

Wisdom's Way

CLASSICAL SCHOOL

What if you could have the benefits of a Classical School education, without the downsides of sending your children out of the home, into a classroom setting, every day? That's the vision behind Wisdom's Way Classical School.

Teach Them Diligently?

We prioritize the biblical command that fathers and mothers are to “rehearse [God's words] continually unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou tarriest in thine house, and as thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.” We believe that – no matter what method parents follow – the best education is the home education.

At the same time, many Christian parents, having been educated by modern methods, desire to give their children a *better* education than they themselves received.

This has led to the rise of Christian Classical Schools around the country, in which the old methods, from before the era of modern education, are being revived. In *Recovering the Lost Tools of Learning*, Douglas Wilson argues that a homeschooling parent by himself *cannot* offer his children as good an education as a Classical School can; it's physically impossible for one parent to learn all of these subjects as well as several different teachers can, thanks to the division of labor. And he's right about that.

Combining the Best of Classical School with Home Education

Wisdom's Way seeks to offer the rigors of a Classical School education, through a classical curriculum and weekly meetings, for a true homeschool setting, in which the children are mainly taught at home. It was designed in the spirit of a homeschool coop: It meets only one day a week, and parents remain the primary teachers of their children; yet it is more serious than a typical homeschool coop.

Like a Classical School, Wisdom's Way hires knowledgeable teachers, offers subjects parents often did not learn themselves in school, and provides a full Christian Classical curriculum. But the real meat of the teaching relationship happens in the *home* setting, not in the classroom.

Our goal is to provide a curriculum that may be too much for Mom or Dad to teach on their own; and to provide weekly teaching, accountability in a community of others who are teaching the same material, and a forum for asking questions about parts of the curriculum Mom or Dad may not understand. The tutor will also model for Mom or Dad *how* to teach in the Classical method – not just memory work, but all of the traditional classical subjects.

Commitment

Wisdom's Way Classical School requires a substantial commitment from parents. The children (especially as they get older) have a full slate of assignments to complete at home each week; one parent must be present and actively engaged in our meetings each week; and children should also be trained at home to behave well and participate cheerfully. There is also a financial commitment: A small tuition pays for facility rental, teacher and administrator stipends, and supplies; and each family must acquire all of the required curriculums.

But while a Classical Education requires no small degree of commitment on the part of the parents, restoring the educational legacy of the Reformation to our children is a gift worth sacrificing for. Modern Christian parents, with some research, sacrifice, and a spirit of cooperation, with God's help, can revive Classical Education for our children!