

## Christian parents, how are you providing education for your child(ren)?

Why place your child(ren) in the care of people in government (aka public) schools whose values are in stark contrast to yours? There are better Christ-centered options that can prepare children for life and service to God.

### Church Options for Starting a School

Most churches have rooms that go unused during the week. Simply add an internet connection and a partnership with parents and voila you are ready! Students need only bring their laptop and lunch ready to begin class. **OR** - Start an actual school, Co-op Homeschool, Satellite School or Membership Association at your church or synagogue. These alternatives will increase church membership and provide opportunities for growing families to enjoy each other, the education experience, and their church family.

### One Room School Method

For centuries in America, children received formal education in one-room schoolhouses from teachers who managed all different ages simultaneously. Not only did it work--it worked very well. Today, there is a renaissance taking place in this space, with Alethia Christian College in Idaho helping to train leaders to create one-room schools using the highly acclaimed, Christ-centered "Principle Approach."



### Hybrid School

In a Hybrid school, children split their time between homeschool and a more traditional schooling environment. This could be three days at home and two days at school or two days at home and three days at school. A church can take on the role of overseeing a **co-op** that meets 2 or 3 days a week, while the parents take responsibility the remaining days.

### HOMESCHOOLING OPTIONS:

The word options is a keyword in homeschooling because this method of education allows flexibility in your schedules, freedom in the type of curriculum you use (tailored to each child), and a focus on your family bonds, allowing parents to enjoy their children to the fullest while raising them to live virtuous and purposeful lives once they leave home. **NOTE:** Homeschooling can be done in only 2-3 hours per day.

### The Co-Op Method:

A group of families meet together and work cooperatively to achieve common goals. Parents may lead activities and classes or parents may pay all or some of the teachers and activity leaders. Larger or formal co-ops may have a board of directors and a designated leader who takes care of day-to-day operations, while less formal co-ops are led by one or two main leaders with most decision made by consensus (Your church can help by donating the use of classrooms and even creating a library).



### The Classical Method:

Popular with many Christian and conservative families that prefer a liberal arts education for their children. This method includes lesson in Greek and Latin as well as formal instruction in logic. Besides Greek and Latin, grammar, logic, and biblical education are also important blocks in classical studies. Learning is chronological and history based. This method encourages debate and opinion. This method is best oriented toward high achievers and adapts well for those going to college.

### Charlotte Mason Method:

Charlotte Mason integrates the Classical Method into their system, promoting the reading of classic books from original sources and spending time in nature. Focus is placed on observation, memorization, and explanations. For instance, each child writes in a journal about their observations during nature walks, creating a "Living Book" of experiences for the child to look back and learn from.

### Principle Approach:

Biblical-Classical Education, the Principle Approach, America's historic method of Biblical reasoning, places the Truth of God's Word at the heart of education in every subject.

### Online Education:

Education that takes place over the Internet. It is often referred to as "elearning." The features of online learning are: 1) Flexibility, 2) Reduced Costs, 3) Networking Opportunities with peers,

4) Provides Documentation, 5) Increased Instructor-Student Time, and 6) Access to Expertise instruction.

### Grandparents Homeschooling:

Grandparents can offer to 1) Volunteer in the homeschooling of your grandchildren, 2) Watch your grandchildren a couple days a week, 3) Help fund the education of your grandchildren.

### Funding Opportunities:

One of the most effective ways to support Christian education for all families who desire it, is to find ways to help fund Christian education for those who cannot afford it.

\*Inquire at the Christian school that you are considering as many of them provide need-based financial-aid programs and/or scholarships.

\*Start a CESP (Christian Education Scholarship Program) at your church. This is an excellent way for churches to assist in this critical task of biblical discipleship of its children. Tax-deductible contributions are made to the CESP by donors and distributed to the schools (homeschools included) chosen by qualified church members and their families. The goal is to lessen the financial obstacles for those parents sincerely seeking biblical Christian education for their children. For more information and details, please contact [www.Christedu.org](http://www.Christedu.org), click on resources and scroll down to the bottom of the page.

*"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world and not according to Christ." Colossians 2:8*

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Proverbs 22:6