

## Naming Your Homeschool

Your homeschool is a legitimate school and as such, should be named. Others, such as school officials or employers, often take your homeschool more seriously and even believe that you take your homeschool more seriously when you give it a name. This does not have to be an ordeal. Naming your homeschool can actually be fun and give a sense of unity and pride.

To name your homeschool, there are a few things you may want to consider.

1. Do not use names that are trademarked, copyrighted, or otherwise used officially by other entities. For example, names of curriculum or homeschool programs are often trademarked such as Abeka Academy, BJU, Apologia, and the like. Other official company names such as Southern States or Royal Farms, may be copyrighted and official names of cities, towns, and states may be protected. You are responsible to ensure your name does not infringe on a name protected by law.
2. Do not use CHASC. We are your accountability association and our name will be on transcripts and other records but your homeschool functions as an independent entity with you as the administrator. We are not homeschooling your children. Your homeschool is a member school of the association.
3. If you use initials, they usually look better without periods on the diploma or transcript.
4. Keep in mind the grade level of the students when naming the school. For high school, you want to be sure the name is more “professional” because the school name will be on your student’s transcripts and diploma.
5. While you can change your homeschool name and may choose to do so when your children go from elementary to middle and/or from middle to high school, you should keep the same name throughout the high school years for consistency on the transcripts.

Some ideas for creating your homeschool name:

1. Your family name
2. A place name such as your street or neighborhood
3. Your style of education
4. An historic time period
5. Faith or scriptural references
6. Nature references
7. A favorite quote, song, or poem
8. A favorite historical figure
9. A favorite image, word, or phrase

You can add Homeschool, Academy, Homeschool Academy, Christian Academy, Christian Homeschool, Christian School, Home Learning, House of Learning, etc.

I found this Homeschool Name Generator that may help you find some options or provide an enjoyable exercise for your family. <http://eclectic-homeschool.com/homeschool-name-generator>

In addition to naming your homeschool, your family may choose to design an emblem or crest and even create a motto. Some families find doing this helps them stay on track and focus on what is most important to them. Others just like being cool and knowing some fancy Latin words!

Remember, naming your homeschool does NOT mean that you are required to recreate school at home. You always have freedom to educate your children in the fashion that best fits your family. Naming your school can reflect your educational choices and let others know that you are not a traditional school.