

General Resources

- Kathy Kuhl, *Homeschooling Your Struggling Learner. Staying Sane as You Homeschool, and Encouraging Your Child*. Available via my website, LearnDifferently.com, or Amazon.
- LearnDifferently.com includes a blog, handouts, links, and book reviews.
- Patsy and Doug Arnold, *Called Parenting: Creative Interventions for Special-Needs Homeschooling*. Texas' Special Kids, 2009. Comprehensive. ISBN 978-0-615-35807-9. Available from www.lulu.com/spotlight/txspecialkids
- Sharon Hensley, *Home Schooling Children with Special Needs* addresses all kinds of special needs. Get the 2009 edition. Sharon homeschooled a daughter with autism and runs an umbrella school for homeschoolers in California. She also consults long-distance. www.AlmadenValleyChristianSchool.com
- Judith Munday. *Teaching Your Special Needs Student: Strategies & Tools that Really Work*, 2007, and also *The Student Education Plan: A Preparation Guide*. Available from www.heav.org. Her website, www.hishelpinschool.com/, is very helpful.
- Joyce Herzog, *Choosing and Using Curriculum*, ISBN 1887225226 *Learning in Spite of Labels* ISBN 1882514130. www.joyceherzog.com Joyce is a valued speaker and special education teacher with deep ties to the homeschool community.
- Cheryl Swope, *Simply Classical: A Beautiful Education for Any Child*. ISBN 978-1-61538-240-8. A special ed. teacher tells how she rejected low standards for her twins with severe disabilities, and how learning music, poetry, & Latin enriches their lives.
- Carol Barnier, *How to Get Your Child Off the Refrigerator and onto Learning*. 2000, and *The Big WHAT NOW Book of Learning Styles*. 2009. Sign up for Carol Barnier's newsletter: sizzlebop.com/
- Melinda Boring. *Heads Up Helping: Teaching Tips and Techniques for Working with ADD, ADHD, and Other Children with Challenges*. Melinda, a speech and language pathologist who homeschooled two children with attention deficit disorder, blogs and offers many helpful educational tools at headsupnow.com/
- Chris Dendy. *Teaching Teens with ADD and ADHD*.
- Cindy West. *Homeschooling Gifted and Advanced Learners*, 2002. ISBN 978-1-59363-745-3. Prufrock Press publishes other helpful books, too. See Joan Green, below.
- Christine M. Field, *Homeschooling the Challenging Child*. ISBN 0805430784.
- Maggie Hogan, Kathleen Julicher, and Janice Baker. *Gifted Children at Home*.
- Joe and Connie Sutton. *Strategies for Struggling Learners: A Guide for the Teaching Parent*. ISBN: 0964568411. Out of print, but still on Amazon.
- www.hslda.org/hs/specialneeds/ Home School Legal Defense Association offers

More at LearnDifferently.com

- special needs advice, newsletter, & rents tests to members.
- NATHHAN (NATional cHallenged Homeschoolers Associated Network)
www.nathhan.com
- Understood.org is a website for parents of children with learning and attention issues, from a consortium of 15 nonprofits.
- Consider talking to a special education consultant: Judi Munday, <http://www.hishelpinschool.com/>, Sharon Hensley <http://www.almadenvalleychristianschool.com/> (see their books above) and I consult long distance, among others.

Not Your Ordinary Textbooks

- DeAnna Horstmeier. *Teaching Math to People with Down Syndrome and Other Hands-On Learners* (Topics in Down Syndrome) 2 volumes, Woodbine House, which offers other helpful books, too.
- Harold Jacobs' textbooks: *Elementary Algebra; Geometry: Seeing, Doing Understanding*, and *Mathematics: A Human Endeavor: A Book For Those Who Think They Don't Like the Subject*. Incorporates creative thinking, regular review, cartoons.
- Winston Grammar, very tactile and clear.
- Critical Thinking Books and software (www.criticalthinking.com) has many brain-building products. Their *Editor in Chief* series gives excellent practice in proofreading.
- High/Low books: high school texts that are easy to read: High Noon, AVCS, Remedia, Attainment Books, Globe Fearon books from Pearson.

Examples of Assistive Technology

- Best set of technology resources: Joan Green's site, www.innovativespeech.com & in her book.
- Text-to-speech readers, like www.naturalreaders.com/, which has a free version.
- Digital voice recorders help students who cannot take notes.
- Software turns spoken words into text. 1) SpeakQ *Free 30 day trial of WordQ at* www.wordq.com 2) Dragon Naturally Speaking, speakingnaturally.com/ 3) MacSpeech Dictate; www.macspeech.com 4) newer iPhones and iPads include dictation.
- Recorded books: 1) Bookshare.org 2) www.LearningAlly.org (formerly Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic) 3) Audio books.
- SmartPen records audio & links it to notes, can be uploaded and is searchable www.livescribe.com
- Key to Access: fits on your key ring, text to speech software, talking word processor, voice recorder, & more. www.readingmadeez.com/products/

[More at LearnDifferently.com](http://www.learndifferently.com)

- Tools to help with focus, sensory integration, & organization: www.headsupnow.com

A Few Helps With Reading:

- The International Dyslexia Association, interdys.org, has valuable resources on their site, including a matrix comparing several effective reading programs, and factsheets on homeschooling.
- See chapter 18 of *Homeschooling Your Struggling Learner* for advice on which to use.

For those with less severe dyslexia, 2 examples:

- Susan Barton uses videos to teach you how to teach reading bartonreading.com/
- School Specialty Intervention: online workshops and books & workbooks: *Alphabetic Phonics* & other Orton-Gillingham based materials & training, *Reasoning & Reading*, *Explode the Code* series, *Beyond the Code* series (comprehension), and various readers. intervention.schoolspecialty.com

Online curriculum

- Verticy Learning is a joint project of Calvert Curriculum and the Jemicy School (for kids with learning disabilities). <http://www.verticylearning.org/>
- www.time4learning.com
- www.spellingcity.com/

Math Resources

- Free trial of ALEKS, an online program K-12, <http://www.aleks.com/webform/>
- <http://multisensorymath.blogspot.com/>

Other Resources

- Joyce Cooper-Kahn & Laurie Dietzel. *Late, Lost and Unprepared: A Parents' Guide to Helping Children with Executive Functioning*. 2008.
- Tammy Glaser blogs about teaching her 22-year-old autistic daughter at home since 1995. <http://aut2bhomeincarolina.blogspot.com/>
- Melinda Boring's website <http://www.headsupnow.com/> also has a useful blog.
- [Timetimer.com](http://www.timetimer.com) makes a visual 60-minute timer, great for those who have trouble judging time as it passes. Various sizes, some with optional beep sound.
- <http://www.hippocampus.org/>

Online support: There are many. Search Yahoo for "homeschool" + your child's challenge.

See also <http://specialneedshomeschool.weebly.com/> and its Facebook Group. www.specialneedshomeschooling.com and its Facebook Group.

Introduction:

1. Why homeschool a child with special needs?

2. What do homeschoolers have in common?

Homeschooling like a journey, so you need a roadmap.

1. Know where you are:

2.

3.

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Ready to homeschool, or not interested, what help can you get from the homeschool community?