

## FOR FAMILIES WITH MONEY IN THE ACCOUNT

# 188 CURRICULUMS ARE APPROVED. HERE'S HOW TO CHOOSE ONE.

Nobody can evaluate 188 curriculums, and the state doesn't try: its list says who can be paid, not who is good. These five checks take an afternoon and use only what the vendor's own site tells you.

## THE FIVE CHECKS

### 1. Is it a full program or a subject?

Only 18 of the 188 tag themselves "complete curriculum." Most sell one subject, a workbook line, or a kit. Neither is wrong, but a subject at full-program price is the most common regret.

### 2. Who does the teaching?

Three honest models: the parent teaches from a guide, a recorded lesson teaches, or a live teacher teaches. Pick the one you'll actually sustain in February, not the one that sounds best in September.

### 3. What happens when your kid is stuck?

Ask the vendor: "If my child doesn't get lesson 14, what do we do?" A real answer names a person or a mechanism. "Re-watch the video" is not a plan.

### 4. Is there placement?

A program with a placement test or a sample week is telling you it expects kids to arrive at different levels. One without either expects you to guess the grade.

### 5. Can you see a real week?

Sample lessons, a scope-and-sequence, a table of contents. If the site sells the philosophy and hides the pages, that's the answer.

### Before you pay

Search the vendor at [finder.educationfreedom.texas.gov](https://finder.educationfreedom.texas.gov). Then ask in writing whether the specific product is TEFA-approved. Vendors can be listed and still sell unapproved items.

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## THREE FULL PROGRAMS THAT PUBLISH A PRICE AND OFFER A TRIAL

Of the 18 vendors tagged "complete curriculum," these three pass all five checks on their own sites. Prices checked on the vendors' pages 16 Sep 2026; they change, so confirm before you pay.

| Program                                      | Who teaches                                                                 | Published price                                   | Try first              | When a kid is stuck                                    |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Blue Manor Academy (PreK-12, Christian)      | Parent-directed with live Zoom classes and mentorships                      | \$29.99 to \$199.99 per month                     | 14-day free trial      | Live classes take questions; mentorship for one-on-one |
| Educate Your Way (PreK-8)                    | Parent-led from platform lesson plans; 30+ worldview settings incl. secular | \$19.99 per month or \$324 per year (first child) | 7-day trial, no card   | Not stated on the site; ask before you buy             |
| Alpha Omega Monarch (grades 3-12, Christian) | Online, self-paced with parent oversight                                    | \$109.95 (per subject, as listed)                 | Sample lessons on site | Not stated on the site; ask before you buy             |

Also full programs, price not published: Catholic Academy, Kingdom Roots Academy, Bright Thinker. Oak Meadow publishes \$8,250 to \$9,620 for enrolled high school, above a \$2,000 account. Timberdoodle sells the year as one kit; expect most of an account in a single box.

## ALL 18 TAGGED "COMPLETE CURRICULUM"

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| <b>2 Hour Learning</b> · online, statewide · 2hourlearning.com                          | <b>A Learning Marketplace: Outschool</b> · online, statewide · outschool.com   |
| <b>A To Z For Moms Like Me</b> · online, statewide · atozformoms.com                    | <b>Blue Manor Academy</b> · online, statewide · bluemanoracademy.com           |
| <b>Bright Thinker</b> · online, statewide · brightthinker.com/curriculum/course-catalog | <b>Catholic Academy</b> · online, statewide · CatholicAcademy.com              |
| <b>Certstudent</b> · online, statewide · certstudent.com                                | <b>Complete Book &amp; Media Supply</b> · online, statewide · completebook.net |
| <b>Educate Your Way</b> · online, statewide · educateyourway.com                        | <b>Elephango</b> · online, statewide · elephango.com                           |
| <b>Kingdom Roots Academy</b> · Jasper, TX + online · krajasper.com                      | <b>LFA Community - Greenville, TX</b> · Greenville, TX · lfacommunity2018.com  |
| <b>Loodor</b> · Dallas, TX + online · loodor.com                                        | <b>Networthy</b> · online, statewide · networthykids.com                       |
| <b>Oak Meadow</b> · online, statewide · oakmeadow.com                                   | <b>Rainbow Resource Center</b> · online, statewide · rainbowresource.com       |
| <b>Teach Big: The Writing Academy</b> · Kemah, TX + online · teachbig.com               | <b>Timberdoodle</b> · online, statewide · timberdoodle.com                     |

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