

Materials and Resources

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Distance Learning Schools Recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education

Below are two distance learning schools which have completed the voluntary Recognition process with the Illinois State Board of Education (What does Recognition mean?) Please contact the schools directly for more information about the programs offered.

1. The American School (of Correspondence)
<https://www.americanschoolofcorr.com>
1-866-260-7221
2. A.S.B. Educational Institute
<http://www.accountax.us>
1-708-720-4547

Online Programs, Text Books, and Curriculums

Numerous online schools, textbooks, and curricula are available for parents to use. The quality and cost of these products can vary greatly, and parents should spend time researching each one before making a choice. Here are some questions to consider:

- How much will this program cost? Do I pay per course, per semester, or yearly?
- If the program is free, am I happy with the quality of instruction offered by the school?
- How will the school track my child's progress? Can I easily request a copy of my child's transcripts, grades, and coursework?
- Is this school accredited? Does the accrediting agency seem legitimate? (Note that the Illinois State Board of Education does not accredit any schools)
- Is there a way to view a sample or demo of the materials?
- What is the refund policy if I am unhappy?
- Does the material have an online component that will require a computer with an internet connection?
- Will I need to purchase a Teacher's Copy of with instructions and answer keys?
- Does the program come with homework and tests?
- Are the materials aligned with Common Core or do they use a different set of learning standards?
- Does the material reflect my educational or religious beliefs?

1. **Penn Foster** – <https://www.pennfoster.edu/>

2. **The Keystone School** – <https://www.keystoneschoolonline.com/>
3. **Acellus Academy** – <https://www.acellusacademy.com/>
4. **Pearson** – <https://www.pearsonhomeschool.com/>
5. **Time4Learning** – <https://www.time4learning.com/>
6. **Calvert Education** – <http://www.calverteducation.com>
7. **Excel High School** – <https://www.excelhighschool.com/>
8. **James Madison High School** – <https://www.jmhs.com/>
9. ***Abeka** – <https://www.abeka.com/>
10. ***Alpha Omega Publications** – <https://www.aop.com/curriculum>
* Religious Components

Supplemental Programs

If you are looking for extra practice or instruction, you may find the following resources useful.

1. **Khan Academy** – <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
2. **DreamBox** – <http://www.dreambox.com/>
3. **NoRedInk** – <https://www.noredink.com/>
4. **IXL** – <https://www.ixl.com/>
5. **MobyMax** – <https://www.mobymax.com/>
6. **Singapore Math** – <http://www.singaporemath.com/default.asp>
7. **Junior Achievement** – <https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-usa/home>
8. **iCivics** – <https://www.icivics.org/>
9. **ABCmouse** – <https://www.abcmouse.com>
10. **Readworks** - <https://www.readworks.org/>
11. **And many more:**
 - a) <https://www.hmhco.com/search/shop/homeschool>
 - b) <https://www.thehomeschoolmom.com/review-categories/homeschool-curriculum-reviews/subject/onlinelearning/>
 - c) <https://www.onlineschools.org/>
 - d) <https://www.thehomeschoolmom.com/review-categories/homeschool-curriculum-reviews/subject/completesets/>