

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 junior high and high school science curriculum for homeschoolers

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

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! The jails are full of people who listened to their peer group rather than their parents.
- You control the moral and religious education!

Can I teach high school science? ---- NO

As your student gets older, your role changes from teacher to fellow learner.

NOTE: Never force your child to learn what you can't or won't learn yourself.

But 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 Students Excel

On the *Canadian Test of Basic Skills* and the *Canadian Achievement Test*, high school homeschoolers had the following averages:

- Reading: 85%
- Language: 84%
- Mathematics: 67%

- Science: 82%
- Social Studies: 81%
- Complete Battery: 80%

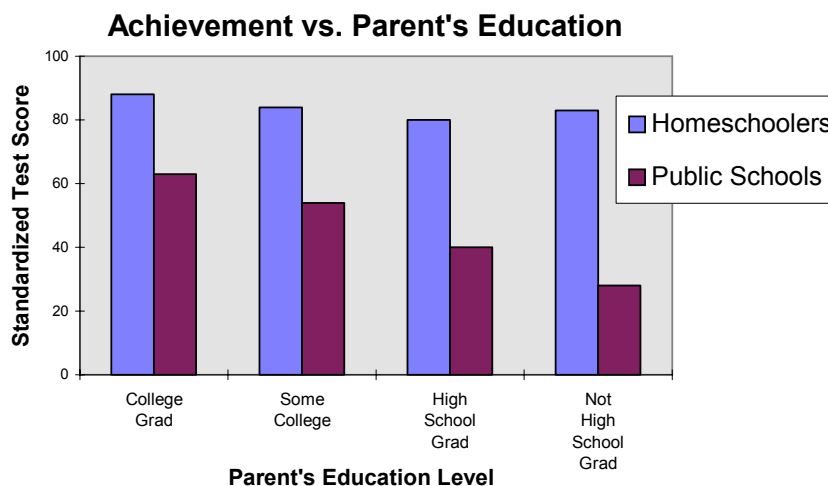
This compares to 50% for the students in government schools!

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

- "The relationship between student achievement and the teacher certification status of the parent is significant **in its absence**. This study found **no difference** in students' mathematics, reading, language, listening, science, and social studies scores based on the teacher certification status of the parent." - *A Nationwide Study of Home Education in Canada* Dr. Brian Ray, 1994
- Two studies in the US (*The Scholastic Achievement and Demographic Characteristics of Home School Students in 1998* - Lawrence Rudner and *Strengths of Their Own: Home Schoolers Across America*, Dr. Brian Ray, 1997) show the same result.

Worried that you aren't "educated" enough?

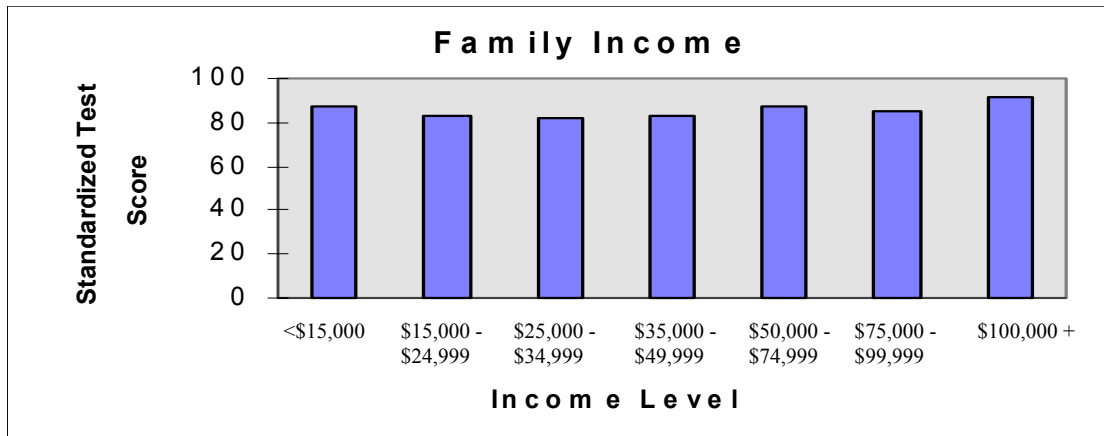
- **A US Study:**



- This is consistent with the results of Ray's Canadian study, where parental educational background had no impact on student scores.

Worried that you can't afford to homeschool?

- In *A Nationwide Study of Home Education in Canada*, Dr. Brian Ray found that "income is not a significant predictor of achievement scores... On average, children in families with incomes of \$20,000 are performing as well as children in families with incomes of \$50,000."
- These results are consistent with a US study (and *Strengths of Their Own: Home Schoolers Across America*, Dr. Brian Ray, 1997):



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

What About Univeristy?

- Canadian Universities generally consider homeschool applicants. Often, however, the applicant must complete some standardized testing.
- **The university of Regina requires homeschooled students to:**

Fill out a form, Make a grade 11 and 12 transcript, Write a lette, Take the SAT, and do either (a) SAT II subject test (b) university course (c) departmental exam or (d) complete a grade 12 course.

- The university of Guelph (considered by many to be Canada’s premier university) considers homeschoolers if they take the SAT 1 test and at least three SAT 2 subject tests.
- Other universities are less restrictive. Acadian University in Nova Scotia recommends that the student take the SAT, but they are very flexible. SAT info can be found at <http://www.collegeboard.com/> or 609-771-7600
- The AP tests are another option to both boost your chance of admissions and to get college credit. Generally, you must find a school that will let you take the AP there, but you can call the college review board directly at 609-771-7300 if you cannot find a school that will let you take the AP there.
- <http://www.ontariohomeschool.org/universityCanada.shtml> has a list of many Canadian universities and their admissions policies for homeschoolers. This is NOT a complete list. Contact the universities you are interested in to find out their homeschool policies.

In The United States

- More than 70% of US universities now accept parent-prepared transcripts.
- Stanford University regularly accepts *twice* the percentage of homeschooled students as compared to publicly and privately schooled students.
- Homeschooled students at Boston University had an average GPA of 3.3, and Kennesaw State University confirms that the GPA’s of their homeschooled students are significantly higher than the average.

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!