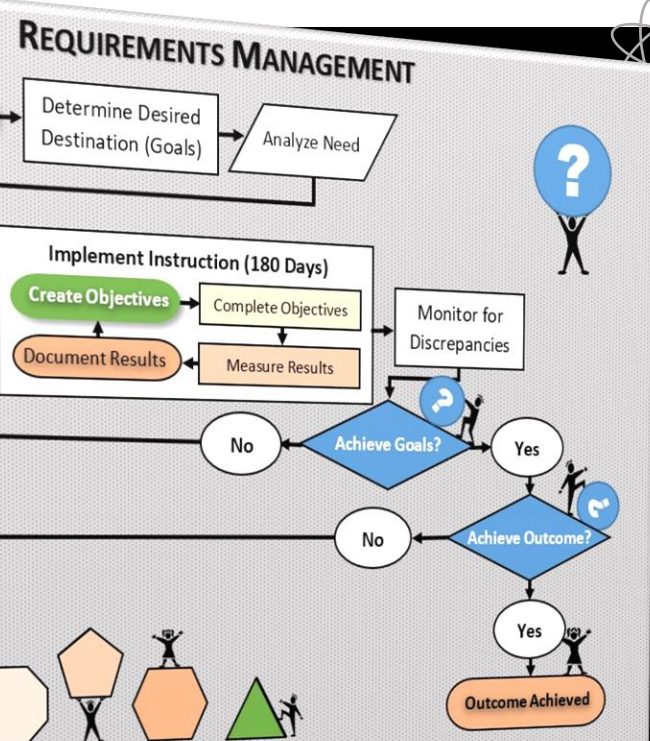
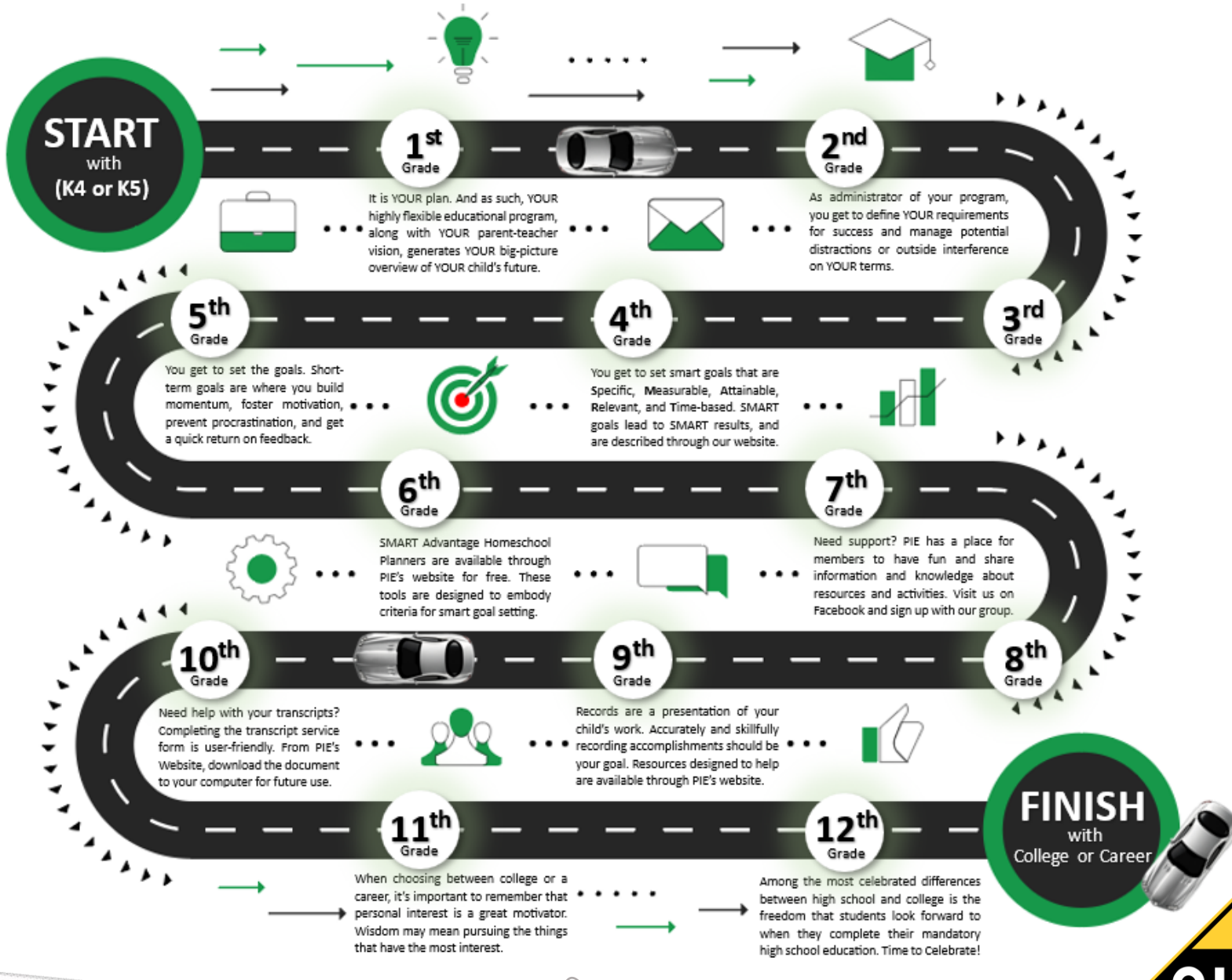


HOME EDUCATORS ROADMAP

YOUR VISION - WHO ACTION TAKES PLACE FOR

Every Journey Begins with the First Step

WHERE ACTION TAKES PLACE - YOUR VISION



Requirements Management

WHEN ACTION TAKES PLACE: SIX KEY STEPS

- Step One: Determine Status
- Step Two: Determine Goals
- Step Three: Analyze the Need
- Step Four: Select Instructional Material
- Step Five: Implement Instruction
- Step Six: Monitor for Discrepancies

Most questions and answers can be organized under the six steps listed here. This is our requirements management process.

- For example, questions you might ask in step one:
- Why do you want to Homeschool?
 - Do you have the physical space?
 - Can you afford expenses for various activities?
 - [Click here for further details.](#)

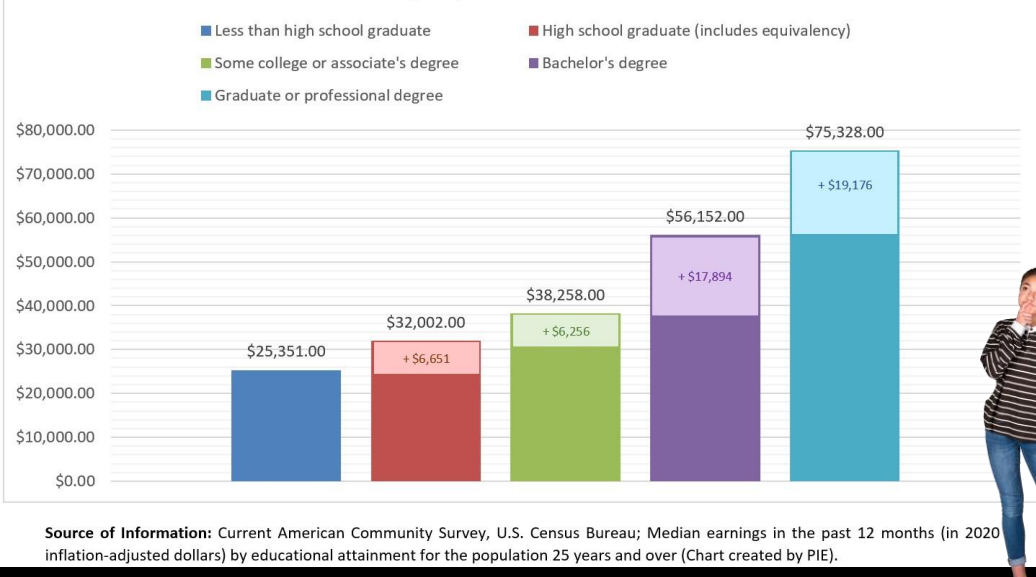
Smart Advantage Goals

WHAT ACTION TAKES PLACE



College or Career

WHY ACTION TAKES PLACE



MEDIAN EARNINGS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Making more money over time is not the only benefit you can earn from completing a college degree. Consider the following:

- Greater Job Satisfaction
- Better Job Stability
- Improved Health and Wellness
- Better Outcomes for the Next Generation

However, as reality has it, college is not going to be for all students, and as parents, we may do better to recognize this fact. Instead, what we need to remember is that there are many pathways leading to a good life that do not include obtaining a four-year degree. We just need to be prepared to work with our child to create those pathways.

The next graph offers insight into the rate of education, followed by [The Homeschool Advantage Formula](#).

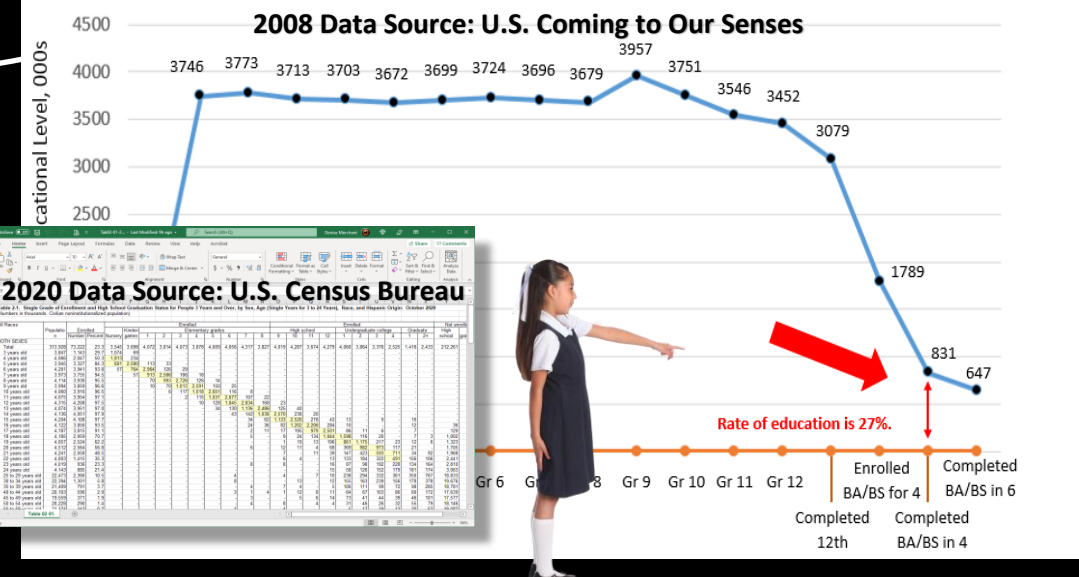
THE RATE OF EDUCATION

What is the rate of education? According to data from a 2008 study titled *Coming to Our Senses*, twenty-six out of one-hundred high school graduates would graduate on time with a four-year degree. That's a completion rate referred to as the rate of education (26%) in the United States.

Coming to Our Senses, a 2008 report, describes their data as a reasonable approximation of cohort patterns displayed using an educational pipeline method.

Inspired by the report, we created the graph to the right. Using data from the U.S. Census Bureau, we calculated the education rate at 27%. Using the same method in 2020, we calculated the rate of education at 34%.

In 2020, we estimated that thirty-four out of one-hundred high school graduates would graduate on time with a four-year degree.



PIT STOP

HOW ACTION TAKES PLACE

SELECTING YOUR CURRICULUM

There are many considerations when choosing the best homeschool curriculum for your program.

- Do you know your child's grade level in different subjects?
- Have you evaluated your teaching capacity?
- What are your priorities and goals?
- Are you open to mixing and matching homeschool curricula?
- Are you willing to manually maintain your records?
- Have you considered using a free curriculum?



MAINTAINING EDUCATION RECORDS

There are many considerations when choosing the best method of maintaining educational records for your program. For instance, should you choose to maintain records for yourself, you will not have to contend with second-party administrators' requirements. For example:

- You may need to teach different subjects at different grade levels.
- You may want to work with other like-minded parent-teachers but maintain the records yourself.
- You may want maximum flexibility for your priorities and goals.
- You may want to mix-match homeschool curricula.
- You may want to take advantage of a free, high-quality curriculum.

The Homeschool Advantage Formula

ROADMAP: WHO FOR AND WHERE ACTION TAKES PLACE

Independent educators understand that some requirements must be met (e.g., state law, higher education, future jobs, etc.). We also understand the power that lies in overseeing our schedules, grade levels, learning approaches, and curricula for ourselves. And, depending on our goals, our graduation requirements, and much more. Having a roadmap offers a powerful advantage.

REQUIREMENTS: WHEN ACTION TAKES PLACE

Requirements management is the key to success. It is the secret sauce that makes things work toward a desirable outcome. And while the six key steps laid out here may not be for everyone, that's OK. The takeaway here should be organizing and managing requirements in a way that benefits my program is a win. Requirements management done well adds its advantages.



SMART GOALS: WHAT ACTION TAKES PLACE

PIE's S.M.A.R.T. Advantage Homeschool Planners are designed to embody criteria for smart goal setting. Short-term goals are where you build momentum, foster motivation, prevent procrastination, design measurable milestones for tasks and projects, and get a quick return on feedback. Tracking SMART goals is a smart choice.

COLLEGE OR CAREER: WHY ACTION TAKES PLACE

College or career is where we live when we live in public, private, or homeschool, this is where we ask ourselves questions like:

- Did I really take ownership?
- Did I pay attention to the keys to success?
- Did I set SMART goals?
- Did I reflect on the right things at the right time?



CURRICULA/RECORDS: HOW ACTION TAKES PLACE

Reflective experts know when it's time to take a break and reflect on the advantages and disadvantages. To do this well, you need to clearly understand your overall program (e.g., goals, curriculum, record-keeping, etc.). Setting aside time to reflect has advantages, like a pit stop where you pause, replenish, recoup, and reevaluate to make decisions that count.

In her 102 Top Picks for Homeschool Curriculum, Cathy Duffy states, "In homeschooling, we can take detours unimaginable in the traditional classroom."

And she would be correct!

In Cathy's statement, "unimaginable" means "difficult or impossible to imagine or comprehend". As surreal as this may sound, reading this statement may help us to begin thinking about the differences between homeschooling and the traditional classroom from an in-the-box versus out-of-the-box perspective. And Merriam-Webster defines in-the-box as "exploring creative and unusual ideas that are not limited or controlled by rules or tradition".

And it just so happens that homeschooling fits the bill!

Out-of-the-box thinking tends to happen when creative and unusual are not limited or controlled. With out-of-the-box thinking, the boundaries, being the box, are removed. As in homeschooling, you are essentially removing the boundaries existing in the traditional classroom; restrictions and limitations give way to unimaginable detours, as Cathy Duffy points out. You are now free to do whatever it takes to accomplish your goals.

For example, the instructional year for public, private, and homeschool is mandated to be at least one hundred eighty days. However, with public and private schools, a schedule that includes a summer break applies to all students regardless of their needs. On the other hand, with homeschooling, so long as you meet the 180-day requirement, you have 365 days from which you can arrange your schedule. You can arrange your schedule according to your child's specific needs.

So, is homeschooling out-of-the-box thinking?

Or, how about unusual? Is homeschooling unusual?

If you think about it, it wasn't until compulsory education became widespread that "homeschooling" seemed to become the unusual option.

But is keeping children home from school actually unusual or unnatural?

is homeschooling a radical new experiment... or would that be public schooling?

From time immemorial most children were taught at home.

They learned trades and skills from their parents as they lived and worked alongside them, but they also learned so much more: "Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching" (Proverbs 1:8, ESV). Parents were expected to train up their children with all the knowledge they themselves possessed—from moral and religious training to reading, writing, and arithmetic. Sometimes they hired tutors to help with difficult subjects, but the parents ultimately took full charge of their own children's education.

Homeschooling has been happening longer—much longer—than compulsory education introduced in the 1800s.

Any online search for "famous homeschoolers" will bring such names as Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Louisa May Alcott, Jane Austen, Mozart, Florence Nightingale, Booker T. Washington, and many more.

That quick tour of history reveals that parents have been educating their children right at home throughout the ages, and doing so very successfully.

Kids learned at home as did the majority of others since the beginning of time when God instituted family with parents as natural teachers. Making home education is no trend or fad, but rather an enduring practice, making public school, which has only been around for a fraction of history, sadly resemble an experiment.

So, is educating and training up (disciplining) children at home really odd after all, or could it be that removing them from parents and home for the majority of their days by sending them away to learn (and be disciplined) is what's really unnatural?

For this reason, we are pleased to announce that Palmetto Independent Educators has partnered with [SchoolhouseTeachers.com](#) which will provide all the courses needed for homeschooling all preschool through graduating 12th-grade students at the discounted annual price of \$189 (you save \$80).

[Click here](#) to learn more about an **AFFORDABLE FAMILY EDUCATION**.

TRAINING RESOURCES

Training resources for the 2023-2024 school year are rolled out during the several upcoming weeks.

- Videos
- Video Transcripts
- Workbooks
- Slide Presentations



REFLECTIVE EXPERT MOMENT

where
why who what
when how

Helping you on your journey!