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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Also note that this document will be changed on a regular basis due to the fact that some resources will become outdated and new resources are always becoming available.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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## ASSESSMENT & TESTING

For the most comprehensive and up-to-date listing of assistive technology solutions to use in homeschooling your special needs child, check out the THSC Special Needs Pinterest Board, [Diagnostic Tools – Special Needs Homeschooling](#)

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

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

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/>

Lexercise Free Dyslexia Test <http://www.lexercise.com/>

Ldhope Complete Learning Assessment Evaluation Services:  
<http://ldhope.com/abouteli/how-eli-works/testing-only/>

UO DIBLES Data System – Online math and literacy testing assessments:  
<https://dibels.uoregon.edu/assessment/>

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

Diagnostic Learning Services (Serving Dallas/Ft. Worth since 2004. Locations now also in Houston and The Woodlands and 2 great locations in Austin, Westlake and Cedar Park.):  
[http://diagnostic-learning.com/learning-disorders?gclid=CO\\_rP\\_KjVhMgCFQ8uaQodeBICKA](http://diagnostic-learning.com/learning-disorders?gclid=CO_rP_KjVhMgCFQ8uaQodeBICKA)

Healthy Beginnings Neurological Testing – (Woodlands/Magnolia)  
<http://www.healthybeginningsonline.com/Nervous-system/the-woodlands-tx/magnolia-tx/healthy-beginnings>

Brain Highways Free Online Assessment:  
<https://brainhighways.com/free-screening-online-child>



## ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

For the most comprehensive and up-to-date listing of assistive technology solutions to use in homeschooling your special needs child, check out the THSC Special Needs Pinterest Board, [Assistive Technology – Special Needs Homeschooling](#)

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)

Understood – Assistive Technology Resources:

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

[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.



## AUTISM RESOURCES

For the most comprehensive and up-to-date listing of autism resources to use in homeschooling your special needs child, check out the THSC Special Needs Pinterest Board, [Autism – Special Needs Homeschooling](#)

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

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>

## DOCUMENTATION

For the most comprehensive and up-to-date listing of autism resources to use in homeschooling your special needs child, check out the THSC Special Needs Pinterest Board, [IEP - Special Needs Homeschooling](#)

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>

Homeschool Tracker (Free):

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

Online Lesson Planner, Scheduler & Tracker:

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



## ELECTIVE COURSE RESOURCES

For the most comprehensive and up-to-date listing of special needs elective curriculum to use in homeschooling your special needs child, check out the THSC Special Needs Pinterest Boards, [Curriculum – Special Needs Homeschooling](#) and [Ed Tech - Special Needs Homeschooling](#)

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

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

Geography, Government & Math Apps:  
<http://www.specialeducationadvisor.com/my-sons-favorite-app-developer/#more-11760>

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>

Nancy Larson Homeschool Science:  
[http://www.nancylarsonstore.com/Nancy-Larson-Science-Real-Science-Real-Results\\_ep\\_47-1.html](http://www.nancylarsonstore.com/Nancy-Larson-Science-Real-Science-Real-Results_ep_47-1.html)

Basic Computer Skill Games: <http://universalaccessgames.com/>



## FULL CURRICULUM OPTIONS

For the most comprehensive and up-to-date listing of comprehensive curriculum options to use in homeschooling your special needs child, check out the THSC Special Needs Pinterest Board, [Curriculum – Special Needs Homeschooling](#)

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: <https://www.firelightbooks.com/>

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/)

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

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

WiloStar3D Special Needs Online Middle School & High School Homeschool Programs:  
<http://www.wilostar3d.com/special-needs-homeschooling/>

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>



## LEARNING STYLE RESOURCES

For the most comprehensive and up-to-date listing of comprehensive curriculum options to use in homeschooling your special needs child, check out the THSC Special Needs Pinterest Boards, [ADD/ADHD - Special Needs Homeschooling](#), [Down Syndrome - Special Needs Homeschooling](#), [Executive Functioning - Special Needs Homeschooling](#), & [Sensory - Special Needs Homeschooling](#)

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/mnemplsty.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>

## BEYOND HOMESCHOOLING

For the most comprehensive and up-to-date listing of reading curriculum and reading aids to use in homeschooling your special needs child, check out the THSC Special Needs Pinterest Board, [Transitioning - Special Needs Homeschooling](#)

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

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

Consolidated Planning Group (Allison Schaberg): -

<http://www.consolidatedplanninggroup.com/Special-Needs-Planning.5.htm>

GIGI U – Goal Oriented program for adults with Down syndrome: <http://gigisplayhouse.org/gigi-u>

Guardianship:

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

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



## MATH CURRICULUM & HELPS

For the most comprehensive and up-to-date listing of math curriculum and math aids to use in homeschooling your special needs child, check out the THSC Special Needs Pinterest Board, [Math – Special Needs Homeschooling](#)

Adapted Mind Math:

[http://www.adaptedmind.com/landing-responsivew13.php?utm\\_expId=33853517-85.aV3h48VGQfCtLLYyE2CVew.1](http://www.adaptedmind.com/landing-responsivew13.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>

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

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>





## READING & LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM

For the most comprehensive and up-to-date listing of reading curriculum and reading aids to use in homeschooling your special needs child, check out the THSC Special Needs Pinterest Boards, [Reading – Special Needs Homeschooling](#), [Dyslexia – Special Needs Homeschooling](#), [Spelling - Special Needs Homeschooling](#), & [Writing - Special Needs Homeschooling](#)

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>

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

Mindplay Reading Improvement Online program: <http://mindplay.com/>



## THERAPY & TEACHING TOOL RESOURCES

For the most comprehensive and up-to-date listing of reading curriculum and reading aids to use in homeschooling your special needs child, check out the THSC Special Needs Pinterest Boards, [Therapy – Special Needs Homeschooling](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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/>

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/>

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

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

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

Laurette Learning Systems: <http://www.laureatelearning.com/products/category/>

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



## TEXAS AREA SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

For the most comprehensive and up-to-date listing of reading curriculum and reading aids to use in homeschooling your special needs child, check out the THSC Special Needs Pinterest Board, [Texas Special Needs Resources](#)

Diagnostic Learning Services (Serving Dallas/Ft. Worth since 2004. Locations now also in Houston and The Woodlands and 2 great locations in Austin, Westlake and Cedar Park.):

[http://diagnostic-learning.com/learning-disorders?gclid=COrP\\_KjVhMgCFQ8uaQodeBICKA](http://diagnostic-learning.com/learning-disorders?gclid=COrP_KjVhMgCFQ8uaQodeBICKA)

Healthy Beginnings Neurological Testing – (Woodlands/Magnolia)

<http://www.healthybeginningsonline.com/Nervous-system/the-woodlands-tx/magnolia-tx/healthy-beginnings>

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

Tutoring and Consulting (Missouri City/Sienna): <http://lmjolearning.weebly.com/>

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

Music Therapy Center of Houston: <http://www.musictherapycenter.org/>

The Stafford Educational Training and Treatment Center (Southern Houston – Stafford, TX): Email: [justiceegg@gmail.com](mailto:justiceegg@gmail.com) or Phone (281) 638-0221

Heaven’s Angel Day Habilitation (League City) Phone: (281) 525-6109

A Brilliant Foundation (Faith Haley, Neuro-Educational Specialist, Katy-Fulshear Area):

<http://www.abrilliantfoundation.com/>

Suprex Learning (Educational Therapy, Sugar Land, TX) Email: [tutor@surprexlearning.com](mailto:tutor@surprexlearning.com)

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

Tutoring and Consulting (Missouri City/Sienna): <http://lmjolearning.weebly.com/>

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

## JUST A FEW OTHER THSC SPECIAL NEEDS HOMESCHOOLING PINTERST BOARDS

[Teaching – Special Needs Homeschooling](#)

[Preschool – Special Needs Homeschooling](#)

[Christmas - Special Needs Homeschooling](#)

[Valentines - Special Needs Homeschooling](#)

[Easter - Special Needs Homeschooling](#)

...with more being added all the time!

