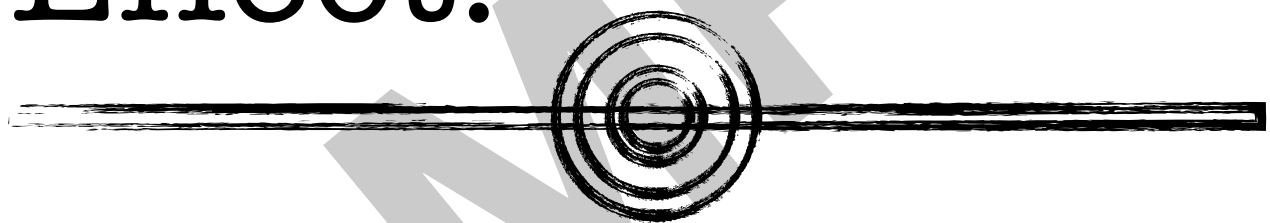


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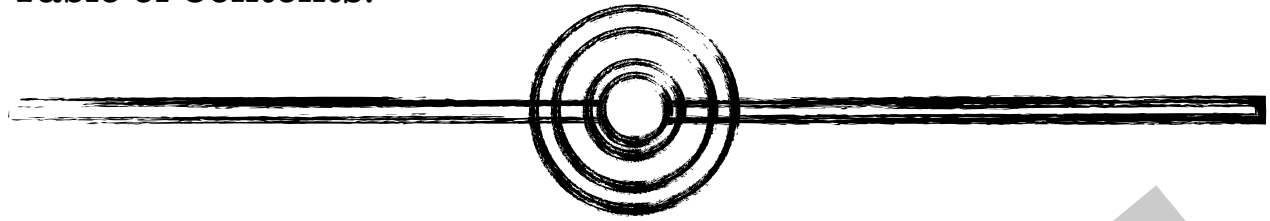
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— Question everything. —

What's Your Why: Homeschooling for All the Right Reasons

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What's Your Why: Homeschooling for All the Right Reasons

1.

The reason **matters**.

You haven't come to this **important** decision lightly.

Something has **made you** want to pursue the crucial decision to educate your **own** child.

It is not the **standard**.
It is something **not fully** embraced by everyone,
but is **increasingly** becoming important to families...

And you
are one
of them.

Why?

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Families have lots of reasons they have come to this decision. Some of the most common are:

- Failure of schools to adequately educate students

- Teaching to the test
- Failing district grades
- Lack of resources and materials despite school funding
- No individualized instruction
- Standardized methods of instruction
- No real-world applications

- Schools not providing a safe environment

- Bullying
- Concerns over school violence and shootings
- Negative peer pressure
- Concerns over teacher overreach
- Inappropriate teacher relationships
- Abuse of authority

- Schools teaching issues contrary to your values

- Indoctrination
- Pushing non-academic cultural and political ideologies
- Disregard for parents and parental involvement
- Dismissive attitude of parental concerns

What are your reasons?

Obviously, you may have more than one reason, but having a solid grasp of why you are choosing to homeschool is going to provide you the best opportunity to get started on this journey and the best footing to help you keep moving forward in this critical choice.



If your choice to educate at home is based on failing school policies, you will likely choose a different teaching style and want to avoid anything tied to public school standards.



If your choice is solely based on bullying, you might be more open to public school-at-home options and willing to take a more traditional approach.

However, regardless of your reason - keep in mind that you are educating at home because the traditional public school method is **failing you** in some way. Use this time to explore all your options and realize there are educational methods that you probably **do not even know exist**.

The public school system, standards, and expectations in the US are not **universally or historically** used throughout the world to educate children. There are many ways to educate your child and this guide intends to help you find the method that works best for **you and your child**.

It's also important to realize that trying to duplicate the public school system as an independent homeschooler is an **unreasonable expectation**. Here are a few reasons why:

1.

Your home is not a school building with multiple classrooms and teachers.

2.

You don't have 30 other children of the same age from other families, backgrounds, and learning styles in your home.

3.

You aren't trying to fill 7 hours to keep kids busy while their parents are at work.