

Homeschooling With Heart: Parent Checklist Set

This thoughtfully designed checklist set helps homeschooling parents feel confident, organized, and supported at every stage of their journey. From setting a strong foundation and gathering essential materials to managing daily rhythms and reflecting on growth, each page guides you step by step — with heart.

Whether you're new to homeschooling or a seasoned pro, these printable checklists make planning and tracking progress easy and uplifting.

- ✓ Start with your why
- ✓ Set up your learning space with intention
- ✓ Stay on top of important admin tasks
- ✓ Create a flexible, joyful weekly flow
- ✓ Build strong community connections and celebrate every milestone

Perfect for printing, adding to a homeschool binder, or sharing with other families — so you can focus on what matters most: nurturing your child's unique journey.

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Homeschooling With Heart

Meeting the Needs of Each Child

Every child is unique – and their education can be, too
It's okay if:

- One child is homeschooled while another goes to school
- You switch to schooling after homeschooling for a time
- You blend public school options with your homeschool
- Your child's needs change from year to year



Why Families Choose Homeschooling



Flexibility & freedom



Tailored learning



Support for unique needs



Deeper family connections



Safer learning environments



Support for unique needs

Guiding the Whole Child

Homeschooling is about nurturing more than academics.
It's also about:



Life skills



Creativity



Emotional growth



Character



Evaluations With Heart

A Florida-compliant homeschool evaluation can be:



Compassionate



Flexible



Clear



BEFORE YOU START HOMESCHOOLING

Mindset & Vision

- ☐ Reflect on why you want to homeschool (write it down — this becomes your “why” on hard days!)
- ☐ Discuss your decision with your partner or support system
- ☐ Identify each child’s learning style, needs, and interests
- ☐ Research local homeschooling laws and requirements (e.g., annual evaluations in Florida)
- ☐ Decide on your big-picture goals (academic, emotional, character development)
- ☐ Join a local or online homeschool community for support
- ☐ Prepare yourself mentally for flexibility and unexpected changes



MUST-HAVE MATERIALS & SETUP

- ☐ Designate a learning space (it can be a dedicated room or a cozy corner)
- ☐ Stock up on basic supplies (pencils, paper, notebooks, arts & crafts)
- ☐ Select or gather curriculum (or plan resources if unschooling/eclectic)
- ☐ Create storage for books, projects, and learning materials
- ☐ Set up a calendar or planner (physical or digital)
- ☐ Get a library card (libraries are homeschooling goldmines!)
- ☐ Prepare a simple system for documenting learning (portfolio, photos, journals)
- ☐ Choose supportive tech tools if needed (laptop, educational apps, printer)



MUST-DO ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS

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Submit notice of intent to homeschool (if required in your state)

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Review and understand state evaluation or testing requirements

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Set up a simple record-keeping system (attendance, work samples, progress notes)

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Research co-ops, enrichment classes, or local groups

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Check for available public school services you can access (dual enrollment, therapies)

Daily & Weekly Flow

- ☐ Create a flexible daily/weekly schedule (but stay open to change!)
- ☐ Include time for free play, outdoor activities, and movement
- ☐ Plan time for art, creativity, and passion projects
- ☐ Build in quiet reading or rest time
- ☐ Check in with each child weekly — ask them how they feel about learning
- ☐ Schedule time for your own self-care and reflection



Checklist 5: Emotional & Community Support

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Identify your personal support network (family, friends, homeschool mentors)

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Connect with other homeschool families (locally or online)

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Plan for social activities for your child (clubs, sports, playdates)

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Have a strategy for your own mental health and breaks

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BONUS



Year-End Reflection Checklist

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Review each child's growth (academic, social, emotional)

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Identify what worked well this year

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Decide what to continue, change, or let go of next year

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Reflect on your own growth as a homeschooling parent

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Plan a simple celebration to honor the year's journey
