

**Curriculum Planner Worksheet (Part I) for 20\_\_ - \_\_**

**Step 1: Curriculum Format.** Choose **one** from each set below:

- I prefer step-by-step instructions
- I like to follow a pre-planned schedule
- I like someone to be accountable to
- I want my child to have his own books at his own level
- I dislike paperwork and recordkeeping
- I tend to be insecure about doing things "different"
- I rather study what someone else has researched
- I don't have much time to prepare lessons
- I don't have much time to shop and gather supplies
- I'm concerned about my child getting back into school

- or  I do not need step-by-step instructions
- or  I get bored easily and/or like to set my own schedule
- or  I am very independent and like to be the "boss"
- or  I would like to do multi-level teaching as much as possible
- or  I don't mind doing paperwork and keeping records
- or  I have no problem doing things "different"
- or  I love learning, reading, and researching on my own
- or  I have time to prepare lessons
- or  I have time to shop and gather supplies
- or  I am not concerned about my child getting back into school

# ✓ in left column (Structured): \_\_\_\_\_

# ✓ in right column (Flexible): \_\_\_\_\_

Record the format with the highest number of checkmarks here. If the numbers are equal, choose Flexible as this is what you will want to work towards:

- Structured    Flexible.

**Step 2: Faith Based or Nonsectarian.** Choose one:    Faith-based Curriculum    I prefer a secular curriculum    No preference

**Step 3: Teaching Method.** Complete the chart on page 2. Record the results here:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Charlotte Mason | <input type="checkbox"/> Classical  | <input type="checkbox"/> Unit Study         | <input type="checkbox"/> Unschooling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robinson        | <input type="checkbox"/> Montessori | <input type="checkbox"/> Principle Approach | <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional |

**Step 4: Learning Style.** Administer a Learning Style survey to your children and yourself or primary teacher. Record the results here:

- |                 |                                     |                                 |                                   |                                      |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Teacher: _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> Read/Write | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Auditory | <input type="checkbox"/> Kinesthetic |
| Child #1: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Read/Write | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Auditory | <input type="checkbox"/> Kinesthetic |
| Child #2: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Read/Write | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Auditory | <input type="checkbox"/> Kinesthetic |
| Child #3: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Read/Write | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Auditory | <input type="checkbox"/> Kinesthetic |
| Child #4: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Read/Write | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Auditory | <input type="checkbox"/> Kinesthetic |
| Child #5: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Read/Write | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Auditory | <input type="checkbox"/> Kinesthetic |
| Child #6: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Read/Write | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Auditory | <input type="checkbox"/> Kinesthetic |

**Step 5: Budget.** My budget for homeschooling this year is:    Less than \$100    \$100 - \$300    \$300 - \$500    \$500 - \$1000    Whatever it takes

<u>CM</u>	<u>Classical</u>	<u>Unit Study</u>	<u>Unschooling</u>	<u>Robinson</u>	<u>Montessori</u>	<u>Principle</u>	<u>Traditional</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoors & nature studies <input type="checkbox"/> Real books <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Romance Languages <input type="checkbox"/> Narration <input type="checkbox"/> Copywork & Dictation <input type="checkbox"/> Handcrafts <input type="checkbox"/> Short lessons & drills <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-level teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Little or no testing <input type="checkbox"/> No grades <input type="checkbox"/> Little or no homework <input type="checkbox"/> Assignments based on ability and age level <input type="checkbox"/> Quality instead of quantity <input type="checkbox"/> Learn through the senses <input type="checkbox"/> Lots of Parent involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on the Trivium - Grammar, Logic, Rhetoric <input type="checkbox"/> Great Books of the Western World <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Romance Languages <input type="checkbox"/> Logic <input type="checkbox"/> Classical and English literature <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking <input type="checkbox"/> History of government and current events <input type="checkbox"/> Full school day <input type="checkbox"/> Memory work <input type="checkbox"/> Drill work <input type="checkbox"/> Master rules <input type="checkbox"/> Socratic method <input type="checkbox"/> Lots of Parent involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> Incorporates social studies, science, fine arts, language arts, religion, and limited math <input type="checkbox"/> Based on a theme <input type="checkbox"/> Real books <input type="checkbox"/> Lots of field trips <input type="checkbox"/> Composition integrating into lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Phonics, Math, & Handwriting taught as separate subject <input type="checkbox"/> Hands-on projects <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-level teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Individual assignments based on ability and age level <input type="checkbox"/> Testing optional <input type="checkbox"/> Grades optional <input type="checkbox"/> Learn through the senses <input type="checkbox"/> Lots of Parent involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> Students choose what they want to learn, how they want to learn it, and when <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher's main job is to observe and mentor <input type="checkbox"/> Focus on Life skills <input type="checkbox"/> Real books <input type="checkbox"/> No testing <input type="checkbox"/> No grades <input type="checkbox"/> No homework <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible schedule	<input type="checkbox"/> Saxon Math <input type="checkbox"/> College level science <input type="checkbox"/> Lots of reading <input type="checkbox"/> Focus on the Three R's. Add other subjects only if needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher's main job is to observe and mentor <input type="checkbox"/> Full school day <input type="checkbox"/> No TV <input type="checkbox"/> No sugar <input type="checkbox"/> No calculators until after Calculus learned	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on using grown up tools scaled down to child size <input type="checkbox"/> Lessons Presented, Practiced, & Checked for Mastery <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher's main job is to observe and mentor <input type="checkbox"/> Uncluttered, learning environment <input type="checkbox"/> Self-correcting teaching tools <input type="checkbox"/> Learn through the senses <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible schedule	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on worldview of America's founding fathers <input type="checkbox"/> Classical literature with pro-liberty focus <input type="checkbox"/> Vocabulary from Noah Webster's 1828 dictionary <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook method : Research, Reason, Relate, Record <input type="checkbox"/> Colonial America style math and reading <input type="checkbox"/> Primary documents <input type="checkbox"/> Lectures <input type="checkbox"/> Lots of writing <input type="checkbox"/> Full school day <input type="checkbox"/> Memorization <input type="checkbox"/> Lots of Parent involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on government or publisher's standards <input type="checkbox"/> Lectures <input type="checkbox"/> Textbooks <input type="checkbox"/> Workbooks with T/F, fill-in-the-blanks, and multiple choice <input type="checkbox"/> Each student taught at grade level <input type="checkbox"/> Drill work <input type="checkbox"/> Memorization <input type="checkbox"/> Lots of Practice Problems & Review <input type="checkbox"/> Testing and grades <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher's Manuals often needed <input type="checkbox"/> Lots of reading and writing <input type="checkbox"/> Full school day
Total √: _____	Total √: _____	Total √: _____	Total √: _____	Total √: _____	Total √: _____	Total √: _____	Total √: _____
Divide total by 17 to get _____%	Divide total by 14 to get _____%	Divide total by 14 to get _____%	Divide total by 8 to get _____%	Divide total by 9 to get _____%	Divide total by 7 to get _____%	Divide total by 11 to get _____%	Divide total by 12 to get _____%

**Step 6: Write the results of this survey here:**

I should choose curriculum that is \_\_\_\_\_ [structure], \_\_\_\_\_ [FB or NS],  
 uses \_\_\_\_\_ [teaching method(s)], and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ [learning style(s)] at a cost of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.