

2017 Homeschool Family Conference

GUIDING OUR LIVES BY THE BOOK



Session 7

Grades, Records, and Transcripts

You are capable! (And your weaknesses are God-given!) 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

How Do I Know If They Are Learning?

- ✓ What are the “right things” a child should be learning?
- ✓ How quickly would a child learn a concept if you waited a few years to introduce it?

Two most important things to give your child:

1. A love of _____
2. A love of the _____

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

How?

- ✓ Be sure to _____ to your children.
- ✓ Have them _____ aloud to you.
- ✓ Copy the _____.
- ✓ Do _____ daily.
- ✓ _____ together.
- ✓ Let them spend time _____.
- ✓ **Wait!**

1. Grades

The importance of journaling: Are they improving?

What are your expectations?

Early years:

- ✓ Teach your child to _____ and pay attention to you.
- ✓ Teach your child to be _____ of the world around him.
- ✓ Discuss things with your child.
- ✓ Teach your child to _____ the world around him.
- ✓ Take _____ of your observations about your child’s growth.

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Middle years:

- ✓ Practice with _____ and initiative.
- ✓ Teach test-taking ability (only occasionally).
- ✓ Teach _____ and the ability to explain things verbally.
 - Science – learn the vocabulary
 - Notebooking pages, make a presentation, write a paragraph.
- ✓ Teach _____ in subjects such as math, spelling, or grammar.

How to Grade a Test:

1. How many problems?
2. How many answers correct?
3. Divide the number correct by the total number of problems.

Example:

$$\frac{23}{25} =$$

23 correct

25 problems

$$25 \overline{) 23} \quad \text{0.92}$$

- ✓ Drill the subject if needed, or wait a year to revisit it.
- ✓ Teach _____ in subjects such as history and science.
 - Notebooking pages and activities
 - Did they do their best?
- ✓ Only keep records of grades if required by state.
- ✓ Teach them to _____ (Romans 10:17).
 - Reading, writing, communicating of God's _____.
 - Videos from 2016 Homeschool Family Conference:
 - Math – <http://homeschoolingtorah.com/teaching-math-to-all-ages-2016-homeschool-family-conference>
 - Reading and Writing – <http://homeschoolingtorah.com/the-importance-of-reading-and-writing-2016-homeschool-family-conference>
 - More – <http://homeschoolingtorah.com/2016-homeschool-family-conference-schedule>

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Things that can be given a grade (by subject):

- ✓ Bible – Memorize Bible verses, copywork, illustrate verses.
- ✓ History – Memorize dates, timelines, notebooking pages, writing assignments.
- ✓ Science – Memorize vocabulary, notebooking pages, experiments.
- ✓ Math – Give a weekly test.
- ✓ Phonics – Read word lists.
- ✓ Grammar – Give occasional review lessons; diagram sentences.
- ✓ Writing – Did student fulfill assignment?
- ✓ Typing – Note speed and accuracy, by ability.
- ✓ Preschool – Nothing! 😊 (Obedience and paying attention, play & imagination)

2. Records

Use the Together School Planner to record grades, list books read, and show attendance.

- ✓ <http://homeschoolingtorah.com/together-school-planner/>

Keep a portfolio of notebooking pages, writing assignments, copywork, pictures of projects, etc.

High School:

- ✓ Keep track of grades (in the Together School Planner) but transfer them to a transcript every 9 weeks (or more).
- ✓ Keep track of all books read.
- ✓ Keep many writing samples (especially research papers).
- ✓ Keep all copywork.
- ✓ Schedule periodic meetings with your teenager.

Recommended Resources:

- Joyce Herzog, *Luke's Life and School Lists*, <https://www.abilitybasedlearning.com>
- Gail Martin, *What Every Child Should Know Along the Way*, <https://bookstore.parentingmadepractical.com/products/what-every-child-should-know>
- Robin Sampson, *What Your Child Needs to Know When*, <http://heartofwisdom.com/blog/what-your-child-needs-to-know-when/>
- Ruth Beechick, *You Can Teach Your Child Successfully* (and all her books!), <http://www.mottmedia.com/ruth-beechick-books>

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- Harvey Bluedorn, *Teaching the Trivium*, <http://www.triviumpursuit.com/store/product.php?product=8>
- Anne Elliott, *Biblical Home Education*, <http://foundationspress.com/homeschool-support-2/homeschool-how-to-series/biblical-home-education> (or free to members on the HomeschoolingTorah website)

3. Transcripts

What are your graduation requirements?

- ✓ What are the legal requirements? <https://hslda.org>
- ✓ What are your family's requirements?

Two resources at HomeschoolingTorah:

- ✓ Quick-Start Guide to High School – <http://homeschoolingtorah.com/high-school-quick-start-guide/>
- ✓ Templates for a Transcript and Diploma – <http://homeschoolingtorah.com/transcripts-and-diplomas/>

High School Transcript

Student Name: John Doe
 Grade Level Completed: 12
 Graduation Date: June 1, 2019

ENGLISH	HOURS	CREDIT	GRADE	GPA	CURRICULUM	DATE COMPLETED	TEACHER
Grammar	120	1	A	4.0	<i>Foundations of Grammar (Homeschooling Torah)</i>	June 2016	Anne Elliott
Oral Language	60	0.5	A	4.0	<i>Oral Language (Homeschooling Torah)</i>	June 2016	Anne Elliott
Vocabulary	60	0.5	A	4.0	<i>Foundations of Vocabulary (Homeschooling Torah)</i>	June 2017	Anne Elliott
Writing	120	1	B	3.0	<i>Foundations of Writing (Homeschooling Torah)</i>	June 2017	Anne Elliott
Literature	120	1	A	4.0	<i>High-School Poetry and Literature (Homeschooling Torah)</i>	June 2018	Anne Elliott
BIBLE	HOURS	CREDIT	GRADE	GPA	CURRICULUM	DATE COMPLETED	TEACHER
Torah	120	1	A	4.0	<i>Torah Foundations (Homeschooling Torah)</i>	June 2016	Anne Elliott

40 minutes per school day on a subject = 1 class hour = 1 credit

Grade Point Average:

- A = 4.0
- B = 3.0
- C = 2.0
- D = 1.0
- F = 0

$$\text{Credits} \times \text{Class GPA} \div \text{Total \# of Credits} = \text{Total GPA}$$

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Resources for Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement (AP) Exams, College Prep:

- ✓ <https://www.liberty.edu/onlineacademy/dual-enrollment-courses/> (many other colleges offer these as well)
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/#/test-prep>
- ✓ <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>
- ✓ <http://www.bjupress.com/testing/>
- ✓ <http://biblicalthomeschooling.org/free-college-online/>
- ✓ <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sample-questions/essay>

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him (James 1:5).

For by You I can run against a troop,
By my God I can leap over a wall (Psalm 18:29).