

## HOME SCHOOLING

Pros	Cons	Questions to be answered when using this option.
1. Maximum parental control over education for MKs, no matter where the family is residing.	1. Large amount of time and energy required of parents to implement home schooling.	1. What measure of success are you having using home schooling materials?
2. A large amount of materials and resources available for a variety of learning and teaching styles.	2. The stress and difficulty of acquiring language and cross-cultural communication, as well as establishing ministry and meeting the demands of daily living.	2. Do you see yourself as well suited for home schooling your children?
3. The opportunity to provide strong moral and Christian guidance in the educational process.	3. Requires a significant commitment to planning, gathering materials, and discipline of time.	3. How do you think your children are reacting to schooling at home?
4. Great parental control in reducing negative social influences on children.	4. It may not satisfy a family's educational expectations for their children.	4. Is there educational information about your own children that you are lacking and would like to know?
5. Potential for blending resources from the national school as it relates to language, culture, sports, and music.	5. Not all parents are interested in, or well suited to, educating their own children.	5. What would be helpful for you to know in order to be more informed about home schooling?
6. The financial cost is very nominal for missionary families.	6. Lack of opportunities for educational and social interaction with a variety of teachers and students.	6. What would be your preferences in terms of using the five basic categories of home schooling curriculum?
7. A long term "connector" to the language and culture of the home country.	7. Limited access to support from others involved in the process of home schooling.	7. Who is responsible for conducting the home schooling in your home? What is the role of the mother? Of the father?
		8. How might you plan for dealing with the answers to these questions?

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

Pros	Cons	Questions to be answered when using this option.
<p>1. An educational program of high quality may be provided.</p> <p>2. There may be a willingness to work with missionary families.</p> <p>3. For children of secondary school age without prior educational background in the country, this may be a strong choice.</p> <p>4. Educational facilities may, at times, be very good.</p> <p>5. There are ministry opportunities for MKs and their parents in the context of this type of school.</p>	<p>1. The cost is likely to be prohibitive to many families.</p> <p>2. They are not Christian schools.</p> <p>3. They may be a great distance from where SEND families live.</p> <p>4. The national children who attend are likely to be from wealthy families and may bring a materialistic world view to MKs in the school.</p> <p>5. They are limited in their availability.</p>	<p>1. How is your child reacting to the international school?</p> <p>2. What are your feelings about how this option is working for you?</p> <p>3. What are your issues of concern regarding use of the international school?</p> <p>4. Is this the kind of school in which you would like to continue to have your child?</p> <p>5. How might you plan for dealing with the answers to these questions?</p>

## MK BOARDING SCHOOLS

Pros	Cons	Questions to be answered when using this option.
<p>1. Provides a schooling option which leaves parents more free time to meet the demands of every day life and ministry.</p> <p>2. Children enjoy being with other MKs.</p> <p>3. The school often becomes the center of inter-mission activity for families in the areas of sports, music, drama, counseling, and educational resources.</p> <p>4. Children may be taught the national language in a systematic way.</p> <p>5. The student-teacher ratio may be very low.</p> <p>6. Children from many nationalities may be present in the school.</p> <p>7. Seeks to provide personal and individual care for MKs living away from their parents.</p> <p>8. Provides an educational setting that meets the needs of secondary school students who plan to return to North America for college.</p>	<p>1. Distance from parents may be great, limiting time with parents to a few visits a year.</p> <p>2. Contact with national children may be limited.</p> <p>3. For most families, it is a choice of major emotional impact to place children in a boarding school.</p> <p>4. Because of distance from parents, communication and discipline issues are harder to deal with.</p> <p>5. Feelings of homesickness, and adjustment to yet another culture are difficult for many children.</p> <p>6. Feelings of abandonment of their children, failure to fulfill parental responsibilities, loss, and fear are issues often faced by parents with children in boarding settings.</p> <p>7. There is increased expense in terms of travel for children and parents, as well as the actual cost of boarding.</p>	<p>1. How is your child reacting to the MK boarding school option?</p> <p>2. What are your feelings about how this option is working for you?</p> <p>3. What are your issues of concern regarding use of an MK boarding school?</p> <p>4. Is this the kind of school in which you would like to continue to have your child?</p> <p>5. What advantages and disadvantages does this option present for your family?</p> <p>6. How might you plan for dealing with the answers to these questions?</p>