



RESOURCE GUIDE

GET OFF TO A GREAT START

*Tools & Tips for Learning
at Home with Abeka*



YOUR LOVE. OUR LESSONS.

The start of a great partnership.

This is our fourth year using Abeka, and we love it. It's advanced beyond what you'd expect for each grade level, and has a strong Christian foundation.

-KATHRYN G.



WELCOME

A Note from Abeka President Dr. Shoemaker

Over fifty years ago, Abeka was started to fulfill a need for an academically strong curriculum with a Biblical worldview. Today Abeka offers a complete line of curricula for pre-K through 12th grade. As a Christian-based program, we desire to make a difference in the lives of families worldwide.

At Abeka, we're as passionate as you are about giving your child an exceptional education, developing critical thinking skills, and influencing the world around them. We understand that it can be overwhelming – especially if you're new to homeschooling. So Abeka created Abeka 101, an online resource filled with information to support you as you start your homeschool journey. You'll find tools and tips here in this guide. Many more resources are available online at abeka.com/101.

We are honored that you have chosen us as your homeschool partner, and we are here to support you every step of the way.



Dr. Troy A. Shoemaker
Abeka President



We're delighted to welcome you to our Abeka family! Scan the code to get to know Abeka better.



Unboxing

HAPPY UNBOXING DAY!

You've made a meaningful decision to homeschool your child, and that deserves some praise. Inside your Abeka boxes, you'll find all the materials you need to ensure a successful year. Enjoy all of the benefits from learning at home: access to a flexible schedule, instructions customized to your child, and a growing family bond that is stronger than ever. Below you will find a useful video link that features Abeka representatives unboxing a few materials.



How to Start Homeschooling

Seeing your child happily doing lessons tells you that you've made the right choice.

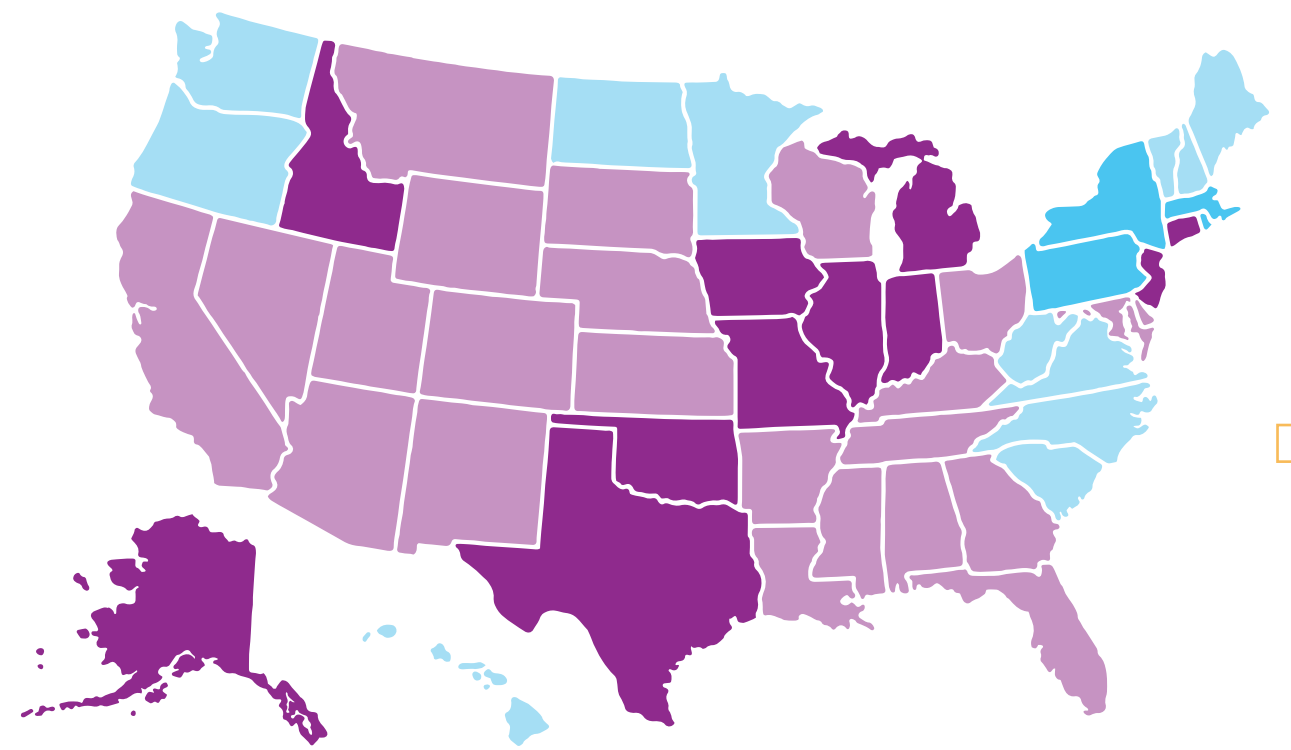
-STEPHANIE W.





HOW TO HOMESCHOOL IN YOUR HOMETOWN

You know everything about your hometown, from back roads to the store, to local spots for lunch, and soon you'll know your local homeschool laws. Each state has a specific set of rules for homeschooling, so it's a good idea to learn about each requirement. See the map below and contact your state for homeschool requirements. Happy reading!



- No notice, Low regulation
- Low regulation
- Moderate regulation
- High regulation



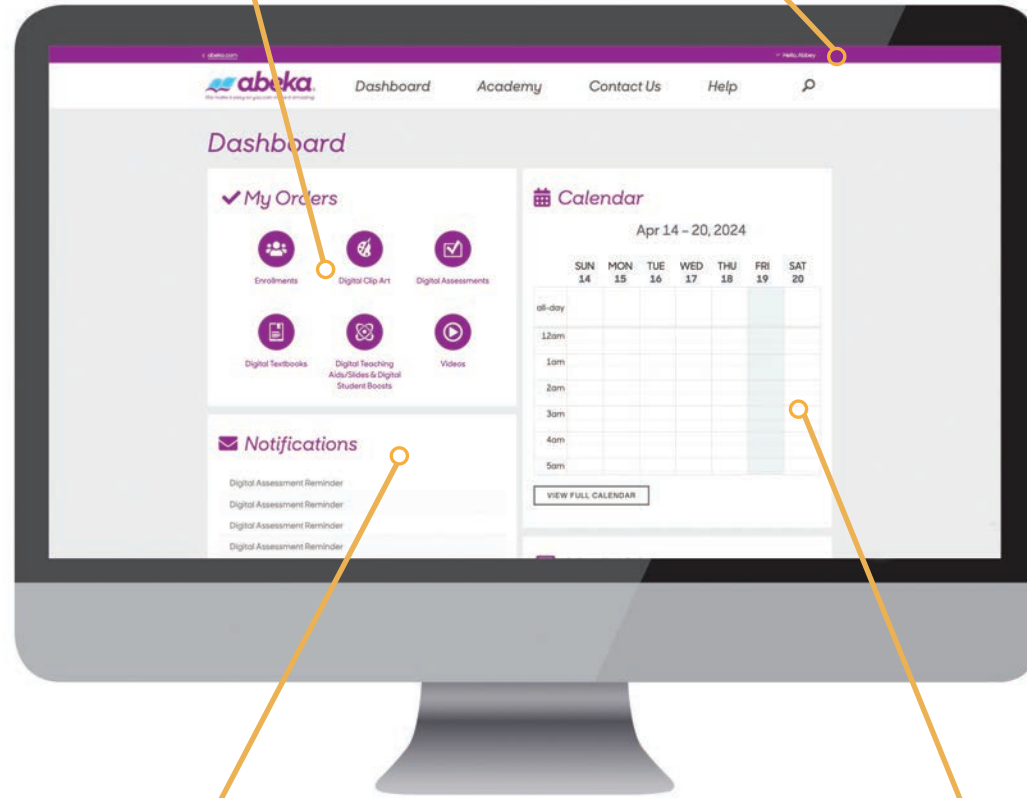
Learn More

Requirements

Dashboard

Monitor your student's progress at any time using our online Dashboard.

Check order details and progress.



Get notifications on news and updates.

Use our customizable calendar to add personalized events for your child under the My Students section.



Abeka Dashboard

Put our online
DASHBOARD
to work.

Whether you're using Abeka Academy or Abeka Your Way, get access to a free, mobile-friendly dashboard to manage everything from scheduling to grading.

Abeka Academy VIDEO MANUAL

Our video manual provides a detailed description of each subject and its goals, sample schedule to follow, and daily guides that walk you through each lesson's preparation and expectations.

Lesson 81		
Preparation		
Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorization: Hebrews 11:23-26 Students will be reviewing Hebrews 11:1-6. Lesson: Cumulative Review Memory work and the topic of the lesson will continue to be listed daily. Have a Bible (Authorized King James Version) ready for each lesson. Memorization and lessons are taught on video; no specific preparation is typically necessary. 	<p>Play Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to check that students are participating with the video class and using proper etiquette when reciting the pledge—standing with good posture and placing right hand over the heart. If a student is not a United States citizen, encourage him to show respect by quietly standing.
Seatwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See L 81 seatwork assignments in Appendix B. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check seatwork
Arithmetic pp. 161-162	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have AR L 81 Speed Drill and pp. 161-162 ready. 	<p>Play Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have students complete AR pp. 161-162. Check AR L 81 Speed Drill and pp. 161-162 for accurate completion.
Reading pp. 9-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on these skills in the next several lessons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perceiving cause and effect Identifying the moral of a story Perceiving a problem needing a solution Predicting a possible outcome Cornelia sapphires diamonds Gracchi Gentoo precious India Brazil Have <i>Treats and Treasures</i> (TT) ready. 	<p>Play Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have students read the words. Have students read orally/check comprehension TT pp. 9-17. Students will complete TT p. 18 in L 82 with the video teacher. TT pp. 19-22
Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have L3 p. 90 ready. Display CFF Yy, Zz. Have WP p. 62 ready. 	<p>Play Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have students complete L3 p. 90. Check for accurate completion. Have students complete WP p. 62. Check for accurate completion.
Spelling/Poetry List 16 p. 75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have scrap paper ready. Students will begin "Our Flag" on SP p. 75. 	<p>Play Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be directed by the video teacher in using the prepared supplies.
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today will be a review for OAH Test 5 in L 82 over Ch. 21-23. No new pages will be read in OAH. 	<p>Play Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remind students to study for OAH Test 5 in L 82.
Science pp. 211-216		<p>Play Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have students complete EGW p. 216. Think about it! and CC. Check for accurate completion. As needed, students should finish reading/reviewing pages taught daily following the video instruction.

The Procedure column keeps you in tune and on top of each step of the academic day.

Easily identify materials and page numbers associated with your child's lesson.

Abeka Your Way LESSON PLANS

Detailed, day-by-day lesson plans will tell you which pages to cover, visuals to use, helpful hints for teaching, and even games to keep your child engaged.

Each lesson begins with steps to prepare and stay organized before the learning begins.

Outline of lesson procedures.

Lesson _____

Manipulatives Teaching Notes Teaching Tips

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Preparation

- Objectives:
 - Recalling products for 2, 4 Multiplication Tables
 - Dividing with 1 as a divisor
 - Dividing with 2 as a divisor
- Board/paper:
 - 78,903
 - 39,721
 - +67,944
 - 186,568

- Materials:
 - Arithmetic 3 Quizzes/Tests/Speed Drills, pp. 15–16
 - Arithmetic 3 Quiz/Test/Speed Drill Key
 - 24 batteries (optional)
 - 12 flashlights (optional)
 - Use construction-paper flashlights/batteries or draw pictures on board/paper.
 - Arithmetic 3, pp. 51–52
- Visuals:
 - Homeschool Arithmetic 3–6 Tables and Facts Charts 2, 3, 5—1 Division Table, 2, 4 Multiplication Tables
 - RCP L 26
 - Arithmetic 3 Concept Cards 43–44
- Manipulatives:
 - Ruler
 - 24 objects for counting (o-shaped cereal pieces, dried beans, buttons, pennies, etc.)
 - Choose food or treats appropriate for your child.

Procedure

- Warm-up**
 - Multiplication
 - Tables/Facts Charts 3, 5: Review 2, 4 Multiplication Tables, having child say charts.
 - RCP L 26
 - Give L 26 Speed Drill.
- Review**
 - Addition with carrying
 - Work the problem together, having child give steps/answers.
 - Dividing geometric shapes
 - Ruler: Have child use ruler to divide shapes into halves. For rectangle/square, he should draw a diagonal line, using vertices. Check his work.

3. Instruction—One/Two as Divisors

- Concept Cards 43–44: Show and use cards as reference while you teach today's lesson.
- 24 batteries/12 flashlights: Dad bought package of batteries for the flashlight camper.
 - If each flashlight needs two batteries, how many flashlights will 24 batteries fill? Write $24 \div 2 =$ on board/paper. When we divide, we are separating things into groups. The first number, the *dividend*, tells us how many things we are starting with. The second number, the *divisor*, tells us how many items will be in each group.
 - Have child help you put 2 batteries in each flashlight until all are gone. How many flashlights did we fill? 12 The answer to a division problem is called the *quotient*. It tells us how many groups were made. Write $24 \div 2 = 12$ on board/paper. We could say, 24 batteries divided into groups of 2 equals 12 groups.
 - Another way of showing a division problem is with a division house. Draw division house $\frac{12}{2} \overline{)24}$ on board/paper. Point to each number as you explain. The *divisor*, 2, tells us how many will be in each group. The *dividend*, 24, tells us how many we are starting with. The *quotient*, 12, tells us how many groups were made.
 - Child may remember division terms this way: The quotient is the answer to the question. The divisor says, "I will tell you what to divide by."
- Objects for counting: Dictate the following division problems, having child count out beginning number of objects and make groups of 2s and give number of groups. Write each division problem on board/paper as he illustrates it.
 - 18 objects divided into groups of 2s
 $18 \div 2 = 9$
 - 16 objects divided into groups of 2s
 $16 \div 2 = 8$
 - 14 objects divided into groups of 2s
 $14 \div 2 = 7$

Lesson plans with step-by-step instructions give parents the confidence to lead their children through the academic day.


Lessons 25–26 43

TESTS, QUIZZES, AND WORKSHEETS


Writing comprehensive tests and quizzes can be time-consuming. Free up some time in your busy day with these ready-made tests, quizzes, and worksheets.

Name _____ Date _____


Meaning of Division



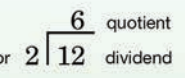
dividend 12




divisor 2



quotient 6



quotient 6




dividend 12

dividend—number of objects


divisor—number in each group

quotient—number of groups

1. Use the pictures to help answer the questions.



$6 \div 3 = 2$




$3 \overline{)6}$


a. How many velvet worms in all? _____

b. How many velvet worms are in each group? _____

c. How many groups of velvet worms? _____



$6 \div 2 = 3$




$2 \overline{)6}$


d. How many rhinoceros beetles in all? _____

e. How many rhinoceros beetles are in each group? _____

f. How many groups of rhinoceros beetles? _____



$10 \div 5 = 2$



$5 \overline{)10}$

g. How many leopard slugs in all? _____

h. How many leopard slugs are in each group? _____

i. How many groups of leopard slugs? _____

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Have a
work-life-teach
BALANCE.

Homeschooling is a full-time job for any parent who stays home, but what if both parents have to leave for work? Don't panic! Remember, teaching at home allows room for flexibility. Depending on the ages of your children, video teaching aids, and group co-ops can play a large role in your children's education. Learn how to balance work, a household, and homeschooling by reading the following blog and watching Abeka influencers.

 Know Your Homeschool Style

 Flexibility Is Key

 Balance Is Possible



We take breaks when life happens! We also sometimes do Saturday school and school on the road.
-ANONYMOUS

PLAN YOUR DAY WEEKS IN ADVANCE


Abeka lets you look ahead. See what lessons, seatwork, and tests are due, and help your child plan their month accordingly. Whether coordinating school assignments with fun extracurricular activities or getting ahead before a planned break or trip, Abeka's homeschooling flexibility keeps you in control. With the ability to plan your days weeks ahead, you'll wave goodbye to the stress of falling behind and greet each day with confidence, knowing exactly what's coming your way.

 Abeka Homeschool Blog

 Abeka Homeschool YouTube









Planning

 **TIP**
What makes homeschooling smoother for many families is determining who'll be responsible for teaching, maintaining records, grading papers, and organizing daily activities.

CURRICULUM THAT WORKS FOR YOUR FAMILY'S UNIQUE NEEDS

With Abeka, you'll homeschool for 36 of the 52 weeks in a year, but how you do those 36 weeks is entirely up to you. Getting into a set routine adds a predictable rhythm to your day and promotes an atmosphere for work. It may take some trial and error to find the schedule that works best for your family, or you may just need to take a break from your schedule every once in a while. The good news is that when you teach at home, you have total flexibility.

Options, Options, Options!

-  Traditional schedule with holidays and summers off
-  School year-round with longer breaks throughout the year
-  Four longer weekdays, three-day weekends
-  Get it all done by noon
-  Spend all day with more breaks
-  Weekend school hours (so there's more family time during the week if a parent works weekends)



I'm so grateful for Abeka and the richness in education it's brought to our family!
-XOCHITL P.

Find Recommended Schedules by Grade at abeka.com/101



Sample Homeschool Scheduling



TIP

Write your schedule down and hang it in your homeschool space. Set timers to stay on track.

Scheduling

I love the freedom of homeschooling—the ability to spend time with my children and investing in them as they learn.

-JONI B.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE



STUDENT: Paisley GRADE: 3 DAY: Wednesday

8:30-8:50	Bible/Family Devotions
8:50-9:50	Language Arts (language, spelling, writing & penmanship)
9:50-10:20	Science
10:20-11:00	Arithmetic
11:00-11:20	Activities Spring craft
11:20-12:00	Health
12:00-12:30	Lunch
12:30-1:00	Reading

Notes:

Science project due next week!

15 minutes of free reading

Homeschooling is your journey. Make this your own.

Cut out these fun coupons and share them with your child to cash in later!
P.S. You can cash in some of these too 😊

COUPON FOR
NO HOMEWORK

I've got
the dishes

COUPON FOR
**FREE
back rub**

REDEEM FOR
**1 SPECIAL
SNACK**

COUPON TO
**stay
up
late**

REDEEM FOR
**30 MINS
game time**



SCOPE AND SEQUENCE SNAPSHOT

By the end of the school year, your child should:

<p>Read 10 books aloud</p>	<p>Recognize and understand the difference between nouns, verbs, and adjectives</p>	<p>Memorize their multiplication tables 0-12</p>	<p>Learn division tables 1-12 by working and checking division problems</p>
<p>Be able to perform ¾ space cursive writing</p>	<p>Add new words to their vocabulary each week</p>	<p>Engage in creative writing</p>	<p>Learn how to punctuate and know when to capitalize</p>
<p>Appreciate our American heritage through the study of nearly two dozen remarkable people</p>	<p>Participate with demonstrations in the area of plants, animals, human biology, earth sciences, space, and conservation</p>	<p>Solidify their addition facts and work problems with carrying</p>	<p>Reinforce their subtraction facts and work problems with borrowing</p>
<p>Understand English and metric measures</p>	<p>Solve story problems with up to four steps</p>	<p>Understand the terminology of four arithmetic processes</p>	<p>Understand the terminology of four arithmetic processes</p>
<p>Find an unknown number in an equation</p>	<p>$2 \times 2 = 4$</p>		<p>For a detailed SCOPE & SEQUENCE visit:</p>

Checklist



EVERY PARENT LOVES A GOOD CHECKLIST

Below, you can find school supply lists for each grade. Plus, throughout the rest of the Abeka 101 online hub, there are blogs and videos on how to set up your homeschool space and other helpful tips for getting started.



Abeka Supplies



Abeka 101

It keeps me and my kiddos accountable, organized, and excited!
-PAIGE W.

First-Time Homeschooling CHECKLIST

A list of helpful items to guide you on your homeschool journey.

- 3-hole punch
- Art smock
(oversized shirt works great)
- Arts & craft supplies
- Backpacks
(for on-the-go studying)
- Bible
- Binders of various sizes
- Bookshelves
- Calculator
- Calendar
(at-a-glance yearly wall calendar)
- Clipboards *(provides a hard surface when not at a desk or table)*
- Clock
- Coffee *(lots of coffee)*
- Colored construction paper
- Composition notebooks
- Dictionary & thesaurus
- Drawing paper
- Dry-erase board, markers, & eraser
- Flashcards
- Folders
- Globe
- Glue & glue sticks
- Graph paper
- Highlighters
- Index cards
- Lesson planner notebook or software
- Lined penmanship paper
(elementary students)
- Markers, highlighters, colored pencils, & crayons
- Math manipulatives
- Multi-drawer storage containers or crate
- Notebook paper
- Paint & brushes
- Pencils & pencil sharpener
- Planner
- Post-it notes
- Printer & ink cartridges
- Scanner
- Scissors
- Stapler & staples
- Tape
(clear & double-sided)



TIP

To encourage learning and improve focus, create a specific area in your home for homeschooling.

Design & Organize

It's my first year homeschooling, and Abeka Academy has made me feel competent, organized, and empowered to educate my child at home.

-NADYA H.

QUICK STEPS TO GET YOU MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Sometimes, for a house to feel like a home, pictures of your children have to be placed in the perfect spot. The same logic can be applied when designing a classroom. Here are a few steps that can help you organize and transform any at-home space into the ideal classroom for your little scholars:

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Create a Classroom

- Determine your needs
- Brainstorm about desks
- Get creative with seating
- Decorate with a theme
- Create a quiet zone



Prepare for a New Year

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Get Organized

- Answer keys for tests:
 - Scan each answer key, and place it in an academic file on the computer.
 - Place answer keys in a folder in an area that children cannot access.
- Crate Method:
 - 1: Pull out each day's worksheets and stack them.
 - 2: File them together by day of the week.
 - 3: Label the file for each day of the week with a tab.
 - 4: Group the daily lessons into weeks.
 - 5: Repeat steps 1-4 for all weeks of the school year.
- Download and print graphics to decorate or label materials.



Abeka Organizing



Crate Method

3

Gather Parent & Student Supplies

- Each list depends on your child's grade level. But all of your school supply questions can be answered in the Abeka Homeschool School Supply Lists.



Supply Lists



TIP

To go over each step in detail, please visit the links to read blog posts and watch helpful videos.



Paperwork



TIP

When grading tests, mark only the incorrect answers. Fill in blank spaces or incorrect answers with the correct ones. This will make your child's test a wonderful study guide later!

I cannot say enough about how amazing Abeka is at preparing students for higher education. The pace of the college curriculum is extremely similar to that of Abeka.

-ERICA M.

GRADE WITH 100% CONFIDENCE

The idea of grading for multiple children can be overwhelming. Here's how you can stay ahead of the grading curve throughout the year. First, keep all grading materials together. Then check but don't grade daily work, provide a grading folder for each child, and file quizzes and tests by lesson numbers. For tips on how to grade tests, research papers, and book reports, read the blog, "Tips on How to Get Homeschool Grading Under Control." And if you're grading for more than one child, try reading "Tips for Homeschooling Multiple Children at Once." Blog links are provided below.



Grading Tips



Multiple Children

YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Even if you've been homeschooling for years, it's normal to wonder and possibly be worried if your child is keeping up with their schoolwork. Create a weekly checklist, have each day planned out, and give yourself some peace of mind.

- This checklist is an easy way to keep records while keeping track of what needs to get done.
- Parents, try filling in the work for the younger kids while the older ones keep track.
- Added bonus! You're teaching kids how to work independently.



Homeschooling Checklist



Tools to Keep You on Track



ATTENDANCE SHEET? PRESENT!

To help make sure you're meeting your state requirements, use an attendance sheet! It's not a specific requirement for some states, but it helps to check. Download the attendance sheet below to keep track of your child's attendance.



Attendance Sheet



Our daughter's interest in school has skyrocketed.
-ANGIE M.




WITH OUR TOOLS & TIPS, YOU'VE GOT THIS

Visit abeka.com/101 for how-to videos, step-by-step instructions, and other helpful resources. Or contact us with any questions or concerns.

We are here for you:

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

You can never have too many resources in your teaching tool belt. Many parents look to our lesson plans as a road map to success. And our colorful teaching aids will keep your kids engaged year after year. Are you looking for more material-specific support tools? Check out our teacher editions, keys, and standardized testing for every level of education.



Parent Materials



Online Events



TOOL

Join our Facebook group *Abeka All Access* to connect and share advice with other Abeka families, enjoy exclusive access to Abeka associates, and be among the first to find out about new discounts and offers.

Resources

A man and a young boy are looking at a book together in a classroom setting. The man is smiling and pointing at the book, while the boy looks on attentively. The background shows a chalkboard and various educational materials.

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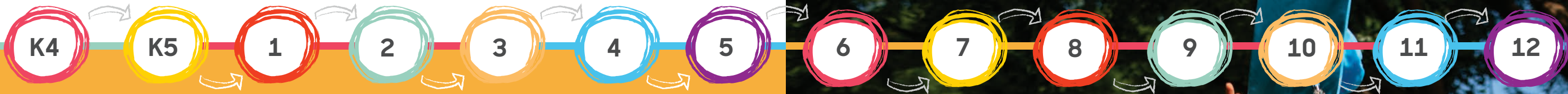
You are part of the Abeka family, and we are here to help every step of the way. If you come across any questions while navigating your homeschool journey, go straight to abeka.com/101. There you'll find useful tools and tips to inspire and encourage you throughout the year. Now it's time to get started! We wish you the best of luck and a wonderful year.



Abeka 101

**YOU'VE
GOT THIS**

And we mean it!



Journey



A most rewarding

JOURNEY

from learning to count

to what really counts.

Abeka offers a faith-based curriculum, and at all times, our values, educational tools, and teachers are enabling each of our four pillars: Biblical worldview, research and development, a proven philosophy, and critical thinking. Our proven curriculum gives your child the chance to excel academically while building their confidence for a brighter future. Moreover, by teaching Christian values, we ensure your child is uniquely prepared to make a positive impact on the world.



TIP

Homeschooling used to mean that a parent did everything, including instruction. But video instruction, like Abeka Academy, can be ideal for parents who homeschool multiple children or who feel uncertain about teaching every subject.

*I will definitely miss Abeka!
This is an amazing school.*

-KATELYN B.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT COLLEGE!

If you're the proud parent of a junior or senior who is enrolled in Abeka Academy's accredited program, maybe it's time to start considering online dual enrollment with Pensacola Christian College. Help your teen get a head start while still in high school. Some college courses can replace and allow students to earn credit for high school courses. For more information and a full list of requirements, see below.



Dual Enrollment





*I have no greater joy
than to hear that my
children walk in truth.*

3 John 1:4



Homeschool help is here.



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