

(School Admin-THEE) I wanted to add a perspective from the admin side because I often read from parents that you must decide between a religious or secular home ed program. I would disagree with that statement because home education is about the parent-determined learning program and goals...period...full stop. The home education program is 100% based on what the parent wants, plans, determines, etc. One new-to-homeschooling parent told me that she thought that a home ed program that is from a religious school would require a "religious education" course or component in the homeschooling child's learning plan, and I told her, no, the parent has 100% control of that learning plan. We (admin and facilitators) exist to support the homeschooling family in what the parents have chosen.

Please remember that home education from a religious school is NOT like an onsite physical school which is faith-based. At the onsite (or even online) school, the faith-based teachers determine the content of the lessons and instructions, but in a home education program (from faith or secular-based programs), the parents create their own school (per the Education Act) and determine every detail for the learning. Instead of using faith-based or secular-based as a criterion for selecting a home ed program, my suggestion is to consider the level of support, philosophy toward home education, etc. that you'll receive from the home ed program. You are not choosing a faith-based program or a secular-based program like you would be doing if you were dealing with a teacher-directed program. The home ed program is YOU-BASED.