

Why Homeschool Through High School

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Qualifications

- University Professor From 1990 - 1995
- Helped Develop Indiana's Only Residential High School for Gifted and Talented Students
- NSF-Sponsored Scientist with More Than \$200,000 In Research Grants
- Became Interested in Homeschooling Because of Excellent University Students Who Were
- Homeschooled
- Currently writes homeschool curriculum and Christian apologetics material

Shouldn't I send my child to school once he or she reaches high school age?

- I have no idea what subjects my child needs for a quality high school experience.
- I don't even know some of the subjects that my child needs to learn!
- What about science classes and laboratory work?
- Won't home school reduce my child's chance to be accepted into a good college or University?

Public schools do a LOUSY job

The textbooks are full of errors, lies and omissions

- An Oregon magazine publisher noticed several glaring errors in his daughter's high school physical science text. The publisher told him that *the errors were necessary in order to make the science simple enough for the lowest common denominator!*
- *Consumer Reports* lists many fabrications that are present in environmentally-oriented science texts:
 - Aerosol cans contain ozone-destroying CFCs.
 - All pesticides are environmentally hazardous.
 - Acid rain has destroyed hundreds of lakes and streams.
 - Humans are responsible for causing the extinction of 10,000 species of animals each year.

Standards are kept low

- Only 33% of high school graduates are proficient readers. Slightly more than 25% are functionally illiterate.
- 63% of high school seniors could not point to Russia on a world map.
- 45% of high school seniors said that the phrase "From each according to his abilities to each according to his needs" came from the U.S. Constitution. Only 11% correctly identified it as a phrase from *The Communist Manifesto*.
- 72% of high school seniors could not distinguish between an atom and a molecule

Public schools buy into every educational fad that comes down the pike!

- See and Say Reading
- “Open” concept Learning
- Outcome-Based Education
- Block System Scheduling

Public Schools Can Be Dangerous

- Every day, 135,000 students bring a gun to school.
- A 2007 study showed that 7.8% of children in high school were threatened or injured with a weapon at school.
- 78% of students reported being bullied "in the past month"
- Depending on the study done, 5-15% of children report suffering harsh and repeated abuse at school

Public high schools teach things that most parents do not want their children to learn

- Evolution is generally taught as a fact.
- Sex education often teaches perversion.
Eastbrook Elementary School (MA) required SIX YEAR OLDS to read books like “Who’s in a Family” that portrays homosexual families as “normal.” When David Parker told the school to remove his child from those discussions, the school refused. He was arrested.

Religions other than Christianity are glorified

Curriculum in the Byron Union School District in California requires history students to: chant and pray to "Allah," dress as Muslims, and choose new Muslim names.

Public schools downplay and even denigrate Christianity

Focus on the Family states that in 1995, 1,000 instances of encroachment on religious liberty occurred in the public schools of America. They include:

- High school seniors in Hoolehau, HI being dragged from the commencement stage when they began to sing the Michael W. Smith song, “Friends.”
- A principal was fired for allowing the following prayer to be read over the PA system: “Almighty God, we ask that you bless our parents, teachers, and country throughout this day. In your name we pray. Amen.”
- In South Bend, IN, students were told to bring in their favorite book and read a portion to the class. When Brice Fisher brought his Bible, the teacher told him it was “against the rules” to read from that book!

Advantages of Homeschooling

- You stay on top of your child’s educational needs!
- With a good knowledge of your child’s abilities, you will be able to better counsel them on their plans!
- Your student will stay SAFE!
- You control peer group! Psychologists say that peer influence increases from 20% in elementary school to 80% by the high school year
- You control the moral and religious education!

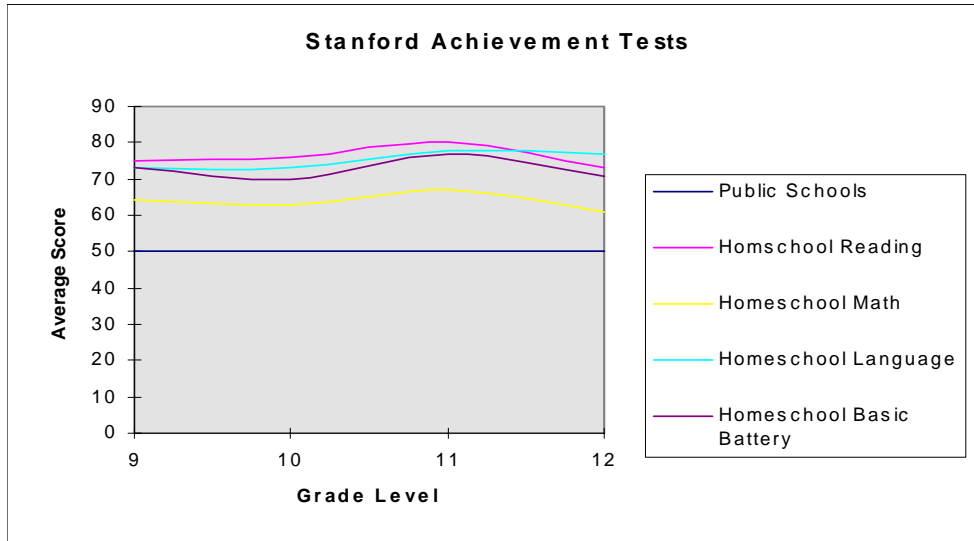
As Your Student Gets Older, Your Role Changes

Teacher → Tutor → Fellow Learner

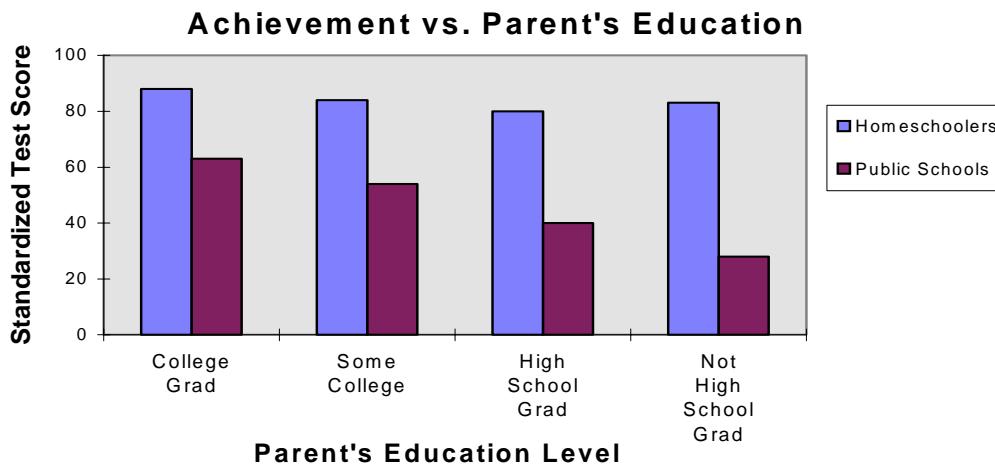
CAN I DO IT? - YES!!

- IF YOUR KIDS CAN LEARN IT-YOU CAN TOO!!!!
- LEARNING FROM READING IS THE MOST PRODUCTIVE KIND OF LEARNING
- IF OTHERS CAN DO IT - YOU CAN TOO !!!!!

Homeschooled High School Students Excel!



The Quality of a Homeschooled Student’s Education Is Independent of the Parents’ “Qualifications” to Teach.



It Doesn't Even Depend on Income!

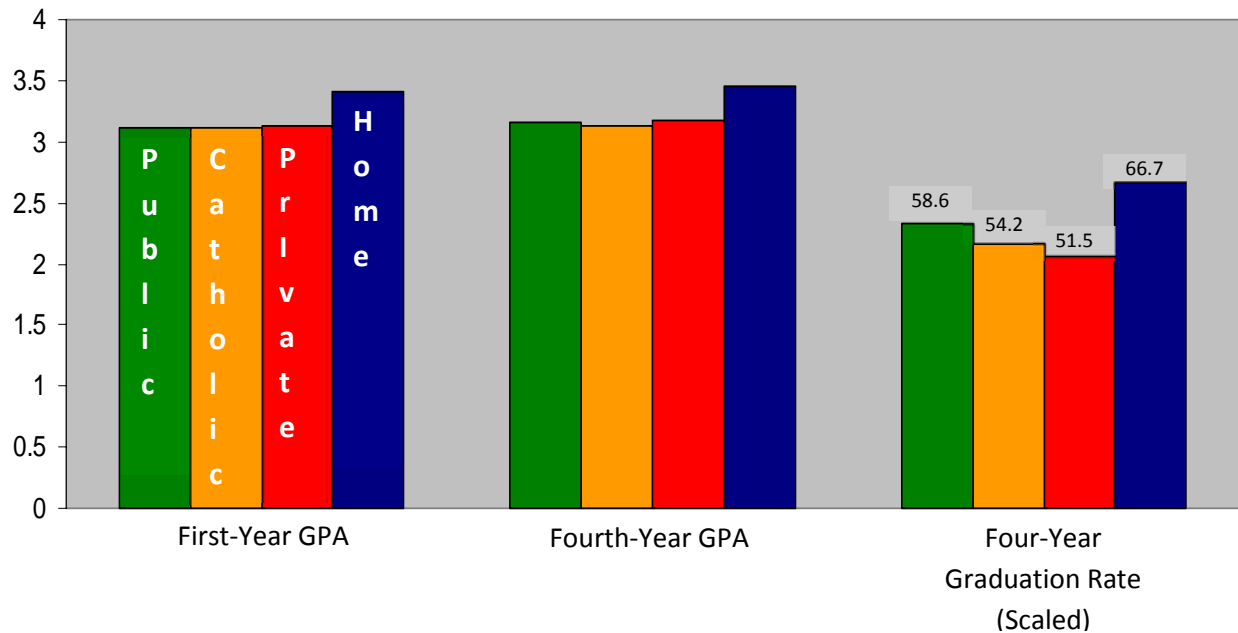


What Happens After Graduation?

- Boston University followed their homeschool graduates for several years and found that on average, their GPA was 3.3 out of 4, much higher than the rest of the university population.
- Ivy League Universities accept a higher percentage of homeschooled students than the rest of their applicants. According to an admissions officer at Stanford University, “The distinguishing factor is intellectual vitality. [Homeschooled] kids have it, and everything they do is responding to it.”

University of St. Thomas Study:

GPAs and Graduation Rates



What I Noticed About My Homeschooled Students at the University Level

- They were much more eager to learn.
- They sought me out for help and (mostly) additional instruction.
- They were not afraid to tackle a problem that was not covered in class.
- They were more mature when it came to taking responsibility for their own learning.
- They *actually read the book!*

What Others Have Noticed About Homeschooled Students in the Workplace

- “They’re smart, ambitious and very driven...They have a high level of loyalty to the business, are diligent, and have a good work ethic.”
- Andy Lorenzen, national Chick-fil-A recruiter
- “They’re well-versed in basic business principles...They have the discipline to either run their own business or become quite focused employees.”
- Dr. Gary Knowles, Ontario Institute of Studies in Education
- “...their work ethic and personal qualities [make] an unbeatable combination.”
- *HR Magazine*
- “They have a good sense of humor and know how to act. Lots of kids have trouble with judgment, differentiating what’s appropriate behavior in the work environment and on the ball field. Not these kids.”
- Joe Jeffcoat, Chick-fil-A manager
- “If I didn’t know anything about someone other than their educational background, I’d rather hop into a foxhole with a homeschool kid than one from public school. The homeschool kid will be a little better educated and dependable.”
- Patricia Lines, former US Department of Education researcher

So...Why Homeschool Through High School?

- It is your responsibility to train your children:
“Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.” -Proverbs 22:6
- Avoid negative role models from a uncontrolled peer group and uncontrolled faculty.
“Let me clearly say that this is one area where my observations show virtually no difference between Christian schools and government schools. The same peer attitudes show up among Christian school children as those in government school.” -Dr. Fred Worth, Henderson State University
- Avoid the situation where you teach your child Christianity, but the school which he or she attends teaches something different every day of the week, 8 hours a day!
- Keep your child safe from bullies, teasers, and worse!
- Strengthen your family while emphasizing the importance of education.
“Children sent to government school are told that their education is important but are then packed off to get that experience from strangers. Home schooled children are told that their education is important and then see that it is important by having their parents take a central role in the obtaining of that education. That reinforces the importance of the educational experience and strengthens the familial relationships” -Dr. Fred Worth
- Your student will get a better education.

- Your student will be properly socialized.
- Your student will be better prepared for college, the workforce, or life in general!

Hear it from a real expert (a homeschooled student):

I came out of [homeschool] with the desire to learn even more, **with an awesome relationship with God**, with strong relationships with my family (you'll realize how important that really is), with more maturity (than my peers), with solid character, strong morals, values, and standards, and with true friendships...**I think that, by homeschooling, I was able to escape the superficiality that's so predominant in the public school scene**, and build on the areas and friendships that would (and have) last(ed). I am so blessed to have the parents I have...Not many are willing to give up their time so their kids can have the ultimate experience in education, and I have many friends who wished theirs would've. Don't take it for granted. **It's one of the greatest gifts you'll ever receive!**