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# THSC SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCES

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## RECOMMENDED READING, RESOURCES, AND SUPPORT FOR HOME SCHOOL FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

THSC does not endorse a specific group or organization and therefore this list was developed to highlight some of the best resources that special needs homeschooling families like you have made THSC aware of. As you look through this list please realize these resources are just a starting point on the road to realizing what eventually will be the best choice for your individual situation, child's diagnosis, and family teaching methodology.

If you have a specific type of curriculum or resource in mind, and you are having difficulty finding exactly what you are looking for, we encourage **THSC members** to contact the THSC Special Needs Consultant at [specialneeds@thsc.org](mailto:specialneeds@thsc.org) who can help you choose curriculum and develop a plan to customize that curriculum to the specific needs of your child.

Also note that this document will be changed on a regular basis due to the fact that some resources will become outdated and new resources are always becoming available. If you should have a resource suggestion which you would like to see added to this sheet, please contact the THSC Special Needs Consultant for its consideration.

Thank you and God bless

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## 1. ASSESSMENT & TESTING

Different Roads: Assessments and ABA Tools:

<http://www.difflearn.com/category/Autism-ABA-Tools>

Child Diagnostics: Diane Craft: <http://stores.diannecraft.org/>

Little Giant Steps: <http://www.littlegiantsteps.com/>

Unlocking Potentials: General Test for Developmental Delays:

<http://www.wpspublish.com/store/p/2734/developmental-assessment-of-young-children-second-edition-dayc-2>

Homeschool4U Special Needs Testing:

<http://www.homeschoolworks4u.com/struggling-learners/>

Brain Balance Pre-Assessment Tool:

<http://www.brainbalancecenters.com/understanding-the-issues/online-assessment-tool/>

Gemiini: <http://gemiini.org/solutions>

Lexercise: <http://www.lexercise.com/>

LDhope: <http://ldhope.com/abouteli/how-eli-works/testing-only/>

UO DIBLES Data System: <https://dibels.uoregon.edu/assessment/>

Bipolar Assessment: <http://bipolarchild.com/assessment/>

Diagnostic Learning Services:

[http://diagnostic-learning.com/learning-disorders?gclid=COOrP\\_KjVhMgCFQ8uaQodeBICKA](http://diagnostic-learning.com/learning-disorders?gclid=COOrP_KjVhMgCFQ8uaQodeBICKA)

Family Hope Center: [http://www.familyhopecenter.com/customized\\_treatment](http://www.familyhopecenter.com/customized_treatment)



## 2. ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Apps for People with Disabilities:

<http://www.easterseals.com/explore-resources/living-with-disability/app-recommendations-for-pwd.html>

EnableMart: <https://www.enablemart.com/>

Especial Needs: <http://www.especialneeds.com/>

Special Needs Apps: <http://www.friendshipcircle.org/apps/>

KinderTown: <http://www.kindertown.com/>

Free Audio Books:

[http://www.scholastic.com/parents/blogs/scholastic-parents-raise-reader/free-audio-books-and-why-you-should-try-them?utm\\_source=September+2013+newsletter&utm\\_campaign=SeptOct2013&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.scholastic.com/parents/blogs/scholastic-parents-raise-reader/free-audio-books-and-why-you-should-try-them?utm_source=September+2013+newsletter&utm_campaign=SeptOct2013&utm_medium=email)

For parents and families, the Family Center on Technology and Disability hosts a [resource review database](#) listing hundreds of assistive and instructional technology resources including books, articles, research, and other materials.

Understood – Assistive Technology Resources:

<https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/assistive-technology/assistive-technologies-basics>

[Common Sense Media](#) has an online resource and downloadable guide, "[Power Up! Apps for Kids with Special Needs and Learning Differences](#)."

[Graphite](#), a service of Common Sense Media, also maintains a collection of reviews of [Great Special Ed Apps and Sites](#) recommended by educators and experts working with children with special needs and learning differences.

[Assistive Technology: a Parent's Guide](#), from [GreatSchools](#), includes articles and worksheets to help parents identify assistive technology tools and resources that can help bypass learning difficulties.

[Assistive Technology 101](#) from [The Family Center on Technology and Disability](#) (FCTD) is another good resource; FCTD also provides helpful fact sheets for parents related to [AT and IEPs](#), [Assistive Technology Laws](#), terminology via an [AT glossary](#), and [family information guides](#) (also available in Spanish).

Joanne Karger, J.D., Ed.D. and Mary Brownell, Ph.D. offer helpful advice in this video on [Assistive Technology and Learning Disabilities](#)

[Creating a "Least Restrictive Environment" with Mobile Devices](#), by Beth Holland (2013)

[Disabled Bodies, Able Minds](#), by Diane Curtis (2005)



### 3. AUTISM RESOURCES

Autism Tool Kit: <http://autism-support.org/autism-resources/autism-tool-kit/>

General Help with Autism: <http://www.autism-help.org/index.htm>

Social Thinking Autism Resources:

[http://www.socialthinking.com/Products?id={954D6901-6721-4846-8092-5155C412AFB7}&#f:dlb=\[asperger%27s%20syndrome\]](http://www.socialthinking.com/Products?id={954D6901-6721-4846-8092-5155C412AFB7}&#f:dlb=[asperger%27s%20syndrome])

Autism Speaks: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/>

I Hate to Write – Autism spectrum focus:

[http://www.amazon.com/Hate-Write-Disorders-Achievement-Successful/dp/1937473112/ref=asap\\_bc?ie=UTF8](http://www.amazon.com/Hate-Write-Disorders-Achievement-Successful/dp/1937473112/ref=asap_bc?ie=UTF8)

Jed Baker Autism Resources: <http://www.jedbaker.com/>

Future Horizons: <http://fhautism.com/>

Teaching Note for instructing children with autism: Recent research has shown that children on the autism spectrum learn better when they are taught within the context of subjects they are interested in and while not all of a child's education can be linked to his/her favorite subject, it is possible to use unit studies with pre-high school level children (there are a few high school level unit studies too) to combine many of their favorite activities or interests with basic school subjects when taught within a unit study. To find some of the best unit studies that are available to homeschoolers, visit Cathy Duffy's site: <http://cathyduffyreviews.com/unit-studies/unit-studies-index.htm>

### 4. DOCUMENTATION

Care Binder Outlines and Help:

<http://www.chop.edu/health-resources/care-binders-organizing-your-care#.Vf2QLH3ugY0>

IEP Planning for a Bipolar Child: <http://bipolarchild.com/resources/model-iep/>

Home School Record Keeping Forms: <http://www.donnayoung.org/index.htm>

Home School Record Keeping Resources:

<http://www.sheknows.com/parenting/articles/1015369/homeschool-record-keeping>

Free Printables and Gradebooks: <http://fivejs.com/>

Homeschool Tracker (Free):

<http://www.homeschooltracker.com/free-homeschool-tracker-basic-edition/>

Online Lesson Planner, Scheduler & Tracker:

<http://www.homeschoolskedtrack.com/HomeSchool/displayLogin.do>

Lap Book Resources: <http://homeschoolhelperonline.com/lapbooks/>



## 5. ELECTIVE COURSE RESOURCES

Atelier Art: <http://www.homeschoolart.com/>

Game Ed Academy – Minecraft school: <http://gamedacademy.com/>

Bible: <http://www.picturesmartbible.com/>

Visual Geography: <http://www.visualizeworldgeography.com/>

High School Science – 101 Series: <http://the101series.com/index.html>

Spanish: <http://www.funclase.com/>

A Reason for Science: <http://areasonfor.com/scienceinfohome.html>

## 6. LEARNING STYLE RESOURCES

The Way They Learn:

[http://www.focusonthefamily.com/promos/how-kids-learn?gclid=COawkuHVhMgCFQ6saQodh\\_kINQ](http://www.focusonthefamily.com/promos/how-kids-learn?gclid=COawkuHVhMgCFQ6saQodh_kINQ)

Mind Tools: <https://www.mindtools.com/mneme1sty.html>

VARC: <http://vark-learn.com/>

Learning Styles: <http://www.learningstyles.net/>

What is my learning style: <http://www.whatismylearningstyle.com/>

Cornerstone – Learning Style Strategies:

<http://www.cornerstoneondemand.com/explanation-learning-styles>



## 7. FULL CURRICULUM OPTIONS

Ambleside Online: <http://amblesideonline.org/index.shtml>

Easy Peasy All In One Homeschool: <http://allinonehomeschool.com/>

Discovery K12 (Not online public school): <http://discoveryk12.com/dk12/>

The Jubilee Academy: <http://thejubileeacademy.org/>

Firelight – Adapted high school curriculum:  
<http://www.firelightbooks.com/categories/HIGH-SCHOOL-CURRICULUM%2C-GR-2%7B47%7D4-RDG-LEVEL/>

Bridgeway Academy:  
<http://www.homeschoolacademy.com/bridgeway-difference/who-we-serve/homeschooling-a-child-with-learning-disabilities>

Memoria Press: <http://www.memoriapress.com/curriculum/special-needs>

Paradigm Virtual Academy: <http://paradigmvirtualacademy.com/>

Starfall (PreK & K): <http://more.starfall.com/info/homeschool.php>

Unique: <https://www.n2y.com/products/unique>

Timberdoodle:  
[http://www.timberdoodle.com/Complete\\_Homeschool\\_Curriculum\\_Packages\\_s/363.htm](http://www.timberdoodle.com/Complete_Homeschool_Curriculum_Packages_s/363.htm)

Time4Learning: <https://www.time4learning.com/>

ABC Mouse (PreK): <https://www.abcmouse.com/>

Rod & Staff: [http://www.milestonebooks.com/list/Rod\\_and\\_Staff\\_Curriculum/](http://www.milestonebooks.com/list/Rod_and_Staff_Curriculum/)

Time4Learning (PreK – 8):  
[http://www.time4learning.com/homeschool/homeschooling\\_special\\_needs.shtml](http://www.time4learning.com/homeschool/homeschooling_special_needs.shtml)

Critical Thinking Company (PreK – 6): <http://www.criticalthinking.com/full-curriculum>

HomeschoolWorks (Grades 5 – 12): <http://www.homeschoolworks4u.com/>

Unit Studies: To find some of the best unit studies that are available to homeschoolers, visit Cathy Duffy's site: <http://cathyduffyreviews.com/unit-studies/unit-studies-index.htm>



## 8. MATH CURRICULUM & HELPS

Adapted Mind Math:

[http://www.adaptedmind.com/landing-responsivev13.php?utm\\_expId=33853517-85.aV3h48VGQfCtLLYyE2CVew.1](http://www.adaptedmind.com/landing-responsivev13.php?utm_expId=33853517-85.aV3h48VGQfCtLLYyE2CVew.1)

CTC Math: <http://ctcmath.com/how-it-works/>

Discovery Geometry: <http://www.michaelserra.net/weblog/discovering-geometry-intro/>

Math Mammoth: <http://www.mathmammoth.com/>

Math-U-See: <http://www.mathusee.com/>

Moving with Math: <http://www.movingwithmath.com/>

Right Start Math: <http://rightstartmath.com/>

Simple Math: <http://www.semplemath.com/>

Shiller Math: <http://www.shillermath.com/h2/intro.php>

Teaching Textbooks: <http://www.teachingtextbooks.com/>

Times Tales: <http://www.timestales.com/learningDisabilities.html>

Video Text: <http://videotext.com/>

Life Of Fred: <http://www.lifeoffredmath.com/index.php>

Visual Math Learning: <http://www.visualmathlearning.com/index.html>

Right Brain Math Strategies:

<http://stores.diannecraft.org/right-brain-math-also-titled-dyscalculia-taming-the-math-monster/>

Mathtacular Math Manipulatives: <http://www.mathtacular.com/>

Touch Math: <http://www.touchmath.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=homeschool.welcome>



## 9. READING & LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM

Analytic Grammar: <http://www.analyticalgrammar.com/>

Sound Foundations: <http://www.soundfoundations.co.uk/>

A Reason for Spelling: <http://www.areasonfor.com/spellinginfohome.html>

Sequential Spelling: [http://www.sequentialspelling.com/Sequential\\_Spelling.html](http://www.sequentialspelling.com/Sequential_Spelling.html)

Sing Spell, Read & Write:  
<http://www.homeschool-curriculum-savings.com/sing-spell-read-and-write-curriculum.html>

Spelling You See: <http://spellingyousee.com/>

Hand Writing Without Tears (HWT): <http://www.hwtears.com/hwt>

A Reason for Handwriting: <http://areasonfor.com/handwritinginfohome.html>

Adapted Mind Reading: <http://www.adaptedmind.com/reading.php>

Homeschooling with Dyslexia: <http://homeschoolingwithdyslexia.com/start-here/>

Family Fun with Fluency: <http://neuhaus.org/family-fun-with-fluency/>

Free E-Books: [http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page)

Gemiini: <http://gemiini.org/solutions>

Happy Phonics: <http://www.lovetolearn.net/Happy-Phonics-Complete-Set>

Lexercise: <http://www.lexercise.com/>

Reading Rockets: <http://www.readingrockets.org/helping>

I Hate to Write – Autism spectrum focus:  
[http://www.amazon.com/Hate-Write-Disorders-Achievement-Successful/dp/1937473112/ref=asap\\_bc?ie=UTF8](http://www.amazon.com/Hate-Write-Disorders-Achievement-Successful/dp/1937473112/ref=asap_bc?ie=UTF8)

Dyslexia Tutoring (League City): <http://learnyourway.biz/>

Academic Success: <http://www.iseesam.com/>

Scaredy Cat Reading System: <http://www.scaredycatreadingsystem.com/>

Real Reading: <http://www.realreading.com/>

Vocabulary Cartoons: <http://www.vocabularycartoons.com/>

Stevenson Learning Skills: <http://www.stevensonlearning.com/>

Andrea Carter – Dyslexia Specialist (Buda Area): [610-350-1379](tel:610-350-1379), [jcarter31@gmail.com](mailto:jcarter31@gmail.com)

Right Brain Reading Program: <http://stores.diannecraft.org/complete-package/>



## 10. THERAPY & TEACHING TOOL RESOURCES

OT Mom Learning Activities: <http://www.ot-mom-learning-activities.com/>

Ready Bodies: <http://www.readybodies.com/>

Knowledge Box Central: <http://www.knowledgeboxcentral.com/>

Tuneville - Teaching Through Music:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNjREyldNIVoYWuByVeUKZA/feed>

Eye Can Learn – Eye exercise: <http://www.eyecanlearn.com/>

File Folder Heaven: <http://www.filefolderheaven.com/>

Homeschool How-tos: <http://homeschoolhowtos.com/>

Love to Learn: <http://www.lovetolearn.net/>

Critical Thinking Company: <http://www.criticalthinking.com/>

Mr Mitchell's Educational Resources:  
<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Christopher-Mitchell>

Learning A-Z: <https://www.learninga-z.com/index.html>

IAHP – Brain Injury Strategies: <http://www.iahp.org/>

Khan Academy: <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

NACD Center for Speech and Sound: [http://nacd.org/speech\\_sound/index.php](http://nacd.org/speech_sound/index.php)

K5 Learning: <http://www.k5learning.com/>

Partners Resource Network: <http://partnerstx.org/>

Preschool Prep: <http://www.preschoolprepco.com/>

AVCS Bookstore: <http://avcsbooks.com/shop/index.php>

Social Thinking: [http://www.socialthinking.com/Products#f:ctype=\[products\]](http://www.socialthinking.com/Products#f:ctype=[products])

Special Education Station: <http://spedstation.com/>

Special Needs Homeschooling: <http://specialneedshomeschooling.com/>

Rethink First (ABA training): <https://www.rethinkfirst.com/>

Spectacular Kids (ABA training): <http://speckidsaba.com/>

Different Roads: Assessments and ABA Tools: <http://www.difflearn.com/category/Autism-ABA-Tools>

PECS (ABA training and products): <http://www.pecsusa.com/index.php>

First Path Autism (ABA training): <http://www.firstpathautism.com/parents/>

ABA Sklp Program – Harris County (Houston area): 713-970-7000

### THERAPY & TEACHING TOOL RESOURCES - CONTINUED

Language-Auditory Processing Disorder Strategies

[http://www.superduperinc.com/handouts/pdf/374%](http://www.superduperinc.com/handouts/pdf/374%20Language-Auditory%20Processing%20Disorder%20Strategies.pdf)



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Dyslexia Teaching Strategies: <http://dyslexia.yale.edu/teacherstrategies/>

Teacher Strategies for Dyslexics:

[http://www.visd.com/depart/specialprograms/dyslexia/dyslexia\\_handbook\\_teacherstrategies.pdf](http://www.visd.com/depart/specialprograms/dyslexia/dyslexia_handbook_teacherstrategies.pdf)

Home Speech Home: <http://www.home-speech-home.com/>

Visual-Spatial Thinking: <http://giftedservices.com.au/visualthinking.html>

Special Needs Resources: <http://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/>

Homeschooling Strategies for the Blind Student:

[http://a2zhomeschooling.com/concerns\\_homeschooling/blind\\_homeschoolers/](http://a2zhomeschooling.com/concerns_homeschooling/blind_homeschoolers/)

OT Resources: <https://www.pinterest.com/dynamiclearning/ot-resources/>

School OT: <http://www.school-ot.com/index.html>

Super Star Speech: <http://superstarspeech.com/>

Mommy Speech Therapy: <http://mommyspeechtherapy.com/>

Speech Therapy at Home: <https://www.pinterest.com/mamajoyx9/speech-therapy-at-home-ideas/>

Super Duper Publications – Speech Therapy Products:

<http://www.superduperinc.com/default.aspx?lid=2418BC4B>

Special Needs Homeschooling Helps:

[http://a2zhomeschooling.com/concerns\\_homeschooling/special\\_needs\\_kids\\_homeschooling/](http://a2zhomeschooling.com/concerns_homeschooling/special_needs_kids_homeschooling/)

Down Syndrome Homeschooling:

[http://a2zhomeschooling.com/concerns\\_homeschooling/special\\_needs/down\\_syndrome\\_homeschooling/](http://a2zhomeschooling.com/concerns_homeschooling/special_needs/down_syndrome_homeschooling/)

Tutoring and Consulting: <http://lmjolearning.weebly.com/>

Bipolar Education Strategies: <http://www.thebalancedmind.org/sites/default/files/edbrochure.pdf>

Tourette Syndrome Teaching Tips: <http://www.tourettesyndrome.net/education/>

Bipolar Education Teaching Tips: <http://www.bpchildren.org/Teachers.html>

## 11. BEYOND HOMESCHOOLING

Lone Star Community College: <http://www.lonestar.edu/students-with-disabilities.htm>

Alvin Community College: <http://www.alvincollege.edu/Disability-Services>

Guardianship:

<http://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2012/10/16/when-your-child-turns-18-a-guide-to-special-needs-guardianship/>

The Planner Guide: <http://www.theplannerguide.com/>

