The Why and How of *Learning Styles*

One of the benefits of home education is choosing curricula and teaching techniques to accommodate your child's needs. Whether your child is an auditory, kinesthetic, or visual learner, discovering the best way to make learning more effective can inspire a fresh vision for your homeschool. Discover your child's unique learning style with these online resources, personality assessments, and books.

Identify Learning Styles

Abiator's Online Learning Styles Inventory
Discover your child's learning style with Abiator's online database. For learning style tests and assessments, visit the following link:
www.berghuis.co.nz/abiator/lsi/lsiframe.html

Enhance Learning with Technology
Find learning strategies for your homeschool with these useful tools, resources, tutorials, assessments and more.
members.shaw.ca/priscillatheroux/strategies.html

Felder-Silverman Learning Style Model
Contains resources for a model of learning styles called the Felder-Silverman model and an index of learning preferences.
www.ncsu.edu/felder-public/Learning_Styles.html

Learning Modalities
Approach learning more efficiently by finding teaching techniques to accommodate your child's learning style.
library.thinkquest.org/C005704/content_hwl_learningmodalities.php3

Books on Learning Styles

The Way They Learn: How to Discover and Teach to Your Child's Strengths, Cynthia Ulrich Tobias. (Colorado Springs, CO: Focus on the Family Publications, 1994) Available for purchase on www.family.org, (ISBN: 1561792535).

How to Maximize Your Child's Learning Ability: A Complete Guide to Choosing and Using the Best Computer Games, Activities, Learning Aids, Toys, and Tactics for Your Child, Dr. Lauren Bradway and Barbara Albers Hill, (Garden City Park, NY: Square One Publishers, 2003). Available for purchase on Amazon through www.hslda.org/clicks4hs, (ISBN: 0757000967).

Every Child Can Succeed: Making the Most of Your Child's Learning Style, Cynthia Ulrich Tobias, (Colorado Springs, CO: Focus on the Family Publishing, 1999). Available for purchase on Amazon through www.hslda.org/clicks4hs, (ISBN: 1561797081).

Discover Your Child's Learning Style, Mariaemma Willis and Victoria Kindle Hodson, (New York: Random House, Inc., 1999). Available for purchase on Amazon through www.hslda.org/clicks4hs, (ISBN: 0761520139).

Techniques and Further Readings

Visual Manna
Sharon Jeffus' curriculum site has an online catalog and listing of workshops that use art to teach various subjects and learning styles.
www.visualmanna.com

"Learning Styles," by Debra Bell
Debra Bell writes on "Learning Styles" for the Home Educators Association of Virginia.
www.heav.org/resources/articles/learningstyles.html

PBS Teachers
The PBS Teachers site includes books, links, and other great resources for teachers. www.pbs.org/teachers/

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