



**Speaking Topics:
Penny Ross**

Penny Ross has over 35 years of homeschooling experience: teaching her own 3 children kindergarten through high school graduation, running a PSP (private school satellite program) and group class drop-off program in Southern California, selling gently-used curriculum, and serving as an independent homeschool consultant/coach. Book her today to encourage and support your group or event!

In addition to the webinars listed on her website, www.toolsforthehomeeducator.com/classes, Penny is available to speak on the following topics, either on-line or in-person:

A Customized Education – Homeschool parents do not need to teach every subject themselves. How do you determine which subjects would be best taught by you at home and which ones could (or should) be outsourced? And how do you determine the pro's and con's of a group class, tutor, co-op, online class, or video program for a particular subject or situation?

College ABCs – Help your student determine their next step after high school by learning the differences between different types of higher education. We'll discuss community colleges, California State Colleges, the University of California system, private colleges, and vocational schools, as well as the admissions process for homeschoolers to each of them. A short primer on financial aid can also be added to this presentation.

Escaping the Classroom – Though we probably fled the formal classroom environment because it wasn't working for our student, we often default to its teaching approach simply because that is what we are most familiar with. School and education are not the same thing! Learning really can happen outside the box. Let's explore ideas and alternatives to give your students a quality education off the beaten track.

Home Educating a High-Energy Kid – Do you have one of those kids who can barely sit still – even to eat? Then how is he or she supposed to learn to read, do long division, or write essays? We'll discuss practical tips and tools for working with kids who have an overabundance of energy and for incorporating movement into their daily learning routine.

Homeschooling Privately (or Outside the Public School Box) – There are multiple ways to homeschool legally in the state of California. While charter schools and distance learning programs tend to receive more media attention, what is available to you if you want to leave the world of public education behind? Let's discuss the freedom and flexibility inherent in homeschooling through a PSA (private school affidavit) or PSP (private school satellite program).

Homeschooling ... When Life Intervenes – Don't fall into the trap of thinking a quality home education can only happen under ideal life circumstances. It is possible to homeschool while you provide care for a beloved family member or friend, deal with an ongoing illness yourself, lose your spouse to death or divorce, or undergo other major turmoil. We'll explore ways you can stretch and flex to meet the demands on your time and energy without short-changing your children's education.

Managing Your School Day -- Does it matter when you teach and in what order you tackle individual subjects? How long should you expect your students to effectively pay attention? And where do you find the time to homeschool in days already full with meal prep, laundry, extracurriculars, and more? Let Penny recommend scheduling ideas and organizational pointers to help you manage your school day more effectively.

Middle School: Is It Any Different – Is middle school just a different campus for school students? Or do the dramatic physical, mental, and emotional challenges of puberty necessitate some changes in your homeschooling? What academic skills need to be covered now as you bridge between the academic foundations of elementary school and the more advanced coursework of high school?

Mixing Learning into Life – Are you ready to teach beyond textbooks -- to incorporate real life experiences and informal learning opportunities into your homeschooling? How can learning be integrated into the natural flow of your day and your family's lifestyle? Let's discuss ways to expand our vision of effective learning, documenting it as we go.

What My Wife Wants Me to Know About Homeschooling – For the dad who is concerned about his kids getting a great education but who doesn't have time to read a whole book or attend a weekend conference about homeschooling. Let's cover the most common questions in an hour! How do I know if they are learning all they need to know? Can or should they school in pajamas? How do colleges view homeschooling?

Interested in a topic not listed here? Contact Penny to arrange a custom presentation. Let her know whether you are looking for a Christian worldview or non-sectarian point of view.
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