler-friendly, or have expressed an interest in working with homeschoolers. Availability of programs and classes varies, so please call or check the business website for current information. Please let us know if there is an organization that should be added to (or removed from) this list.

Adventure

American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls allows girls ages 5 to 18 to experience new challenges, serve others, make new friends and have tons of fun, all in a safe, faith-filled environment. Whether your daughter wants to learn more about aviation, learn to paddle a canoe, or ice the perfect cake, AHG's program is ready to inspire her to new heights. AHG troop IN2324 meets in Noblesville at Legacy Christian School on Tuesdays, from 6:00 to 7:45 p.m. The program year is typically mid-August through mid-May, with special activities scheduled throughout the summer to allow the girls to continue to build friendships. This troop is a blend of homeschooling, public school and private school families.

Contact: Maria Grimes, Troop Coordinator

mariaqrimes@yahoo.com

Cool Creek Park Nature Center

The Nature Center offers a free Homeschool Hikers program from 1:00 – 2:00 at varying locations on the 3rd Thursday of each month throughout the school year. In addition, the Center offers rotating exhibits that allow kids to explore the science of Indiana woodlands and learn about the importance of preserving plants and animals in their natural habitats. The viewing area is a great place to observe birds in their natural habitat, and the surrounding trails are always a good place for fun and fitness. The center is open Monday thru Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Register by calling: 317-774-2500

or emailing: cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

2000 E 151st Street

Carmel, IN 46033

Trail Life USA

Trail Life USA is a Christ-centered outdoor character development adventure program open to boys and young men aged 5 – 17. Boys will love the fun and adventure! Parents will love the commitment to a Christian worldview and moral consistency. Troop 1685 meets from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. on the first three Tuesday of each month during the school year, at Legacy Christian School in Noblesville.

Troopmaster: Scott Nall

Traillifetroop1685@gmail.com

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 152, which meets at St. Maria Goretti in Westfield, has issued a special invitation for homeschoolers to join them. Cub Scouts is for boys in 1st through 5th grades. Pack meetings take place once each month throughout the school year, with den meetings occurring once or twice per month. Members will engage in a wide variety of outdoor adventures and character building activities, earning badges for their accomplishments.

Contact: Chad Brandt

Chad777@sbcglobal.net

Archery

Strawtown Koteewi Park

All private lessons are taught by professional, experienced, certified USA Archery or S3DA Coaches/Instructors. All lessons include instruction time plus up an hour of practice time immediately following your lesson, to work on that day's skill. Lessons are \$25.00 for 30 minutes or \$40.00 for 60 minutes. You may use the Range's equipment (compound, recurve or long bow) or bring your own.

Contact: Koteewi Pro Shop

11909 Koteewi Dr

Noblesville, IN 46060

317-776-8472

tonygirt@koteewiarchery.com

Art

Newfields Homeschool Open Studio

Looking for new ways to learn about art? Expand your family's creativity by exploring a variety of art-making materials in Newfields Homeschool Open Studio sessions. Instructor will provide advice to make curriculum connections and stimulate imaginations.

<https://discovernewfields.org/calendar/newfields-homeschool-open-studio>

Tina Mangos Arts

Tina Mangos and associates design and deliver arts-based programs to enhance daily life and productivity. For over 40 years in arts and education, Tina has researched and collaborated with others to organize cultural events and teach classes for youth and adults. Her successful brain-based method of teaching, which she terms "Cross-training your Brain," combines logic with creative thinking in a step-by-step process that optimizes learning. Her classes are fun, productive, and sprinkled with humor. Classes are available for age nine and up.

<https://tinamangosarts.com/>

The Wandering Peacock Gallery

Gallery owner and ceramicist Erin O'Rear will arrange private or group classes in wheel-throwing or hand-building ceramics, for both children and adults. Cost is \$20 per hour on the wheel, and glazing time is free. Prices may vary on group classes. Camps covering a variety of art forms are also offered periodically. Call to enquire.

Instructor: Erin O'Rear

227 Jersey St, Westfield, IN 46074

317-385-0994

<https://thewanderingpeacock.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheWanderingPeacock/>

Westfield Washington Public Library

WWPL offers both an **Elementary Art class** and a **Middle/High School Art class** for homeschoolers. Taught by a certified art teacher and practicing artist with decades of experience, these seven-week classes are offered twice per semester on Thursdays. Her brain-based method of teaching and her unique projects focus on problem solving, creativity and skill building. Students progress at their own level in an organized, step-by-step process. Art history, culture, and group discussions support the art activity. Projects incorporate drawing, painting, construction, collage, and the use of mixed media. For current classes and prices, visit the WWPL online events calendar.

<https://wwpl.librarycalendar.com/>

Baseball

Indianapolis Kings Baseball Club

The Indianapolis Kings Baseball Club is a private, Christian club organized to provide Christian, homeschooled boys an opportunity to participate in competitive baseball on the junior high and high school levels under the tutelage of Christian coaching and in an environment of Biblical principles. We also seek to enhance their relationships with Christ and help train them to serve Him in a competitive environment. Monday practices will be at 84 Sports in Greenfield and Friday practices will be at Sportzone Indy on the North West Side of Indianapolis.

<https://www.indykingsbaseball.org/>

Basketball

Indianapolis Homeschool Wildcats

We are a Christian homeschool organization offering competitive basketball programs for boys and girls from 4th through 12th grade. Above all, we seek to serve and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. Our goal is to instill and demonstrate Christ-like character while developing God-given athletic abilities through discipline, training, and an emphasis on fundamental skills in basketball. We compete against other homeschool, Christian, private, and public school teams as members of the Indiana Christian Basketball Alliance (ICBA), Midwest Christian Homeschool Conference (MCHC), and National Christian Homeschool Basketball Championships (NCHBC). The Gathering Place at Community Church of Greenwood has graciously allowed us to rent their court space as our home court and main practice gym.

<https://homeschoolwildcats.com/>

Northside Lions

We provide the opportunity for homeschooled young men to play competitive basketball in a Christ centered environment. Our teams are comprised of players from all over the north side of Indianapolis. We have 4 teams including; elementary, junior high, junior varsity, and varsity. Most games are within a 90 min. drive of Noblesville, IN. We predominately play other homeschool clubs, but also Christian schools on occasion.

<http://northsidelions.org/>

Northwest Warriors

The Northwest Warrior club is organized to provide home-educated children at least 10 years of age (as of September 1 of the current season) an opportunity to enjoy competitive basketball while developing Christian character, basketball skills, and physical fitness. The Warriors currently call Traders Point Christian Church their primary home, with home games at Traders Point Christian Academy. Practices are held at the nearby Whitestown Municipal Complex.

The Warriors offer five age levels for competitive basketball: 18 & under (Varsity), 16 & under (JV), 14 & under (Junior High), 12 & under, and 10 & under. Age levels are all based on player age as of September 1st of the current season. Northwest is intended for home-educated children, and player eligibility coincides with the NCHBC National Tournament guidelines, which indicate that parents must be the primary facilitators of the player's education including but not limited to classes at home, co-op environments, and other parent-arranged educational opportunities.

<http://northwestwarriorbasketball.com/>

Upward basketball at First Baptist Church in Carmel

Registration begins in October. Upward views sport through the lens of a greater purpose – which means the impact can extend far beyond the game. Their sports experiences are designed to equip churches to engage the whole athlete – mind, body, spirit and soul.

Fishers United Methodist Church

9691 E. 116th Street

Fishers, IN 46037

317- 430-8922

upwards@fishersumc.ort

Bowling

Bowl Thirty-Two

Though they no longer have a homeschool league, homeschoolers are welcome to sign up for their youth league.
845 Westfield Road
Noblesville, IN 46060
317-773-3381
<https://bowl32.com/>

Woodland Bowling Center

Woodland offers a homeschool bowling league.
Contact: Steven Frank
3421 E. 96th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46240
317-844-4099
pd_wo@royalpin.com

Chorus/Choir

The Indianapolis Children's Choir

The Indianapolis Children's Choir nurtures and inspires student achievement through quality music education and the pursuit of artistic excellence in choral music performance. Each year, the Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC) serves approximately 2,500 young people between the ages of 18 months and 18 years who are enrolled in the ICC's choirs and music education programs.
<https://icchoir.org/campus-choirs/>

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Choir School

St. Paul's offers Choir School **free of charge** for children ages eight and up, and adults who are interested in learning to sing. Each child or adult who enters the music program receives individual instruction in music theory, vocal training and music reading skills. A singer does not need to be a member of the parish or of the Episcopal Church. After a year of participation, children can be selected to enter the Choir Scholars Program (which involves a little more time commitment), and the church will provide **free** music instruction on the instrument of your child's choice with the instructor of your choice, plus some other perks like paying for the rental of an instrument if necessary, and paying for the music.

Contact: Brad Hughley
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
6050 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208
<https://www.stpaulsindy.org/musicministry>

Cooking

Market District Cooking School

Students will learn proper knife skills and other culinary techniques. Parents are required to sign waivers for each child participating in the classes. Each class will include a lesson plan that is based around the theme of each class. The Market District Cooking School is located on the 2nd Floor above the restaurant, Table by Market District. Parents need to arrive 10-15 minutes before the class to sign a waiver for each child attending the class. All classes will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Ages 6-12 optimal; ages 5-13 are welcome

Please register and pay through Eventbrite. Search Carmel Market District Home Schooled Co-op. Each class will have a 72 hour cutoff for registering. Any special dietary needs or allergens your student may have must be communicated to Market District 72 hours prior to the event in order for them to accommodate the request.

Contact: Jason Bolden
Jason.bolden@qianteaqle.com

Dance

Dance Creations

This is a non-competitive dance studio with a Christian worldview. Modest dress and kid-friendly music and choreography are employed. Teachers are degreed, loving and professional. Dance classes are offered in Creative Movement for 3 – 4 year olds, Ballet/Tap for 4 – 8 year olds, and Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary, and Hip-Hop for ages 5 to adult. There is a Dance Ministry Company and a Performing Repertory Company for youth.

Director: Bev Wohrle

9255 – 9257 Castlegate Drive

Indianapolis, IN 46256

317-579-0117

www.DanceCreations.org

Indy Dance Academy

Offers classes in Ballet, Contemporary Dance, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Lyrical Dance, Musical Theater, and Tap at their North Indianapolis studio. Occasionally offers beginning dance classes for homeschoolers at the Westfield Washington Public Library. They have expressed willingness to arrange daytime classes for groups of interested homeschoolers.

Contact: Kelly

9401 N. Meridian Street

Indianapolis, IN 46260

317-218-3694

info@indydanceacademy.com

Performer's Edge Dance Theatre

This is a school for the performing arts, offering pre-school through pre-professional training in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, and Contemporary Dance, as well as offering lessons in voice, piano, cello, and pilates.

Director: Ron Morgan

12955 Old Meridian St., Suite 100

Carmel, IN 46032

317-573-8085

www.PerformersEdgeDanceTheatre.com

The Pink Slipper Dance Studio

Offers classes in Hip-Hop, Ballet and Tap, as well as a Mommy and Me ballet class for ages 18 months to two years.

Studio Act 1

5855 E. 211th St, Suite 15

Noblesville, IN 46062

317-877-PINK

www.pinkslipperdancestudio.com

Richens Timm Academy

Offers Irish dance classes. New classes begin each school season, with children's beginner classes being offered at the Indianapolis location on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 4:45, and on Thursdays from 5:00 to 5:45. Some classes are also offered at a Tipton location. Contact the studio for more information.

<http://www.richenstimm.com/>

Drama and Public Speaking

National Christian Forensics and Communications Association (NCFCA)

The mission of NCFCA is to promote excellence in communications through competitive opportunities where homeschool students develop the skills necessary to think critically and communicate effectively in order to address life issues from a biblical worldview in a manner that glorifies God.

NCFCA offers eleven speech events, which are divided into three main categories; Platform Speaking, Interpretive Speaking, and Limited Preparation Speaking. Each of these categories offers distinct opportunities for students to develop their communication skills.

Two styles of debate are offered in the NCFCA: Team Policy Debate and Lincoln Douglas Value Debate. Team Policy (TP) Debate advocates a change in policy while Lincoln Douglas (LD) Value Debate centers on a proposition of values. All NCFCA debaters learn research skills, respectful argumentation, refutation, organization, and effective presentation and speaking skills.

Hamilton County is part of Region VI, which includes Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. You can contact your regional representative for more information through the website below.

<http://www.ncfca.org/>

Fencing

Indianapolis Fencing Club

The first class in their series is the Beginning Fencing Class. This six week class utilizes the foil to teach the basics of fencing. All equipment is provided, allowing students to try the sport without having to make a large investment. Students are required to be at least 9 years of age for safety reasons. Classes are taught at *1706 East Pleasant Street, Noblesville, IN 46060*.

<https://indyfencing.net/>

indyfencing@gmail.com

317-835-9429

Football

Lions Homeschool Football

The Lions Home School Football Club is a private, not for profit, Christian club organized to provide Christian home schooled Junior and Senior High School young men an opportunity to participate in competitive football, under the tutelage of Christian coaching and in an environment of Biblical principles. There is also an opportunity for young women to participate as cheerleaders. All participants must be between the ages of 11 and 19. A mandatory organizational meeting is held each spring, in April or May, at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, 6612 E. 75th Street, Indianapolis, IN.

www.lionsfootballclub.com

General Exercise/Fun

Adrenaline Family Adventure Park

At Adrenaline Family Adventure Park, we believe everyone deserves more adventure in life. A break from excessive screen time and boring routines to enriching experiences with family and friends. That's why we created a place for active entertainment where kids of all ages can jump, swing, and play. After all, adventures are meant to be lived, not just 'liked' on Facebook or Tiktok.

10080 E 121st St Suite 182

Fishers, IN 46037

317-572-2999

<https://adrenalineactionpark.com/>

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation Homeschool Programs

Make learning fun with a schedule of back-to-back programs! You're able to make the most of your time, on the days that work best for you. From fitness to nature to science & technology, with Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation your kiddo doesn't have to choose! The best part? You aren't sacrificing quality for convenience. Our programs are led by area experts. Check out <https://www.carmelclayparks.com/> for all opportunities and to register.

Contact: Erica Foreman

1235 Central Park Dr. East

Carmel, IN 46032

317-848-7275

eforeman@carmelclayparks.com

YMCA Homeschool Swim & Gym

Expose your homeschoolers to games and recreational activities on the land and in the water! For ages 5-16 years, this is located at the Irsay Family YMCA 430 S Alabama Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225. Class will meet every other Friday from 9:30am to 12:00pm and class will be divided into 2 groups and have a new activity every week.

Cost is \$55 for members, and \$65 for non-members.

Contact Sports Director, Tyler Shorter, for more information: tshorter@indymca.org

<https://indy.recliquecore.com/programs/41747/homeschool-options/>

Golf

Pebblebrook Golf Club

Pebblebrook offers lessons, camps, clinics and leagues for ages 7 and up. Pebble Brook Golf Club is a 36-hole, championship, daily fee golf course facility located on State Road 32 between Noblesville and Westfield. The South Course is a traditional course with mature tree lined fairways and the North Course is a modern Scottish links style design. Both courses offer multiple sets of tee markers to fit every golfer's skill level. Pebble Brook prides itself on offering more available tee times than any other course in the Indy area.

Contact: Brandon Smart

765-810-5588

Brandonsmart25@gmail.com

<https://www.pebblebrookgolfclub.com/course/>

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Help your child improve their game with group or junior lessons, throw an epic birthday party, or play any of our family-friendly games inside your climate-controlled bay.

9200 E 116th Street, Fishers, IN

765-212-3488

<https://topgolf.com/us/fishers/play/families/>

Gymnastics

A Plus Gymnastics Center

Has special class times just for homeschool families, to provide an opportunity for social interaction and physical exercise. The program has larger class sizes than their regular classes, but at a reduced rate because they are able to coordinate a parent helper for each class.

aplusfrontdesk@gmail.com

<http://www.aplusingymnastics.com/#!/homeschool/c1sn2>

DeVeau's School of Gymnastics

DeVeau's Home School Program teachers thee fundamentals of gymnastics and tumbling to children ages 5 – 10, helping them develop balance, coordination, strength and flexibility. Classes are one hour long and offered on Tuesdays at 2:00 and Thursdays at 3:00. Register online.

9032 Technology Drive

Fishers, IN 46038

317-849-7744

<http://www.deveaus.com/>

Ice Skating/Hockey

Arctic Zone Iceplex

Offers skating and hockey lessons, youth hockey leagues, camps and open skating.

16616 Southpark Drive

Westfield, IN 46074

317-896-2155

Carmel Ice Skadium

Offers skating and hockey lessons, youth hockey leagues, camps and open skating.

1040 3rd Avenue SW

Carmel, IN 46032

317-844-8888

<https://theartcticzone.net/>

Martial Arts

Midwest Taekwondo Academy

Taekwondo lessons for ages 5 and up. They offer price breaks for families with more than one person training, and are willing to offer a discounted rate for those who would like to do classes as part of their home school credit. Both instructors have been involved in Taekwondo for over 20 years.

230 E. Main Street

Westfield, IN 46074

317-690-6064

midwesttkdacademy@gmail.com

www.dojos.info/MidwestTKD

House of Martial Arts

Offering kid's martial arts, adult martial arts, mixed martial arts, and fitness kickboxing. Day classes are available for homeschoolers. Contact the business for times, as they may vary. Programs are available for children ages 4 and up.

Owner: George Nae

14598 Clay Terrace Blvd. #160

Carmel, IN 46032

317-575-9333

george@houseofmartialarts.com

www.houseofmartialarts.com

Tiger Lily Eastern Arts

Offering T'ai Chi, Qi Gong, Self Defense, and Escrima.

Teddy Linder, Instructor

1355 W. 96th Street

Indianapolis, IN 46260

317-503-8197

www.tigerlilyeasternarts.org

Music

Bach to Rock

B2R uses an innovative approach to music instruction based on the belief that everyone learns faster playing the music they like, whether it's rock or Bach, and the technical foundation is the same. Teachers at B2R use special age and skill appropriate arrangements so that students can begin playing songs in no time. B2R's unique curriculum couples rigorous individual instruction with band "jam sessions," making students motivated by playing in a group. Like sports, a band builds teamwork, develops social skills, fosters self-esteem, promotes peer recognition and leads to lasting friendships. You're never too young to play and create music. Introducing toddlers and very young children to music, rhythm and motion supports cognitive development, learning and motor skills. B2R Early Childhood classes combine structured musical games and activities to promote learning and musical growth and expose children to the fundamentals of music.

Owner/Teacher: Andy Flickner

2480 E 146th St

Carmel, IN 46033

317-660-5285

Carmel@bachtorock.com

<https://www.bachtorock.com/carmel/>

Bongo Boy Music School

Located in the Castleton area, Bongo Boy offers a wide range of lessons, classes, programs, camps, workshops and free community activities, serving the Indianapolis community. There's something for any age or skill level.

8481 Bash Street, Ste. 1100

Indianapolis, IN 46250

317-595-9065

info@bongoboymusic.com

<http://www.bongoboymusic.com/>

Butler Community Arts School (BCAS)

The Butler Community Arts School offers performing arts instruction to anyone ages 5 and up, including adults. Located on the Butler University campus, the instructors are trained Butler students known as "Teaching Fellows." The mission of BCAS is to provide quality arts instruction at an affordable price while also developing community involvement and civic-mindedness in Butler University students. Private lessons are available in: piano; voice; strings; brass; woodwinds; percussion; guitar; composition; and music theory. BCAS also offers group piano lessons for children ages 5 – 6 and for adults 18 and up; children's orchestra for ages 7 – 12; youth orchestra for ages 12 – 17; and a youth jazz program for ages 12 – 18. In the summer, there are camps for just about any musical interest.

Lilly Hall, Room 273

4600 Sunset Avenue

Indianapolis, IN 46208

317-940-5500

Director: Lauren Shelton

BCAS@butler.edu

<https://www.butler.edu/jordan-arts/butler-community-arts-school/>

Carmel Music Center

Offers private lessons from a variety of highly qualified instructors on an even greater variety of musical instruments. Choose a 30 or 60 minute lesson on: banjo; baritone; bass; cello; clarinet; dulcimer; fiddle; flute; guitar; mandolin; percussion; piano; saxophone; trombone; ukulele; viola; or violin. Store hours are 12:00 – 8:30 Monday – Thursday; 12:00 – 7:00 on Friday; and 11:00 – 6:00 on Saturday.

22 W. Main Street

Carmel, IN 46032

317-846-7768

<http://www.carmelmusiccenter.com/>

Eppert Piano Studio

Since 1988, Eppert Piano Studio has nurtured the total development of children through innovative music curricula in the Fishers area. Teacher Sally Eppert believes that ALL children are able to learn the language of music, that ALL children deserve to find the joy of making music through the use of stories and emotions while playing their pieces, and that it is important to teach about music and music theory while learning to play the piano. This premier music program involves families in the joy of their children's musical learning by inviting a parent to come into class the last 10 minutes for sharing time and asking the parent to help with the daily practice at home.

Teacher: Sally Eppert

8580 Shoe Overlook Drive

Fishers, IN 46038

317-507-3171

eppertpiano@gmail.com

<https://www.eppertpianostudio.com/>

Indiana Fine Arts Academy

IFAA offers private lessons in guitar, piano, harp, voice, strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion, as well as a group class, Meet the Orchestra! , for children ages 4 – 12, designed to instill a lifelong interest in the music of the orchestra and famous composers. IFAA also sponsors the Nora Community Children's Choir (see description below).

Union Chapel United Methodist Church

2720 East 86th Street

Indianapolis, IN 46240

<http://www.indianafineartsacademy.org/>

IUPUI Music Academy

The academy offers a variety of keyboard-oriented preschool and general music classes with computer-assisted instruction to children age 3 – 12. Other classes offered include adult piano, voice, and guitar. Private lessons are available for all ages and levels of ability in keyboard, voice, violin, guitar, and woodwinds.

535 W. Michigan Street, IT 378

Indianapolis, IN 46202

317-278-4139

<http://music.iupui.edu/academy/main/>

Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy

Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy has been providing music lessons, youth theater, and early childhood music classes to the Fishers and surrounding area since 2004. Academy teachers don't just love play and teach music – they believe music is an essential part of life. Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy offers lessons in piano, guitar, voice, violin, viola and cello, as well as Mom and Me, Summer Camp, Kidz Rock, and Youth Theater.

10029 East 126th Street, Suite D, Fishers, Indiana 46038

317-576-5562

info@fishersmusic.com

<https://www.fishersmusic.com/>

Indianapolis Youth Orchestra

Auditions for Symphony Orchestra and Philharmonic Orchestra are open to string, wind, brass, percussion and harp players through high school age. Auditions for Concert Orchestra are open to string players up to 8th grade. There is no minimum age requirement for either orchestra. New World Youth Orchestras currently does not accept orchestra applications for piano or saxophone. Piano and saxophone applicants may still audition for the [Young Artist Competition](#). Auditions are held in the month of June, typically at Symphony Centre, 32 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN. Mail in your application as soon as you can, to schedule an audition for your preferred date and time. Applications will continue to be accepted through the summer. Late auditions will be scheduled on a case-by-case basis.

Contact: Adam Bodony, Executive Artistic Director

32 E Washington Street, Suite 950

Indianapolis, IN 46204

317-912-0547

adam@indianapolisyouthorchestra.org

<https://indianapolisyouthorchestra.org/>

Nora Community Children's Choir

NCCC is a partnership between the Indiana Fine Arts Academy and Union Chapel UMC. The goal is to provide an engaging, diverse, and affordable vocal opportunity on the Northside of Indianapolis. Each participant will receive a solid foundation in vocal production beginning with breath control, vowel placement, ear training, music theory and ensemble singing. Each hour long rehearsal includes private coaching as well as choral singing experiences. Choir members will be engaged in fun games and exercises that will develop their skills in breath, pitch, tone and rhythm.

This choir is open for children age 4 through 15, and runs as a cooperative. As a result, the costs are low as each family assumes a job for the running of the organization. The director has a list of committees and roles for the year that includes marketing, fundraising, uniforms, room helpers, communications, etc. The cost per child is \$10 per month or \$60 per year. Families with multiple children are capped at \$20 per month or \$120 per year. Financial assistance is available if needed. Each participant will need to purchase the NCCC uniform shirt.

<http://www.indianafineartsacademy.org/community-choir>

Renaissance Music Studio

Renaissance Studios is a community of performing musicians in the arts community of Broad Ripple Village in Indianapolis who wish to pass on their skills and knowledge to the next generation of performers and hobbyist. In guitar instruction, one learns various musical styles, chording, music reading, and music theory. Particular styles of guitar music, such as flamenco, classical, jazz, are also taught. Our piano instruction includes the great music of the past masters of piano literature. Vocal instruction emphasize how to use your unique instrument through proper breathing and diction techniques. In voice lessons you will work on your ear as well as your vocal chords. Violin instruction has an ancient tradition of how to approach its vast repertoire. Instruction is also provided in classical violin or fiddle, banjo, flute, harp, mandolin, music composition, and songwriting. The studio is owned by a former homeschooler, and many homeschoolers take lessons here.

6516 N. Cornell Avenue

Indianapolis, IN 46220

317-251-7363

<https://www.renaissancestudiosindy.com/home>

Roller Skating

Skateland USA

Skateland USA, on Indy's west side, offers Homeschool Skate Parties from 12:30 to 3:30 on the last Friday of each month during the school year, except for November and December, when they are moved up to avoid the holidays. Seating can be reserved for your group, and the facility also offers a STEM oriented field trip for groups of 30 or more. \$6 includes admission and Skate rental; \$8 Includes admission, skate rental, 1 slice of pizza and 1 drink; \$10 includes admission, skate rental and unlimited pizza and drinks.

Events Coordinator: Brighton

3902 N. Glen Arms Rd.

Indianapolis, IN 46254

317-291-6795

<http://www.unitedskates.com/public/indianapolis/index.cfm>

Sewing

4-H Sewing

4-H has sewing programs for kids in grades 3 – 12. The experiential learning activities in the 4-H Sewing curriculum are designed to provide a positive learning experience for youth. Sewing helpers are encouraged to focus on the fun, experience, and accomplishments attained in the project rather than on attaining "perfection."

<https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/>

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-sewing-and-fashion-revue.html>

JoAnn Fabrics

Offers sewing and knitting classes for kids age 8 and up, and teens, at either their Castleton or West 86th Street location, depending on the class.

8714 Castle Creek Parkway

Indianapolis, IN 46250

317-585-9150 or

1361 86th Street West

317-259-4506

<https://learning.joann.com/classes?sort=&type=&category=Kids+%3E+5+Years+and+Up%2CKids+%3E+8+Years+and+Up%2CKids+%3E+Sewing&level=&instructor=&query=#offset=36>

Room to Sew

At Room to Sew, sewing classes are offered for students as young as 7 years of age! Using a proven curriculum, kids, teens, and adults can learn to sew in a relaxed atmosphere, learning at their own pace. Classes are offered on a weekly basis. While sewing machines and tools are provided, students choose fabric for the projects, allowing for unique, creative, and one-of-a-kind designs! Learning to sew is a useful and life-long skill; Room to Sew is a relaxed, fun, and stress-free place to learn this skill. Classes are taught in the instructor's home classroom, located just north of Greenfield Avenue between Stony Creek Marketplace and Hamilton Town Center in Noblesville.

Instructor: Donnell Bradley

dbradley@roomtosew.com

<https://www.roomtosew.com/>

<facebook.com/roomtosew>

Soccer

Dynamo FC Indianapolis

Offers camps and clinics, private instruction, and team experiences for youth ages 8 and up. Dynamo Park is located a 401 E 91st Street, Indianapolis, 46240.

P.O. Box 80261

Indianapolis, IN 46280

Thomas.p.markey2@gmail.com

317-432-0950

<http://www.dynamofc.org/>

Noblesville United Soccer Club

This Community Soccer Program is for kids 4 years of age to 18 years of age and it is geared toward the soccer player that wants to enjoy and learn the game of soccer while having fun. Players are placed on teams based on their age using guidelines set by the Indiana State Soccer Association.

Noblesville United Soccer Club

8501 E 196th Street

Noblesville, IN 46062

nuscrec@gmail.com

<http://www.noblesvilleunited.com/>

Westfield Youth Soccer Association

WYSA provides programs for age 4 to age 74 with its recreational program for all ages, youth development and academy programs for developing players under 10, a travel program for competitive players ages 8 and up, and an adult program for those who wish to continue playing after their competitive days are over. Each summer, WYSA hosts soccer camps designed to improve player skills and let the kids have fun.

Contact: Lori Roberts

lroberts@indianafirejuniors.com

P.O. Box 346

Westfield, IN 46074

<http://www.wysa.org/>

Swimming

Fishers YMCA

The YMCA of Greater Indianapolis (**YOGI**) **Swim Club** is an association-wide competitive team, offering year-round or seasonal program and participating in local and regional competitions. Their age group division (ages 6-14) is two training groups for developmental and advanced swimmers, with weekly practices designed by YMCA/ASCA certified staff. Swimmers must be able to swim two continuous pool lengths of freestyle and show commitment to develop all four competitive strokes. An evaluation will place swimmers with the appropriate training group.

The Fishers YMCA also offers **Homeschool Swim Lessons**. Specifically designed for Home School students, these classes are held on Tuesdays from 12:00 to 12:40.

9012 E. 126th St.

Fishers, IN 46038

317- 595-9622

<http://indyymca.ebookview.net/guide.php?orgid=40>

Indy Synchro Synchronized Swim Team

Indy Synchro has been a nationally competitive synchronized swimming club for over 30 years. They strive to develop elite athletes and to enrich the lives of their swimmers. The club has regularly had swimmers place in finals at various National events, as well as had swimmers qualify for the US National Teams of all ages. Athletes range in age from 7-18. The club offers beginner classes and competitive programs for swimmers at all levels.

<http://www.indysynchro.org/indysynchro@comcast.net>

Stony Creek Swim Center

Lessons, swim teams, and summer camps.

15550 Stony Creek Way

Noblesville, IN 46060

(317) 773-7399

<http://stonycreekswimcenter.com/>

Tennis

Indianapolis Raquet Club and Indianapolis Raquet Club East

Lessons and competitive programs for ages 4 and up.

<http://www.indyracquet.com/>

8249 Dean Road

Indianapolis, IN 46240

317-849-2531 or

4901 N. Shadeland Avenue

Indianapolis, IN 46226

317-545-2228

Fishers YMCA

For ages 7-11, this clinic style lesson will help kids to learn the game of tennis. This format uses games to assist with the learning approach. Court size, ball type and net height are adjusted to aid the learning process. The QuickStart program has been implemented by the USTA Jr. Tennis League. Participants should provide their own youth racquet.

9012 E. 126th St.

Fishers, IN 46038

317- 595-9622

<http://indyymca.ebookview.net/search.php?orgid=40>

Tiger Tennis

Tiger Tennis formed in 2002 in Carmel as a group of 4 families that wanted to learn the sport of tennis, and has grown to over 500 kids, ladies and families playing in 78 matches a year and taking lessons. Tiger Tennis offers a variety of lessons, matches, games and camps for kids aged 3 – 19. We teach our lessons and techniques with a focus on the values of Christian sportsmanship, determination, focus and discipline.

Owner: Renee Bognar

reneeboqnar1@aol.com

<http://tigertennisandfitnessprograms.yolasite.com/>

Theatre/Drama

Christian Youth Theatre (CYT)

CYT Indy offers classes for ages 4 – 18. Students learn from experienced teachers, performers, and technicians, and have the opportunity to participate in a CYT musical production! Classes are held once a week for two hours, and run for ten consecutive weeks. During the tenth class week, a showcase is presented in which each class performs a brief prepared presentation. Week-long musical theater day camps are offered during the summer months for students ages 8-18. Camps are designed to create a hands-on theater experience, and are focused on building performance skills, self-confidence, and teamwork.

17437 Carey Road

Suite 116

Westfield, IN 46074

Phone: 317-721-2497

<https://www.cytindy.org/>

Curtain Call Theatre for Children

The Curtain Call theatrical season runs from August to May and offers three stage productions a year. The organization welcomes all ages from pre-school to adult, training participants from the stage to backstage theatre skills such as lighting, sound, set design, stage management, props, set painting and make-up. Curtain Call also offers periodic workshops in auditioning, acting, make-up and creative dramatics for young children. Located in Kokomo, IN. KokomoCurtainCall@gmail.com

Indiana Fine Arts Academy

IFAA offers several theater classes for ages 7 and up. The Academy also has a partnership with Christian Youth Theatre, hosting some of their workshops and rehearsals. <http://www.indianafineartsacademy.org/group-classes>

Milestone Talent Group

Milestone Talent Group is dedicated to developing the young actor's craft through classes, workshops, and productions. They are committed to excellent teaching in a supportive and close-knit environment.
75 Executive Drive, Suite H
Carmel, Indiana 46032
317-703-7895
info@MilestoneTalentgroup.com

Young Actors Theatre (YAT)

The vision of YAT is to *empower youth for life*. Since 2005, Young Actors Theatre has transformed into the largest youth theatre in Indianapolis. Last year, YAT brought Self-Empowerment Theatre to nearly 2,000 students and reached over 10,000 audience members across the state of Indiana. YAT's core values are: 1) Create a culture of acceptance and inclusion; 2) Every student has a voice and is respected for their individuality; 3) Teach life-long learning and responsibility, which can be applied outside of theatre. 4) The outcome of the student outweighs the outcome of the performance; and 5) Find the fun in the work. With a home base in downtown Indianapolis and performance sites across the greater Indianapolis area, YAT works to provide more than a stage to the youth they serve. <https://www.yatkids.org/>

Track

Body in Training Track Club

Body in Training is a member club of USA Track & Field, YES Athletics, and the Indiana Youth Track Association open to youth ages 5-18. Our mission is to provide excellent coaching and instruction in track and field events and to provide opportunity for youth to compete to the best of their ability. It is also our goal to teach Biblical principles and values and how to apply them in practice, in competition, and in life. Though our club is a Christian organization based out of Noblesville, Body in Training is open to families of any faith or no faith regardless of where they live or go to school. This can be a great introduction to the sport of track & field or an opportunity to receive more individualized training and personal attention to improve upon past performances. Athletes are divided into training groups of 6-10 athletes, each with its own coach, so that each athlete, regardless of ability or experience, is challenged and instructed appropriately. Body In Training is a competitive club. <http://www.bodyintrainingtrack.com/index.html>

Volley Ball

Indy Silver Lightning

Indy Silver Lightning Volleyball is comprised of homeschool students in Indiana. There are three different teams: Junior High, Junior Varsity and Varsity. The goal of our team is to provide a safe and productive environment that enables girls to learn and apply the principles of teamwork, discipline, dedication, and sportsmanship. We facilitate the development of strength and character in every child that participates

317-439-5612

kmislvb@embarqmail.com

<http://www.islsvb.com/>

Northwest Storm

Northwest Storm Volleyball is located in Northwest Indy, and is for any homeschooled girls in 6th-12th grade. This is a competitive volleyball team, and high school players will be evaluated the first week of practice and placed, by the coaches, on the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams. Players will be chosen for teams based on skill level, attitude, willingness to be coached, desire to play, grade in school and availability for the season. Our desire is to place all players who want to play on a team. No try-out is required for Junior High players.

If we have more 6-8th graders than we need for the team, we may offer a "PIT Crew" which stands for "players in training". Some girls may not yet possess the strength, coordination or skill to play, but are interested in learning the game. They would be allowed to attend the JH practice and learn from our coaches. Practices will be held on Mondays from 5-7pm at Chapel Rock Christian Church for all players, as well as on Thursdays from 4:00-6:00pm at Mount Tabor Baptist, for Varsity and JV only. The season runs from the end of July to October, and home games will be at Mount Tabor. We play away games at various locations.

https://www.facebook.com/pg/nwstormvball/about/?ref=page_internal

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Homeschooling 4-H Groups

(4-H enrollment period begins October 1st)

CARMEL 4-STAR 4-H'ERS

Meets monthly on varying weekday afternoons. The meeting places vary in locations and membership is primarily made up of families who are members of Hamilton County and Northeast Indianapolis Catholic Home Education groups. This club is a mix of boys and girls.

Leaders: Cathi Wahnsiedler (317-849-7851)

Lucy Wahnsiedler (317-550-9440)

FRIENDS FOREVER

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1-3 p.m. at the 4-H Fairgrounds. This is a general interest group with membership consisting primarily of children who are home schooled. They have guest speakers, hands-on activities, outside service, and social activities. Annual dues are \$5.00 per family.

Leaders (text or call): Kim Macky (317-529-3839)

Jenny Rumpel (317-670-4202)

Tammy Delgado (619-888-7617)

Rosalie Alvey (317-698-2446).

MUDSOCKERS

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday (September-June, no meetings in November or December) from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Annex Building on the 4-H Fairgrounds. The club is a mix of boys and girls taking a variety of projects. Meetings are geared toward helping 4-H'ers feel comfortable working as a group and having fun too. Everyone is given the opportunity to give a casual talk or demonstration which is incorporated into the agenda. In August, an awards dinner is scheduled to honor all members of the club.

Leaders: Lori Fox (317-523-5111)

Beth Michaels (317-773-8187), jband3@sbcglobal.net

Kelly Michaels (317-508-9993), kmcraftycarrot@gmail.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information about starting a new 4-H group in Hamilton County, joining a Hamilton County group not aimed specifically at homeschoolers, or would like to enroll, please contact:

Purdue Extension Hamilton County

2003 Pleasant Street

Noblesville, IN 46060-3697

317-776-0854

www.extension.purdue.edu/hamilton

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Homeschool Groups & Co-ops in the Hamilton County Area

Apprentice University

Apprentice University is a private University located on the Northwest side of Indianapolis. Through challenging academics and professional work experiences, we prepare intentionally extraordinary young adults to navigate their future. Close community, mentorship, critical thinking, and creative problem-solving are key components of our programs. As a result, our students are readily-employable professionals, who use their skills, knowledge, and strengths to serve others through a biblical worldview.

Apprentice University has created an opportunity for high school aged students to join our collegiate-level courses. This appeals to many homeschooling families as our classes typically meet once per week, are facilitated to encourage mastery, and are designed with culminating final capstone projects that are practical and provide essential skills to last a lifetime.

Popular courses offered include Professional Communications, Digital Storytelling, and Personal Finance; just to name a few. Enroll today for courses starting in August or January, at www.apprentice.university. Contact: Ana Everett, 317-225-5552, ana.everett@apprentice.university

Boone Prairie School

Boone Prairie is a co-school hybrid model with the children attending classes 3 days a week. While the primary instruction is done at the school, there are many opportunities for the family to participate in the education process at home. Boone Prairie provides a Classical education with Charlotte Mason influence. A classical education is based on great ideas, great books (including primary sources when possible), foundational truths and principles, and enduring traditions and skills. It holds to long-established standards. Charlotte Mason method influences Boone Prairie School curriculum through living books, habits and outdoor learning as weather permits. Living books, usually written in narrative form, are chosen over text books when available.

Our school year runs September through the end of May. Students attend class Wednesday through Friday, except for Pre K, who attend full days (7:55-3:00) on Wednesday and Friday. There is no school the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas/New Year, or Spring Break (early March). We are located at 500 E 300 S Whitestown, IN 46075. We can be reached at 1-317-603-1363 or shawna@booneprairie.org, or visit our website at <http://booneprairie.org/>

Classical Conversations

Classical Conversations is a Classical Christian community that consists of programs that are facilitated by a trained parent-director. Seminars are led by trained parent-tutors who model the classical tools of learning. Classical Conversations also offers dual credit options for high schoolers through Classical Conversations Plus.

www.classicalconversations.com

www.classicalconversationsplus.com

Contact:

Abby DuBois, adubois@classicalconversations.com 317.502.3397

Support Representative for the Carmel, Lebanon, Westfield & Zionsville areas

Marie Hendrickson, mhendrickson@classicalconversations.com 317.750.5079

Support Representative for the Noblesville & Sheridan areas

Shawna Howell, showell@classicalconversations.com 513.532.4067

Support Representative for the Fishers area

Hamilton County Homeschoolers

HCHS is an inclusive social group for homeschoolers of all ages. They meet frequently for field trips, holiday parties, library days and, in good weather, for Thursday park days at parks throughout Hamilton County. Contact: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HCHSfamilies/>

Homeschool Meet N Play

Fun and educational activities for kids of all ages. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AcornstoOaks>
Contact: Erika Organ, spastikbandanna@gmail.com

In-Grace Co-Op

This is a fairly academic Christian homeschool group that offers replacement and elective classes for all grade levels. Parental involvement is required as parents teach classes and assist where needed throughout the school day. Co-op meets Mondays and Wednesdays near the northeast side of Indianapolis. Annual dues and tuition fees apply. Interested families should contact us in January and February to begin the application process. Information is available at: <http://ingrace.fun/main/>
Contact Person: Rebecca Schaffer, rebeccalynnschaffer@yahoo.com

In Hamilton County Homeschooling Tweens and Teens

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2849651238651356/members>

Master's Study

Take some time to learn more about The Master's Study by visiting our website at www.themastersstudy.org

Natural Indy Schools

A sister group to Natural Indy Moms and buy/sell/trade groups, this group focuses on alternative schooling options and various teaching methods such as Montessori, Co-op, Homeschooling, Unschooling, Reggio, Waldorf, etc. Please request to join this closed Facebook group for Indianapolis and surrounding areas, at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/640926036037238/>

Northpoint

Northpoint Homeschool Classes provide a Christian environment that offers high academic standards, home education values, and a Biblical worldview for homeschool students beginning Kindergarten through 12th grades. Teachers are Christians implementing a blend of homeschool education and traditional classroom. Classes meet at Grace Church in Noblesville.

Contact: *Emily Cochran*

317-403-9119

admin@northpointclasses.com

Roots and Wings Co-Op

This group strives to provide a community of support for homeschooling families in Indianapolis and surrounding areas who are seeking to enrich their children's social and learning experiences through regular activities and a cooperative. Though secular in our approach, we are an inclusive group who welcomes diversity. Roots and Wings accommodates families with children of all ages! Information is available on our website: <http://rootsandwingsindy.com/> You may also visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rootsandwingsindy/> or email us at rootsandwingsindy@gmail.com .

The Classical Academy

The Classical Academy is a classical, Christian, university-schedule, private school located in Fishers, Indiana. Our collaborative model allows parents to participate in their children's education while retaining all the benefits of professional teachers and a school community, at a fraction of the cost of a traditional five-day school. Parents assume the role of "co-teacher." The on-campus teacher introduces new concepts in class, and prepares detailed lesson plans and a checklist for each subject that parents use at home with their student. Children attend Academy classes 2 -- 3 days a week. On alternating days, they are given detailed assignments to complete at-home under the guidance of their parents

<https://www.theclassicalacademy.co/>

Wisdom Builders

Wisdom Builders is a Christian program offering a variety of courses led by qualified tutors and mentors. Families decide what courses will work best for them.

Programs for young children have included history, physical education, science, math, Spanish, Latin, French, language arts, geography, Indiana History, social science, Bible, and a wide variety of electives.

Courses for teens have included science, advanced math, language arts, high school level Spanish, French and Latin, ASL, Bible, US and world history & geography, American government and economics, psychology, and a wide variety of electives. Classes occur on Mondays and Tuesdays at First Baptist Church in Carmel.

Director: Donna Rollins

1010 E. 126th St.

Carmel, IN 46033

Donna@wisdombuilders.net

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Statewide Organizations

Classical Conversations (CC)

The mission of Classical Conversations is *To Know God and To Make Him Known*. The purpose of Classical Conversations is to lead the home-centered education movement by teaching parents and students the classical tools of learning so that they can discover God's created order and beauty --and as a result-- enable others to do the same. Classical Conversations fulfills its mission and purpose by establishing and supporting Classical Conversations communities across the United States and in several countries, and by empowering parents in the classical, Christian teaching of their children through Parent Practicums. We enable parents everywhere to equip their children with a Christ-centered worldview and the classical "tools of learning" in order to impact the world for God's glory. For information regarding CC, visit our main website:

www.classicalconversations.com For more information regarding our dual credit options for high schoolers, visit our CC+ website: www.classicalconversationsplus.com To find a local parent practicum near you, visit our parent practicum website: www.parentpracticum.com

Indiana Association of Home Educators (IAHE)

The Indiana Association of Home Educators (IAHE) is a not-for-profit organization, founded in 1983, which supports and encourages families interested in home education.

Their primary functions are maintaining visibility as home educators with civil government leaders, influencing the legislative process to protect the freedom to home educate, publishing information of interest for home educators, and sponsoring seminars and events to encourage families. The annual spring convention offers help for those getting started in homeschooling and encouragement for veteran homeschoolers. Check their web page at <http://www.inhomeeducators.org/> or their curriculum resources at www.iahe.net

Region 6 (Hamilton County) Representatives: Contact the IAHE Office

P.O. Box 217

Stilesville, IN 46180

317-467-6244, ext. 206

info@iahe.net

Indiana Foundation for Home Schooling (IFHS)

The mission of IFHS is to advocate for the homeschooling community, to support and educate families by connecting them to resources, and to inspire students to achieve their potential by providing recognition and opportunities, especially in the areas of high school, college, careers, and life goals.

<http://www.indianahomeschooling.org/>

P.O. Box 17385

Indianapolis, IN 46217

317-467-6244

Info@IndianaHomeSchooling.org

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National Organizations

Alternative Education Resource Organization (AERO)

AERO's goal is to advance student-driven, learner-centered approaches to education. AERO provides information, resources and guidance to families, schools and organizations regarding their educational choices. AERO disseminates information internationally on topics such as: homeschooling, public and private alternative schools, and charter schools.

<http://www.educationrevolution.org/>

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The Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)

HSLDA is a non-profit advocacy organization established to defend and advance the constitutional right of parents to direct the education of their children and to protect family freedoms. Through annual memberships, HSLDA is tens of thousands of families united in service together, providing a strong voice when and where needed.

<http://www.hslda.org/default.aspx>

The National Academy for Child Development (NACD)

NACD designs very specific home educational and therapeutic programs for infants, children and adults considered to be/have: Learning Disabled, Dyslexic, Distractible, ADD, ADHD, Hyperactive, Down Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Williams Syndrome, Tourettes Syndrome, Rhetts Syndrome, Fragile X, Developmentally Delayed, PDD, Autistic, Cerebral Palsy, Brain Injured, Comatose, Retarded, Minimal Brain Dysfunction, Normal, Accelerated, and Gifted.

<http://www.nacd.org/get-started/>

National Black Home Educators (NBHE)

The motto of NBHE is *Empowering Parents to Educate Children for Excellence*. The goal of this organization is ultimately to see strong families with healthy parent child relationships. NBHE also desires to see every child provided with the excellent education they deserve, and believes that these two goals can be achieved simultaneously through parent directed education. The organization hosts an annual National Conference that offers inspirational talks, practical how-to workshops, and useful resources for parents. NBHE is a grassroots organization that functions on the basis of parents volunteering to help other parents.

<http://www.nbhe.net/>

National Home Education Research Institute (NHERI)

The mission of NHERI is to produce high-quality research on home-based education; to serve as a clearinghouse of research for homeschoolers, researchers, and policy makers; and to educate the public concerning the findings of all research on home education.

<https://www.nheri.org/>

National Home School Association (NHSA)

The NHSA provides comprehensive support, programs, activities, and resources to the nationwide community of homeschoolers. By working hand-in-hand with our Sponsors and Affiliates the NHSA works to assist in the organizing, coordinating and advancing of the homeschooling movement for the benefit of ALL homeschoolers.

As a true nationwide organization, the NHSA can offer opportunities and support previously unavailable to homeschoolers (Terra Scholars) who love learning and consider the whole world their classroom.

It is our goal to offer enough opportunities, resources, programs and support that virtually every homeschool family will find a reason to join us.

<https://www.nationalhomeschoolassociation.com/index.php>

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Online Resources

A Spectacled Owl

Begun as a way to bring giveaways to people and share reviews about products with readers, this blog quickly took off and now shares articles and information on parenting, crafts/DIY, gardening, recipes and more. It includes a *Homeschool for Free* section.

<https://aspectacledowl.com/>

Activity Village

Thousands of coloring pages, kids crafts, educational resources, puzzles, printables of all sorts, worksheets, sudoku for kids and lots more fun activities for kids! Some resources are free, but many are accessible only to members for 21.95 pounds sterling per year, which is about 27.00 U.S. dollars.

<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/>

American Academy

The American Academy offers a private, online, and fully accredited path for students around the world to recover credits, work ahead, take courses not available at their schools, augment their homeschool education, or earn a high school diploma from start to finish. With a rigorous curriculum aligned to national standards, The American Academy offers more than 100 online classes in core subjects, as well as electives. Each course is \$238.00 per semester.

<https://www.theamericanacademy.com/>

Annuity.org

The mission of Annuity.org is to educate people about annuities and structured settlements and empower them to make informed financial decisions based on their unique needs. They also offer resources to help teach your children how to manage money, from early childhood through college.

annuity.org/financial-literacy/how-to-teach-kids-about-money/

annuity.org/financial-literacy/students/

Art of Homeschooling

You will find inspiration and strategies here for creating your own Waldorf homeschooling plan. Whether you are new to Waldorf or experienced, you will find scores of articles and resources on the site, to help you on your Waldorf homeschooling journey, including a blog dedicated to providing practical solutions and Waldorf homeschooling support.

<https://artofhomeschooling.com>

Brightly

Tips and book recommendations to help you raise kids who love to read.

<https://www.readbrightly.com/>

Buggy and Buddy

This website is an extensive resource for parents, homeschoolers, and classroom teachers to find ways to inspire creativity and self-confidence in their children while promoting learning and fun.

<https://buggyandbuddy.com/>

Classical Conversations Plus (CC+)

The Classical Conversations Plus Program encourages families to "Stay and Save" all the way through Challenge IV graduating from high school within the Classical Conversations program. Students have the opportunity to obtain official college credit that aligns Christian scholars with collegiate assessment in an extended community while honoring the home school family.

www.classicalconversationsplus.com www.classicalconversations.com

Common Sense Media

Free lesson plans on digital citizenship, plus in-depth reviews by experts to help you find the right app, game or website for your classroom. Provides links to other, educational sites.

<https://www.common sense media.org/>

Cosmic Kids Yoga

Yoga, mindfulness and relaxation designed specially for kids aged 3+, used in schools and homes all over the world.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga/featured>

Discovery K12 Online Homeschool

Discovery K12 is a direct to consumer education company. The company provides a free online homeschool platform and curriculum for pre-k to twelfth grade, and an upgraded Parent/Teacher Account for student reporting and tracking activity. The curriculum, for pre-k to twelfth grade, is secular and non-Common Core, and may be used part-time or full time. Both core subjects and electives are included, as well as a library with over 100 classic literature e-books.

<https://discoveryk12.com/>

DuoLingo

Duolingo's gamified approach effectively and efficiently teaches reading, listening, and speaking skills in over 30 different languages, for free. Combining the best of AI and language science, lessons are tailored to help you learn at just the right level and pace.

<https://www.duolingo.com/>

Edutopia

Although the primary audience is traditional school teachers, there's plenty of useful information here for homeschoolers. The site includes articles and DVDs on a variety of topics, including Arts Integration; Character Education; Curriculum Planning; Financial Literacy; Game Based Learning; Learning Styles; Project-Based Learning; Social Studies; Science, and more.

<https://www.edutopia.org/>

Global Village School

Global Village School (GVS) offers a progressive, accredited K-12 program. Students engage with online and text-based curriculum, with many families taking advantage of our teacher services. Our Whole Child, Healthy Planet K-8 curriculum guides and our high school homeschool diploma courses integrate peace, justice, and diversity studies with the core subjects. We recognize students as individuals with unique needs, interests, and learning styles.

<https://www.globalvillageschool.org/>

GoNoodle

GoNoodle DVDs get kids moving to be their strongest, bravest, silliest, smartest, bestest selves. Over 14 million kids each month are dancing, stretching, running, jumping, deep breathing, and wiggling with GoNoodle.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/GoNoodleGames/featured>

Homegrown Learners

This blog by a former public school music educator and homeschool mom includes information on reading for kids, homeschooling middle and high schoolers, notebooking, classical education, music education, and more.

<http://www.homegrownlearners.com/>

Homer

We combine your child's unique passions and interests with their age and reading ability to create a motivating program that supports their learning. With just 15 minutes of practice per day, HOMER is proven to increase reading scores by 74%. Designed for children ages 2 – 8, the program costs \$7.95 per month after the free trial period, for up to four children.

www.learnwithhomer.com

Homeschool Buyers Co-op

Save 20%-90% on your homeschool curriculum! By pooling the purchasing power of our entire membership, we are able to call major educational publishers and homeschooling curriculum providers and negotiate much better prices for our members than they can get on their own. Membership is free!

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

Homeschool.com

Homeschool.com was created to empower parents to create the ideal school for their child at home! Homeschool.com's founding principle is to consistently provide resources, information, and support to all homeschooling families. All the resources you need for grades pre-K through 12.

<https://www.homeschool.com/>

Homeschool Hideout

This site offers loads of creative and budget-friendly homeschooling and homemaking ideas and encouragement, from one homeschooling mom to another.

<https://homeschoolhideout.com/>

Homeschool Spanish Academy

Offering live, online classes for preschoolers through adults, HSA provides an affordable and flexible way to learn Spanish. Schedule classes when it is convenient for you, and work with a certified teacher to learn grammar and vocabulary, and practice conversational Spanish. Course materials, quizzes and progress reports are included in the fee. Various packages and payment plans are available.

<https://www.spanish.academy/>

Homeschool Talks podcast

Homeschool Talks is an informative podcast about all things homeschooling. We feature exciting interviews with homeschoolers from all walks of life. Each episode is packed with practical tips, inspiring stories, and more.

<https://hslida.org/content/podcast/>

Homeschooling with WWPL

Westfield Washington Public Library's Facebook page for the homeschool community shares information about classes and resources available at WWPL, as well as a variety of homeschooling articles and information about resources available online throughout central Indiana.

<https://www.facebook.com/HomeschoolWWPL>

HSLDA Online Academy

HSLDA Online Academy courses include weekly, live sessions with qualified instructors. Subjects include Language Arts; Science; Mathematics; Government and Moot Court; Foreign Languages; Logic; Life Skills & Business; History; Economics; and Computer Skills. HSLDA members receive a discount on each class.

<https://www.academy.hslida.org>

Imagination Tree

Educational crafts, activities and resources for infants through early elementary-aged students.

<https://theimaginationtree.com/>

Indiana Career Ready.com

Get connected to the careers that are most in-demand now and in the future. The career cluster framework helps students discover their interests and their passions by empowering them to choose the educational pathway that can lead to success in high school, college and career. * *When linking to the "Indiana Career Explorer" function, enter "home school" into the "site, center or organization" field.*

<https://www.indianacareerready.com/Home/Index>

Indiana Department of Education

Links to Indiana academic standards and resources. Please note that if you leave this page and visit their Homeschooling page, **you are not required to register your homeschool with the DOE** in the state of Indiana!
<https://www.doe.in.gov/standards>

Indiana History for Kids

In this guide you'll find fun facts about famous Hoosiers, plus suggestions for historical fiction set in Indiana, recommendations for non-fiction books on a variety of Indiana history topics, and links to fun websites and apps.
<https://iupui-lis.libguides.com/c.php?g=1034923&p=7501945>

Indy with Kids

This is a great source of information on kid-friendly activities and events in the greater Indianapolis area, including restaurants with free kids meals, best preschools, and a special homeschool section. Calendars are updated regularly!
<https://indywithkids.com/indy-with-kids/>

Kahn Academy

This nonprofit aims to provide a free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere. Created by experts, Khan Academy's library of trusted, standards-aligned practice and lessons covers math K-12 through early college, grammar, science, history, AP®, SAT®, and more. It's all free for learners and teachers.
<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Keystone School

Online education programs offer quality learning in a non-traditional environment for students in K – 12. If you're seeking a different full-time learning environment or need to supplement current schoolwork, Keystone's programs are designed to meet your goal. Students can learn from any location, 24/7. Pricing varies by program.
<https://www.keystoneschoolonline.com/>

Language Lizard

This company's mission is to promote literacy in both English and home languages; support multicultural classrooms and communities; provide engaging resources that make language learning fun; and to celebrate diversity. They offer bilingual books in over 50 languages, multilingual posters, free multicultural lesson plans and more.
<https://www.languagelizard.com/>

Listen Notes

Listen Notes is an archive of audio and DVD content from schools, departments, and programs across Stanford University. The site includes Stanford course lectures, faculty presentations, event highlights, music and more.
<https://www.listennotes.com/latest-podcasts/stanford-university>

Living Life and Learning

This site shares kids printables and activities with a focus on math and science, homeschooling tips, parenting ideas and organizing tips.
<https://www.livinglifeandlearning.com/about>

MIT Open Courseware

MIT OpenCourseWare (OCW) is a web-based publication of virtually all MIT course content. OCW is open and available to the world and is a permanent MIT activity.
<https://ocw.mit.edu/index.htm>

Modern States

Modern States believes that access to affordable education is fundamental to any philosophy that respects all individuals, and fundamental to the American dream. Modern States' initial program, Freshman Year for Free™, allows students to earn up to one year of college credit without tuition or textbook expense. The courses are designed to prepare students for the major "Advanced Placement" (AP)* or "College Level Examination Program" (CLEP)* tests offered by the College Board, including subjects such as History, Computer Science, Math, English and Economics.

<https://modernstates.org/>

Mom Informed

This site's article on getting started with homeschooling includes information about homeschooling's history, approaches, organizational strategies, resources and more. The site also offers helpful, general parenting information.

<https://mominformed.com/guide-to-homeschooling-children/>

NRICH

Run by the University of Cambridge in England, NRICH provides a library of resources and curriculum-mapping documents for students ages 3 to 18 (free).

<https://nrich.maths.org/>

National Geographic

National Geographic provides multiple ways for young people to explore the world — from live connections with National Geographic Explorers to fun ways to learn about science, technology, history, and more. Resources can be accessed from any device and can be used independently or collaboratively with a family member.

https://www.nationalgeographic.org/society/education/education-resources/?nav_click

Old Schoolhouse

Access to the current issue of *The Old Schoolhouse Magazine*, "Homeschooling with Heart" blog, and a variety of homeschool resources.

<https://www.theoldschoolhouse.com/>

Online Scribblers

Courses for students in grades 3 to 12 with at least moderate keyboarding skills and an interest in improving their writing while exploring new fields. All courses are asynchronous and presented in written format with easy to understand examples and text. In addition, Online Scribblers offers reading comprehension classes. Prices vary.

<https://www.onlinescribblers.com>

PowerGirlFitness

Fun and effective fitness taught by girls for girls, featuring 10 year old, National Level competitive dancer Jessy Lipke. Recommended for teen girls at all levels of fitness. Exercise in your own home. No experience or equipment required. Progress through 3 levels of difficulty (beginner, advanced, elite) as you get stronger.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/PowerGirlFitness/featured>

ReadWriteThink

ReadWriteThink's mission is to provide educators, parents, and afterschool professionals with access to the highest quality practices in reading and language arts instruction by offering the very best in free materials.

<https://www.readwritethink.org/>

Scholastic

Free lesson plans, unit studies, activities, printables and more for grades K – 12.

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/home/>

Science Sparks

Science Sparks is passionate about making science fun for kids. All activities are easy to do and use only equipment and materials commonly found around the home. Science for kids doesn't have to be complicated and boring, but can be great fun for both children and adults. The site has fun facts, experiments, projects and worksheets for ages 4 – 11.

<https://www.science-sparks.com/>

Secular Homeschool.com

A community and information source for non-religious homeschoolers, eclectic homeschoolers, freethinking homeschoolers AND anyone interested in homeschooling irrespective of religion. Share information and resources, and connect with secular homeschoolers across the world. The site includes an extensive curriculum guide.

<https://www.a2zhomeschooling.com>

Speak Spanish Now Live

Live, online classes take place in 4-week cycles, so you can begin any time. The teaching style is gentle and encouraging, and students will learn greetings, numbers, the alphabet, the date, and learn to discuss weather, likes and dislikes, hobbies, etc. Teaching will be in Spanish, with lots of pictures, gestures and some English when necessary. Vocabulary and written notes will be given as homework. The cost of the class is \$44 per 4-week cycle.

Soyoucanhablaway.wixsite.com/website or <https://www.facebook.com/SpeakSpanishNowLive>

Study Spanish.com

This site offers hundreds of free online Spanish classes with read-and-repeat audio tutorials. Use it to study grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and common idioms. The site offers beginner, intermediate, and advanced Spanish study tracks.

<https://studyspanish.com/>

TeAch-nology.com

For over a decade, TeAchnology has been providing free and easy to use resources for teachers dedicated to improving the education of today's generation of students. We feature 46,000+ lesson plans, 10,200 free printable worksheets, rubrics, teaching tips, worksheet makers, web quests, math worksheets, and thousands of other great teacher resources. We are the online teacher resource that is designed to help busy Kindergarten through High School teachers.

http://www.teach-nology.com/teachers/lesson_plans/

Thrively.com

Thrively helps parents and teachers guide K-12 students through a journey to develop their strengths, interests, and aspirations and discover their own genius.

<http://www.thrively.com/>

Time4Learning

Affordable, on-line curriculum for pre-K through 12th grade, covering language arts, math, science and social studies. A lesson planner tool, printable worksheets, learning style guide, and homeschooling guide are also available from this site.

<https://www.time4learning.com/>

Traveling Homeschoolers

Traveling Homeschoolers was created when we outgrew our Carolina Homeschooler website. Although we still offer local/regional trips for families in South Carolina, our travelers come from all over the United States, Canada, and beyond! The group travels to DC and an international destination every year, to Boston and Philadelphia and New York City every couple years, and offers a rail journey most years. The majority of families on each trip are meeting for the first time. You won't feel like an outsider, and will most likely make new lifelong friends.

<https://www.travelinghomeschoolers.com/>

Tufts University Free Online Courses and MOOCs

<https://www.classcentral.com/university/tufts>

twinkl

Over 525,000 teacher-created resources are downloadable from this site, for \$5.00 per month (unlimited downloads). Resources provide entire schemes of work, lesson planning and assessments, online educational games, augmented reality and more. Materials can be filtered by grade, topic, or subject area.

<https://www.twinkl.com/>

Udemy

Online classes in math, art, computer science, music, language, health & wellness, and more. Many FREE classes, but no course is more than \$199.99, and there are frequent sales. Type “classes for children” in the search bar to find loads of classes for kids!

<https://www.udemy.com/>

Utah State University Open Courseware

A free and open educational resource for faculty, students, and self-learners around the world. Offers courses in the following areas: Anthropology, Biological and Irrigation Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Education, Electrical and Computer Engineering, English. Family, Consumer and Human Development, History, Technology, Languages, Philosophy, Speech, Physics and Theatre Arts. The website includes images/graphics, quizzes, other interactivity, learning assignment and teacher's guide. For more information please go to:

<https://digitalcommons.usu.edu/ocw/>

Westfield Washington Public Library Website

Links to children's books and audio books, educational DVDs and games, and accelerated readers, plus access to a variety of databases, including: “Biography in Context;” “Driver Education” program; “Indiana Career Explorer;” and “Inspire,” where you can access level one of Rosetta Stone, ACT and SAT test prep materials, and “Explora” for elementary, middle, or high school (via “Databases A – Z), which provides access to full text articles with bibliographic information.

<https://wwpl.lib.in.us/departments/research/>

Woodside Learning Center

Woodside helps students harness their strengths, push beyond their weaknesses, and learn that challenge is not a bad thing. We believe that learning can be fun! Woodside offers classes in study skills & test prep, personal finance, and writing. Students participate in weekly lessons via the internet, and in addition to weekly lessons and readings, they interact with other students and the teacher via weekly text based discussion forums and activities. Although students work asynchronously, student interaction is an important part of the learning process; therefore, all enrolled students work on the same activity each week. Class weeks run Monday-Sunday. All assignments are due at the end of the week. Most classes are \$135.

<http://www.woodsidelc.com/>

YouCubed

Founded by Stanford University mathematics education professor Jo Boaler, youcubed provides high-quality math tasks that can be searched for by grade (K–12) or topic. Some tasks have been created by the researchers who run the site, while others are drawn from a variety of sites, including NRICH (free).

<https://www.youcubed.org/>

Zearn.org

Free interactive math curriculum and teacher resources for grades K through 5.

<https://www.zearn.org/>