



Can You Home School for Free?

This is a question that I am always asked and the answer is 'Yes'. It is absolutely possible to home school your child for free or for very little.

Thankfully in our age of technology, there are many resources available via the world wide web. The only cost involved would be the paper and ink needed to print out worksheets if you choose to. I always print out paperwork to keep in a portfolio for each child. This is a wonderful way to evaluate their progress and also to have available if needed for end of the year evaluations.

We must not forget the public library, which has an abundance of information for **FREE**

Home schooling for free, can definitely be accomplished. First you must have a plan. I usually will plan out the entire year for each child and know in advance what I will need for each subject that we plan to explore. With this list in hand, I research websites and make a list of ones that are appropriate for each child. We also explore at yard sales, thrift shops and home school fairs for items that are available at low cost or for swapping. We have acquired many different books and manipulatives for free, because we have swapped with other families that no longer have use for them and are in perfect condition.

The best resource however is the internet. We use it on a daily basis for business and have learned to incorporate our schooling into it as well. We are blessed to live in a state that offers a Virtual School at no cost. It is available for grades 6 through 12. The courses are very advanced and challenging but most importantly they are free. If you live in the state of Florida, I encourage you to visit **The Florida Virtual School** for more information on what they have to offer.