

Homeschooling: The Solution to Our Education Problem by Dr. Jay L. Wile, Ph.D.

Qualifications

- 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 homeschooling materials through Berean Builders
- Is an adjunct professor at Anderson University

The Problem: Public Schools

- They can be hostile to Christian values.
- They can be unsafe for students.
- They usually expose students to a very bad peer group.
- They usually have incredibly low academic standards.

Worried that you aren't a "qualified" teacher?

On every university campus studied, the average SAT score of students in the college of education is LOWER (usually by about 100 points) than the average SAT score of the entire university.

On every university campus studied, the college of education gives the HIGHEST grades as compared to all other colleges!

Our WORST students are going into teaching, and they are being held to the LOWEST standard.

Results of a study released by a 19-member commission that was appointed and funded by Louis Gerstner, a former IBM chairman:

- Those who score poorly on college entrance exams are **TWICE** as likely to go into teaching compared to those who score well on the exams.
- **61%** of middle school math teachers do not even have a **minor** in math!
- At least a third of entry-level teachers quit within five years. In urban schools, the rate is even higher.

As a result, this should not surprise us:

In a test used to screen job applicants, 59% of prospective teachers in Massachusetts failed a test said to be on the eighth grade level. To "fix" this problem, the state lowered the passing grade from 77% to 66%, so "only" 44% of the prospective teachers would be denied employment.

According to a Scripps Howard News Service report, in the 43 other states which also use such pre-employment testing, at least 30% of the candidates consistently fail.

Because of the poorly-qualified teachers, the quality of the materials is also low:

A panel of teachers with teaching backgrounds from junior high to graduate school recently evaluated the most popular physical science texts. They report:

The books were FILLED with errors. Some were copy errors (a photo of Linda Ronstadt labeled as “silicon crystal doped with an arsenic impurity”), but most were **serious science errors!** The authors said “... **listing all the errors would make this report much too long (over 500 pages).**”

The books were incredibly confusing. There were experiments that could not work, technical words not defined, and drawings representing impossible situations.

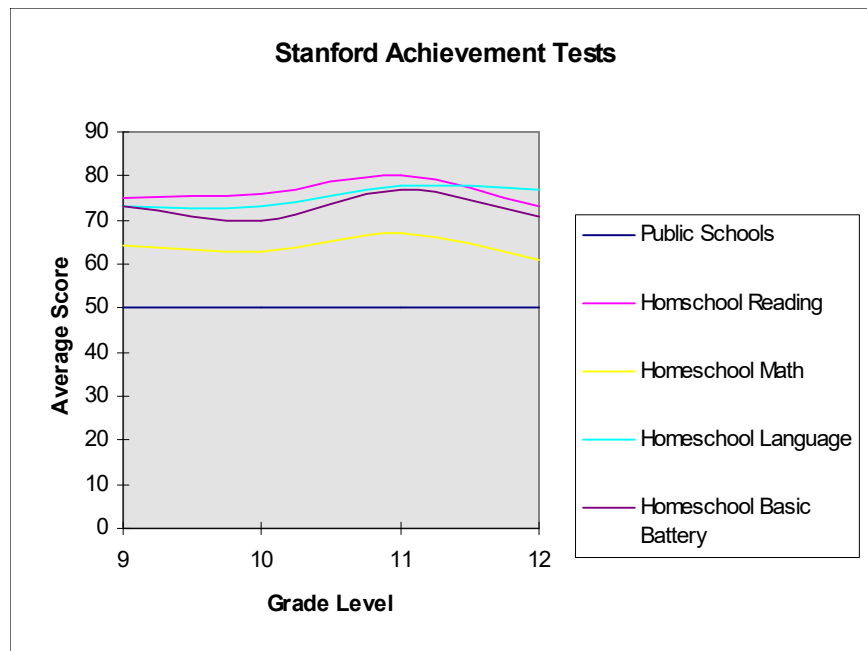
The books were far too busy.

There was a lot of inconsistency between the text and the notes for the teacher in the teacher’s edition. Sometimes the book would say one thing, and the teacher’s notes would say exactly the opposite.

All of the authors note: “**Not one** of the books we reviewed reached a level that we would call **scientifically accurate.**”

The publishers seem unconcerned: “We also noticed that publishers, when presented with lists of errors, suggest that their new printing or edition has taken care of those errors. Subsequent looks at these new books showed some corrections and often more errors.”

Is it any wonder that homeschooled students excel?

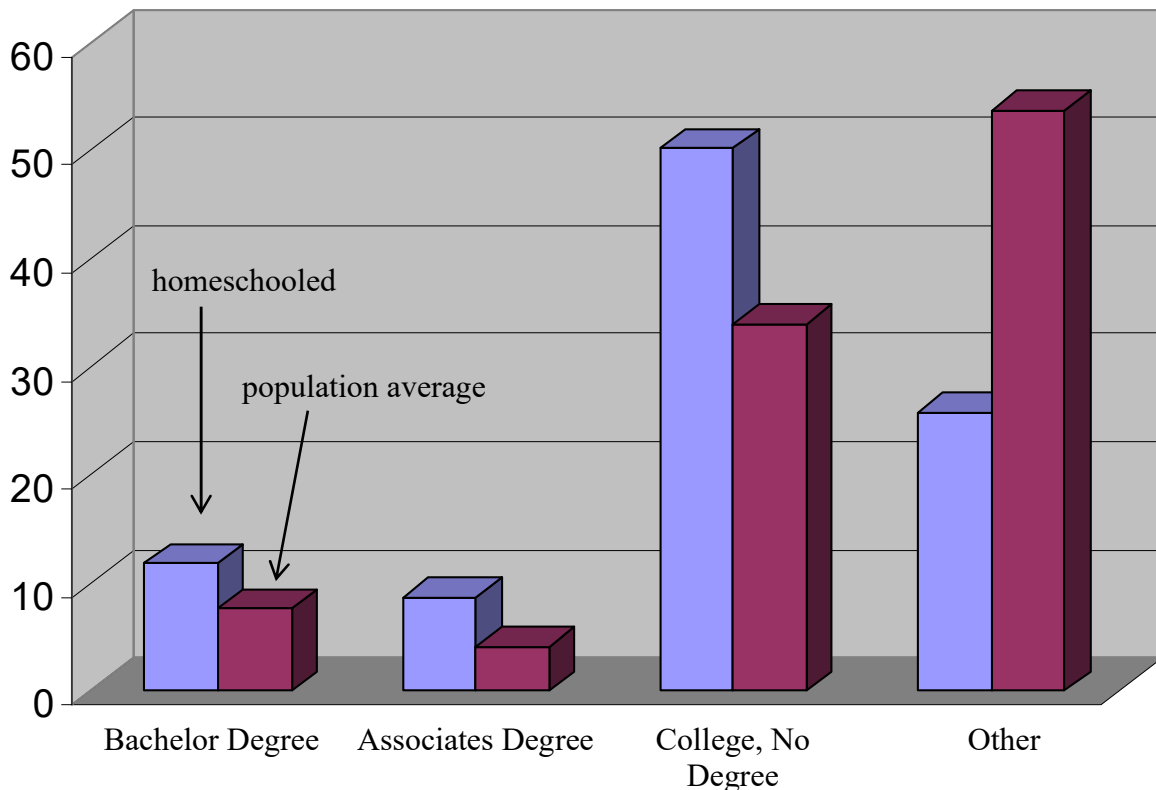


The Solution: Homeschooling

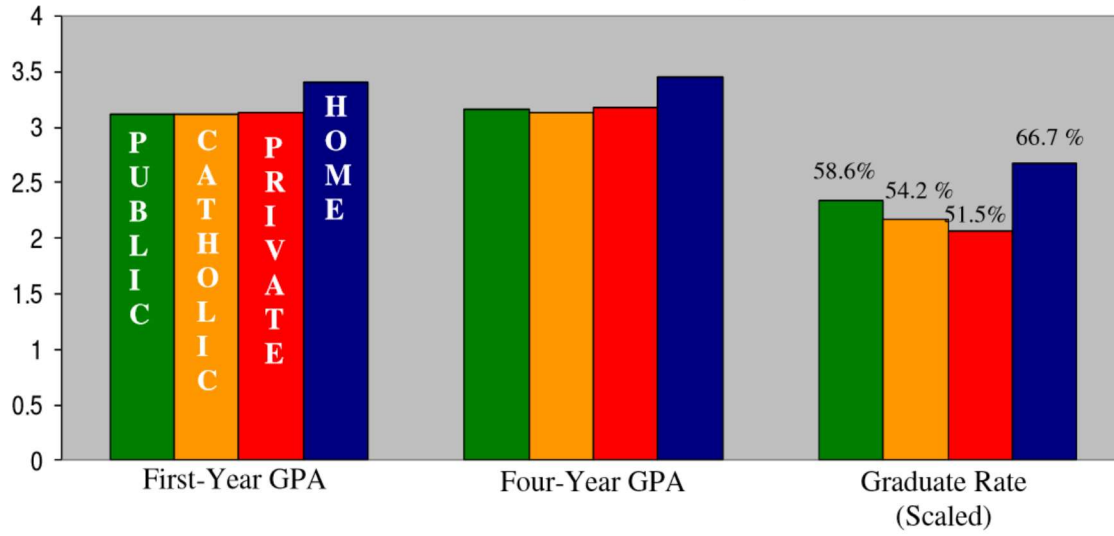
- You can raise your children with the moral and religious education you want for them.
- You can keep your students SAFE! 75% of public school students report being bullied in the past month.
- You control peer group! The jails are full of people who listened to their peer group rather than their parents.
- You will hold your students to the highest of standards, because you love them and want the very best for them!

Look at the Adults It Produces

In 2003, Dr. Brian Ray conducted the largest research study ever done on adults who had been homeschooled. Over 7,000 adults who had been homeschooled were surveyed, and more than 5,000 had been homeschooled for at least seven years and were age 18-24. The statistics presented here come from that second group. The title of the study is *Home Educated and Now Adults: Their Community and Civic Involvement, Views About Homeschooling, and Other Traits*



GPA's and Graduation Rates at the University of St. Thomas



[Michael F. Cogan, "Exploring Academic Outcomes of Homeschooled Students," *Journal of College Admission*, Summer 2010]

This is Seen at Other Colleges

| Institution | HS Grad GPA | Everyone Else |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Boston University: | 3.30 | 2.90 |
| Baylor University: | 3.36 | 3.04 |
| York Technical: | 2.99 | 2.67 |

Stanford admissions officer Jonathan Reider says:

“The distinguishing factor is intellectual vitality. [Homeschooled] kids have it, and everything they do is responding to it.”

[Daniel Golden, “Home-Schooled Kids Defy Stereotypes, Ace SAT Test,” *The Wall Street Journal*, February 11, 2000, p 1

<http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/119942.pdf>

[http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1038&context=cehsedaddiss\]](http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1038&context=cehsedaddiss)

Who answered “YES” to the Questions?

Have you read a book in English in the past six months?

Homeschooled: 98.5% Average U.S.: 69%

Do you volunteer in an ongoing community service?

Homeschooled: 71.1% Average U.S.: 37%

Are politics and government too complicated to understand?

Homeschooled: 4.2% Average U.S.: 35%

Do you know how to use the internet for research?

Homeschooled: 99.6% Average U.S.: 31%

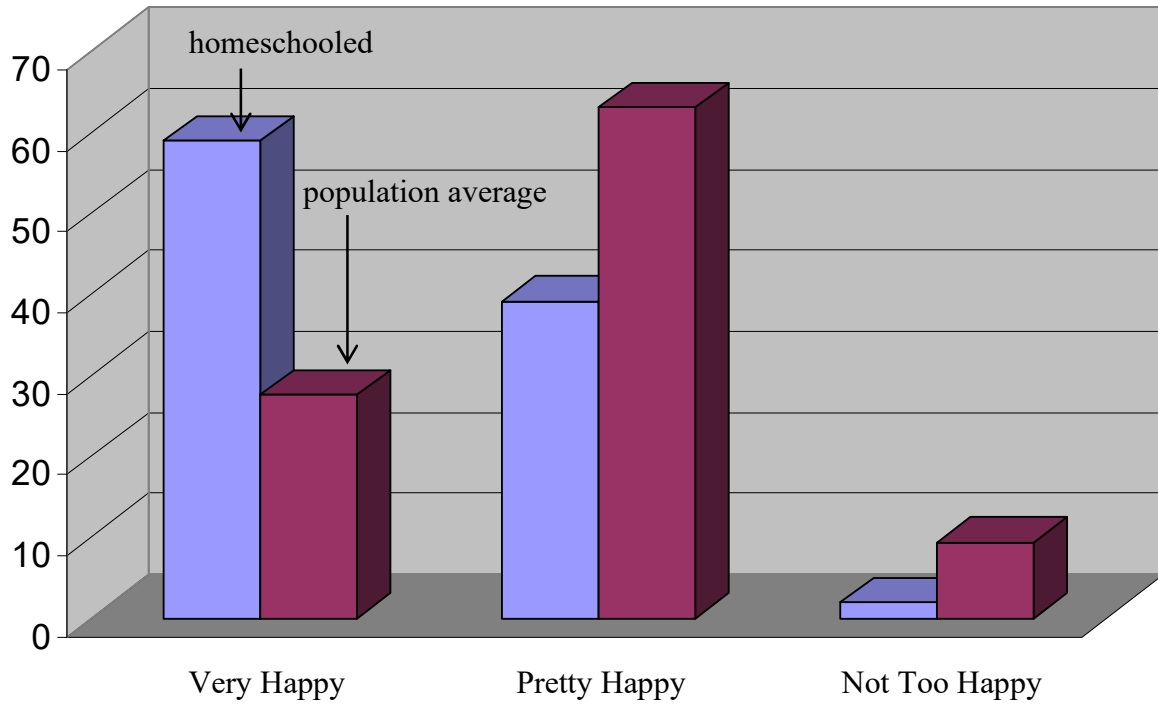
Have you used a public library in the past year?

Homeschooled: 90.3% Average U.S.: 56%

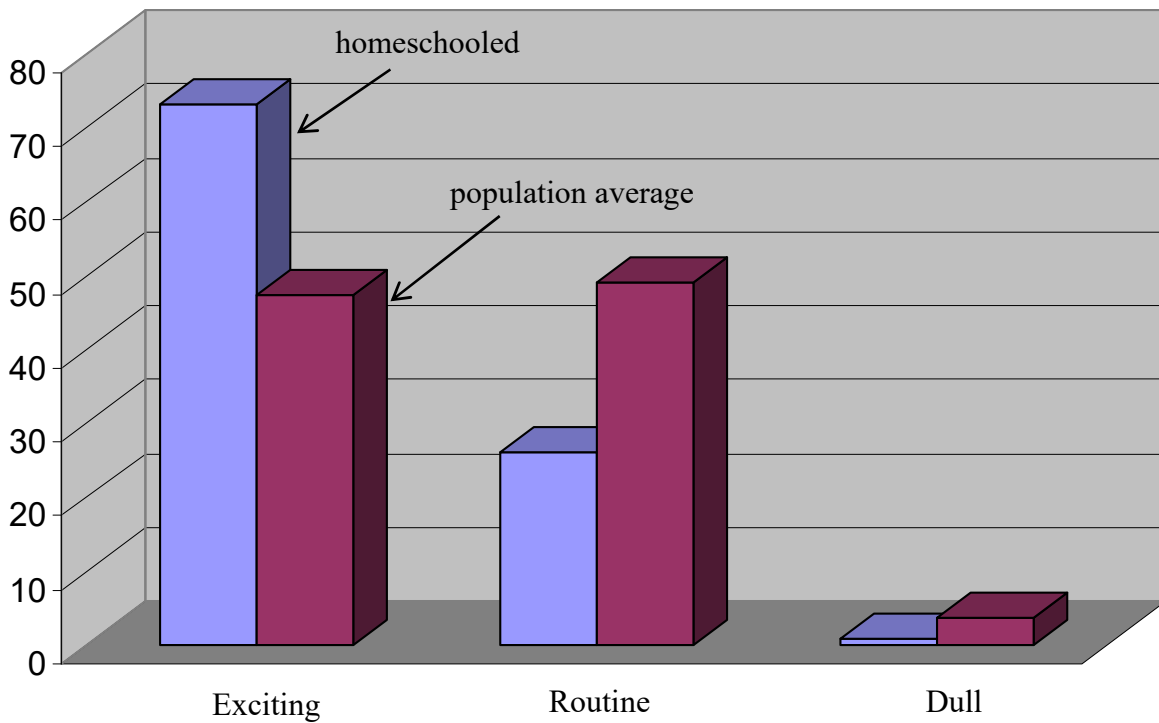
Do you attend religious services once a month or more?

Homeschooled: 93.3% Average U.S.: 41%

Taken all together, how would you say things are these days —would you say that you are:



In general, do you find life:



Thoughts About Homeschooling

I am glad that I was homeschooled:

St. Ag. 75.8% Ag. 19.4% Nther. 2.8% Disag. 1.4% St. Disag. 0.6%

Having been homeschooled was an advantage:

St. Ag. 66% Ag. 26.4% Nther. 5.7% Disag. 1.5% St. Disag. 0.4%

I would homeschool my own children:

St. Ag. 54.8% Ag. 27.3% Nther. 13.5% Disag. 2.8% St. Disag. 1.6%