

Knowing Where You're Going

Vision Statement

The purpose of a vision statement is to give long term vision to the outcome of your work, and to help you set your mission statement and goals. And, to be honest, they offer great encouragement and perspective on those hard days! Vision Statements should be:

- Clear & Concise
- General - not detailed
- Non-specific
- Have no measurable goals
- Able to give you direction

Example: Make-A-Wish Foundation: that people everywhere will share the power of a wish

Some questions to ask yourself as you craft your vision statement:

- What am I working toward?
- What is my picture of success?
- What is the most important outcome of all my work?
- What qualities do I want my kids to have at graduation?

Jot down your thoughts:

Mission Statement

Among other things, a mission statement will help you set goals, provide encouragement in day-to-day learning, shield you from the comparison trap and help with curriculum choices. Mission Statements should:

- Answer how you will meet your vision statement
- Be more specific, but no checklists
- Not be limited to book learning
- Be tweaked as children grow and change

Example: Make-A-Wish Foundation: To grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

Some questions to ask yourself as you craft your mission statement:

- What are our overarching spiritual goals?
- What are our overarching educational goals?
- What skills and learning do we want our kids to have?
- What do we want our homeschool environment to look like?
- What will daily/monthly/yearly success in homeschool look like?

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Goals

Goals should be:

- S – specific
- M – measurable
- A – attainable
- R – realistic
- T – time frame
- Align with your vision and mission statements

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