

SESSION 1

LIFELONG LEARNING

A COURSE IN UNSCHOOLING



There is a world of difference between insisting on someone's doing something and establishing an atmosphere in which that person can grow into wanting to do it.



- Fred Rogers

Unschooling is a method of education advocating for learner-chosen activities as the primary means of learning.

Unschooling is learning through natural life experiences such as play, everyday life activities & responsibilities, personal interests and curiosities, mentorships, and hands-on experiences.

Our goal is to cultivate and care for our kids' innate ability to be lifelong learners.

Unschooling is legal.

But it varies from state to state

(File a notice of intent, submit to annual testing, require certain subjects)

- Keep a portfolio
- Journal what they do
- Journal progress

Unschooling is not lazy.

Requires **indirect guiding** and **direct involvement** when the kids want it.

Intentionality

is key to building **self-discipline** and **self-motivation** in your children.

We do not lack all structure, but the parents **do not dictate** everything either. We utilize regular family meetings and make decisions together.

Unschooling is social.

Unschoolers give their children the freedom and ability to interact with **the world around them**.

They are involved in their communities and learn in **real-world environments**.

Everyone learns at a different pace and in a different way.

Unschoolers

might utilize **formal classes or tutors**, but if at any point it becomes compulsory, it is no longer unschooling.



Students from a homeschooled background graduate college at a higher rate than their peers, and earn higher grade point averages along the way.



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