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*We hope you enjoy!*  
*Leslie Porter-Editor*

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Homework!

**S**tudents who take advantage of dual credit courses may be able to gain college credit for a lower cost than usual. In some states the classes are free. Dual credit courses provide an opportunity for qualified high school students to earn college credit from regionally accredited institutions while still attending high school.

Dual credit courses are offered on college campuses, in high school classrooms or can be completed online. Many online classes replace high school classes, so students can accomplish more than one objective. Dual credit courses can be an amazing opportunity, but not all courses are created equally when it comes to transferability, so it's important to do your homework before signing up.

**PRO TIP:** *The accreditation level of your dual credit institution should match the accreditation level of your student's prospective college.*

If a student knows where he/she is going to college, talk to the Office of the Registrar at the prospective college to find out two things: are the courses transferable under the school's current policy, and can they "grandfather in" credits, even if policies change.

"Regionally accredited" colleges are mostly academically oriented, non-profit or state-owned institutions. Credits earned from regionally accredited institutions are more universally transferable.

**PRO TIP:** *Choose general education courses over specialized topics.*

Transfer policies are everchanging. General education classes, which are required by nearly every institution and major, are more likely to transfer than specialized courses that lock a student into a particular field of study.



**PRO TIP:** Choose dual credit courses for the right reasons.

Dual credit course can be incredibly efficient, propelling students into an early career launch. But keep in mind that learning is the most important aspect of an education. Consider a student's ability to work independently and their maturity level before diving in. The benefit of accumulating college credit is enticing, but keep in mind that dual credit courses are real college courses that may affect your student's high school GPA and carry forward into your student's college GPA. If they get a B or lower grade, it can make it difficult to maintain college tuition scholarships that are GPA-based.

**PRO TIP:** Check the Rules

The rules for dual-enrollment eligibility vary from state to state. Make sure you understand the rules in your state; there can be minimum test scores or a minimum high school GPA required, for instance. To start, google "Rules for dual credit courses in [your state] to find out the rules. Most states provide information about dual enrollment options and will list someone to contact if you have questions. Also keep in mind that it is ultimately up to the college or university. The number of college credits a student earns will ultimately be determined by the college or university he/she attends.

**Some universities contend that taking dual enrollment classes students several benefits, such as:**

- A smoother transition between high school and college
- First-hand exposure to college-level work while still in high school
- A chance to complete their bachelor's degree faster
- An opportunity to begin their freshman year of college with college credits while they also earn credits toward high school graduation

Only you can decide what's right for your student. Know what you're getting into when choosing to enroll your student in dual credit courses.

**Not it's time for you to do your homework.**

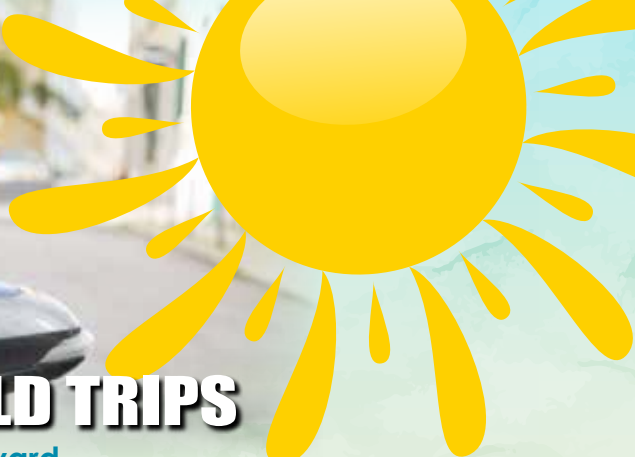
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# SUMMER FIELD TRIPS

## Right in Your Own Backyard

Summer is a great time for family traveling. While many of us don't have an unlimited budget for luxury vacations, with some planning and strategy you may be able to expose your kids to new activities within a modest distance of your home on "one-tank trips." Whether you yearn for the excitement of a big city, the solitude of communing with nature by hiking in state and national parks or you'd like to soak up sun by the waer for a day, one-tank trips can be a perfect solution. Since they won't break the bank, you may be able to plan more than one throughout the summer. Maybe invite another homeschooling family to join you or allow your kids to invite a friend to go along. Make these days a special occasion!

## Splishing and Splashing

Most kids love spending time in, near or around water. If you're not within a short driving distance of the ocean, you'll need to get creative. Is there a water park near you? Many city, state and national parks featuring impressive aquatic centers with elaborate slides, daredevil diving boards, imported-sand "beaches" and relaxing lazy "rivers." Entrance fees are usually reasonable, and it's worthwhile to call ahead to see what kinds of discounts are available since it might pay to plan ahead for a certain day.

**PRO-TIP:** *Pack plenty of sunscreen, extra swimsuits, extra clothes, appropriate water toys, floaties, more towels than you think you'll possibly need, blankets, snacks and drinks. Always keep your kids in sight, even if they're good swimmers. Older kids may be able to check in with you every so often.*

## Museums and Science Centers: Learning Disguised as Fun

Do some research and find out what kind of science centers and museums are around you. Also consider nature centers, aquariums, planetariums, zoos, botanical gardens, space theaters, and children's museums. With any luck, you may be able to visit a couple of different spots during one trip. Search for places to visit at the Association of Science-Technology Center's website ([www.astc.org](http://www.astc.org)). I found eleven museums/centers to visit on a one-tank trip.

## Hidden Gems

It can be surprising to discover places near you that you know nothing about! If you go to [www.homeschoolingparent.com](http://www.homeschoolingparent.com), you can perform a geographical search in the Homeschooling Marketplace to research places to visit. I searched my state and there were 11 homeschool-friendly destinations to visit on a one-tank trip.

## Local Activities

Every geographical area has plenty of (often free) activities in the summer. Google is your friend! Google your area along with words like activities, shows, concerts, races and walks, local theater productions, fairs and festivals. It's also a great time to plan swimming and horseback riding lessons or schedule a rafting trip down a local river.

Don't overlook your local library, which is sure to have a summer reading program, usually with opportunities to win prizes while encouraging the love (and discipline) of reading. It's also county and state fair time. Who can pass up the opportunity to indulge on fair food – from corn dogs, to lemon shake-ups to saltwater taffy, fairs have something for everyone.

## Ask for Discounts!

This may seem like a no-brainer, but some people have a tough time asking for discounts. I am no longer one of those people. At one time I felt uncomfortable bringing up discounts, but after I tried it, I was shocked to see how much money I could save. More often than not, you'll find some kind of discount applies. Discounts for children are extremely common. Many attractions such as museums, planetariums, etc., offer specific discounts on admission for homeschoolers – if you ask. Restaurants often offer “kids eat free” promotions. Sometimes discounts are listed on websites, but just as often, they're not. I prefer to call ahead or send an email to find out, but even if you don't inquire before you go, ask when you're purchasing tickets. The worst thing that can happen is they say no. You will be surprised at the success rate you'll have when you ask. The more you save, the more places you can go!

*Happy traveling.*

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## Is a TUTOR Right for Your Child?



Sometimes, when our child struggles to master concepts, it leads to frustration (with them and ourselves) when we can't seem to "get through" to them. The disconnect can sometimes impede their ability to learn and shake their confidence. When we don't seem to be making a connection, bringing in a tutor can often lead to successful results.

If a young child is having trouble mastering early skills, it can lead to long-term issues. A tutor can bolster a child's ability to develop comprehension skills and master concepts. When children get a little older, they might be embarrassed by having to ask so many questions. Tutoring is a good opportunity for one-on-one time that they might need to fully understand the work in front of them.

**Let's face it.** In an effort to please us, sometimes our children are reluctant to fully communicate how hard they are struggling. A good tutor can create a space in which a child can candidly discuss issues that might be affecting their ability to learn.

Summer can be a great time

to introduce tutoring into your homeschool. Summer tends to be a bit more relaxed the time can be spent reinforcing areas in which they might lose a little ground, which will keep them moving forward and help them maintain their confidence.

Homework often creates stress

between parents and children. Homeschooling makes for a busy day, and having a someone from the outside – in the form of a

tutor – can alleviate pressure. Most children can benefit from having someone that supports their learning and help them understand and accept their own learning style. Often, when children "hate" a particular subject, "I hate this" is really code for, "I don't understand." If a child gets defensive when you're trying to help, bringing in a tutor can help diffuse the situation. When tutoring is successful, it leads to increased confidence, which spills over into other areas in life.

And finally, If your child is diagnosed with a learning disorder, they often have to work harder to stay on track. A tutor experienced in teaching children with learning disabilities can present information in a way that's easier for your child to understand, which can carry over and make learning more enjoyable.



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Both the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Heart Association (AHA) recommend "healthy children participate in at least an hour of vigorous activity every day, preferably outside." Getting kids to play outside isn't just for fun, it's good for their growing bodies and minds. Daily exercise works to prevent heart disease, cancer, chronic disease and obesity.



## SHAKE YOUR GROOVE THING

Dance is a great alternative to team sports, and most studios offer lessons for children as young as two or three. Becoming a skilled dancer requires practice, discipline and focus, skills that are valuable in all areas of life. It's great aerobic exercise and it builds physical strength and stamina while increasing coordination. When children practice dance, they get a better sense of their bodies, fostering increased confidence and self-esteem.

*The outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man.*  
Winston Churchill

Horseback riding is physically demanding and helps kids stay in shape. It offers freedom and movement. Children learn coordination and develop quick reflexes. Horseback riding has long been known to help improve mental health. According to Psychology Today, horses are particularly good for children, with exceptional benefits those with

emotional or behavioral issues. "Children with special needs often do not readily trust adults, and while cognitive therapies can help regulate behavior, horses have their own, special charm." Horses are sensitive to nonverbal communication, mirroring the people (or other animals) around them. Through this, children can see how their behavior affects others. Children who are very shy or timid will not influence the horse and can be taught to use their voices and bodies to greater effect, to stand up for themselves. (Constance Scharff, Ph.D., Psychology Today, March 2016)

## TO MAKE 'THE BEST' BETTER THE 4-H MOTTO

If you think of 4-H as primarily an organization focused on agriculture, you haven't been keeping up! 4-H clubs are organized on a county-wide, school, or community level. They can also be project-based. Clubs have elected officers, volunteer leaders and planned programs for nine to twelve months of the year are designed to meet the basic needs of youth and help them acquire essential life skills through planned "learn by doing" experiences. 4-H offers projects galore, and the whole family can participate.

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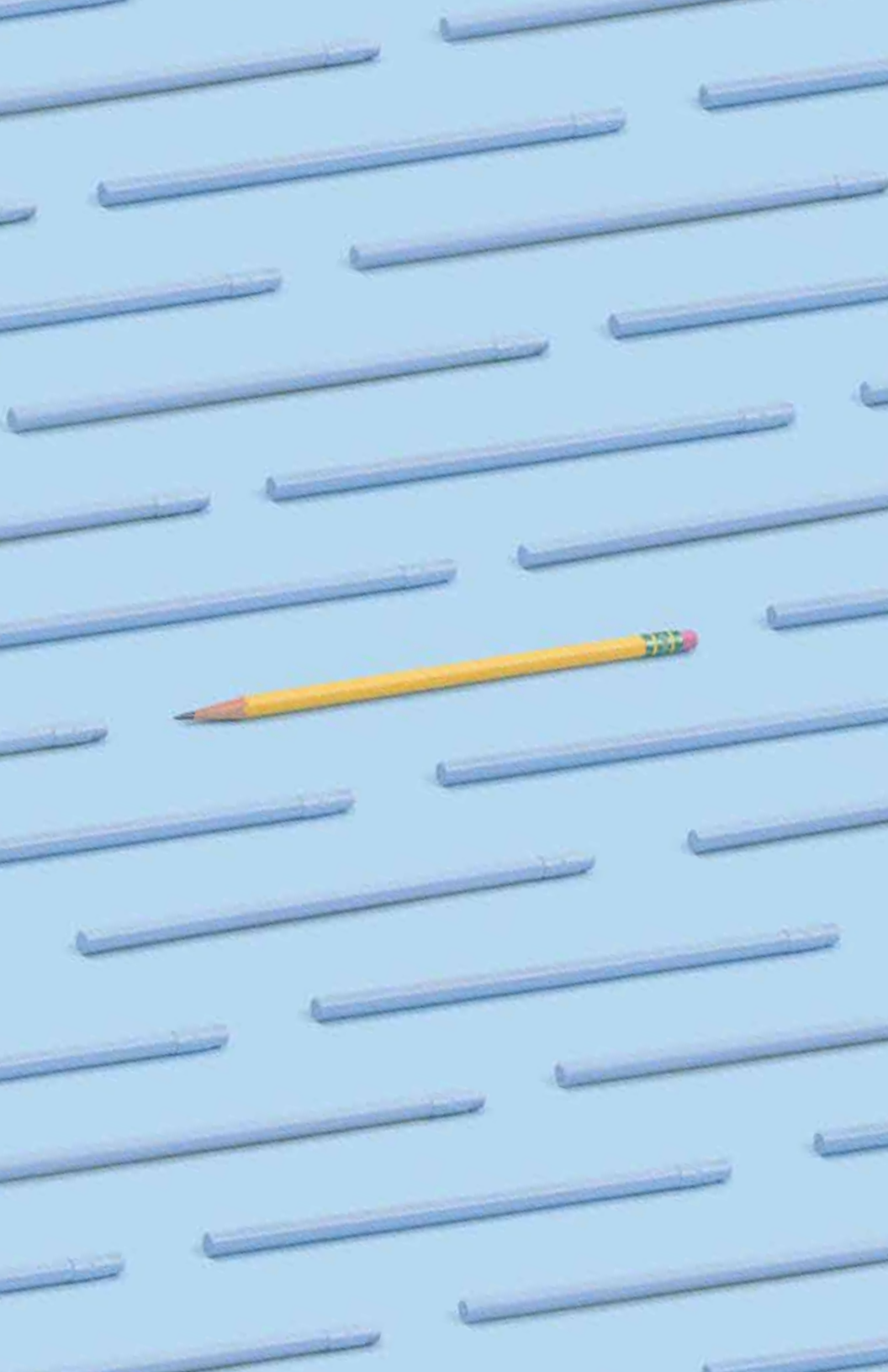
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# Five Things You Need to Know About Learning a Foreign Language

## 1. Deepens Relationships

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## 2. Improves Brain Functioning

Learning a second language improves your brain function. According to a study in *Frontiers in Psychology*, young adults proficient in two languages performed better on attention tests and had better concentration than those who spoke only one language. Some research suggests students who receive second language instruction are more creative and better at solving complex problems than those who do not.

## 3. Leads to Higher Scores on SAT and ACT Tests

College Board reported a positive correlation between SAT scores and knowing a second language. Bilingual students tend to improve their test scores from year to year with continued study. In one controlled study, researchers found that "when verbal ability is controlled, students who study foreign language for longer periods of time will do better on various SAT sub-tests...than students who have studied less foreign language." An analysis of the ACT (American College Test) shows that "high school students who studied a foreign language consistently scored higher on ACT English and mathematics components than did students who did not study a foreign language in high school."

## 4. Improves Your Memory

A study published in the *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology* found that bilingual children performed much better than their monolingual peers on tasks that required the storage and processing of information over a short period of time. The conclusion of the study was that knowledge of more than one language had contributed to their better working memory.

## 5. Increases Your Career Options

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## Our Family’s Journey

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*An interview with Nancy Campbell*

*Two of Nancy Campbell’s four children went to Anderson University after attending dual enrollment classes offered to high school students. Mrs. Campbell says her two other children also attended dual enrollment classes and found themselves well prepared for their college studies because of the foundation laid by AU. She has been instrumental in Anderson University becoming the host site for the National Christian Forensics and Communications Association (NCFCA) speech and debate regional competition.*



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## WHAT ARE THE NAMES, YEARS AND MAJORS OF YOUR STUDENTS WHO ATTEND(ED) ANDERSON UNIVERSITY?

My daughter, Meg, (Class of 2015) took classes her junior and senior year (of high school): lab sciences and English, and she ended up majoring in English literature and minoring in Spanish! My youngest son, Ian, (Class of 2020) is currently in the honors program, majoring in psychology.

## WHY HAS AU BEEN A GOOD FIT FOR EACH OF YOUR STUDENTS?

I loved that they could begin their college experiences in an environment that is distinctly Christian. There were plenty of opportunities for teaching moments. The reputation of Anderson University continued to grow as each one of them began their journey, and that only added to their opportunities.

## WHY HAS AU BEEN A GOOD FIT FOR THEM AS HOMESCHOOLED STUDENTS?

The smaller size classes and caring faculty and staff made the transition into college not just easy, but joyful and exciting. Also, having been homeschooled and participating (in) lots of different experiences we created just for them—a Civic Volunteer Association, English and Scottish country dancing societies, as well as National Christian Forensics and Communications Association (NCFCA) speech and debate and TeenPact programs, they were used to leadership roles. Meg became president of the Student Government Association, started two organizations on campus, and was granted the President's Award. She is still thoroughly devoted to the school although she lives far away in Germany with her Air Force officer husband. She is pursuing a graduate degree while working. Ian is in the honors program and thoroughly loves it. He appreciates the academic rigor and Socratic interaction of those classes particularly. Thanks to the foundation they got at Anderson University, my first three graduated with honors, and Ian is on track to do the same. I am very, very thankful—to God be the glory!

## WHAT, IF ANY, WERE YOUR CONCERNS FOR YOUR STUDENTS GOING OFF TO COLLEGE, AND HOW HAS AU BEEN FOR YOUR STUDENTS SOCIALLY AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY-WISE? WHAT SPORTS/ACTIVITIES HAVE THEY GOTTEN INVOLVED WITH AT AU?

Of course, poor decisions, or falling through the cracks, were our biggest concerns. The fact that we could manage some of that at home or from home when they took college classes in high school was helpful. I love the fact that AU knows its students. Zan's and McBryde's experiences at (a different college) showed that they were just, for the most part, numbers on a grid. The size, structure and policies of Anderson University keep that from happening to a large degree. At the end of the day, we must just trust God to work his will in and through our children.

## ANDERSON UNIVERSITY: WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE HOMESCHOOLING FAMILIES AS THEY EVALUATE UNIVERSITIES?

PRAY. "You have not, because you ask not." What if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously, and without reproach, and it will be given to him. (James 1:5). Stay engaged with your student, giving them encouragement when they do well, observing as much as you can, praying more! Ask observational questions in an encouraging way. Speak to them in a trusting manner, but ask pointed questions, in love. Go to the school and get to know it well, if you possibly can. Volunteer.

I would encourage parents of any college-bound student to take a good hard look at Anderson University. It is a wholesome, academically challenging atmosphere, with a good culture and community. Its graduates consistently do well, both in work and in life.

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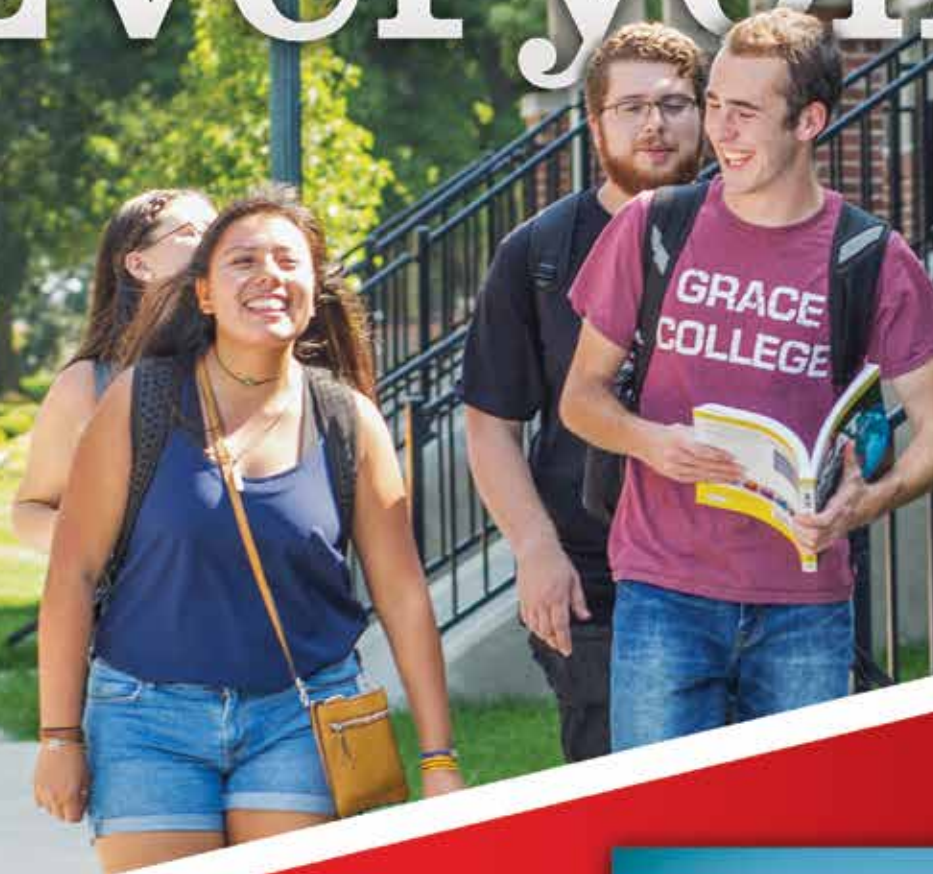
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