Week 1

Resource Guide: Getting Started & Legal Foundations

These are resources mentioned across 200+ episodes and the Curriculum Series, trimmed down to what's actually useful when you're brand new and figuring out the legal basics. This isn't everything that exists — it's what I'd hand a new homeschooler if they asked me where to start.

How to use this guide: click any underlined name to open it. The 🎧 episode numbers on the right are podcast episodes where real families talk about that resource.

STARTING HOMESCHOOL

HSLDA · State homeschool laws, legal information, and homeschool guidance — 🎧 Ep. 3, 4, 57, 59, 60, 70

HSLDA Marketplace · Homeschool-related discounts and resources for members — Ebook

Homeschool.com Curriculum Directory · Curriculum directory with user ratings and reviews — Ebook

Cathy Duffy Reviews · Comprehensive curriculum reviews and comparisons — Ebook

Rainbow Resource Center · Large homeschool catalog with curriculum, books, and educational materials — 🎧 Ep. 38, 56; Ebook

Christianbook Homeschool Store · Large online supplier of homeschool curriculum and educational materials — Ebook

Your Local Library · A major source of free books, research materials, activities, and educational resources — 🎧 Ep. 32, 52, 56, 135, 139, 146, 160

What Do I Actually Teach? · my guide to what to teach, state requirements, reporting and attendance — 🎧 Ep. 160

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD (BONUS)

> *You don't need this yet — Week 1 is about this year, not twelve years from now. But if "what happens with high school and college" is one of the fears sitting on your Week 1 worksheet, here's where to start looking, whenever you're ready.*

ASU Universal Learner · University courses that can provide college credit — 🎧 Ep. 84, 183; Curriculum Series

Colorado Early Colleges · free college courses for Colorado homeschoolers, part-time or full-time — 🎧 Ep. 181

Keystone School · Accredited, self-paced online high-school program — 🎧 Ep. 10

School of Humanity · Accredited online high school with interdisciplinary, project-based learning — 🎧 Ep. 99

Triad Math · Advanced math pathway through calculus and differential equations — Curriculum Series

Community College · Multiple families use community college for high-school students and college credit — 🎧 Ep. 23, 56, 84, 110, 181, 183

Speech & Debate · Extracurricular option discussed by homeschool families — Ep. 160

A few notes

- This is a shorter list on purpose — Week 1 is about legal clarity, not browsing every option that exists.