The Parent's FREE Homeschooling Starter Guide

A Practical Guide to Understanding Christian Homeschooling and Getting Started with Confidence



Discover how homeschooling can provide flexibility, individualized learning, academic structure, and a Christ-centered education for your child.

Welcome

- **How does homeschooling actually work?**
- **Will I have to teach every subject myself?**
- **How will I know if my child is learning enough?**
- **What if my child is ahead in one subject but struggling in another?**
- **How can I provide a quality education while keeping Christ at the center?**

You don't have to have all the answers before you begin.

Homeschooling doesn't necessarily mean creating your own curriculum, planning every lesson from scratch, or figuring everything out alone. A structured homeschool program can provide an organized learning system, curriculum, academic guidance, and support while allowing your family to learn at home.

What You'll Discover in This Guide

- 👉 What homeschooling can look like day to day
- 👉 Questions to ask before choosing homeschooling
- 👉 How the School of Tomorrow PACE system works
- 👉 How individualized learning can benefit your child
- 👉 What diagnostic testing and academic advising are for
- 👉 How Christian values can be integrated into education
- 👉 What to look for in a structured homeschool program
- 👉 Questions to ask before choosing a homeschool provider
- 👉 What to do if you'd like to explore School of Tomorrow further

SECTION 1

What Is the School of Tomorrow Homeschool Program?

The Philippine Christian School of Tomorrow – Home Education Program (PCST-HEP) is a full-service homeschool academy that utilizes the School of Tomorrow® system of education.

In this system, parents are the teachers of their children, while experienced Academic Advisers provide guidance and assistance in ordering curriculum and implementing the School of Tomorrow® system.



SECTION 2

What Does Homeschooling Actually Look Like?

Homeschooling doesn't mean recreating a traditional classroom inside your home.

It also doesn't necessarily mean that parents must create their own curriculum, write every lesson plan, or become experts in every subject.

With a structured homeschool program, parents remain actively involved while an established curriculum and learning system provide academic structure.

Your Role as a Parent

Parents serve as the student's teacher/supervisor and provide:

Guidance
Help your child understand what needs to be accomplished.

Supervision
Provide consistency and monitor the learning process.

Encouragement
Support your child as they work through their studies.

Character Formation
Help your child develop responsibility, discipline, independence, and Christian values.

SECTION 3

What the Program Provides



A Structured Curriculum

A clear learning path with organized lessons and objectives, not a collection of unrelated materials.



Individualized Learning

Children don't all learn at the same pace, so your child should be able to work according to their own academic needs — moving faster where they're ahead, slower where they need more time.



Mastery-Based Learning

Students understand a concept before moving to the next one, rather than simply keeping pace with a group.



Biblical Integration

Christian values and biblical principles should be meaningfully integrated into the educational experience.



Character Development

Education should involve more than academics. Character, responsibility, discipline, and other important life qualities should also be developed.



Parent Involvement

Parents remain an important part of the learning experience by providing encouragement, supervision, and support.



Progress Monitoring

A clear way for parents to see how their child is progressing academically over time.



Academic Support

You don't have to figure everything out alone. A structured program can provide academic guidance and support as your child progresses.

In the School of Tomorrow Home Education Program, parents are the teachers, while experienced Academic Advisers help with curriculum and implementation.

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Support Services

More Than Just Curriculum

A homeschool program isn't only about the learning materials.

PCST-HEP provides services intended to support families throughout their homeschool journey.

Academic Advising
Guidance and consultation from experienced Academic Advisers.

Diagnostic Testing
Assessment to help determine the student's appropriate starting level and curriculum prescription.

Course Study Projection
A projected course of study mapping the student's academic path.

Enrollment Verification
Official verification for enrolled homeschool students.

Official Documents
Student records, transcripts, and other academic documents.

Graduation & Awards
Graduation-related activities, recognition, and awards.

Education Tailored to Every Child

Children do not all learn at exactly the same pace.

A structured homeschool approach can allow students to work according to their academic needs while parents receive guidance and support from Academic Advisers.

This can provide a combination of:

Structure + Individualized Learning + Parent Involvement + Academic Support

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How the School of Tomorrow PACE System Works

One of the key features of the School of Tomorrow homeschool approach is the use of PACEs — Packets of Accelerated Christian Education.

PACEs provide structured learning materials designed to allow students to progress according to their individual academic needs.

1. Diagnostic Testing

Before enrollment, the student's academic level is assessed through diagnostic testing. The results help determine the appropriate starting level and curriculum prescription.

2. Individualized Academic Placement

The results help determine an appropriate starting point for the student rather than simply assuming that every student should begin at the same level.

3. Self-Paced Learning

Students work through their PACEs according to their individual learning pace.

4. Mastery-Based Progress

Students work toward understanding and completing concepts before progressing to the next level.

5. Academic Guidance

Parents and students have access to academic guidance throughout the learning journey.

6. Progress Monitoring

Student progress can be monitored throughout the program to identify areas that may require additional attention.

What Is a PACE?

A **PACE** is a structured learning unit used within the A.C.E. School of Tomorrow® system.

PACEs contain academic instruction, activities, Checkups, Self Tests, and PACE Tests designed to help students work through the material and demonstrate mastery.



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Parent Training + Diagnostic Testing

From Assessment to Enrollment

Two important parts of the PCST-HEP process are Diagnostic Testing and Parent Orientation & Training.

1. Parent Orientation & Training

The training covers:

- School of Tomorrow® procedures
- The supervisor's role
- Record keeping
- Administration of the learning materials

The training is required before enrollment. Training dates are set by the Homeschool Department, and parents choose an available date.

2. Diagnostic Test & Prescription

The diagnostic test helps determine the student's starting level, skill mastery, and appropriate curriculum placement.

3. Parent Conference & Enrollment

After testing:

- Test results are discussed with the parent.
- The academic projection is discussed.
- The Home School Contract is completed.
- Applicable fees are paid.
- Required documents are submitted.

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The 1-2-3 Approach Toward a Successful Home School

1. Parent Orientation & Training

Learn how the School of Tomorrow® system works and understand the parent's role in administering the materials.

2. Diagnostic Test & Prescription

Determine the student's academic starting level and appropriate curriculum.

3. Enrollment Procedures

Review the results and academic projection, complete the required enrollment documents, and proceed with the applicable requirements and fees.



SECTION 8

Is Homeschooling Right for Your Family?

Is Homeschooling Right for Your Family?

There isn't one educational path that is perfect for every family.
Consider what your family needs.

Do you want more flexibility?

Would your family benefit from greater flexibility in when, where, and how your child learns?

Do you want to be more involved?

Are you looking for an educational experience where you play an active role in your child's education?

Is Christ-centered education important to you?

Do you want biblical principles and Christian values to be part of your child's educational experience?

Does your child need individualized learning?

Does your child learn differently from other students? Are there areas where your child needs more time or could progress more quickly?

Do you want structure without creating everything yourself?

Would you prefer an established curriculum and learning system rather than designing your child's entire education from scratch?

Can you provide consistent support at home?

Homeschooling requires parental involvement, encouragement, supervision, and consistency. There is no perfect score.

These questions are simply meant to help you understand what your family is looking for.

SECTION 9

Questions to Ask Any Homeschool Provider

Before choosing a homeschool program, don't be afraid to ask questions.

Here are some that can help you compare your options:

Academic

- How do you determine my child's starting academic level?
- Is the curriculum structured and sequential?
- Can my child learn at their own pace, and how is progress monitored?
- What happens if my child struggles with a subject?

Parent Support

- What will my role be as a parent?
- What kind of academic support is available, and who do I contact with questions?
- How will I know what my child needs to accomplish?

Christian Education

- How are biblical principles and character development integrated into the curriculum?
- Is Christian faith incorporated into the overall learning experience?

Program & Enrollment

- What curriculum is used?
- What does the diagnostic process involve?
- What does Parent Orientation & Training involve?
- What documents are required?
- What are the applicable fees?
- What services are available after enrollment?

Most importantly, ask:
"Is this program a good fit for my child and our family?"

Before You Schedule Parent Orientation & Training

- Parent Orientation & Training is part of the enrollment process.
- It is intended for a parent or legal guardian who has a child to enroll in the School of Tomorrow Homeschool Program.
- Required forms and supporting documents must be submitted before training.
- Applicable training fees must be settled before the scheduled training.
- Legal guardians may need to provide documents confirming their guardianship.
- Requirements, fees, and schedules may change.

  Please consult a Homeschool Academic Adviser for the current details.

Your Next Step

Ready to Learn More About Homeschooling?

You've now explored:

- What homeschooling can look like
- The role of parents
- The PACE system
- Diagnostic testing
- Academic advising
- Parent Orientation & Training
- The enrollment process
- The services available to homeschool families

You don't have to make a decision immediately.

If you'd like to explore whether the program may be appropriate for your child, the next step is to connect with a Homeschool Academic Adviser.

An adviser can help you understand:

- Your child's situation and academic placement
- Diagnostic testing
- Parent Orientation & Training
- Enrollment requirements
- Current fees • Required documents
- The next steps in the process

TALK TO A HOMESCHOOL ADVISER

Have questions? Start with an inquiry and learn more about the program and next steps.

Already have a child to enroll and your requirements ready?

SEE WHAT TO PREPARE AND CHOOSE YOUR TRAINING DATE