

“Teaching” High School At Home

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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

- Standards are kept low
 - a. Only 33% of high school graduates are proficient readers. Slightly more than 25% are functionally illiterate.
 - b. 63% of high school seniors could not point to Russia on a world map.
 - c. 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*.
 - d. 72% of high school seniors could not distinguish between an atom and a molecule

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.

The New York City Department of Education sponsored a conference in which high school students were given brochures that gave instructions for homosexual sex acts, sadomasochism, and even enemas as a sexual act.
- 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. Note: This practice was upheld by a federal judge on December 13, 2003!

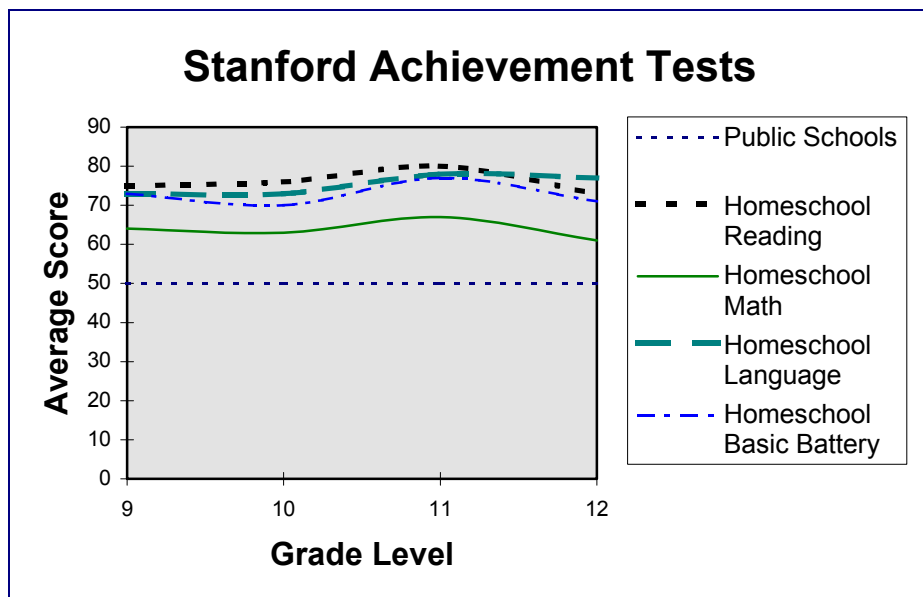
Advantages of Homeschooling

- 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

CAN I HELP MY CHILD LEARN? 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!!!!!!

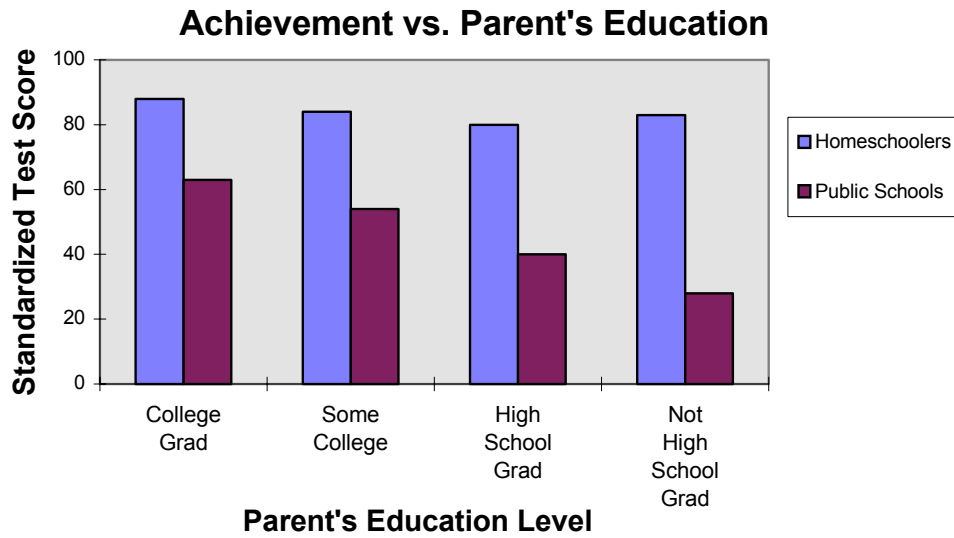
Homeschooled High School Students Excel!



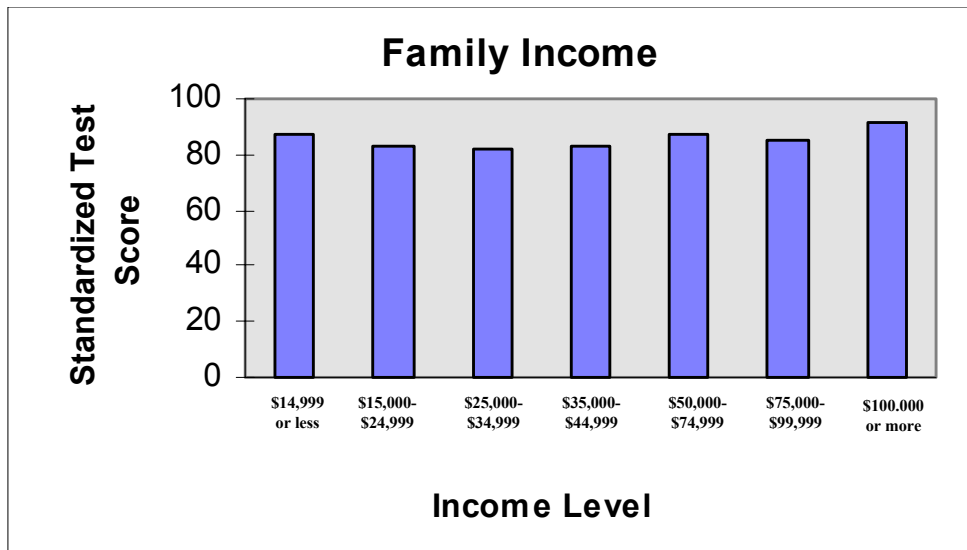
Don't Worry that you are not a trained teacher!

On the K-12 Basic Battery, homeschooled students whose parents are certified teachers scored **88** while those whose parents aren't certified teachers scored **85**. This compares to 50% for public schools

Don't Even Worry About Your Level of Education!



Don't Worry About Your Income!



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

Minimum Requirements for College-Prep High School

- 4 years of English and Library Research
- 4 years of Math
- 4 years of Science
- 1 year of health / Physical Education
- 1 year of US History
- 1 year of World History
- 1 year of Geography
- 1 year of Government
- 1 year of arts or music or crafts
- Familiarity with computers
- 1 year of Philosophy or Religion
- 2 (or more) years of SAT / ACT Review
- Foreign Language

A Few Details Regarding The Requirements

4 years of English and library research

- **Vocabulary:** Use Barron's SAT review book for the list of vocabulary words.
- **Writing:** Explore all phases of writing, but emphasize research papers, using library and (if possible) INTERNET research.
- **Emphasize Good Grammar!**

4 years of Math

- Saxon is a good program but is weak in some areas (More info at (800) 284-7019 or <http://www.saxonpub.com>).
- Math-U-See works concepts well but has weaker problems. (More info at 1-888-854-MATH (6284) or <http://www.mathusee.com>)
- Singapore math is really good, but it takes a lot of YOUR time and is hard to reconcile with other programs. (More info at 503-557-8100 or <http://www.singaporemath.com/>)
- Videotext Interactive is the BEST video course in Algebra 1 and 2 that I have ever seen. (More info at 1-800-ALGEBRA or <http://www.videotext.com>)

4 years of Science

- Apologia Educational Ministries is my first choice
- Bob Jones and aBeka can work for you, but most colleges want to see lab work. Video labs do not count in their minds.

1 year of health / Physical Education

This is NOT a science course. This is a nutrition, exercise, healthy-lifestyle course. Most people include sex education here.

1 year of US History 1 year of World History 1 year of Geography 1 year of Government
I personally stayed away from textbooks here.

In World history and US history, I found an encyclopedia timeline of major events and jumbled them up. My daughter then had to put them in chronological order. After that, we stepped through the list one-by-one. If she knew what the event was, who were the major players, and what the significance was, we moved on. If not, she either wrote a report or answered 20 questions I wrote out.

In geography, she looked in the paper once a week and found a new locality. She then did a one-page essay on where the locality was, what its significance to the world was, what the economic base was, and what kind of government there was.

In government, she spent one semester paraphrasing the US constitution. It was one of her MAJOR works in high school. She also wrote some essays on how bills become laws, the difference between a democracy and republic, etc.

1 year of arts or music or crafts

Piano lessons, 4-H, etc. work well here

1 year of Philosophy or Religion

Apologetics is ideal here

Foreign Language

- The Learnables is excellent. Contact them at 800-237-1830 or website <http://www.learnables.com>.
- Rosetta Stone is very good. Website: <http://www.techflow.com.au/Languages.htm>. To purchase, contact Sonlight Curriculum at 303-730-6292 or <http://www.sonlight.com>.
- Foreign Service Institute Language Series carried by The Sycamore Tree 800-779-6750

Familiarity with computers

Your student needs to learn a word processor, a spreadsheet, and the INTERNET.

2 (or more) years of SAT / ACT Review: The Most Important Preparation for College!

SAT I: Math and English (All colleges recommend)

Review books: *Barron's SAT Review*, *REA's SAT Review* (available at all bookstores)

SAT II: Several Different Subjects that you can choose from

Some colleges recommend, especially for homeschoolers.

Start this in ninth grade. There are vocabulary words to learn. The math starts with arithmetic! Weave this in to your normal school work!

Contact the Company:

College Board SAT Program

PO Box 6212

Princeton, NJ 08541

1-800-406-4775

<http://www.collegeboard.com/>

NOTE: ALL college-bound high school students should take the PSAT in their junior year!!!!!! This is the ONLY way to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship!

ACT:

- A better test that includes Math, English, and Science
- Many schools like it better, but some still would rather see the SAT
- Women tend to score better on this test

Review books:

Barron's ACT Review

REA's ACT Review

Contact the company:

ACT Registration

PO Box 414

Iowa City, IA 52243-0168

1-319-337-1270

Keep Good Records!

- Make a transcript, recording each subject taken and the grade given. Separate these by semester. Typically, each semester gets 1/2 of a credit.
- Include a list of the text (or the methodology) of each course. Make that an optional attachment to the transcript.
- Develop a set of requirements (like that which appears on the previous slide). Display those on the transcript.
- Keep examples of the student's work. Develop a portfolio of the student's best work to use as a representation of what the student did.
- Look at the example transcript.
- Keep track of the student's extracurriculars and awards!

Academic Year 1996 - 1997

FALL

SPRING

Subject	Grade	Credit		Subject	Grade	Credit
Honors English 12A	A	1.0		Honors English 12B	A	1.0
Precalculus IB	B	0.5		Precalculus IC	B	0.5
French II*	B	0.5		French III*	B	0.5
Advanced Chemistry IA	B	0.5		Physics IA	C	0.5
U.S. Government I	A	0.5		U.S. Government II	A	0.5
World Geography II	A	0.5		Philosophy of Religion II	A	0.5
Philosophy of Religion I	A	0.5				

Credits Earned: 7.5
 Grade Points: 26.5
 GPA: 3.53

Cumulative Credits: 29.0
 Cumulative Grade Points: 103.5
 Cumulative GPA: 3.57

* These courses taken at Anderson University.

Credits Required for Graduation: 24 Credits Earned: **29.0**

The Student has earned more than the required credits for graduation.

Core Requirements for Graduation:

4 credits English (**completed**) 4 credits math (**completed**) 4 credits science (**completed**)
 0.5 credit health (**completed**) 0.5 credit physical education (**completed**)
 1 credit World History (**completed**) 1 credit U.S. History (**completed**)
 1 credit U.S. Government (**completed**) 1 credit World Geography (**completed**)
 1 credit art/music/crafts (**completed**) 0.5 credit Computer Applications (**completed**)
 2 credits Foreign Language (**completed**)

The Vieblefetzter Home School is under the supervision of Hortence Vieblefetzter and Mortimer Vieblefetzter.

I hereby certify that these grades are an accurate representation of the student's performance in the above-listed classes and that **Derdlesnerd Vieblefetzter has completed all of the requirements necessary for graduation.**

Hortence H. Vieblefetzter