

If you're choosing to homeschool, you already have reasons why you made that choice. This exercise is to help both you and your children become clear on why you are homeschooling. Having a clear vision of why will help to focus your lessons, style of teaching/instruction, the curriculum that you do or don't select, and what your day to day should look like.

Sample school mission statements:

The mission is to provide a challenging education in a safe, supportive environment that empowers all students to become lifelong learners and productive, respectful citizens of our diverse and changing world.

Our mission is to develop young men with active and creative minds, a sense of understanding and compassion for others, and the courage to act on their beliefs. We stress the total development of each child: spiritual, moral, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical.

Community School recognizes that each child is an individual; that all children are creative; that all children need to succeed. Therefore, Community School respects the individual needs of children; fosters a caring and creative environment; and emphasizes the social, emotional, physical, intellectual development of each child.

In the following exercise both the parents and the children (if they are very young, you can sit and ask them some of the questions) should write their own mission statement. After you've each written them individually sit down , share them, and develop one together that brings in what is important to all of you.

I recommend tweaking/ editing your mission statement each year. It will both remind you of why you are doing what you are doing, and allow room for adjustments as your child gets older.

Questions for parents:

1. What are 3 benefits of being educated?

2. What does an ideal learning environment look like, feel like, sound like?

3. What is the goal/ purpose of choosing to homeschool?

4. What are the top 3 things that you want your children to learn and why?

Take your responses from the questions above and create your mission statement . If you're having trouble fill in the blanks below.

We recognize that a good education will

provide _____,

_____, and

_____. Through creating a

_____ ,

_____, and

_____ learning environment, our goal is to

_____. We will strive to teach our children

_____ ,

_____, and

_____ .

Questions for students:

1. What are 3 reasons that being educated is important?

2. Describe what your ideal learning environment looks like, feels like, sounds like?

3. What do you feel the goal/ purpose of being home schooled vs. other schooling options is?

4. What are the top 3 things that you want to learn and why?

I recognize that a good education will

provide _____,

_____, and

_____. Through creating a

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_____, and

_____ learning environment, our goal is to

_____. I will strive to learn _____ ,

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Write your final mission statement