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# C.H.S.G. LIBRARY RESOURCE LISTING

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A diminutive yet powerful library is available to you or investigating friends at any time. Items will be checked out to you with a due date. You may like to schedule pick up of your items at a CHSG function or at the Welcome Center at Central Church of God. There is a mailbox for our group at the information desk there. You may contact the 'librarian' to schedule for pick up or drop off at your convenience. The heartbeat of this group is to provide worthy resources (not all are created equal!) that will most importantly encourage you in the formation of a solid homeschool philosophy. The proper selection of curriculum can only be subsequent to the foundation you lay. You are encouraged to take every opportunity to the advantages you will gain by these rich resources.

## I. Audio Cassettes

### A. Carole Joy Seid's taped seminar set

### B. Manna Conference Tapes (taped workshop sessions from NCHE's annual homeschool conferences)

- (1) Why Homeschool Through High School? - Dr. Jay L. Wile (2003)
- (2) Reasonable Faith: The Scientific Case for Christianity – Dr. Jay L. Wile (2003)
- (2) Reasons to Homeschool – Chris Davis (2003)
- (1) Unit and Integrated Studies – Sue Schrowang (2003)
- (2) Curriculum Overview – Debbie Mason (2003)
- (1) From High School to College – Debbie Mason (2003)
- (1) Getting Started and the NC Homeschool Law – Charles Nettles (2003)
- (1) So Many Books, So Little \$\$\$ - Wendy Cross Coleman (2003)
- (1) Homeschooling a Houseful – Sue Martin (2003)
- (1) What Kind of Help is Helpful? – Susannah Sheffer (2001)
- (1) The Blessed Marriage – Douglas Phillips (2001)
- (1) Homeschool Heroes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Douglas Phillips (2001)
- (1) Guiding Toward a Christian Worldview – David and Lori Callahan (2001)
- (1) The Early Years & How to Get Started – Joann Nabb (2001)
- (1) Classic Movies as Literature – Kathryn Stout (2004)
- (1) The Christian Worldview/A Call to Reason – Jeff Myers (2004)

## C. Books

- (1) The Charlotte Mason Companion – Karen Andreola
- (1) Homeschooling for Excellence – David and Micki Colfax
- (1) For the Children's Sake – Susan Schaeffer Macauley
- (2) The Successful Home School Family Handbook – Dr. Raymond and Dorothy Moore
- (1) Better Late Than Early - Dr. Raymond and Dorothy Moore
- (1) School Can Wait - Dr. Raymond and Dorothy Moore
- (1) Minding Your Own Business - Dr. Raymond and Dorothy Moore
- (1) Home Style Teaching - Dr. Raymond and Dorothy Moore
- (1) Home Grown Kids - Dr. Raymond and Dorothy Moore
- (2) You Can Teach Your Child Successfully – Ruth Beechick
- (1) Teaching Children K- 6 – Ruth Beechick
- (1) The Hidden Art of Homemaking – Edith Schaeffer
- (1) What Is a Family? - Edith Schaeffer)
- (1) Turning Back the Pages of Time – Kathy Keller
- (1) Honey For a Child's Heart – Gladys Hunt
- (1) Books Children Love – Elizabeth Wilson
- (1) Let the Authors Speak – Carolyn Hatcher
- (1) How to Homeschool -

# PHILOSOPHY OVERVIEW

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## Traditional/Conventional

- Grown out of need to institutionalize education. Take 12 yrs. of standardized information and divide it into sections. Answers questions “What does everybody need to know?” (Assumes that it is the same for everyone!?)
- Textbooks, lectures, tests and grades
- Goal is to accomplish the previous years’ information to move on
- Weaknesses: least home-school friendly method. Lacks flex, more busy work, doesn’t respond to child’s interests, lacks depth, doesn’t think thinking/ reasoning
- Strengths: Familiar to most people, less re-training to use, first timers more comfy to use during parents learning curve, covers many topics systematically

## Work Text/Programmed Instruction

- Work Text – you read information/instructions in the workbook and write answers in same book
- Inexpensive, not have to write or copy problems, easy to use, can be used in combination with any subject & compatible with many other philosophies
- Programmed Instruction would be a computer program where the student works on the computer and has his work graded immediately. The premise here is that if you receive your feedback right away, it is most helpful
- Strengths: boring, deter reasoning skills (does not ask ‘why’ or ‘how’, inexpensive and can be used with many philosophies/approaches

## Classical

- Doug Wilson, Susan Wise Bauer, Andrew Kern (famous authors). Arises from Greek thinking model. Buzz words: trivium, quadrivium. Three levels: grammar – language/memorizing facts / organizing details; dialectic – studies logic; rhetoric – expressive/ creative use of language. Quadrivium – study of different subjects. Many teachers apply these concepts differently. Classical can just mean traditional vs. modern (i.e., Western Civ/Ancient History vs. Women’s Studies/Diversity Training)

## Early Academics

- Richard Fugate, Doreen Clagett
- Philosophy – start academics early so that the child will not get behind and resistance is seen as a discipline problem.
- Methods – start at 2-3. A short time per day. Uses manipulatives, workbooks, oral instructions, visual aids.

## Delayed Academics

- Raymond and Dorothy Moore and Ruth Beechick Formal academics should be delayed until 8-10 yrs. to give adequate time for neurological system to more fully develop (vision, motor skills, hearing, muscular control) so that learning comes more quickly and the delay gives a wider background of experience /general knowledge on which to build skills. Aides in reading comprehension, numerical understanding, ease of grasping concepts.
- Strengths – rather than academics, time to read to children, interact, play, respond, asking ‘why’ and ‘how’ questions, sharing faith. Hands on projects, chores, discipline, how to properly interact w/others. Keyword: readiness. Parents sensitive to child’s readiness and introduces academics when appropriate. Resistance is lack of readiness. Not delayed learning but not bookwork, skillwork like reading, writing. If they are developing early, ok to introduce. Requires bravery due to unconventionally. Grandparents resist!

## **PHILOSOPHY OVERVIEW – continued**

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### **Unit Studies /Integrated**

- All knowledge is interrelated. Learned more easily/remembered longer if interrelated. Rather than 8-10 subjects taught separately, all subjects covered around a common theme. Covers all but reading and math. When students are younger, it is more complete. As they mature, more supplemental info needed. (i.e. foreign language) Science, social studies, history can all be taught this way. (i.e. KONOS – organized around character traits like trust. Study planes/ flight .Science of how things fly. Study history of flight. Geography (where flying happened). Arts and crafts. Field trips to the airport. Write papers on airplane. Developmentally friendly for younger students. As older students, they will have framework on which to integrate things on their own. Helps children to think critically. Helps them to compare things and discern truth.

### **Charlotte Mason**

- Susan Schaeffer-Macaulay, Karen Andreola, Catherine Levinson
- Was a teacher that lived 100 yrs. ago in England. She rejected prevailing educational philosophy of the day. She didn't approve of strict classical approach of the day. Discovered by Susan Schaeffer-Macaulay, daughter of philosopher/theologian Francis Schaeffer. Her children had learning disabilities and struggled in school. Her research brought her to Charlotte Mason's style. Great book! Goal of education is to develop a noble character and a fine mind. Education was a failure if it didn't teach character. Classical method of memorizing didn't improve character necessarily. Don't understand, just memorize (quickly forgotten though) and learn later. She thought the opposite is better for children: learn meaning and understanding behind facts and then learn the skills later. Should see reason behind know- ledge. Reasoning is a priority. To teach them how to make decisions and learn from mistakes. Respect child as a unique individual that is equal to us in God's eyes. She balances freedom and structure better than most thinkers do. This is a big tension area in
- The home- school: how much freedom vs. structure? Children need time to play, to be with adults and the importance of good habits. It's important to do a given activity, then make a special time and routine for that. Like eating, devotional time, teeth brushing.
- Method – reading living books, real books vs. shallow textbooks. 'Real' is her buzzword: real books, real work, real nature, real writing. Narration is when you read to your child and they tell it back to you. Eventually they write responses. It's a pre-writing skill. Typical day: chores in am, limited work for math, reading and writing in short lessons, reading and discussions with parents, play and projects in afternoon. More reading in the evening w/parents

## **PHILOSOPHY OVERVIEW – continued**

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### Unschooling

- John Holt. Founder of homeschool movement. The Moore's came from Christian perspective while Mr. Holt, a secularist. Teach Your Own was his first book and wrote several others.
- Children's natural curiosity is deterred by usual methods of teaching. Child needs access to real world, time to think over experiences and to use imagination, play time, advice/guidance and road maps to get where they're going. Children could be trusted to direct own learning. Parents model life of interest, exploration and allow children to be involved in their activities, rich resources and books, respond with careful attention. Christians may find his ideas leaning to the secular humanistic side. Perhaps ok to keep parts of his thinking, not to throw out the baby with the bath. We are created to be industrious, yet are fallen. To trust our children without accountability is not wise, either. Tension between structure and freedom is found in this idea. "The one thing we can be sure of is that children have a passionate desire to understand as much of the world as they can, even what they cannot see and touch. And as far as possible to acquire some skill, competence, and control in it and over it". Similar to the dominion God gave Adam over creation. Teaching does not make learning. Organized learning assumes that children only learn what we teach them and that is close to 100% wrong!

Where do we start? Traditional or Integrated? This is an area of struggle when first purchasing curriculum. Begin integrating as much as possible. You may tailor the work for student, not by grade level. Younger children will catch up when development occurs. You are not locked into a certain 'school in a box'.

Can buy unit method already put together, like KONOS. Or, eventually, you can do it yourself! (see handout)

### *A run down of a few publishers:*

**Abeka/Bob Jones** – excellent quality conventional texts and workbooks. Some have homeschool versions. Much busy work otherwise. Tutorial method doesn't require that. Evangelistic, patriotic, creationist. Can buy parts. Calvert – more developed for tutorial. In use for 100 yrs.+. Missionary schools. School in a box. Not overtly Christian, neither ignores it. Excellent quality. You must buy only a specific grade. Early academics are not as stressed as with Abeka/Bob Jones. Some examples is Christian Liberty, inexpensive, Covenant Home, School of Tomorrow, Alpha & Omega (primarily workbooks and Christian/ traditional). Curriculum services available with Hewitt. Assists in developing curriculum and providing accountability with record keeping/testing.

**Sonlight** – hard to place. Very popular. Cross between Unit and Traditional. Developed by homeschoolers w/a heart for missions. Took the Calvert idea and developed homeschool friendly and Christian curriculum for each level. Pull from what they consider to be 'the best of'. Strong emphasis on world history, literature, cultures and missions. Not real pushy on early academics. May pick and choose. Many of their texts available at the library. Great catalog! Caution: amount of work is too much in one year. Can get stressed over tons of reading. Can pick and choose, stretch out and be flexible. Don't be overwhelmed and feel like a failure.

**KONOS** – character traits, hands on activities, vocabulary words, historical characters, time lines, multi-age level (K-8), discovery learning, great for active boys! Pick and choose from resource list. Also, gives daily lesson plans if you don't want to wade through ideas.

**ATI** – can't buy at book fair. Bill Gothard (Basic Youth Conflict Institute) a family life training program. Must be certified by attending training seminars. Provides unit study based on scripture and many other topics.

**Cornerstone Curriculum Project** – David Quine. Interdisciplinary Worldview program for high schoolers.

**Ruth Beechick books** (reading, writing and math – very good!)

## **PHILOSOPHY OVERVIEW – continued**

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### ***How to Teach Your Child Successfully.***

**Five In A Row** – is a unit study approach based on great children’s books that can be mostly found in the library. More ideas than time allows, involves narrowing. Combines Charlotte Mason approach with delayed academics. Some supplemental resources needed especially for math. Pre-school curriculum, 4-8 yrs. old and then 8-12 yrs. offered along with Character Supplement, Cookbook and Seasonal Ideas.

### ***A few words of advice...***

We tend to spend too much money on curriculum in our ‘weakness areas’. If you buy expensive curriculum, you will stress out and use it anyway even if you don’t like it. You will buy things that don’t work. Don’t sweat it! It will happen. It was a learning experience. Don’t spend a lot of money! Give it a chance and don’t give up too soon or make adjustments. Re-evaluate every year. What do I believe about homeschooling now? What are the children’s interests? How have they changed? Do it pre-conference or do over summer and order through mail.

### ***10 Questions to ask before you buy:***

1. Is this developed for homeschooling? (tutoring vs. big groups)
2. Is this a product that others I know are using?
3. Is this a product with my child’s readiness, learning style?
4. Is this product heavy on teacher prep time? Is that ok with you?
5. Is this product consumable or not?
6. Artistic merit? Nice paper? Pretty pictures? Is that ok with you?
7. Are there higher level thinking skills, moving the student out and away from the text into the real world?
8. Is there a resale value among other homeschoolers?
9. Does the material have a theological/philosophical slant I can abide?
10. Is this complete or needful of supplements?

### **Be encouraged...**

Isaiah 40:11 “...He gently guides those with young.”

Proverbs 3:5 & 6, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not to your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy path.”

God is not limited by your ability! If He calls you, He will provide!

## ***DESIGNING YOUR OWN UNIT STUDY***

### ***Weighing in with my 2¢***

*Laura Baker*

As you journey through your family's homeschool experience, gaining confidence and know how, you may have the reoccurring thought to explore the notion of developing your own family's flavor of a unit study approach. If you begin to feel the tug, consider these options for a refreshing and rich, "living" approach to your homeschool! One idea could be to try teaming up with another family for a chronological historical literature based unit study. "Turning Back the Pages of Time", by Kathy Keller (approximately \$5.), is a booklist arranged chronologically by time periods of American History for K-High School. Another high quality option for students 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up is to use Carole Jo Seid's seminar handout complete with booklists for the major time periods of world history, beginning with Creation and the Flood and cycling through to the Reformation. Most texts using above approaches are available at the public library or used on the internet. A website that has been a great resource for me has been [www.abebooks.com](http://www.abebooks.com). Carole's tapes are available from our lending library.

By designing your own unit study, you would be able to select various supplemental resources – here are some ideas I think are notable and quite popular –

**Math** – Math-U-See, Math-It, Math For Smarty Pants, Saxon Math, Making Math Meaningful or Miquon Math

**Phonics/Reading** – Sing, Spell, Read and Write

**Language Arts** – Spell to Read and Write, Winston Grammar, Shurley Grammar, Simply Grammar, Easy Grammar, Daily Grams or Writing Strands

**Art** – A Child's History of Art (Out of print but available at the library), Adventures in Art (Cornerstone Curriculum)

**Science** – Usborne Books, Blood, Guts and Beastly Neighbors, Field Guides for nature studies (there is much to be learned on this subject from Charlotte Mason books), School of Tomorrow, Apologia (H. S. level)

**Handwriting** – Italic and Cursive Italic

**Geography** – Mapping the World by Heart (best when used with a group or co-op type setting)

**Foreign Language** – The Learnables, Power Glide, Arts Latinae

**Music** – Music and the Masters (Cornerstone Curriculum) and The Gift of Music

If the idea of picking 'the best of' appeals to you rather than one standardized line of curriculum, you may be a candidate for attending a Carole Joy Seid Seminar to hear more about this interesting and fun approach. Hope to see you at one in the future!

## ***SUGGESTED RESOURCES*** ***(Books catalogs, Magazines, Internet)***

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Gladys Hunt

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*Teach Your Own*  
Ruth Beechick

*Learning All the Time*  
John Holt

(see other titles by Mrs. Beechick as well)

*Home Educators Curriculum Manual*  
Cathy Duffy

*The Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling*  
Deborah Bell

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- CHSG                      [www.centralhomeschoolgroup.com](http://www.centralhomeschoolgroup.com)
- Nche.com                Our State Network and Magazine
- Crosswalk.com        <http://homeschool.crosswalk.com>  
A good site with many links to various sites, also a home school chat room, and E-newsletters.
- Egroups <http://www.egroups.com>  
Lists many e-groups to join, be sure to read the descriptions of the groups before joining.
- Vegsource.com        A great clearing house to buy and sell used curriculum but a long wait to be authenticated (they have only one staff person)
- Abebooks.com        Used and out of print books for reasonable prices without any waiting
- “Homeschool Your Child for Free Using the Internet”  
is a book that has thousands of awesome websites for you to check out! Available at the public library.

These are only a few of thousands of possible sites. Try a search engine and type 'home school'. The sites will be abundant

**INTERNET**

There are numerous online resources for home schooling including:

- CHSG                      [www.centralhomeschoolgroup.com](http://www.centralhomeschoolgroup.com)
- Nche.com                Our State Network and Magazine
- Crosswalk.com        <http://homeschool.crosswalk.com>  
A good site with many links to various sites, also a home school chat room, and E-newsletters.
- Egroups <http://www.egroups.com>  
Lists many e-groups to join, be sure to read the descriptions of the groups before joining.
- Vegsource.com        A great clearing house to buy and sell used curriculum but a long wait to be authenticated (they have only one staff person)
- Abebooks.com        Used and out of print books for reasonable prices without any waiting
- “Homeschool Your Child for Free Using the Internet”  
is a book that has thousands of awesome websites for you to check out! Available at the public library.

These are only a few of thousands of possible sites. Try a search engine and type 'home school'. The sites will be abundant

# 2005 C.H.S.G. RESOURCE LISTING

This is a partial listing of services, places, events and community calendars in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area. Please advise the Resource Guide Coordinator of additions or corrections throughout the year in order to keep this listing as up-to-date as possible.

## Home Schooling Organizations

### **NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NON-PUBLIC EDUCATION – [WWW.NCDNPE.ORG](http://WWW.NCDNPE.ORG)**

**Mailing Address:** 1309 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1309

**Phone:** 919-733-4276, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Weekdays

**Comments:** The division of the dept. of education that regulates all non-public schools including boarding, private, charter and home schools. Home schools must be registered with the state through this agency and must notify if terminating a home school. Call or log on to web site for more information and registration information.

### **NORTH CAROLINIANS FOR HOME EDUCATION – [WWW.NCHE.COM](http://WWW.NCHE.COM)**

4326 Bland Road  
Raleigh NC 27609

**Phone:** 919-790-1100

**Fax:** 919-790-1892

**E-mail:** [nche@nche.com](mailto:nche@nche.com)

**Comments:** Support group for all home schoolers throughout North Carolina. Sponsors the home schooling convention each Spring. Yearly membership \$20.00. NCHE publishes The Greenhouse Report.

### **HOME SCHOOL LEGAL DEFENSE ASSOCIATION--[WWW.HSLDA.ORG](http://WWW.HSLDA.ORG)**

P.O. Box 3000  
Purcellville, VA 20134-9000

**Phone:** 540-338-5600

**Fax:** 540-338-2733

**E-mail:** [info@hsllda.org](mailto:info@hsllda.org)

**Comments:** This organization has a membership fee of \$100.00 per year, with a \$15 discount if joining with a group. They provide their members professional legal representation at no further cost should it be necessary and assistance with any social services contact plus other benefits. Membership is 75,000 families strong throughout the U.S.

### **PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY - [WWW.PLCMC.LIB.NC.US](http://WWW.PLCMC.LIB.NC.US)**

**Phone:** 704-336-2725 (Main Library)

**Location:** 310 N. Tryon St., Charlotte

**Hours:** 9 am-9 pm Mon.-Thurs., 9 am-6 pm Fri. and Sat, 1-6 pm Sunday.

**Free resources include:**

- Teacher's library card - Issued when you show proof that you are a private school (registered with the state). Books on this card may be checked out for 6 weeks, but are not renewable.
- Books, music CD's, audiotape books, and audio cassettes can be checked out for 3 weeks with one renewal if there are no reserves on the item.
- Computers - All branches have computers for the public's use. This includes Internet access. Hours vary - check at the individual branch. There is some training required before you may use them. Each branch purchases their own software so it will vary from branch to branch. Usually they have math, reading, etc. included in their selections.
- Software - Computer CD's may be checked out for two weeks. They have a wide variety of children's educational games.

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- Videos - Videos may be checked out at all branches for 3 days and renewed for 3 days if someone hasn't placed a hold on it. They have a large selection of entertaining and educational videos.
- **Automated Renewal Line - 704-336-6237.** Call this number to renew material and check other information without having to go to the library. A computerized voice will guide you step by step. Have your library card ready when you call.
- Home Access to the Card Catalog (via computer) - If you have a computer and a modem, you may call the library for simple instructions for setting up access to the card catalog. The same screen used in the branches can then be accessed and you can search for books conveniently at home. This is a 24 hour service. You can place materials on hold from home, too. **You can also see a listing of everything you have checked out as well as renew books.**
- Home Access to the Library and Card Catalog (via the Internet) - Library information, some resources and the Card Catalog are available from the Internet via a WEB browser. The URL is [www.plcmc.lib.nc.us](http://www.plcmc.lib.nc.us).
- Materials Requests - Requests for specific books, videos, and other resources can be made in writing at any branch by asking to fill out a request card. If the card catalog (on computer) does not have several copies of a book you would like to see, please request it. Often these requests will be filled, especially if several patrons request the same item.

### COUNTY PASSPORT TO HISTORY

To participate, you must purchase a booklet for \$2 at one of the 10 sites included in the program. Children can earn a patch after visiting 5 sites. They must have their passport signed or stamped and answer and complete the activities for that site. The sites are: Carolinas Aviation Museum, Charlotte Museum of History and Hezekiah Alexander Home Site, Charlotte Trolley Museum, Latta Plantation, Mint Hill Doctor's Museum, Museum of the New South, James K. Polk Memorial, Reed Gold Mine, Historic Rosedale, and Schiele Museum. For more info about the "Passport to History" contact any of the aforementioned sites.

### NORTH CAROLINA HISTORIC SITES - [WWW.AH.DCR.STATE.NC.US/SECTIONS/HS/DEFAULT.HTM](http://WWW.AH.DCR.STATE.NC.US/SECTIONS/HS/DEFAULT.HTM)

There are 23 sites located all over the state, from the Outer Banks to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Contact NC Historic Sites at 919-733-7862 for a free brochure listing all the sites, or see the web site.

### CAROLINA RAPTOR CENTER - [WWW.BIRDSOPREY.ORG](http://WWW.BIRDSOPREY.ORG)

**Phone:** 704-875-6521 ext. 110 (Andi Burling) Call for more info or scheduling.

**Location:** Beatties Ford Rd. to 6000 Sample Rd. (turn at Hopewell Presbyterian Church). It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> driveway on the left after entering Latta Plantation Park.

**Hours:** Monday- Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm; Sunday, Noon – 5 pm;

**Admission:** Adults - \$5, seniors \$4, students (5 and older) \$3, children under 4 are free. Groups of 20 or more \$2.75 per person. Reservations required.

**Comments:** Self-tour nature trail provides interesting information on many kinds of birds of prey which are living there. These birds are unable to survive in the wild due to illness or injury. The Center will do group tours with educational programs if called ahead. Reservations required, recommended as far in advance as possible.

### CAROLINAS HISTORIC AVIATION COMMISSION AIR MUSEUM\*

**Phone:** 704-359-8442

**Location:** 4108 Airport Drive (at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport).

**Hours:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

**Admission:** \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors age 60 and older, \$1 for students in grades 1-12, free for ages 5 and younger and museum members.

**Comments:** Tours of museum/hangar featuring 30 aircraft in various stages of restoration. Aircraft on exhibit include a Piedmont Airlines DC-3 and a U.S. Army OV-1 Mohawk. Call ahead for special events throughout the year. Prearranged group tours for students and other groups are available for free.

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**CARRIGAN FARMS - [WWW.CARRIGANFARMS.COM](http://WWW.CARRIGANFARMS.COM)**

**Phone:** 704-664-1450 (days) and 704- 664-5222 (evenings)

**Location:** 1261 Oak Ridge Farm Hwy., Mooresville, NC (27 miles from Charlotte)

**Admission:** \$5.50 per person (Children under 2 are free)

**Comments:** Seasonal group tours include hayrides, greenhouse, vegetable and fruit fields where you can pick your own produce, a petting barn, picnic area and more. They also have a market with honey from their hives, seasonal produce and homemade jams and jellies for sale. October tours are open to the general public Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with no reservations needed.

**CHARLOTTE HISTORIC TROLLEY MUSEUM - [WWW.CHARLOTTETROLLEY.COM](http://WWW.CHARLOTTETROLLEY.COM)\***

**Phone:** 704-375-0850

**Location:** 2100 South Blvd.

**Hours:** Friday-Saturday 10 am to 9 pm. Sunday 10 am to 6 pm. Trolley operates the same hours.

**Admission:** Fare is \$1 for adults, .50 for children (Children under 46" tall are free).

**Comments:** The museum features photographs, exhibits and trolley rides. Gift shop & museum open week-ends only.

**CHARLOTTE METROLINA WILDLIFE PARK**

**Phone:** 704-279-6363

**Location:** Rockwell, NC. I-85 North to Exit 68, make a right, go 4 miles and make another right (see zoo signs).

**Hours:** Spring & Summer (until Nov. 1): 9 am to 5 pm; Fall & Winter: Weekends, Holidays and for Groups by Reservation

**Admission:** Adults \$7, Children (ages 2-12) \$5

**Comments:** The zoo features a variety of exotic animals including large cats, primates, bears, reptiles and more. There is also a large petting zoo area and picnic facilities are available.

**CHARLOTTE MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND HEZEKIAH ALEXANDER HOME SITE\***

**[WWW.CHARLOTTEMUSEUM.ORG](http://WWW.CHARLOTTEMUSEUM.ORG)**

**Phone:** 704-568-1774

**Location:** 3500 Shamrock Drive

**Hours:** Tues.-Sat. 10 am to 5 pm

Public Tours: 1:15, 3:15

Sun. 1 pm to 5 pm

Public Tours 1:15, 3:15

**Admission:** Gen. admission: \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, \$3 for children 6-12, under 6 free. Group rates for 10 or more (groups may schedule tours at 10 am) Sundays are free. Summer hours are 10 am- 5 pm Mon-Sat and 1pm- 5pm on Sundays.

**Comments:** Special events are held throughout the year also.

**CHILDREN'S THEATER – [WWW.CTCHARLOTTE.ORG](http://WWW.CTCHARLOTTE.ORG)**

**Phone:** 704-376-5745; Box office: 704-333-8983 10 am- 5 pm, Monday – Friday

**Location:** 1017 E. Morehead St.

**Comments:** Professional theater for young people. Classes and productions.

**CHRISTIAN FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER—LIBRARY**

**Phone:** 704-845-4673

**Location:** 116 N. Ames St, Matthews NC 28105

**Hours:** Mon. 12 pm-8 pm, Tues. & Wed. 10 am-6 pm, Thurs. 10 am-8 pm, Fri. 10 am-4 pm, Sat. 10 am-2 pm

**Comments:** \$50 for a 40 item checkout card (per visit), \$25 for a 10 item Checkout card (per visit). Books can be checked out for 3 weeks with one renewal. Videos can be checked out for one week with two renewals

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### DANIEL STOWE BOTANICAL GARDEN - [WWW.STOWEGARDEN.ORG](http://WWW.STOWEGARDEN.ORG)

**Phone:** 704-825-4490; Email [info@stowegarden.org](mailto:info@stowegarden.org)

**Location:** 6500 New Hope Road, Belmont

**Hours:** Sunday through Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm; closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day

**Admission:** \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 4-12, children under 4 and garden members free.

**Comments:** The Gardens are comprised of 158,000 square feet of planting beds divided into separate areas, each with a distinctive feel and theme.

### DISCOVERY PLACE/NATURE MUSEUM - [WWW.DISCOVERYPLACE.ORG](http://WWW.DISCOVERYPLACE.ORG)

**Phone:** 704-372-6261 ext. 300 or 1-800-935-0553

**Location:** 301 N. Tryon St.

**Admission:** \$14 for adults 14-59 years old, \$10.50 for children 2-13 and 60+ seniors. Children under 2 are free. Discounts apply during the school year for groups of 15 or more.

**Hours:** June-August

10 am to 6 pm Mon.-Fri.

12:30 pm to 6 pm Sun.

September-May

9 am to 5 pm Mon.-Fri.

10 am to 5 pm Sat.

1 pm to 5 pm Sun.

Teacher's Guide - Free booklet with detailed information on Home School and non-Home School classes available, fees, hours, directions, etc. Available at no charge at reception desks or by mail. Call to get on the mailing list.

### ENERGY EXPLORIUM - [WWW.DUKEPOWER.COM](http://WWW.DUKEPOWER.COM) (CLICK ON EDUCATION)

**Phone:** 704-875-5600 or 1-800-777-0003

**Location:** 13339 Hagers Ferry Rd. in Huntersville (on Hwy 73, 30 minutes from Charlotte)

**Hours:** Monday - Friday 9 am-5 pm, Saturday & Sunday 12 pm - 5 pm.

**Admission:** Free (need appointment for more than 10 people)

**Comments:** Energy Explorium and Information Center for McGuire Nuclear Station. Hands-on and computerized energy exhibits and 1 mile walking trail plus a picnic area.

### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION - [WWW.WIPEOUTWASTE.COM](http://WWW.WIPEOUTWASTE.COM)

**Phone:** 704-336-5359

**Comments:** Workshops available on home composting, worm composting, grasscycling (lawn care), toxicity reduction, soil stewardship, horticulture, and natural gardening & habitat at various locations. Each workshop is 4 hours and is \$10 per family. For more information or to register call Ann Gill at

704-336-5359. Groups of 15 or more can have a special class (teacher training) at a site near you. Also learn what's recyclable, how to do environmental friendly shopping, etc.

### FIRE STATIONS AND FIRE HOUSE

**Phone:** 704-336-3970 (Fire Education), 704-336-2150, or see the blue pages of the Charlotte phone book

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** Visit your area fire station for a free tour or plan a group visit to downtown's Fire Station #1 to see the Firefighters slide down poles. Call ahead for group tours and for information on the FireHouse tours. The Fire House simulates a fire in a home and children ages 6 and up may go through and practice proper escape methods.

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## **HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH LIBRARY-[WWW.HGBC.ORG/MEDIA](http://WWW.HGBC.ORG/MEDIA)**

**Phone:** 704-531-4047

**Location:** 6050 Hickory Grove Road

**Comments:** They have many Christian titles and videos that are not available in the public library. Check out privileges (even to non-members) on the first visit. Other churches who have lending libraries include Calvary Church on Hwy 51, Central Church of God at Fairview and Randolph, and Carmel Baptist Church on Hwy 51.

## **HISTORIC BRATTONSVILLE – [WWW.YORKCOUNTY.ORG/BRATTONSVILLE](http://WWW.YORKCOUNTY.ORG/BRATTONSVILLE)**

**Phone:** 803-684-2327

**Location:** 1444 Brattonsville Rd., McConnells, SC 29726

**Hours:** Monday - Saturday 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm (Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve (all day), Christmas, and New Year's Day) Guided tours offered at 11 am and 2 pm on Tuesday thru Saturday.

**Admission:** Adults - \$6.00, Students \$3.00, Seniors - \$5.00, under 4 -- FREE,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month -- FREE to ALL

**Comments:** A 775-acre living history village and Revolutionary War battlefield site. Twenty-nine historic structures chronicle the development of the Carolina Piedmont from the 1770's to the 1840's. Also have the Walt Schrader Trails with a \$2.00 fee for Adults and \$1.00 fee for children and seniors to walk the extensive trails if not touring the historic site.

## **INTERNATIONAL HOUSE**

**Phone:** 704-333-8099

**Location:** 322 Hawthorne Lane

**Hours:** Monday thru Friday 9 am – 5pm

**Comments:** They have a children's soccer league (PALS). They also have Spanish and German Summer Camps that are 1 to 2 weeks in duration. Weekly conversation hours in Spanish/English; times vary, call for schedule.

## **JAARS (JUNGLE AVIATION AND RADIO SERVICES) - [WWW.JAARS.ORG](http://WWW.JAARS.ORG)**

**Phone:** 704-843-6130 for reservations, directions or information

**Location:** A division of Wycliffe Missions organization on Davis Rd. in Waxhaw, NC.

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9 am – 4 pm (to make reservations)

**Admission:** Free tours (time required about 2 hours covers about 1 mile. Reservations recommended.) On clear days, airplane (\$12 each) and helicopter (\$15 each) rides – must make reservations to make sure planes and pilots are there for rides.

**Comments:** First Saturday of most months is “JAARS Day”. If the first Saturday is a holiday, “JAARS Day” is the second Saturday. They offer a complete tour including video, museum, offices, airplane hangers, etc.. Beneficial to 5<sup>th</sup> graders and up (the complete tour lasts all day) Weekday tours 9:30 – 11:45 am.

## **JAMES K. POLK MEMORIAL HISTORIC SITE\***

**Phone:** 704-889-7145

**Location:** 308 S. Polk St., Old U.S. 521, Pineville

**Hours:** Guided tours Tuesday - Saturday 9 am – 5 pm every half-hour, Closed Sundays and Mondays.

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** Birthplace of James K. Polk, 11<sup>th</sup> U.S. President. Reconstructed log house with 18<sup>th</sup> century furnishings. Museum with film, exhibits, and displays representing life and times of Polk. Guided tours available. Reservations required for groups of 10 or more.

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## KINGS MOUNTAIN NATIONAL MILITARY PARK - [WWW.NPS.GOV/KIMO](http://www.nps.gov/kimo)

**Phone:** 864-936-7921

**Location:** 2625 Park Rd., Blacksburg, SC 29702. From Charlotte, NC travel on I- 85 South to NC Exit #2.

**Hours:** Daily 9 am – 5 pm, Open Weekends 9 am – 6 pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day). Closed: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Years Day

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** Kings Mountain National Military Park commemorates a pivotal and significant victory by American Patriots over American Loyalists during the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War. Visitor Center: Features an 18-minute film, *Kings Mountain: Turning Point in the South* and museum exhibit area. Battlefield Trail: One and one-half mile self-guiding loop trail around battlefield site.

## LATTA PLANTATION/LATTA PLANTATION PARK - [WWW.LATTAPLANTATION.ORG](http://www.lattaplantation.org)\*

**Phone:** 704-875-2312; Visitor Center: 704- 875-1391

**Location:** 5225 Sample Road (off Beatties Ford Road) on Mountain Island Lake near Huntersville.

**Hours:** 10 am to 4:30 pm Tuesday-Saturday, 1 pm to 4:30 Sunday.

**Admission:** Free admission to grounds except during special events; House tour: \$5.00 adult, \$4.00 seniors and students (13-21), \$3.00 children (6-12), under 6 free. Groups of 10 or more can receive discounted tours.

**Comments:** Mountain Island Lake Park features wildlife displays, nature preserve, picnic area, canoe/sailboat launching area, fishing, hiking and horseback trails; guided nature hikes by appointment. Park hours are 7 am - dark 7 days a week. Special events at the Plantation occur throughout the year such as the fall FolkLife Festival.

## LAZY 5 RANCH

**Phone:** 704-663-5100

**Location:** Hwy 150 in Mooresville, I-77 Exit 36

**Hours:** Monday - Saturday opens 9 am, Sunday opens 1:00 pm; closes 1 hour before sunset (no later than 7 p.m.).

**Admission:** \$8.00 Adult/\$4.50 children (ages 2-11) and seniors (60 and over) to drive your own car through. Under 2 free. Wagon rides are an additional fee of \$5 adults, \$3 children and seniors, and under 2 is free. Cash or checks only; no credit cards.

Group rates for 15 or more: For your own car \$3.50/person. Wagon ride \$5.50/person (this includes General Admission fee). Must make reservations for groups and wagon rides. These rates apply for children 2 & older.

**Comments:** Children will experience various species of exotic animals in their natural habitat. The tour is a 3 1/2 mile drive by car or wagon. The winding trail takes you through the forest and fields where you will enjoy being only inches away from animals found on continents far away. Feed is provided on the wagon ride. Additional buckets are \$2.00 each. Please bring your own drinking water - no fountains provided. Beautiful picnic area and play ground - bring your own grill if you want. Feed exotic animals right from your car. Dress for mess. Some of the exotic animals include giraffes, rhinoceros', zebras, camels, and llamas. There are reindeer at Christmas and baby animals in the Spring. Other animals include horses, lambs, pigs, endangered species, etc..

## LEVINE MUSEUM OF THE NEW SOUTH - [WWW.MUSEUMOFTHENEWSOUTH.ORG](http://www.museumofthenewsouth.org)\*

**Phone:** 704-333-1887

**Location:** 200 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St. (on the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> St. and N. College)

**Hours:** Tues.-Sat. 10 am to 5 pm, Sun. 12 pm to 5 pm

**Admission:** \$6 adults, \$5 students (6-18 and college) and seniors, under 6 and members free.

**Comments:** Visitors will move through a series of environments that explore the steps in the region's evolution-- from cotton farming, to textile manufacturing, to urbanization, to Civil Rights. Each represented a "reinvention" of the previous economy and society. Each helped create present-day Charlotte, America's second largest financial center. Other changing exhibits upstairs. Parking at 7<sup>th</sup> St. Station Deck-- first 90 minutes of parking is free.

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## THE LIGHT FACTORY - [WWW.LIGHTFACTORY.ORG](http://WWW.LIGHTFACTORY.ORG)

**Phone:** 704-333-9755

**Location:** 345 N. College St.

**Hours:** Mon.– Fri. 9 am– 6 pm, Sat. and Sun. 1 pm– 5 pm.

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** The Light Factory specializes in light generated art media (photography, video, film, the Internet) and regularly presents changing solo and group exhibitions by local, regional, national and international artists. Various classes available throughout the year– call or check website for details.

## METROLINA RECYCLING CENTER - [WWW.CO.MECKLENBURG.NC.US/COENG/RECYCLE](http://WWW.CO.MECKLENBURG.NC.US/COENG/RECYCLE)

**Phone:** Paula Hoffman at 704-598-8595

**Location:** 1007 Amble Drive. From I-85. Take the Graham St. exit going south (towards Charlotte). Travel about 1/4 mile and turn left onto Amble Drive (A-1 Tool is on the left). Follow Amble Drive to dead end. Take the last driveway on the right.

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** This business has an excellent education department which provides **free** tours including a film and discussion to educate children on which products are recyclable through the NOW program in Charlotte. Children view trucks unloading and the sorting of recycling materials from a protected area indoors. Tours must be scheduled in advance.

## MINT HILL COUNTRY DOCTOR MUSEUM\*

**Phone:** 704-573-0726

**Location:** 4311 Hillside Drive, Mint Hill

**Hours:** Open the 2nd Sunday of each month from 2—5 pm. Open for private tours also.

**Comments:** This turn-of-the-century building houses an extensive collection of medical and pharmaceutical artifacts dating from 1880 to 1930. Schedule special tours for groups by calling Becky Griffin at 704-545-5766.

## MINT MUSEUM – [WWW.MINTMUSEUM.ORG](http://WWW.MINTMUSEUM.ORG)

**Phone:** 704-337-2000

**Location:** 2730 Randolph Road- Art museum; 220 N. Tryon St.- Craft + Design museum (Call for parking instructions)

**Hours:** Wednesday - Saturday 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday Noon – 5 pm, Tuesday 10 am – 10 pm.

**Admission:** \$6 Adults, \$5 Seniors and College Students, \$3 Students 6-17, Children 5 and under and members are free. Free admission Tuesdays 5 – 10 pm. Discounts for groups of 10 or more available.

**Comments:** Charlotte's fine art museum. A purchased ticket is good for admission to both the Mint Museum of Art and the Mint Museum of Craft & Design on the same day (unless otherwise noted). For tours call 704-337-2043.

## MUSEUM OF YORK COUNTY - [WWW.YORKCOUNTY.ORG/MUSEUM](http://WWW.YORKCOUNTY.ORG/MUSEUM)

**Phone:** 803-329-2121

**Location:** 4621 Mt. Gallant Rd., Rock Hill

**Hours:** Monday - Saturday 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday 1- 5 pm

**Admission:** \$5.00 adults; \$4.00 seniors (60 and over); and \$3.00 for students, children under 5 free. Museum members free. Group rates available.

**Comments:** Classes, art, culture, natural history. Permanent exhibitions include the Stans African Halls, one of the nation's most comprehensive exhibitions of African animals in natural habitat dioramas, complemented by African cultural artifacts. Call for a field trip planner.

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## MUSEUM OF THE WAXHAW AND THE ANDREW JACKSON MEMORIAL [WWW.PERIGEE.NET/~MWAXHAW](http://WWW.PERIGEE.NET/~MWAXHAW)

**Phone:** 704-843-1832

**Location:** 8215 Waxhaw Hwy. (Hwy. 75 East)

**Hours:** Sat. 10 am – 5 pm, Sun. 1 pm – 5 pm. Private/group tours available during weekend by appointment.

**Admission:** Adults \$4.00, Seniors & Children 6-12 \$2.00, under 6 FREE

**Comments:** A regional history museum dedicated to the history of the Waxhaws region and the memory of our nation's 7<sup>th</sup> President, a native of the Waxhaws. The museum has numerous artifacts, a film detailing the area's history, a gift shop & small picnic area. Special events occur throughout the year.

## NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM (SPENCER SHOPS) - [WWW.NCTRANS.ORG](http://WWW.NCTRANS.ORG)

**Phone:** 636-2889 or 1-877-NCTMFUN (1-877-628-6386)

**Location:** Spencer, NC (approx. 1 hour from Charlotte on I-85N) Exit 79 just beyond Salisbury.

**Hours:** Monday-Saturday 9 am –5pm, Sunday 1pm-5pm.

**Admission:** Museum - Free; Steam or diesel train rides Adults \$5.00, Children 3-12 & Seniors (60 and older) \$4.00 (may receive AAA discount with your AAA card – \$.50 off). Discounted rate for groups of 15 or more - reservations required 2 week in advance. Limited parking is available.

**Comments:** The site of what was once Southern Railway Company's largest steam locomotive servicing facility. It now houses examples of a variety of forms of transportation, including an antique automobile exhibit, and a 120,000 square foot locomotive roundhouse that has recently undergone a major restoration.

## Reed Gold Mine – [www.itpi.dpi.state.nc.us/reed\\*](http://www.itpi.dpi.state.nc.us/reed*)

**Phone:** 704-721-GOLD (4653)

**Location:** 9621 Reed Mine Road, Stanfield, NC. From Charlotte, follow Albemarle Road (approx. 40 minutes) to Reed Mine Road. Turn left on Reed Mine Road, go approximately three miles, and the site will be on the right.

**Hours:** Tues.- Sat. 9 am - 5 pm

Must call ahead to schedule group tours. Guided tours of underground tunnels every hour. Stamp Mill tours available several times each day.

**Admission:** Free. Panning for gold is \$2.00 per pan (group rate \$1.50) – You may pan for gold Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> through Oct 31<sup>st</sup>

**Comments:** Historic site of America's first documented discover of gold. Visitors tour museum, watch film and tour restored section of an underground shaft for free. You can try your hand at panning for a charge. Picnic area, trails, monuments, and more.

## REEDY CREEK NATURE CENTER

**Phone:** 704-598-8857

**Location:** 2900 Rocky River Road

**Hours:** Park hours – 7 am until dark daily.

Center Hours – 9 am to 5 pm Mon.– Sat., 1-5pm on Sundays.

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** This center has a fitness trail, soccer and basketball field, picnic shelters, lakes and a fishing pier. It also has hands-on exhibits and environmental programs.

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### ROSEDALE PLANTATION\*

**Phone:** 704-335-0325

**Location:** Historic Rosedale Plantation is located three miles from the center of uptown Charlotte, North Carolina at 3427 N. Tryon Street between 36th Street and Sugar Creek Road.

**Hours:** Thurs.- Sun. afternoons from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm for drop-in tours. Tours are conducted by trained volunteers and are scheduled to begin at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00. Groups of 10 or more should call to make reservations 2 weeks in advance.

**Admission:** call for prices.

**Comments:** Originally part of a 911 acre plantation, **Rosedale** was built in 1815 by Archibald Frew, a merchant, postmaster and tax collector. The house was occupied in the 1830s by D. T. Caldwell and his family. Dr. Caldwell, in addition to his medical practice, ran the plantation with the support of approximately 20 slaves.

### SCHIELE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND LYNN PLANETARIUM - [WWW.SCHIELEMUSEUM.ORG](http://WWW.SCHIELEMUSEUM.ORG)\*

**Phone:** 704-866-6900- recorded message, Receptionist 704-866-6908

**Location:** 1500 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia

**Hours:** Museum hours are Monday - Saturday 9 am - 5 pm, Sunday 1 - 5 pm

Planetarium shows at 1, 2, & 3 pm Saturdays – 2 & 3 pm Sundays. Shows also at 2 pm Mon.- Fri. (June thru mid-August), and 3:30 pm on Wednesday's (September thru May).

**Admission:** Museum - Adults - \$4.00, Students and Seniors - \$2.00, children 3 and under - free. Open free to all visitors 4-8 pm the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. (Free Planetarium show at 7pm)

Planetarium - Adults - \$3.00; Students and Seniors - \$2.00; children 3 and under - free

**Comments:** Planetarium, special hands-on exhibits, collections, and programs interpreting North American habitats and wildlife, American Indian culture, and over 400 years of Piedmont history. Also a living nature trail that takes visitors to a reconstructed Catawba Indian village and an 18<sup>th</sup> century Backcountry farm.

**School Programs:** For information about programs offered for school groups, please call 704-854-6676 or e-mail [paulettel@cityofgastonia.com](mailto:paulettel@cityofgastonia.com) and ask for a copy of the Schiele Museum Education Guide (Education at the Schiele Museum: A Guide for Teachers 2003-2004).

### WING HAVEN BIRD SANCTUARY - [WWW.WINGHAVENGARDENS.COM](http://WWW.WINGHAVENGARDENS.COM)

**Phone:** 704-331-0664

**Location:** 248 Ridgewood Ave., Charlotte (off Selwyn Ave. in Myer's Park)

**Hours:** Tuesday 3 pm – 5 pm, Wednesday 10 am - 12 noon, Sunday 2 pm – 5 pm

**Admission:** FREE, but donations are appreciated. Call ahead for guided tours for groups.

**Comments:** Garden and bird sanctuary offering tours of the gardens with emphasis on planting for bird attraction, cover, nesting sites and food. Great children's programs available. Cardinals (ages 6,7,8) and Chickadees (ages 4-5) get together for an hour of seasonal crafts, walk through the garden, and snacks. Family holiday celebrations and more.

### WORD OF MESSIAH MINISTRY – [WWW.WORDOFMESSIAH.ORG](http://WWW.WORDOFMESSIAH.ORG)

**Phone:** Sam and Miriam Nadler at 704-362-1927

**Location:** 11724 Elm Lane (S. Charlotte– meets on campus of Covenant Baptist Church)

**Comments:** Messianic ministry. Speakers available to present and explain Jewish high holidays: Passover, Hanukkah, Purim, Holocaust Remembrance, Jewish New Year. Every Saturday morning there is an outreach called Hope of Israel Fellowship. Sam Nadler, Dr. Lewis Goldberg, and others teach this at 9:30 for all ages and there is a 10:30 service for adults (Nursery is included and classes for children age 3-11 years). Miriam teaches Israeli folk dances, Hebrew and discipleship for women and can provide music.

# 2005 C.H.S.G. Resource Listing, *continued*

## CHARLOTTE PARKS AND RECREATION - [WWW.PARKANDREC.COM](http://WWW.PARKANDREC.COM)

**Phone:** 704-598-8857 for more information at Reedy Creek or for general information for any park programs call 704-336-3854.

**Comments:** Many parks have excellent programs and staff who work well with children. Home School programs available. Check web site for more info. A quarterly flyer is published listing all the activities and classes. (This publication comes out in the *Neighbor* section of the Charlotte Observer periodically.)

## INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

**Phone:** 704-687-2410 UNCC's Center for International Programs

**When:** Held the last Saturday in September at SAC's Student Activity Center on the UNCC campus from 10 am - 6 pm.

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** International displays, crafts, costumes, music and cultural items, dance, food, & more. Call for more information.

## LOLLIPOP CONCERTS - [WWW.CHARLOTTESYMPHONY.ORG](http://WWW.CHARLOTTESYMPHONY.ORG)

**Phone:** 704-972-2000 Ticket Office

**What time:** Pre-Concert festivities begin at 10:00 am; Plays begin at 11:00 am.

**When:** Oct 2nd - Phantoms Of The Orchestra

Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> - A Morning At The Movies: The Music Of Film

Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> - The Classical Clown

Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> - Tchaikovsky Discovers America

**Admission:** Single ticket prices range from \$8- \$18. Group rates for 10 or more; price \$6- \$13 for tickets.

**Comments:** Four Saturday morning concerts held throughout the year by the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra especially for children ages 4-9, their parents and their grandparents. Call for details and costs. Will send brochure upon request.

## MORAVIAN PUTZ

**Phone:** 704-334-1381

**Location:** Held at Christmas time at 522 Moravian Ln. at the Little Church on the Lane

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** The telling of the Christmas story while parts of a detailed and complete crèche are lit up one by one. Contact the Little Church on the Lane for details. Call ahead- this is not done every year at the church.

## NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

**Phone:** 704-336-2310

**Location:** Held in the First Union Atrium in downtown Charlotte in May

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** Displays of vehicles, guns, drug samples, dogs and more. Lots of officers available for questions. This event is usually in the "City Letter" in the utility bill.

## POPS IN THE PARK

**Phone:** 704-972-2003 office; 704-972-2000 Ticket Office - Symphony Charge

**Location:** Southpark Mall

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** Charlotte Symphony Orchestra's performances on the four Sundays in June. The concerts are informal and great for curious children who couldn't yet sit in an indoor concert. Check the Charlotte Observer for more information or call.

*\*Denotes a "Passport To History" Site*

# 2005 C.H.S.G. Resource Listing, *continued*

## WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM

**Phone:** 704-847-4127 (Elliot Welsh)

**Location:** Matthews United Methodist Church, 801 S. Trade Street, Matthews, NC

**Admission:** Free, donations accepted

**Comments:** Held first Saturday in December. Call for hours. Handicapped people, people with walkers, etc., can view it from 3:30 to 4:00 if desired. Walk through a reconstructed city of ancient times. Roman guards bark orders as gentle shepherds watch over their sheep. Learn about customs and costumes of Jesus' day.

## YIASOU GREEK FESTIVAL

**Phone:** 704-334-4771

**When:** First Thurs. after Labor Day & lasts through the following Sun.

**Location:** Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 600 East Blvd.

**Comments:** Music, art, dancing and food of the Greek culture. Check Charlotte Observer for special section regarding Yiasou for times and more information.

# 2005 C.H.S.G. Resource Listing, Community Calendars

## BELL SOUTH YELLOW PAGES

In the front of the Yellow Pages portion of the phone book, there is an extensive *Community Information Section*. It contains a month by month Calendar of Events that is 6 pages long as well as many other useful reference sections.

## CHARLOTTE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU WEB PAGE – [WWW.CHARLOTTECVB.ORG](http://WWW.CHARLOTTECVB.ORG)

**Phone:** (704) 334-2282. Click on “Events Calendar” or call 704-331-2700 during normal business hours for updated information on upcoming events.

## CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

Wednesday and Friday’s paper have an entertainment section which lists lots of events in the surrounding area. Also listed are local museums. The *Leader* and *Mecklenburg Neighbors* sections also have information on activities.

## CHARLOTTE PARENT (FORMERLY OUR KIDS AND TEENS MAGAZINE)

A free publication found in hundreds of Charlotte businesses (especially those which cater to children’s needs). Available in Public Libraries, too. Check the “Museums, Galleries and Parks” section for a huge listing (with lots of details) on places to visit. Most local museums and parks are listed on these pages!

## CITY LETTER

Located inside the Charlotte Mecklenburg utility bill. Lists some community activities.

Go Carolinas Website – [www.gocarolinas.com](http://www.gocarolinas.com) Click on “Events– Community Calendar”.

## 2004 F.A.I.T.H. Community Resource Listing

STORE	<u>HOME CHOO L INFORMATION</u>	<u>DATE &amp; TIMES</u>	BOO KS	A R T	HOBBIE S	SCIENCE
<b>Barnes and Noble</b> 4720 Sharon Rd. 704-554-7906	20% off Educational Supplies w/Home School Card	Mon.-Sat. 9-10 Sun. 9-7	<b>X</b>			
<b>Bedford Falls</b> 4217 Park Rd. Park Rd. Shopping Center 704-527-1921	10% off reg. priced Educational Supplies w/Home School card	<b>Mon.-Fri. 9-7</b>  <b>Sat. 9-6</b> Sun. 1-6	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Black Forest Books</b> 115 Cherokee Road 704-332-4838	10% off reg. priced Educational Supplies w/Home School card	<b>Mon.-Fri. 9:30-6</b> Sat. 10-5	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<i>selected</i>	<i>Limited</i>
<b>Books A Million</b> Concord Mills Mall 704-595-9956	20% Discount on educational materials w/Home School card	Mon.- Sat. 10-9:30 Sun. 10- 6	X		X	X
<b>Borders Books &amp; Music</b> 3900 Colony Road Morrowcroft Shopping Ctr. 704-365-6261	20% off Educational Supplies w/Borders Education card (must have Home school card to qualify)	<b>Mon.-Sat.</b>  <b>9am - 11pm</b>  <b>Sun. 9-9</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<i>Limited</i>
<b>Discovery Place</b> 301 N. Tryon 704-372-6261	CMS school rate w/Homeschool card See page 50 for more info	<b>Mon.-Fri. 9-5</b> Sat. 10-6 Sun. 12:30- 5	<b>X</b>			
<b>Family Bookstore</b> 5618 Albemarle Rd. 704-535-6109	Free shipping on curriculum orders sent to store Family Perks 25% off coupons may be used toward curriculum purchases	<b>Mon.-Sat. 9:30-9</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Growing Scholars Educational Books and Supplies</b> 8906 Bellhaven Blvd. Charlotte, NC 704-394-9441 2709 Old Monroe Rd. Stallings, NC 704-821-5575	Owned and operated by homeschoolers for homeschoolers. Over 7,000 items. Preview and purchase. No obligation ordering. Free shipping to store. Used curriculum also available.	Tues.- Fri. 11-6 Sat. 10- 2	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>

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STORE	<u>HOME SCHOOL INFORMATION</u>	<u>DATE &amp; TIMES</u>	BOOKS	ART	HOBBIES	SCIENCE
<b>Learning World (The old Hammit's)</b> 8700 Pineville- Matthews Rd Tower Place Shopping Center 704-542-5594	10% off w/Teacher Advantage Card (Must show Home school card to qualify)	<b>Mon.-Thur. 10-8</b>  <b>Fri.-Sat. 10-6</b>  <b>Sun. 1-6</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>The Map Shop</b> 1500 E. Morehead St. 704-332-5557 or 1-800-532-6675 Fax: 704-332-5551	10% discount w/Homeschool card	<b>Mon.-Fri. 8:30-6</b> Sat. 10-4				
<b>Media Play</b> 8600 Univ. City Blvd. 704-595-9956 or 10011 E. Independence Blvd., Matthews (Windsor Square Shopping Center	25% off Educational supplies w/Homeschool card	25% off Educational supplies w/Homeschool card	<b>X</b>			
<b>Michael's</b> Arboretum Hwy 51 704-543-4119 or University 8716 J.W. Clay Blvd 704-510-0922 or 10510 N.E. Parkway, Matthews, off 51 at Independence (Sycamore Commons) 704-708-8455		<b>Mon.-Sat. 9-9</b> Sun. 10-7	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<i>limited</i>
<b>Nature Museum</b> 1658 Sterling Road 704-372-0471	Homeschool Days Call for info	<b>Mon.-Fri. 9-5</b> Sat. 9-6 Sun. 1-6	<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>

# *Home Education In North Carolina*

## *Complying with the North Carolina State Home School Law:*

### *Legal Requirements For Operating a Home School in North Carolina:*

During the 1988 session of the North Carolina General Assembly, Article 39 of chapter 115C of the General Statutes was amended to allow home instruction, under certain conditions, as a means of complying with compulsory school attendance requirements. The following is a summary of that law:

#### **Definitions:**

- **Home School** – A non-public school in which one or more children of not more than two families or households receive academic instruction from parents or legal guardians, or a member of either household.
- **Duly authorized representative of the state** – the Director, Division of Non-Public Education or his staff.

#### **Requirements:**

- Notify the Department of Administration, Division of Non-Public Education of your intent to operate a school and include your school name, and name of chief administrator.
- Certify that the persons providing the academic instruction hold at least a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- Maintain attendance records on each student.
- Maintain immunization records on each student.
- Operate on a regular schedule, excluding reasonable holidays and vacations, during at least nine calendar months of the year.
- Administer a nationally standardized test, or achievement in the areas of English grammar, reading, spelling, and math, to every student each year, and maintain the results on file for one year, subject to inspection by a duly authorized representative of the State.
- Notify the Department of Administration, Division of Non-Public Education, when closing your school.

**Requirements of Exclusive:** No school meeting these requirements shall be subject to any other provision of law relating to education except requirements of law respecting immunization.

## **Notifying the State**

If your child is 7, but not yet 16, or 16 and over and planning to drive, you will need to file with the state a “Notice of Intent to Operate a School.” Contact the Division of Non-Public Education (DNPE) and request a homeschool packet or download it from their web site. You will also need to locate your high school or college diploma, or an equivalent. When the form is filed, DNPE will send a postcard to acknowledge its receipt. It is important to keep this card. You are now in compliance with the law.

## **Division of Non-Public Education**

**Mr. Rod Helder, Director**  
**Department of Administration**  
**1309 Mail Service Center**  
**Raleigh, NC 27699-4276**  
**919-733-4276**

**Web site:** [www.doa.state.nc.us/dpne](http://www.doa.state.nc.us/dpne)

*Note: NCHE is to affiliate with any government agency or organization.*

## **Testing**

The state law requires each homeschool to administer a nationally standardized achievement test, or other nationally standardized equivalent measure to all students. The state does not dictate which test must be given or who is to administer it. If your students are younger than 7, or older than 16 and not desiring to drive, they are not required to be listed on the “Notice of Intent” form and therefore are not required to be tested.

Many local support groups organize group testing for their members. If you are interested in group testing, contact your local support group leader. If you need help in finding the support group nearest you, contact the NCHE office. A good source of information for those who are organizing a group is the NCHE Homeschool Leader’s Handbook.

Test may also be ordered and administered individually. Below are sources of some of the commonly used test. The first three are designed for group testing and are available for all grade levels.

## **California Achievement Test**

Source: Bayside School Services (800) 723-3057

## **Iowa Test of Basic Skills**

Source: BU Press, Testing Service (800) 845-5731  
Southeast Education Associates (504)496-7791  
Piedmont Education Services (336) 924-2494  
Crosspointe Educational Services (919)577-1238  
Thurber's Educational Assessments (919) 967-5282

**Woodcock Johnson Psycho-educational Test:** Designed for individual testing and administrable to all grade levels:

Source: Educational Consultants, Private Schools and learning Centers. Check the phone book or contact your local support group leader or NCHE.

# **ABOUT NORTH CAROLINIANS FOR HOME EDUCATION**

## **History**

Although home education is the oldest form of education, it was not officially recognized in North Carolina until 1985. In May of that year, our state Supreme Court ruled that home education was a legal way of meeting the compulsory attendance regulations under the existing private school law.

Motivated by suggestions from that ruling, the North Carolina General Assembly undertook the task of deciding whether further regulations should be applied to home education and what those regulations should be. Through the efforts of North Carolinians for Home Education (NCHE), an attempt to heavily regulate home education was averted, and a substitute bill was passed that added a new section to the private school law.

This section clearly designates home education as a method of complying with compulsory attendance regulations and contains minimal requirements. As a result of NCHE's hard work, the North Carolina law is now one of the nation's best.

## **What NCHE Is**

In 1984, NCHE was organized to support and encourage home educators and to protect the right to freely home educate in North Carolina. From a small group of concerned parents, NCHE has grown into an increasingly stronger statewide service organization. NCHE is a representative organization governed by a board of seven officers elected by all NCHE members and 12 regional directors, elected by the NCHE members in each region,. NCHE is operated on the basis of Biblical principles and living faith, welcoming members of all races, nationalities, religions who subscribe to the NCHE ideals.

NCHE'S Primary Purposes:

- To protect the freedom to educate children at home
- To provide encouragement and support to families choosing home education for their children
- To promote home education as an excellent educational alternative

## ***What NCHE Does***

While promoting home education as a viable educational alternative, NCHE also provides support and assistance to new and existing homeschools and homeschool support groups. Following is a description of some of the services provided.

### **NCHE Annual Conference and Book Fair**

Each spring, NCHE sponsors one of the largest home education conferences in the Southeast. Attended by over 6,000 home educators, the conference provides a great opportunity for both the novice and experienced homeschooler to be encouraged. Workshops by both local and national home education leaders offer helpful information on every aspect of the homeschool process. The Book Fair, with over 100 vendors, serves as an opportunity for home educators of all experience levels to review a wide array of curricula and supplies.

### **The Greenhouse Report**

This bimonthly newsletter, published by NCHE provides helpful information and maintains open lines of communication with homeschools and homeschool support groups throughout the state.

### **NCHE Leadership Conference**

Each fall NCHE sponsors a one day meeting to encourage and develop homeschool leaders in the state. Experienced leaders share techniques on how to establish and maintain local homeschool support groups. It is these local support groups that provide the sometimes critical sustenance and information that struggling home educators need.

### **Legislative Watch**

Through the Raleigh office and with the help of volunteers, NCHE monitors both state and national legislation that may restrict the right to homeschool. Local support group phone chains, fax chains, the Greenhouse Report, and other mailings are used to alert NCHE members to critical news.

### **Clearinghouse**

The NCHE Raleigh office provides the home educators of North Carolina a valuable clearinghouse for home education information, including the information on local homeschool contacts.

### **Membership**

Membership in NCHE is available to all residents of North Carolina who pledge to uphold the ideals of NCHE and to comply with the North Carolina homeschool law. NCHE is supported financially by membership fees and the regular contributions of its members. Membership is \$20.00 per year and is renewed annually in January running January-December. Members receive the bimonthly newsletter, *the Greenhouse Report*. Members also receive a discount on registration at the NCHE Annual Conference and Book Fair. Members receive all special legislative alerts released by the Raleigh office, and have the privilege of running for office in the organization and voting in the elections. Graduates of member families receive the opportunity to be recognized at the annual conference and in the Greenhouse Report. Those who meet the membership criteria in the diploma policy (see Homeschooling High School brochure, Section XI), may also take part in the NCHE graduation ceremony and receive a beautiful diploma and cover.

### **Ideals for NCHE**

Educational excellence

- Parental authority and responsibility for education protection and promotion of the family
- Diligence in moral and ethical instruction
- Responsible citizenship
- Freedom of choice among educational alternatives
- Defense of constitutional rights

The cost of freedom is vigilance, involvement and commitment. Your membership in, and active involvement with NCHE will help to continue the development of services to assist homeschoolers in the state and to maintain education freedom.

NCHE IS A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT CORPORATION. ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Other brochures by NCHE:

- Getting Started: A step-by-step guide to establishing a homeschool in North Carolina
- Home Schooling the Special Needs Child – A Resource Guide
- Homeschooling Through High School

Plan to attend the NCHE's Annual Conference and Book Fair held each spring. Contact NCHE for details.

## **North Carolinians for Home Education**

4326 Bland Road, Raleigh NC 27609

919-790-1100, Fax 919-790-1892

email: [nche@mindspring.com](mailto:nche@mindspring.com)

web site: [www.nche.com](http://www.nche.com)

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## **NCHE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

YES, I want to be a member of North Carolinians for Home Education in 2005 and help protect home education in North Carolina. I am a resident of North Carolina, will uphold the ideals of NCHE and comply with existing homeschool law. (This form may be used for new memberships or renewals.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ +4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Support Group Name \_\_\_\_\_ Support Group Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To: North Carolinians for Home Education, 4326 Bland Road, Raleigh NC 27609

<b>2005 Annual Membership Fee</b>	<b><u>\$20.00</u></b>
<b>\$1 Donation for Scholarship Fund</b>	_____
<b>Tax Deductible Donation</b>	_____

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

# Homeschooling The Special Needs Child

## A RESOURCE GUIDE

Homeschooling a special needs child is both legal and possible in the state of North Carolina. If your child is at least 7, but not yet 16, or 16 and over and planning to drive, you will need to file with the state a "Notice of Intent to Operate a School." Contact the N.C. Division of Non-Public Education (DNPE) (919-733-4276) to request a homeschool packet, or download it from their web site.

Department of Administration  
Division of Non-Public Education  
1309 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1309  
(919) 733-4276  
Web site: [www.doa.state.nc.us/dnpe](http://www.doa.state.nc.us/dnpe)

There are no exemptions for special needs children. They must meet all the requirements, including testing. The law does not specify what level test the child must receive.

Join your local support group. To locate your closest support group, contact NCHE. Support groups provide activities, resources, encouragement and support.

NCHE recommends that you have a plan for short and long term goals. This will help you choose your curriculum and other resources.

Note: Children in school settings may be identified as having learning problems when what they really need is time to mature. For information on this subject read: *Better Late Than Early and School Can Wait*, Raymond and Dorothy Moore.

## RESOURCES

### GENERAL

*How To Write An IEP (Individualized Education Program)*, John Arena

*Growing up Learning*, Walter Barbe

*You Can Teach Your Child Successfully*, Ruth Beechick

*The Disabled And Their Parents*, Leo Buscaglia

*The IEP Primer*, Beverly A. School, Arlene Cooper

*Homeschooling Children with Special Needs*, Sharon Hensley

*Learning in Spite of Labels, Choosing and Using Curriculum for Your Special Needs Child, Luke's Life Long List, Luke's Academic*

*List*, Joyce Herzog

*Developing Your Child For Success*, Dr. Kenneth Lane

*The Impossible Child*, Doris Rapp

*Strategies for Struggling Learners*, Joe P. and Connie J. Sutton

*The Way They Learn*, Cynthia Ulrich Tobias

*To A Different Drumbeat: A Practical Guide To Parenting Children With Special Needs*, P. Clarke, H. Kofsky, and J. Lauruol

### ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

*Maybe You Know My Kid: A Parent's Guide To Identifying, Understanding, And Helping Your Child With Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder*, Mary Cahill Fowler

*Attention Deficit Disorder*, Glen Hunsucker

*The Hyperactive Child*, Dr. Grant Martin

*A Guide For Parents Of Children With ADHD*, Larry Silver, MD, 1993

*The Parent's Guide to Attention Deficit Disorder*, Stephen B. McCarney, Ed. D., and Angela Marie Bauer, M. Ed.

### AUTISM

Shepherd Boy; Robyne Batson;

4241 Faye Drive; Olive Branch, MS 38654; (901) 476-3417; [www.shepherdboy.org](http://www.shepherdboy.org)

Quarterly newsletter

## **BLIND**

*Just Enough To Know Better*, Eileen P. Curran  
The Xavier Society for the Blind, 154 E. 23rd Street; New York, NY 10010-4595;  
(212) 473-7800, ask for catalog and information

## **CEREBRAL PALSID**

*Handling The Young Cerebral Palsied Child At Home*, Nancie Finnie

## **DEAF**

National Association of the Deaf Bookstore  
814 Thayer Ave.  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
(301) 587-6282, ask for catalog  
(This association uses signing.)  
John Tracy Clinic  
(800) 522-4582 - educational center, ask for information  
(This clinic uses oral training.)  
Gallaudet University Bookstore  
[www.gallaudet.edu](http://www.gallaudet.edu)

## **DEVELOPMENTALLY DELAYED**

*When Slow Is Fast Enough, Educating The Delayed Pre-School Child*, Joan F. Goodman  
*Slow And Steady Get Me Ready*, June R. Oberland

## **DOWN SYNDROME**

*Teaching The Infant With Down Syndrome*, Marci Hansen  
*Teaching Reading to Children with Down Syndrome*, Marci Hansen  
*New Perspectives On Down Syndrome*, Siegrfried Peuschel  
*Down Syndrome, A Resource Handbook*, Carol Tingey

## **DYSLEXIA**

*The Gift of Dyslexia*, Ronald D. Davis

N.C. Branch, Orton Dyslexia Society  
324 N. Spring Street  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101  
Newsletter and lending library

## **FRAGILE X SYNDROME**

Children With Fragile X Syndrome, edited by Abigail & Gregory Barr

## **GIFTED**

*Guiding Your Gifted Child*, Janice Baker and Maggie Hogan

## **LEARNING DISABILITIES**

*Help Me To Help My Child, A Sourcebook For Parents Of Learning Disabled Children*, Jill Bloom  
*Living With A Learning Disability*, Barbara Cordoni  
*How To Identify Your Child's Learning Problems And What To Do About Them*, Duane Gagnon  
*Making The Words Stand Still*, Donald E. Lyman  
*Helping Children Overcome Learning Difficulties*, Jerome Rosner  
*The Misunderstood Child*, Larry Silver, MD (1992 ed.)

## **SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY**

*Phonics For Reading And Spelling*, Bonnie Dettmer

*Straight Talk: A Parent's Guide For Correcting Childhood Mispronunciations*, Marisa Lapish

*Straight Talk 2: A Parent's Guide to Language Development*, Marisa Lapish

*The Joy Of Signing*, Lottie Reikoff

## ORGANIZATIONS, SUPPLIERS, PUBLISHERS

When contacting these resources, please state your needs and ask for information and/or catalog.

A.D.D. Warehouse  
300 N.W. 70th Ave., Ste. 102  
Plantation, FL 33317  
(800) 233-9273, catalog  
(954) 792-8944, catalog  
[www.addwarehouse.com](http://www.addwarehouse.com)

Cambridge Development Lab, Inc.  
86 West Street  
Waltham, MA 02154  
*Special Times Computer Software for Special Education* (Quarterly Catalog)  
Free subscriptions

CH.A.D.D. (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders)  
8181 Professional Place, Suite 201  
Landover, MD 20785  
(800) 233-4050  
[www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org)  
*Attention!* ® Magazine, quarterly newsletter and resources

Educators Publishing Service Inc. (EPS)  
31 Smith Place  
Cambridge, MA 02138-1089  
(800) 225-5750  
[www.epsbooks.com](http://www.epsbooks.com)

Focus on the Family  
Colorado Springs, CO 80995  
(719) 531-5181, information  
(800) 232-6459, purchases  
[www.family.org](http://www.family.org)

Hewitt Homeschooling Resources Special Needs Program  
P.O. Box 9  
Washougal, WA 98671  
(800) 348-1750  
[www.hewitthomeschooling.com](http://www.hewitthomeschooling.com)

Home School Legal Defense Association  
P.O. Box 3000  
Purcellville, VA 20134  
(504) 338-5600  
[www.hsllda.org](http://www.hsllda.org)

Learning Services  
P.O. Box 10636  
Eugene, OR 97440-2636  
(800) 877-EAST (3278)  
[www.learnserv.com](http://www.learnserv.com)

Mastery Publications

90 Hillside Lane  
Arden, NC 28704  
(828) 684-0429  
[www.masterypublications.com](http://www.masterypublications.com)

NATHHAN (National Challenged Homeschoolers Associated Network)  
PO Box 39  
Porthill, ID 83853  
(208) 267-6246, [www.nathhan.com](http://www.nathhan.com)

Newsletter, Family Directory, Lending Library  
Pro-Ed  
8700 Shoal Creek Blvd.  
Austin, TX 78757  
(800) 897-3202  
[www.proedinc.com](http://www.proedinc.com)

Joyceherzog.com  
PO Box 154  
Big Sandy, TN 38221  
(800) 745-8212

Small Ventures  
11023 Watterson Drive  
Dallas, TX 75228  
(972) 681-1728  
(Phonics materials for special needs)

The Exceptional Parent (Magazine)  
555 Kinderkamack Road  
Oradell, NJ 07649-1517  
(201) 634-6550  
[www.eparent.com](http://www.eparent.com)

The Moore Foundation  
Special Needs Full Service Program  
Box 1  
Camus, WA 98607  
(360) 835-2735  
[www.MooreFoundation.com](http://www.MooreFoundation.com)

Woodbine House  
6510 Bells Mill Rd.  
Bethesda, MD 20817  
(800) 843-7323  
[www.woodbinehouse.com](http://www.woodbinehouse.com)

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# Homeschooling High School

## North Carolinians for Home Education

### I. Introduction

Whether you are a new homeschooler or a veteran of many years, preparing to homeschool your high schooler can seem somewhat overwhelming. You are faced with new questions: Will you homeschool in a safer, more traditional way or be bold and chart a less traditional path? Will you prepare your student for college, or a vocational or entrepreneurial path? Will you teach what society expects or what is important to your family? How will you document the accomplishments of your students — with transcripts, portfolios, achievement tests, etc.? What outside resources will you need? These are just a few of the many new questions. As with homeschooling in the earlier years, in the teen years there is not ONE right way to homeschool. Families and children are all different, with different philosophies, beliefs, and goals, therefore, each homeschool will be unique. This brochure does not attempt to answer all your questions about homeschooling at the high school level, but offers aid in charting the course.

### II. Support

For ongoing support we recommend that you join North Carolinians for Home Education (NCHE) and your local support group. NCHE is committed to supporting homeschoolers, promoting home education and protecting the right to homeschool. See *Home Education in North Carolina* for more information. NCHE can help you find a support group in your area.

### III. The NC Law

The law requires that homeschools with children ages seven through fifteen be listed with the NC Division of Non-Public Education (DNPE). (Our brochure, *Home Education In North Carolina*, gives more information on the NC law.) When homeschooling a sixteen year old, parents do not need to notify the state, unless the student plans to obtain or maintain a driver's license. (See section XVI.) However, this does not prevent the student from being legally homeschooled. Concerning the source of instruction, the law states, "Homeschool" means a nonpublic school in which one or more children of not more than two families or households receive academic instruction from parents or legal guardians, or a member of either household." There are two common ways this vague wording is interpreted. DNPE's interpretation is that all academic instruction in core subjects must come from parents, legal guardians, or a member of the household, and not from anyone outside the household. DNPE does not apply these restrictions to non-core subjects, such as piano or art. North Carolinians for Home Education (NCHE), after consulting with attorneys familiar with homeschool law, supports a second interpretation: that some academic instruction, but not all, must come from parents, legal guardians, or a member of the household. This interpretation allows homeschool students to receive some supplemental academic instruction from tutors or courses attended outside the home.

### IV. Books on How to Homeschool

#### ***A. Christian Home Educator's Curriculum Manual, Junior/Senior High by Cathy Duffy***

This is one of the most complete books on homeschooling high school. Following are excerpts from the book: "One of my goals has been to provide the necessary information for whatever approach people choose, while providing some ideas about why we might choose one alternative over another. ... In truth, many home educated teens have been educated in very unconventional ways. College entry has not been dependent upon traditional documentation and courses of study. "Home education is, by its nature, at least a step or two away from the established trail, so if we have made that initial commitment to home educate a teenager, we have already shown a willingness to consider and choose alternatives. But we need to maintain that questioning attitude. We often get caught up in the traps of custom and habit when we choose the methods and materials that we will use. We do not really know what we are getting into, so it usually seems best to rely upon course work laid out by someone who has more educational experience than we do. That may not be a bad choice, but, at the same time, it may not be the better choice. "How we approach education should be an individual decision based upon our philosophy or beliefs. If our philosophy is still in the formative stages, we might rely on the example or directions of others as to how to proceed with home education. But, as we develop our philosophy, we will also be developing our own specific ideas about how to best educate our children. In a group of even a small number of veteran home educators, the discussions are sure to get hot and heavy. Each of them has had time to think and work through her (or his) ideas about education. They are bound to have some different, even contradictory ideas. "Since we are talking about teaching teenagers, it is important to remember that these young people are at an age when they, too, have ideas and opinions and want to

understand why they are doing things. If we cannot provide a good rationale, we might find ourselves battling over the validity of daily assignments or else imposing arbitrary authority. Then the issue becomes one of control rather than what is appropriate for study. Enforcement, when not backed up by sound reasons, can lead to serious problems in our relationships with our teenagers.

One of the primary concerns is college entry. Colleges usually require that high school students complete specific courses to qualify for entry. ...Many colleges are willing to individually evaluate potential students, so the need to plan a course of study to meet college entry requirements is debatable. "We should each examine carefully our preconceptions and decide what we consider essential and what is open to discussion."

#### **B. Additional Books**

*And What About College?*, *Homeschooling the Teen Years*, *Homeschoolers' College Admissions Handbook*, Cafi Cohen

*Mentoring Your Teen: Charting the Course to Successful Adulthood*, Inge Cannon (864-609-5411)

*Bear's Guide to Earning College Degrees Non-traditionally*, John Bear

*Big Book of Home Learning, Volume 3*, Mary Pride

*College and Admissions: A Guide for Homeschoolers*, Judy Gelner

*Homeschool Guide to the Online World*, Mark and Wendy Dinsmore

*Homeschooling the High Schooler*, Diane McAlister and Candice Oneschak

*Peterson's Guide to Distance Learning*, Peterson

*Senior High: A Home-Designed Form-U-La*, Barbara Edtl Shelton

*The Teenage Liberation Handbook*, Grace Llewellyn

*The Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling*, Debra Bell

Note: Books may be ordered from catalogs in Section VI E. See the *Getting Started* brochure for books about homeschooling for all ages and general information about home education.

## **V. Planning**

If possible, before the student enters high school, start planning when and how the student will cover his high school courses. Take into consideration the student's long range goals—college, vocational training, apprenticeship, etc. If the student is considering college, look at potential colleges early, as the college entrance requirements will probably influence your plan. Adjustments will be necessary as you go along, but it helps to start with a plan.

## **VI. Resources: Curriculum**

### **A. Common High School Curriculum**

Many of these companies offer several services, including a program in which the student may enroll, and the option of purchasing books without enrolling.

Key to Notations: (A) Accredited, (AT) Achievement tests, (B) Sell books individually, (C) Christian, (CO) Consulting available, (CS) Correspondence, (D) Diploma, (NA) Non-accredited, (P) Publisher, (R) Record keeping, (S) Secular, (T) Traditional approach to education, (U) Unit study, (V) Video school, (VA) Some videos.

A BEKA (800-874-BEKA)

C, NA, P, T. Options: B, CO, CS, D, R, V

ALPHA OMEGA/BRIDGESTONE ACADEMY (800-622-3070)

C, NA, P, T. Options: AT, B, CO, R. □ Self-paced workbooks.

AMERICAN SCHOOL (800-531-9268)

A, R, S, T. Options: CO, D

ADVANCED TRAINING INSTITUTE (630-323-2842) C, NA, U. Options: CO, R. • Must apply for family enrollment.

Bill Gothard's Basic and Advanced Seminars and additional training required. •College courses.

BOB JONES UNIVERSITY PRESS (800-845-5731)

C, NA, P, T. Options: AT, B, CO, D, R. HomeSat, satellite courses.

CHRISTIAN LIBERTY (847-259-4444)

C, NA, P. Options: AT, B, CO, CS, D, R

CLONLARA (734-769-4515)

A, P, S. Non-traditional. Options: AT, B, CO, D, R

CORNERSTONE CURRICULUM (972-235-5149)  
C, NA, P, U. □ Classical approach. Options: B, CO, VA

COVENANT HOME (262-246-4760)  
C, NA □ Classical approach. Options: CO, D, R

HOME STUDY INTERNATIONAL (800-782-4769)  
A, C, P, T. Options: AT, B, CO, D, R, VA

KONOS HISTORY OF THE WORLD (336-887-2045)  
C, NA, P, U. Options: B, CO

SETON HOME STUDY SCHOOL (540-636-9990)  
A, C, P, T. •Largest Catholic Publisher. Options: AT, B, CO, CS, D, R

SCHOOL OF TOMORROW (800-925-7777)  
C, NA, P. Options: B, CO, CS, D, R, VA

SONLIGHT CURRICULUM, LTD. (303-730-6292)  
C, NA, U. Options: B

THE TEACHING COMPANY (800-832-2412)  
NA, S, V

**B. Colleges that offer high school and college level correspondence courses:**

Indiana University (800-334-1011)  
North Dakota Division of Independent Study (701-231-6000)  
University of Arizona (bilingual, Spanish-English) (800-772-7480)  
University of Arkansas (800-638-1217)  
University of California (510-642-4124)  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln (402-472-4321)  
University of Oklahoma (800-942-5702)  
University of Wisconsin (800-442-6460)

**C. Other sources for English** (See Catalogs)

*Writing Exposition*, Writing Strands  
*Writing for 100 Days*, and *Fairview's Guide to Composition and Essay Writing*, Gabriel Arquilevich  
*Learning Language Arts through Literature: the Gold Book*  
*Wordsmith Craftsman*, Janie Cheaney  
*Understanding Writing*, Susan Bradrick  
*Writers Inc.*

**D. Other sources for math** (See Catalogs)

*Algebra I*, *Algebra II*, *Advanced Math*, and *Calculus*, Saxon  
*Elementary Algebra and Geometry*, by Harold Jacobs  
*Key to Algebra Workbooks*, and *Discovering Geometry*, Key Curriculum Press (800-338-7638)  
*Algebra I*, David Quine (972-235-5149)  
D.C. Heath and Company texts, available from Chalk Dust Company (800-588-7564)  
Essentials of Algebra I  
Essentials of Algebra II  
Geometry  
Trigonometry  
College Algebra  
SAT Math Review  
The University of Chicago Mathematics Project, Scott Foresman publisher (800-554-4411)  
Also available from Sonlight Curriculum, Ltd. (303-730-6292)  
*Algebra Program*  
*Geometry*  
*Advanced Algebra*  
*Functions, Statistics and Trigonometry Program*  
*Pre-calculus and Discrete Mathematics Program*

Note: Solutions manuals (which document how to acquire the answers) are available for Scott Foresman, Saxon, and D.C. Heath texts. Answer keys are available for all texts. Videotapes are available for each chapter of the D.C. Heath and Company texts.

**E. Catalogs.** (Materials listed above may be ordered from these catalogs.)

Elijah Company (888-2-Elijah)

God's World Book Club (800-951-Book)

Greenleaf Press (800-311-1508)

Lifetime Books (800-377-0390)

**F. NCHE's Annual Conference and Book Fair** is an invaluable source of information and curricula. Held in the spring each year, this event brings together workshops by local and national homeschool leaders, nationally known keynote speakers and over 100 vendors from all over the nation with a wide array of curricula and supplies.

## VII. Resources: Other Options

**A. Community Colleges:** All North Carolina community colleges offer courses free of charge under a concurrent enrollment program. These courses are intended to enable advanced high school students to take college level courses that are not available at their local school. To qualify, students must be at least 16 years old, attending high school (public, private or home) at least 3 periods or 1/2 day, and working toward graduation. Priority in registration is given to adult students.

**B. Local Colleges:** Many colleges and universities allow high school students to take college classes for a fee. Students enter under a dual or concurrent enrollment program. Check with the colleges in your area for availability, requirements and costs.

**C. Private High Schools:** Some private schools allow homeschoolers to enroll in specific courses. Homeschoolers may be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities and sports, if they take a certain number of classes.

**D. Organized Group Classes:** Many homeschool parents organize group classes for homeschool students. Sometimes a homeschool parent does the teaching, and other times a specialist is hired. Sometimes parents form a co-op for classes once a week. Each parent takes a role, whether it is teaching or performing other types of service related to the classes.

**E. Correspondence College Classes:** Some colleges offer high school and college classes by mail. The Independent Study Catalog by Peterson's is a good source of information on correspondence courses. See Section VI B for a partial list.

**F. Computer Programs:** Interactive programs are available and continue to be developed that can fulfill or aid the teaching of high school subjects. Many homeschoolers have found computers especially helpful in teaching foreign languages and preparing for the SAT.

**G. Public High School:** Some (very few) public high schools allow homeschool students to enroll in classes. Unless the local school board has a policy against this, the decision is up to the school principal. If a student is enrolled for at least half a day, the school receives the full student allotment from the state.

Note: See Section III (The NC Law)

## VIII. How credits are determined.

In most traditional high schools one credit is earned for each year-long course (135-160 hours of classroom instruction). As homeschooling and traditional schooling are two different forms of education, homeschool work cannot always be measured in traditional ways. Each homeschool must determine what constitutes a credit in their school. One suggestion is to use a combination of hours the subject was studied and mastery of the subject. For example: If your student has mastered Algebra I, he gets a credit no matter how long it took. However, with a vast subject like World History, the number of hours studied may be the best criterion for determining credit. Keep in mind that homeschooling is more efficient than traditional schooling.

## IX. Documentation

A transcript can be put together for a homeschooler in the same way that conventional schools develop transcripts for their students. It should include final course grades as well as final grade point average (A=4; B=3; C=2, etc.). The completed transcript should look professional and may be printed by a computer or printing company. It should include the official school name and the principal's signature. Those using a non-traditional schooling approach can translate equivalent learning experiences into courses and credits that a college can understand. Assign grades based on the competency level achieved in each course. Some homeschoolers choose to forego the transcript and submit a portfolio of representative work (essays, reading lists, etc.), as well as college board scores and recommendations. Talk to college admissions officers at prospective colleges about their requirements for admissions and what form of documentation that college accepts.

## X. Graduation Requirements

North Carolina does not have graduation requirements for homeschoolers. Like other private schools, homeschools may set their own graduation requirements. Public high schools in NC require a student to have 20 credits to graduate. When your student has met your graduation requirements, you may issue a diploma to him. Some support groups organize graduation ceremonies, while some families prefer to plan their own service at their church or home. NCHE has a statewide graduation ceremony at the annual conference in May. Students qualifying for an NCHE diploma also qualify to take part in the NCHE graduation ceremony.

## **XI. Diplomas**

Each homeschool has the privilege of conferring a diploma on students who have successfully met the graduation requirements set by the homeschool. Families may design their own, or purchase ready-made or custom-made diplomas. Some of the companies mentioned in section VI offer diplomas. NCHE does not confer diplomas, but each May, NCHE provides a distinctive NCHE diploma to qualifying member families that they may present to their graduating seniors. These beautiful diplomas are individualized with the name of the school, the student's name and the date of graduation.

Each diploma also has the NCHE gold corporate seal and the signature of the NCHE president, along with a place for the school administrator to sign. NCHE does not set any academic requirements for this diploma; however, it does set membership requirements for the student's family. Although NCHE does not issue diplomas, we do offer to provide a distinctive diploma, individualized with your school name and a beautiful hunter green diploma cover bearing a gold NCHE logo to graduating homeschool seniors whose families meet specific membership requirements. In order to receive an NCHE diploma, the recipient's family must have been a member in good standing for a minimum of four out of the last five calendar years unless the student starts homeschooling during the high school years. In that case, the student's family must be a member for at least three out of four of the last years. Homeschoolers who move into the state during the student's high school years need to be members from the time they begin homeschooling in North Carolina. To request an application for a diploma for your graduating senior, contact the NCHE office in the fall of the year prior to graduation.

## **XII. Athletics: College Eligibility**

If your student athlete plans to compete in a sport for a Division I or II college or university, you must begin NCAA record keeping requirements as early as you can. Although the NCAA has voted to permit homeschoolers to waive the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Requirements on a case by case basis, you must be able to demonstrate that the student athlete has been held to at least the same standards of academic preparation and evaluation as traditional schoolers. There are important guidelines you should know, including course requirements and SAT or ACT minimum scores. (See Cathy Duffy's *Christian Home Educator's Manual, Junior/Senior High*.)

## **XIII. Typical Course Work Desired by Colleges**

Math: 3-4 credits - usually Algebra I and II and Geometry, at least. (Most colleges want a math taken in the senior year.)

English: 4 credits

History or Social Studies: 2-3 credits

Science: 2-3 credits (at least one or two must be a lab course)

Foreign Language: 2 credits of the same language. (Most colleges want a language taken in the senior year.)

PE: 1-2 credits

Fine Arts: 1 credit

Electives: such as typing, computer, home economics, and Bible. (Some Christian colleges require some credits in Bible.)

## **XIV. Tests**

**Achievement tests** - Any student listed with DNPE as part of a school, is required to receive a yearly nationally standardized achievement test. By law, this test must measure achievement in the areas of English grammar, reading, spelling and mathematics. The most commonly used achievement tests are the California Achievement Test, the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, the Stanford Achievement Test, and the Metropolitan Achievement Test. (See our brochure "Home Education in North Carolina" for sources of tests).

Of the following, only the ACT has been approved by the NC Division of Non-Public Education to fulfill the state's yearly testing requirement.

**G. E. D.**- the Graduation Equivalency Diploma is a test taken in lieu of high school graduation. Since homeschoolers can issue a diploma they do not need to use these tests. Although some feel it brings closure to high school, it can carry a stigma of being a high school drop out and may hurt future chances of getting into college or the armed forces.

**PSAT** - The PSAT is usually taken by tenth or eleventh graders and is offered in October. Juniors must take the test to be eligible for National Merit Scholarships. Other scholarships may also be based on these scores. Unlike the SAT, the schools can control who takes the test, and it is given only once a year. To register, contact a local school (private schools are more likely to be cooperative) in late August or early September to ask if your student can take the test with them. For information on which schools give the test, call 609-771-7070. The cost is around \$10.00.

**SAT I** - The SAT I, a basic test of math, verbal skills and reasoning, is used to measure the students potential success in college. Colleges require either the SAT I or the ACT for admission. The test is offered seven times a year, and can be taken innumerable times. Colleges usually accept the highest score, but each score becomes a permanent part of the student's record. It is commonly taken in the spring of the junior year. To register for this test, pick up a registration form from your local high school or call 609-771-7600. Registration forms are mailed directly to the College Board. The cost is around \$21.50. A SAT review course would be a good investment for the homeschool teen. Two of the available courses are: the book, *Cracking the SAT*, and the multimedia computer program, *The Princeton Review: Inside the SAT*.

**SAT II** - Formerly called College Board Achievement tests, these twenty-two tests cover specific subject areas. Colleges may require some of these for admission, especially from homeschoolers. These tests are given in conjunction with the SAT I. You can take up to three a day, but you may do better taking them one at a time. However, there is separate registration fee for each day you test, as well as a fee for the test itself. These are sometimes used, along with other assessments, to place out of entry level college classes. See SAT I for registration information.

**ACT** - The American College Testing Program is required by some colleges for admission. All of the constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina accept SAT I or ACT scores in support of an application for admission. The UNC System encourages homeschool students to submit both scores. This test has been approved by the NC Division of Non-Public Education to fulfill the state's yearly testing requirement. Check with a local high school for information on taking this test or call 319-337-1270.

**AP tests** - The Advanced Placement test results are used by colleges to waive introductory college classes and award credit for those classes. They are offered in thirty different subject areas. The tests, which are given at high schools in the spring and cost about \$73.00 each, are usually given to students who have taken advanced placement courses; but the courses are not a requirement. Detailed AP course descriptions, teacher's guides and sample tests may be purchased. Contact your local high school counselor's office for information on registering for these tests or call 609-771-7300. (Private schools are more likely to be cooperative.) Check with your prospective college to see which tests are accepted.

**CLEP** - College Level Examination Program exams are designed to give students college credit by examination. There are twenty-nine subject tests and five general tests. While they may be taken by anyone, they are particularly helpful to people with experience in an area and no previous course work. Some colleges offer these tests to students who have good SAT scores to move them into upper level courses. These tests are given at colleges and cost about \$50.00. Check with your prospective college to find out which tests they accept and what their administration schedule is.

## **XV. Entering a Public High School**

In the state of North Carolina it is up to the principal to place an incoming student. State law requires that the principal use nationally standardized test scores, if the scores are available and if they are adequate to determine grade level. If your student decides to go to a public high school after high school has begun, he will probably be admitted with no problems, but this is not guaranteed.

## **XVI. Driver's Education and Obtaining a DEC**

When a student reaches the age of 14-1/2 (and not a day before) he is eligible to take Driver's Education free of charge. This class, provided by the state, includes 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. In NC, a student under the age of 18 must take this class to get a learner's permit and driver's license. Contact the school district's Driver's Education Coordinator to arrange for classes. If you cannot find the number in the telephone book, call the local school board. In some areas homeschoolers have organized their own classes. Some districts also offer a proficiency test which can substitute for the classroom instruction. The coordinator can give you information on whether this test is offered in your area, and what the age requirements are.

In accordance with a law passed by the 1998 NC General Assembly, all homeschoolers under age 18 who wish to obtain and maintain a NC driver's license or learner's permit must obtain a Driver's Eligibility Certificate (DEC) from DNPE. The DEC must be signed by the chief administrator of the homeschool. It takes about one week to obtain this certificate and it expires after thirty (30) days.

If your student wishes to drive, he must remain listed with DNPE after he turns 16. A homeschool enrolling only students who are age 16 or 17 may not request a DEC form until after the school's currently valid Notice of

Intent to Operate has been on file with DNPE for six calendar months, unless the student has just moved to North Carolina. More information may be obtained from DNPE at (919-733-4276) or on their web site at [www.doa.state.nc.us/dnpe](http://www.doa.state.nc.us/dnpe).

Other brochures available from NCHE:

- Getting Started, A Step-by-Step Guide to Establishing a Homeschool in North Carolina
- Home Education in North Carolina
- Homeschooling the Special Needs Child—A Resource Guide

Note: North Carolinians for Home Education does not officially recommend nor endorse any materials or schools listed. This list cannot represent the entire spectrum of educational materials.

For more information on how to join NCHE, or attend NCHE's Annual Conference and Book Fair held each spring, call or write:

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# Local Supplement to NCHE's Homeschooling High School

## RESOURCES FOR CLASSES:

- **Teen Learning Center** – H.I.N.T.S. Moms have organized classes offered to teens and taught by home school moms. There are two sessions (fall and winter/spring) a year. This is a co-operative project and all families are expected to contribute. If interested call Vicki Carr 704-543-4759. TLC meets in the South Charlotte area.
- **Central Piedmont Community College** – Students from 16-18 years old may take classes for FREE. These classes can earn the student “dual credit” in many cases...i.e. counting as high school Biology and college freshman Biology at the same time. Check on each course for its ability to be transferred, if you happen to know the college in which your student has interest. CPCC is a wonderful resource for those upper level high school courses that sometimes require special equipment or expertise to teach. Call Diane Hogan (704-330-4435, Diane\_Hogan@cpcc.cc.nc.us) for “concurrent enrollment”.
- **UNC Charlotte** – As long as the student has taken the SAT, he/she may apply to UNC Charlotte for their concurrent program. There is no age limit. The cost of the classes vary. Call admissions (704-547-2213) for an application.
- **Covenant Classical in Concord**  
Contact Marcia 704-792-1854  
Covenantclassical@vnet.net  
Block scheduling, 90 min. classes. Take one or more classes. Offered five days a week.
- **Circe Institute/Great Ideas Academy**  
Contact– Andrew Kern  
704-321-2929  
www.circeinstitute.org  
Classical education including languages, sciences and upper math.  
Meets at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church near 51 and Rea Rd.
- **Grace Academy**  
A university model school combining traditional school and home school for grades K-12 offering over 90 class choices. Fall classes run Sept.-Dec. Spring classes run Jan.-April. Classes offered Mon.-Wed. and or Tues.-Thurs. Classes range from art, drama, and music to algebra, chemistry and grades 9-12 sports teams. Classes are held at First Baptist Church in Matthews.

Contact– Grace Academy  
P.O. Box 17227  
Charlotte, NC 28227  
www.ferministries.org  
704-845-1767 or 704-606-0163

## Driver's Education

Carl Logan (980-342-6159) is the Driver's Education Coordinator for Mecklenburg County.

Contracted for Charlotte-Meck  
Jordan Driving School  
704-566-9900

*Note\* Home school drivers please see section XVI in the NCHE Homeschooling High School, found in this handbook, for more complete information about Driver's training and obtaining a DEC (Driver's Eligibility Certificate) from the DNPE (Division of Non-public Education).*