

Keys to Successful Home Schooling with
HEARTWOOD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

1. Read some "how to" books about home education. (See links at www.praisechristianschool.com.)
2. Locate curricula providers and request catalogues. Spend time browsing at home without the pressure of having to buy on the spot. Order a *Rainbow Resource* catalogue.
3. Carefully consider your reasons for wanting to home educate. You will need to be certain of your reasons and be able to stand by them on the difficult days.
4. Know the Alabama or Mississippi laws and policies regarding home education.
5. Join Home School Legal Defense Association. (www.hslda.org)
6. Be active in CHCS activities.
7. Stay current with CHCS activities by joining the CHCS Shutterfly account (invitation-only site).
8. Subscribe to a home schooling magazine.
9. Attend a curriculum fair or a convention. (See our [Communities Activities](#) link at www.praisechristianschool.com.)
10. If you like to surf the internet, you could join other home schoolers on- line.
11. Finally!

Set realistic, measurable goals for yourself and your children for the first year of home education. Write them down. Pull them out from time to time in order to keep yourself on track and to monitor progress.

These goals could be in the area of academics, character traits, work skills, physical fitness or any area in which you believe you need to concentrate.

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