

Record Keeping Products

Frustrated thinking about the idea of record-keeping for your home school? Have you put it off completely because you don't know exactly how to go about it? Now that your students are entering junior and senior high school accurate and complete records are more important. Good records now will make college applications much easier later. There are many software packages for homeschool record keeping available. This list merely touches the surface. Once you find the best system for you, record keeping will become routine. Annual reports will be easy to complete. You will have all your child's educational information at your fingertips whenever it is needed.

For PCs...

Homeschool Easy Records for Windows by DataPlus Solutions. Organizes records, produces lesson plans, transcripts, weekly assignments, progress reports, curriculum reports and school calendars.

Home School ORGANIZE! for Windows by HomeFront Software - an organizer that allows you to generate printouts for your daily calendar, lesson plans, chore charts and theme charts. Library-list tracker. (PC)

Homeschooler's Companion by Franwell Corp. A weekly lesson planner for Windows 95 with other features not directly related to academic record keeping. Released in the summer '97.

Home School Record Keeper by Salem Technologies. This program has a few of the features of HomeSchool Easy Records, and some additional personal info manager (PIM) type features that aren't directly related to academic record keeping. Released in summer '97.

Homeschool Solutions by J&M Creations. A nice looking web page and has a "five star rating" from ZDNet, a company that reviews ShareWare. It has some nice features. Note: This program stores only one year's worth of lessons.

School Tools Lesson Planner by Red 17 Development Inc. -- As the name says, this is a lesson planning tool. It lacks tools for student grading or hourly time tracking, (so there are no progress reports, report cards, or transcript). A good feature is the lesson "template" tool which is intended to make lesson re-use easy.

For Macintosh...

HomeSchool Planner by France and Associates has developed a Mac program that is well reviewed.

Paper Systems for Homeschool Record keeping...

Homeschool Planner for Large Families by Abundant Blessings

The Homeschooler's Journal and **The Homeschooler's High School Journal** made by FergNus Services.

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