

Homeschool Supplies Checklist

The first-year setup, station by station · Spectrum Unlocked

THE PRINT AND PREP STATION

- ☐ Ink-tank printer (refill bottles, not cartridges)
- ☐ Thermal laminator
- ☐ 3 mil laminating pouches, for wall visuals
- ☐ 5 mil laminating pouches, for daily-handled cards
- ☐ Cardstock, 110 lb index (feeds through a home printer without jamming)
- ☐ Dry-erase pockets

VISUAL STRUCTURE FOR THE DAY

- ☐ A visual schedule the child can see and touch
- ☐ Velcro dots
- ☐ A visual timer that shows time passing

STORAGE THAT KEEPS THE YEAR SANE

- ☐ A rolling cart, one drawer per subject

WRITING TOOLS THAT FIT THE HANDS DOING THE WORK

- ☐ Primary composition books with the dotted midline
- ☐ Pencil grips
- ☐ Self-opening loop scissors
- ☐ Pencils, crayons, and glue sticks (any back-to-school aisle)

LEARNING TOOLS WORTH OWNING

- ☐ Linking cubes
- ☐ Magnetic letters with a board to live on
- ☐ A library card, used weekly

REGULATION AND BREAKS

- ☐ A wobble cushion
- ☐ Kid-size ear protection
- ☐ A break corner with a beanbag or cushions

THE PARENT'S DESK

- ☐ A planner with room for therapy appointments
- ☐ Two binders with sheet protectors: work samples, and anything official
- ☐ Ten minutes of record keeping every Friday

WHAT YOU DO NOT NEED IN YEAR ONE

- ◆ Expensive boxed curriculum, sight unseen
- ◆ A classroom replica
- ◆ Next year's workbooks
- ◆ A supply for every subject

The confidence to skip things is a supply too. Teach for a month first, then buy what the year actually asks for.

The specific picks: item names here are generic on purpose. The full [supplies guide](#) carries the verified picks, current prices, and the reasoning behind each one.

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