HONEST COMPARISON

How THEO compares

THEO side by side with three widely used Christian homeschool programs. We show where THEO leads, where programs are comparable, and where others still lead.

Topic	THEO Homeschool	Abeka	BJU Press	Classical Conversations	Verdict
Learning experience					
Daily lesson style	Short guided lessons on screen, a quick check, then pencil work on the printable or in a notebook	Recorded classroom video lessons (Academy) or parent-taught from textbooks	Recorded teacher video lessons or parent-taught from textbooks	Parent teaches at home; weekly community day with memory work and presentations	✓ THEO leads
Screen time per day (elementary)	About 15–25 minutes per subject on screen; the rest is paper	Video track can run several hours a day	Video track can run several hours a day	Low — mostly books, chants and parent instruction	✓ THEO leads
Fast learners	Optional Honors Extensions in Math and Science inside each lesson	One pace; move up a grade or add materials	One pace; enrichment ideas in teacher guides	Challenging memory work for all; pace set by the parent	✓ THEO leads
Struggling learners	Placement Check, Review Later list, Term Reviews and read-aloud help	Built-in review cycles; video can be rewatched	Review built into teacher guides; video can be rewatched	Parent adjusts pace; heavy memorization can be hard for some	Comparable
Faith and worldview					
Biblical worldview	Young-earth biblical creation across Science, History and Bible	Christian, young-earth creation	Christian, young-earth creation	Classical Christian; uses its own published materials	Comparable
Family devotions	Daily Altar: one weekly verse, five short devotionals, memory ladder, prayer page	Bible taught as a class subject with memory verses	Bible taught as a class subject with memory verses	Weekly Scripture and catechism memory work	✓ THEO leads
Character and life skills	Life Skills™ course: stewardship, character, practical skills	Woven into lessons	Woven into lessons	Woven into discussion and community time	✓ THEO leads

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Parent tools					
Daily parent prep	Little to none — lessons guide the child; parent checks the dashboard and paper work	Low with video; higher when parent-taught	Low with video; higher when parent-taught	High — parent is the main teacher all week	✓ THEO leads
Answer keys	Included, searchable on any device by grade, week and subject	Separate printed keys purchased per subject	Separate teacher editions purchased per subject	Guides and keys purchased separately	✓ THEO leads
Placement	Free built-in Math and Reading Placement Check	Placement guidance and paid testing services	Placement guidance and paid testing services	Parent and local director judgment	✓ THEO leads
Records and reports	Built-in progress reports, gradebook and paper-day logging for state records	Report cards; record keeping included with accredited options	Homeschool Hub tracks grades and schedules	Parent keeps own records	✓ THEO leads
Full-year Scope & Sequence	Published week by week for Grades 1–5	Published	Published	Published by cycle	Comparable
Program and cost					
School year	36 lesson weeks plus 3 Term Reviews (39 weeks)	Full school year	Full school year	Full school year (24-week community calendar)	Comparable
Grades offered	Grades 1–5	Preschool–12	Preschool–12	Age 4 through high school	Others lead
Printed books	Digital printables for home printing; bound workbooks planned	Full printed textbooks and workbooks	Full printed textbooks and workbooks	Printed guides and books	Others lead
Accreditation and diplomas	Record-keeping support; not an accredited school	Accredited enrollment option	Accredited options through partners	Not an accredited school	Others lead
Track record	New — Founding Families cohort	Decades	Decades	Decades	Others lead

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Cost structure	**One family price for up to 6 children: $49/mo or $399/yr (Core), $79/mo or $599/yr (All-Access)**	Priced per child; full video programs often several hundred to over $1,000 per child per year	Priced per child; full video programs often several hundred to over $1,000 per child per year	Community tuition and fees per child, plus books	✓ THEO leads

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