

# Ask an Expert: Monthly Q&A with Homeschool Coaches - August 2025

Good morning, everybody.

We are excited that you are here with us today.

We are wanting to just fill this time with lots of encouragement and just answer any questions that you might have.

So before we get started with introductions, we went to make sure that you know that you can drop any questions that you have in our chat and we will be monitoring that so that we can answer any of those.

We would also love to know where you're coming from.

So we would love to get to know that I am from the Houston area, so we're down a little south and my name is Heather.

I am the customer relations member, support manager, coach and one of the special need leads for our team.

I have for about five years and it's been a pleasure to this walk this path with everybody.

We are home schooling ourselves.

I have my oldest who's a JR and my younger who is grade.

And so we are in the throes of home schooling just as everybody else.

I will let the rest of our team introduce themselves and then we will dive into questions.

Alright, Lindsay, we'll start with you.

Okay.

Hi.

My name is Lindsay and I'm also on the customer relations team team.

I'm newer to the team, but I'm specialized in special needs.

So I'm excited to be helpful with those of you who have questions about that or just kids that have special needs or need accommodations and how to incorporate that in your home schooling.

I've home schooled my four kids for over 15 years and so I have, my oldest is in college.

My next child is actually a senior in the public school he's been in for two years to finish up his schooling situation.

He wanted to be in to play sports and just one of those kids that would do well in that environment.

And so our next one is a sophomore.

He's home schooling At Home and then our youngest is in seventh grade.

So she's actually experiencing the whole UI in the school district and getting to play sports with the school.

So that's been a wonderful learning experience and just seeing a school district that is welcoming and loving toward home school kids has been a joy.

So I just excited to help you out today and to be here.

Vicki.

Yes.

So my name is Vicki Garcia and I'm the Customer Relations Spanish specialist here at THSC.

I have been home schooling for the past three, not 312 years.

I have three children and my oldest daughter is doing her 12th year, 12th grade this year, and then my second child doing the 11th and then the youngest child doing her eighth grade.

We're a bilingual family.

Our academics has involved a lot of nature, bilingual volunteering experiences.

And so I'm always happy to encourage other families as they start or any questions.

I'm always happy to share our experiences in learning home school family.

So we're happy that you're here, happy to help.

And Jessica me.

Yeah.

My name is Jessica mcra And for our department, I am over member support and volunteer specialist and I focus on high school, college c\*\*\* kind of activities, coaching and things like that.

Also multiple children.

So I did home school for probably about 25 years, but all my kids are all graduated and grown to have families.

The younger two are in college.

But yeah, definitely glad to be here.

Assist you guys on your home school journey.

Encourage you, support you however we can.

That's what our joy is to do.

So awesome.

All right.

So that is the team, the coaching team and we are going to dive into one of the main topics that we get asked questions about very often, which is curriculum.

So we're just Gonna start talking about curriculum.

How do we go about choosing curriculum? How do you determine placement with curriculum? Those kinds of questions.

So first and foremost we went to talk about accreditation.

We want to make sure that we are understanding that curriculum is not accredited in the state of Texas.

So it's not, I'm sorry, I totally just watch that I'm going to start again.

Curriculum is not a credit period.

It is a program that is accredited.

So you do not have to use accredited curriculum in order to home school because there is not a curriculum that is accredited.

So I just wanted to make sure that that was put out there because in Texas you don't have to have anything accredited in order to home school.

You can choose the curriculum that works best for your family, for your kids, allowing them the freedom to home school in the way that's best for them.

So Okay, next up is how to pick a curriculum.

So I'm going to just hand that off and see, you know, just this round robin and talk about some ways to best pick curriculum.

Heather before before we move on to that, I wanted to say something about that accreditation though because I get a lot of those questions for high school because a lot of times families feel like they have to have that accreditation for the transcript and to go on into college.

But you know, do know in the state of Texas, you know, our the law is, you know, home schooling is looked at as an unaccredited private school and so you're not required to do that, you can choose that.

And just like you know, you said had there are a lot of curriculums out there, like for example, a Becca, they have an accredited program and an unaccredited program.

It's the same material, it's just how it's presented and how the records are kept.

So there's a lot of choices out there where the curriculum can be the same, it's just as rigorous, but you don't have to choose that and and you don't have to worry about when you're going into college if it's a credit or not because as a THSC member, you know, at the the premium level and and up, you have advocacy by our policy team.

So if you ever felt like you were discriminated against, you know, if the college were saying, oh no, you need something accredited, you know, you can always reach out to the policy team.

But again, a lot of colleges are very familiar with home schooling and or even recruiting home school students.

So I don't really necessarily see that that's a problem.

I mean, I've had my kidos go to colleges outside of Texas and in Texas.

So there hasn't been that much of a problem.

And you're ALA mode A, you know, is getting more home skilled, friendly even West Texas A and they're recruiting home students.

So absolutely shouldn't be a problem.

Awesome.

Thank you for that.

Yeah.

Yeah.

Where it comes to picking the curriculum that you're going to use a lot of, it depends on some different variables.

You have your learning style, you have just your family schedule, whether you know both parents are working or not, you have everybody's family has their budget that they are looking into and it also comes into play that you know where your kids are right in the in their path, whether it's elementary, JR high or high school, because that will determine some things too.

So for our family, we are very eclectic just because that's what works best for us.

We look at, you know, how the curriculum is laid out for our kids, you know, we look at just the whether it's hands on visual, that kind of a thing.

In order for us to choose that type of curriculum, There's also theme based.

Some families work well with theme-based curriculum.

Kathy Duffy Reviews is a great link if you are needing to, you know, just kind of have that ability to look at some reviews on different curriculum if you're trying to determine what is a good curriculum for you as well as our home educator.com it has what's the, what's called the scope and sequence.

And so you can look at that to help you determine placement on a curriculum.

So there's a variety of things that go into, yes, picking your curriculum.

But like I said, if there are any specific questions that anybody has in regards to curriculum or just anything about home schooling, please drop it in the chat.

We want to make sure that we answer your questions specifically anybody else have anything that I want to mention on curriculum? I wanted to just mention to in the, you know, testing to see where your placement is.

I know I've used Saxon math over the years.

We did dive into math with it's dive, I think dive.com or all Lin put it in there.

But Saxon does offer a placement test as well where you can give your child that placement test and figure out really where you should start on your curriculum.

It's a very helpful, but I also wanted to just say from the special needs standpoint as a parent, no matter what your child's needs are, to individualize that, we can do modifications or accommodations or you know, really work one-on-one with our kids, even if they're not considered special needs.

So I just want to encourage all to, you know, feel free to, you know, shorten those assignments or give some extra accommodations like let him use a calculator for a couple of problems or, you know, let them, you know, just do some things that you know might be using resources that, you know, the school, the public school might not be doing, but the freedoms that we have it in home school to give our child what we know will make them successful is Okay.

And it's good to do that.

Yeah, actually, I was thinking that too about the placement test before you, before you start because there's other ones like Bob Jones or a P and AOP is actually one of our partner partners for discounts to to their curriculum in the member portal.

We have a discount for that, but they have placement tests you can kind of see, but also you can take national norm.

So we, we actually have a link for several national norm test.

So in the state of Texas you're not required to take standardized testing, but a lot of families do that just to kind of see where their kiddos are, you know, whether they, you know, need some supplements or they can challenge them more.

So this might be a good way to kind of see where your kid is at, you know, in regards to what curriculum grade level to choose.

Yes, but yes, I just wanted to mention something I read on a book.

It's called *You've Decided to Home School Now What It's* by Marsha Hobbler and speaking on curriculum on page 47, she says Curriculum publishing companies differ slightly with their list of subjects and objectives.

Objectives per grade level.

They all follow a national standard accepted by most schools and academic institutions.

So I'd like that to phrase so that parents when they search on curriculum just what you're saying, they have placement tests.

But I found out that each provider has their own placement test when you, when you go into, you know, navigating their page, even the online, the free online curriculum such as Thinking of Discovery K-twelve, they have an assessment, Master Books has an assessment, so or even they have samples for each individual subject that you're trying to teach, so you're able to kind of, you know, to check on those pages to see if that is a good fit for your student.

So just having that in mind, you know, keeping that in mind that all publishing companies differ slightly with their list of subjects per grade level.

So you just have to check what, how heavy your lessons, you know, could be, how challenging, but slightly they, they differ.

So it's just the decision.

It's a great point.

I'm glad you said that.

Yes, Yes, and I'm glad you mentioned that because I was also going to mention that I've used those placement tests from different curriculum providers at the beginning, middle and end of the school year just to kind of track the progress that my kids were having so that I know, do I need to revisit something? Do can we move forward so placement tests can be a great source of documentation that we can keep for ourselves, but we don't have to turn in documentation in the state of Texas to anybody that is purely for US-As parents to know how to advance our kids or review.

And like she said, there's those samples that you can look at with the different, you know, providers which have been very helpful for me as well.

So but I wanted to also go back to something Lindsay said when she was talking about, you know, let them have a calculator or whatnot.

You know, you can remove numbers like say it's a math, you know, there's 20 math problems you do odd or you do even, but you can also add in supplemental materials.

And one thing that I've done with my kids when we first started the beginning of a school year with their math is because a lot of times there's review at the beginning.

And so instead of going through each lesson, I've gone ahead and said, Okay, take the quiz at the at the end of this unit and if you do well, you know, I set a certain you know what well means, right? You know, I set that expectation.

Then we just move to the next quiz.

If they do well with that quiz, then we move.

And so that way we are moving forward instead of, you know, spending time, but I have often had them go back and review if I see we got stuck to go to say the exact same thing there, we do the exact same thing in our house in every subject if we can, you know, maybe not some of the reading and things like that, but for, you know, any kind of skill that first of the year is usually a review.

So totally agree.

Yeah, Yeah.

I mean the the beauty of home schooling is that you can tailor it to the needs of your kids and it's Okay to take something out, it's Okay to add something in.

And I think a lot of times we are afraid to do that because we don't want to miss something as a parent because we have that responsibility and we know that we take that on, But Okay to move right that, you know, knows that.

So I just wanted to throw that out there before we move to our next topic.

Is there anything else on curriculum that we want to throw out as far as tips and tricks on choosing a curriculum? I guess Heather, the only thing that comes to my mind is a lot of our focus OIs what would be a good fit for the kid.

But I think it's all so important to make sure you're finding a good fit for you as a parent.

You as a parent have to be comfortable with the curriculum too and and how involved you are Gonna be in teaching it or if you're going to be more hands off.

So I it is important to find what's a good fit for your student because they're going to, one's going to be doing it, maybe even getting them involved in that process, you know, when they get a

little bit older, but you, you have to be comfortable with the presentation of it and you know, things of that nature, so it has to fit both and and it's Okay to to do that.

Yes.

And thinking on that, that is a really good point because the way that I teach or the way that I learn may be different from the way that my son or my daughter learns.

And so keeping that in mind is very important too.

And that I've had to learn because my son learns differently than I do and you know, and my daughter is a different learner as well.

And so that has really stretched me as a parent.

But I have learned to create what I call my accountability system and that's how I know for myself that we are going from one lesson to the next and we're progressing because, you know, they learn differently and so I had to find something that works for them but also allows me to have an accountability system for myself to make sure we're moving along.

And for me basically, I, I initial, my kids know that if I haven't initial it, it hasn't been reviewed and so that is an accountability for them as well as it is for myself.

And it's a form of documentation to all wrapped in one because I've, you know, initial that it's been completed.

So documentation, I went just second is that it's it's important for US-As parents to do that documentation, to do the grading, to review their work and not be, you know, too standoffish with that.

One thing I'd like to do is to go to Martel's or go online and order just an actual report card that I can keep track of the grades for each year for each subject in each student.

I think that's really important, keeps me accountable to that whole process.

And like you said, just that eventual documentation that needs to go into a transcript is our responsibility as the parent to keep that.

So highly recommend that.

And we as THS at THSC, we do have resources for templates for record keeping needs.

Yes, please have the report card generator and we have a like a grading templates where you can enter your kids grades and it basically calculates, you know, the final grades for you.

But we also have our transcripts and there's two types of transcripts, by grade and by subjects that can be utilized in the member portal.

And if you are a premium member, please, you know, schedule a coaching call with us because we can also help you, you know, answer questions about creating that transcript.

How do we put, you know, the classes on there and you know, how many credits do we need and all those kinds of things.

So we do have that available.

I'm glad that was brought up to because even though you don't, by law have to keep track of records, I always recommended to do that throughout their younger years so that when you go to high and that transcript is important if your student is going to go to college, you're already in The Habit of keeping records and then that's easier transition for high school time.

So yeah, and along that same line when you're looking at high school and looking at the classes that you want to pick, you know, for each year, it's good to keep in mind, Okay, what are the possible paths that my kid is going to take after high school? You know, are we, you know, wanting to pursue a career that requires a degree or are we pursuing a career that is going to be more of a trade? You know, those may look different because we don't technically have to follow the TEA guidelines but want to look at what the requirements are for entrance into college or trade or whatnot afterwards.

So that you're, you know, your kido has that covered through their high school years, you know well and not only that he, but you can also even start doing some of those high school classes if you want to prior to high school.

So it is good to think about record keeping before high school.

Yes.

In you like, you know, Spanish classes, I mean Vicky would know that Spanish classes and you know, math classes prior to, you know, high school or any high school level classes prior, and you can document those on a transcript already, you know, prior to that, you can already go ahead and get that started.

So even though, like we've said, all of us have said, you know, record keeping isn't something that, you know, legal, you have to, it's not a requirement.

I think it's a really smart decision to go ahead and set your kids up for success no matter what they're going to decide to do, you know, whether they need that, you know, going to go on to college or trade school or not.

It's good to always go ahead and have that.

And I think it's, I think it's another just benefit of the freedom that we have with home schooling is that our curriculum is not what goes on our transcript.

So we can choose whatever curriculum we need to fulfill that credit and that, but it's just that class that goes on there, not the specific curriculum that was utilized.

So that allows us to have more freedom in choosing that because my son is a very hands-on learner.

And so we flipped it and instead of doing textbook first, then you know, say the chemistry experiment, we do the chemistry experiment first and learn from that.

We have readings, we have different things like that, but we've, we have split it and so we don't have to put or indicate anything like that on the transcript.

It's simply just the class.

So that's, I think a great benefit of home schooling.

And Vicky, I'm sorry, I think I might have at you.

I just wanted to mention, I feel like you're entering into a different topic and I'm like, I need to say this before we jump into the next topic.

But speaking on on deciding what curriculum to choose and goes along with record keeping is determining the pros and cons of using online curriculum or resources.

For example, I've, I've heard mom's telling me, oh, my son keeps, you know, well they they choose to do online this online resource and sometimes the, the, the scope and sequences they ask like a math question and they give, you know, different choices to pick the the answer.

So then the student learns to kind of like pick and then if it's not the correct answer, it took, no, you got the wrong one.

And so some moms say, well, I don't want my child to learn math that way, you know, because you know, it's about solving problems.

So that's one of the disadvantages of doing an online program, especially for math.

You want the child to actually learn the concept instead of just learning to click, you know, and get to find the the correct answer.

Another thing that I have heard about using online programs is that sometimes the the program might store records, but only for a certain amount of time.

And if you're not ready, if you, if you're not, you know, careful you don't print, you know the the evaluations and and because you, you, you're leaning on all the the online you know resource is doing it for me.

But yeah, you, you wanna be sure that you have a print out of that, you know, let evaluation or report card things like that, so that that just went along with record keeping or you know, being diligent on on that aspect with the online resources especially yes.

And that made me think of a couple of things with online, you know, math, for example.

One way to kind of help keep the accountability going is to have the child, you know, the student write in a notebook and show the work that they are doing and that would be your way of checking.

Okay.

This is, I know they're understanding the process and learning the whole thing.

For example, with our kids, we use what's called Dennison algebra and that that I think it pre-algebra, yes, starts a pre-algebra and the way this one is set up is just, you know, you watch the, the teacher has them take notes and so they have to follow along to take the notes.

Then they have the exercises and then they have their the solutions to the questions that they have to work on and so that way if they're having trouble with it or they get it wrong, then they can go back and view the solution and work through it again, which I think is very helpful because then they're reworking it right then and there instead of later on and sometimes just looking at that scope and sequence, a couple of things when you're, you know, that kind of clumps curriculum, scheduling, curriculum grading and accountability or documentation altogether.

Is that Looking at that scope and sequence when my kiddos were, I don't remember what age they were, but I, oh, they were really young.

I had picked a curriculum that I didn't know.

It was our first time, you know, I'm schooling.

So I just chose what I thought was best.

But I realize as we were going through it that it was going way too fast.

It was covering Kinder and first grade all in one year.

And so I had to slow it down.

And that's Okay.

If you down, that's fine.

Sometimes I will take one lesson and break it up into multiple days because it just requires a lot.

And so that's Okay.

Sometimes we revisit, you know, and I've had my students working on different like a subject at one grade level and another subject at a different grade level.

So that's fine too.

But I've also used the scope and sequence as a form of documentation myself.

So or the table of contents, I will take the, you know, take that and I will put the date I initial it and you know, depending on how I'm grading that class.

And so then that way when I, at the end of the year, I take that out, I keep what is like a portfolio, a binder of just sample tests and different things throughout the year.

And I throw that the sequences in there.

And that way I have all of it in one place.

It shows what the course covered.

And you know, it's accountability, documentation, grading all in one spot.

So you know, those are just different ways we are home school differently.

But you know, this is just, you know, these are examples of how you know that it may work for you.

Take what we say, you know, make it work for you and we hope that it, it just encourages you along the way.

Okay, let's kids, we're kind of in that same subject area or topic area.

Let's just talk about grading. Since we're kind of already touching on that grading, I know can be such a wide array of the topic when, you know, with home schooling families, I know there's families that don't do technical or traditional grades at all, and there's some that do.

And I think it depends on the family and I think it depends on your style of home schooling.

I think it depends on the type of curriculum you're using.

You know, when my kids were in elementary school, I graded certain things, but not all things.

I needed to know that we were understanding math.

So I graded math, but that was really it.

You know, as I got older, I started grading more specifically in different areas or different subjects to know how we were progressing.

Anybody else wanna throw something in about how you guys have that grades around home schooling? Well, Heather, I'm going to tell my kids that you did that because every mama, why didn't we have her for home school mom? I mean, I don't know.

I guess whenever I started, I was more like, I kind of eased up as I the kids got older, so that that's good.

But yeah, I did great stuff.

I guess it was a crick choice that I had chosen for the kids.

And Since I had taught in a Christian private school, I just kind of use the same curriculum.

The older kids had used it.

So we just stuck with that.

And I just kind of graded according to, you know, how the program was running.

Of course Since I, it was unaccredited, you know, I did kind of like Lindsay had said earlier, accommodated, modified some of it, but still, you know, I just kind of used their green procedures.

But yeah, I'm sure my kids would have loved that.

I was a little bit more.

That's exactly what I did too.

I'm sorry, Vicky, you go Okay.

Well on on grading as well, I, I was like Jessica at the beginning, you know, following what you know, it was told, you know, in the program, but then I went totally the opposite way later.

But one thing that I got to learn was that sometimes see if you, you know, sometimes the textbooks come with a separate test and you know, quiz for some of their curriculum.

And I felt like my students were getting overwhelmed with so many worksheets to complete.

And so I, I had to decide, do I want to overwhelm them and kill the spirit of learning or do Do I want them to follow this program? So what I started doing and also saving me money.

So I ended up purchasing just a textbook and I really like it for this provider and it can be done with any provider, I guess.

So I started dividing, you know, the pages.

Let's say if the book had a 180 lessons.

I said that and that was just the workbook.

I said, Hey guys, we're Gonna, you know, come go by the book and every tenth page is going to be a quiz.

Or we would just go through the book and select what page was Gonna count as a test, what page was Gonna count as a quick.

And that gave my kids like, Okay, I can tackle that.

So that's just another way.

And and if you were, you know, curious about how about tests, well, you can, you know, be creative in saying, hey, I name this page quiz or this page a test.

A lot of the curriculum are set, you know, to go in sections and sometimes by the end of the lesson they might have review pages.

So you all of it, you know, depends on how the the workbook is, you know, created and you can be creative about writing how to grade.

So yeah, that that's just what I wanted to say.

I, I feel very much the same Vicky on how I've done things to in the past, just being creative with it.

I've just had a couple of suggestions of things, UM, even just with my kids and I know and I know I can trust all of my kids when it comes to grading, but with me being over and watching some of that, I've been known to give my kids the answer key after they're done and say, hey, you go through and grade this and help help mama out for a minute and they can see and market themselves.

And I think there's just some maturity that comes along with doing that, which is helpful.

But also one of the things that I struggled with over the years to grade was writing and grammar, those are not my favorite subjects personally.

So that's where I had to really train myself on making it a priority that I wanted my kids writing.

We do a lot of pencil paper in my house and we do some on the computer.

But I wanted them to learn cursive.

I wanted them to learn how to write a letter to somebody.

And a lot of times it was maybe writing a note to a family member, I thank you note or if it was an essay, they would, you know, write their essay, go back and read it themselves, look for errors, and then I would grade it, circle those errors and then they would have to it.

So, you know, be confident to make them go through those steps and make that part of your grading procedure and where they know this is just the way it's Gonna be.

Writing is one of those topics that really no kid wants to do.

So I just highly encourage you to train yourself to go ahead and train the kids in that because man, it is a it's a dying skill, you know, I'm really glad you said that because it maybe think about with multiple kiddos and taking some pressure off mom or dad is that the older kids can actually help the younger ones.

And not only that is teaching the older kids, you know, good skills for themselves and they're actually learning the material even better because a lot of times, you know, like with history, you're repeating a lot of that, you know, so those older kids can help and maybe even doing with you know, the grading, the work or you know, just whatever, get your kids involved because that builds maturity in the older ones, that accountability, election bonding.

So definitely getting your kids involved, the older ones if you can, especially if you have multiple kids.

Yes, smart way to do it.

Awesome.

And I agree with writing, although I do love to write, but grading, but we have started using IW because it's very organized and it does give kind of a check-off of what you're looking for within that writing assignment and which you don't.

I mean you don't have to use IAW, but that's just what we've chosen to use.

But having a check-off list not just for yourself but for your kids is helpful so that they know what they're what, what the expectation is.

And so that's what we have found helpful.

But I've also another area that has been a challenge has been presentations.

And because my son is very hands-on, he likes to create things, make projects.

And so when it came to projects, I had to give him specific things that I expected from him, you know, And so for example, you know, in it changes as they get older and depending on the project and what it is, But I went ahead and said, Okay, I'm going to attach, you know, speech, you know, speaking skills with along with the presentation because them to be able to also present, not just create it, but also presented, and they were required, you know, they're required to have certain things such as neatness, you know, I, I want them to, I want it to be colorful.

I don't want it to just be now if it's depending on what it is, you know, it might be just fine that it's not fully colorful and all of that, but, you know, but then the speaking aspect also goes into that grade.

And I typically will not necessarily use the traditional grading scale when it comes to that, but it's more like did we hit all of these areas? One of the things that has always been very big for me is vocabulary because if you're Gonna present something for me, I need you using the vocabulary because I know when you can use the vocabulary, you understand what it is.

And so when it comes with math science, you know, especially science, I've vocabulary is required to be used.

So that's just how I've gone through and done, you know, graded their presentations.

So there's also, yeah, sorry, I was just Gonna also put in there really quickly.

We every day in my home schooling we do a Bible at the beginning of the day and just one way to encourage writing where it's not really graded, but it's encouraged as just maybe something to enjoy is by having a journal and just letting the kids journal about what they're reading in the Bible, like a prayer or just something that stood out to them and what the the verses that they read.

So for us having the Bible curriculum in a sense, even though we're just learning, we're just doing bubble study, being able to incorporate that in our home school is one of the biggest reasons why we home school.

So that one way to bring about the joy of God's word, but also the joy of writing.

So and also that Oh, I'm sorry, Jessica.

Oh, that's Okay.

I just go along with what she was saying because no taking even on Sundays in in in big church, you would have call it that.

I love note taking, you know, with the sermons, you know, you could even use that maybe even with some of your writing or whatever for them to take notes during during church.

And you know, use that as a tool as well.

Yeah, absolutely.

And I think that's that leads right into what I was going to touch on is that life.

I mean, everything we do is school, so to speak.

You know, we're building character parades, we're learning all kinds of different things, we're learning to interact with others, we're learning, you know, just there's life skills when, you know, my daughter last week, she meal planned for me, I didn't have to meal plan.

So I mean, I know, right.

So all those things come into play, you know, when you have an older kid who's helping you on the car for, for example, you know, checking the oil and all that, I mean, that goes into mechanics and just more life skills.

So exactly, exactly.

So a lot of the stuff that we've done for elective is pretty has been a lot of what we just do in life because applying it to life is really that ultimate goal and getting them to love learning because learning in school can be two different things.

You know, school may seem like sit down to a textbook in a worksheet and that, but learning, you know, is different and so incorporating also those interests into their everyday life to where it's not a pressure thing that they feel that, you know, I have to accomplish this.

You know, my son's doing music appreciation, but we don't have a hard set curriculum that we use because we're incorporating just all of our life at church, his lessons that he's teaching himself to play the guitar, the ukulele.

Now we want a harmonica to do, and then he's bringing in and teaching me stuff about composers and music like that.

I never would have even known, but he's diving deep into it because he's interested in that.

And if I know, he's checking off all these different things that would be included in, you know, music appreciation, great.

You know.

So yeah, we have touched on curriculum, all kinds of things with curriculum grading that goes with curriculum.

I do hope that that helps, you know, a lot of this can be utilized for all students that home school, not just our general students, but even our kids that may have special needs.

You know, you modify and accommodate how you need to for your kids, meet them where they're at and just keep going.

So it just a couple of member benefits that I wanted to just quickly highlight that we have talked about throughout was, you know, we have our report card generator, we have our transcripts, we have our grading template, we have a if you're just getting started, we have a check-off list to kind of help you get started and we have our discounts.

So please pop into your member portal, look at those.

We also have what's called our ILP generator for families with kids with special needs.

That is our individualized learning plan.

You can create IPS five oh fours or behavior intervention plans based on the goals that you have for your KIDO.

And we also have other webinars in there and audios that you can refer back to to listen to, to get more support and encouragement just to I want to make sure that I get some of these reminders and we have the next monthly QNA is September 24 at 11A.

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As soon as this one is over, it generate, it just basically cycles back to where you can register for the next one.

If you have specific questions, you can put that put those in that registration form.

We also have our back to home school webinar.

The last one is tomorrow at one.

We have Susan missus who is going to provide practical tips for when the year seems to just be derailing.

But to help us, you know, finish strong and still have a great year.

So cause I will tell you we have our right.

We have started our home school year and then schedules, we have just continued to our schedule.

So you know, sometimes it might look like it's derailing, but there are ways that we can finish strong.

So we will drop that registration link in the chat as well.

We also have our September webinar coming up Help the smartphone at my family with Philip Telfer and that will be September 18 at one.

I know that you know, all things technology are taking over their good and their, their tools and so this will kind of help us navigate, you know, using it as a tool.

And lastly, we will drop a feedback link in our chat if you have any feedback for us, we really do want to know because we want these times to be what you guys need.

So please fill out that feedback form.

And one last thing that I do want to mention is that for families who are bilingual and maybe Spanish is your primary language, we do want to let you know that Vicki does here for families that speak Spanish and are needing, you know, anything home school related.

So please pass that on.

She is here and really has a servants heart to work with those who speak Spanish and we want to make sure that we're getting that word out.

So yeah, those are the the last of all the, you know, final bits at the end here of what's coming up.

Anybody else have some final closing words of encouragement? I will just say that some be benitos, all are welcome.

I'm always happy to help any Spanish speaking family with Spanish speaking families.

So those those you but you know, send them our way.

I will close with one thing because it was something that was reminded, I was reminded of this morning with all the changes and everything going on in our schedules today is that, you know, stoms 4610 talks about being still and knowing, you know, be still know that you are God and just really laying down my schedule, laying down my curriculum, laying down my expectations or my hopes and dreams for my children, laying those down so that I can have peace in walking this path of home schooling and knowing that he has created my kids with specific gifts, they were made as masterpieces and that means he has them.

That means there is a path for them.

And so I just wanted to close with that because I know that I am as a parent.

I want to make sure that everything to put them on the right part, you know, But God's got it.

So that's my encouragement for the for today, Anybody else? I gu I was just going to say if you feel overwhelmed, you know, don't be because you have somebody on your side to support you.

You know THSC is here for you.

You know we can be your community.

Email, call us if you want to upgrade your premium.

If you're advance, you know you can have the one-on-one coaching, but don't ever feel like you're alone.

You know you can get connected to us or we will help you find someone to get connected to.

So absolutely awesome.

Alright, Well, I think that is it for today.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

Like Jessica said in your member portal, we have the, you know where you can email us straight from there or you can go to [tst.org](http://tst.org) Backlash contact and email us That way you can call us.

We will get back with you, but please let us help you along this journey.

We want to.

So alright, awesome.

Alright.

Well, thank you guys for coming and I hope you have a blessed rest of your day.

Goodbye.