Getting Started: How to Choose a Homeschool Curriculum

At BCA we understand that what works for one family doesn't always work for another. This guide was created to help you find a curriculum that will fit *your* family's needs. For each title, we've provided an overview that includes a brief description, curriculum "snapshot", highlights and features, as well as pricing/cost. We've also included a list of links if you'd like to continue researching.

Finding the right match for *your* family! A simple evaluation can help you get started.

→ **Your children:** Children can be visual learners, auditory learners, kinesthetic learners, as well as many other learning styles or a combination of them.

→ **Yourself/homeschool style:** Take some time to think about what values you have and what kind of style your family would thrive with. Some families want a very clear program that is already laid out for them. Others might want something more loosely structured so that they can have room for their own creativity and ideas. Some families really enjoy hands on learning that might involve many outings into nature. Some prefer more concrete learning times with specific topics and start and stop times. Some do the majority of schooling in the morning with a more open afternoon. There is no right or wrong way to do it, so don't be afraid to try one way and then make changes as you go.

→ **Your situation (schedule & realistic expectations):** Will you have a set daily schedule? Will you do some subjects a little each day or will you group them into chunks of learning? Are you doing any extracurricular activities? Can you do any audio tapes/lessons while you are traveling in the car? Just like our children, we as parents are learning too. We are learning how to teach our children. If we find something that isn't working we learn to adapt. Give yourself and your children grace as you go through this process and realize that mistakes are wonderful learning opportunities that are an essential part of growing.