

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 homeschooling and Christian apologetics materials.
- No longer with Apologia.

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!

Question:

Can I Teach Junior High and High School?

Answer:

NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As Your Student Gets Older, Your Role Changes

Teacher → Tutor → Fellow Learner

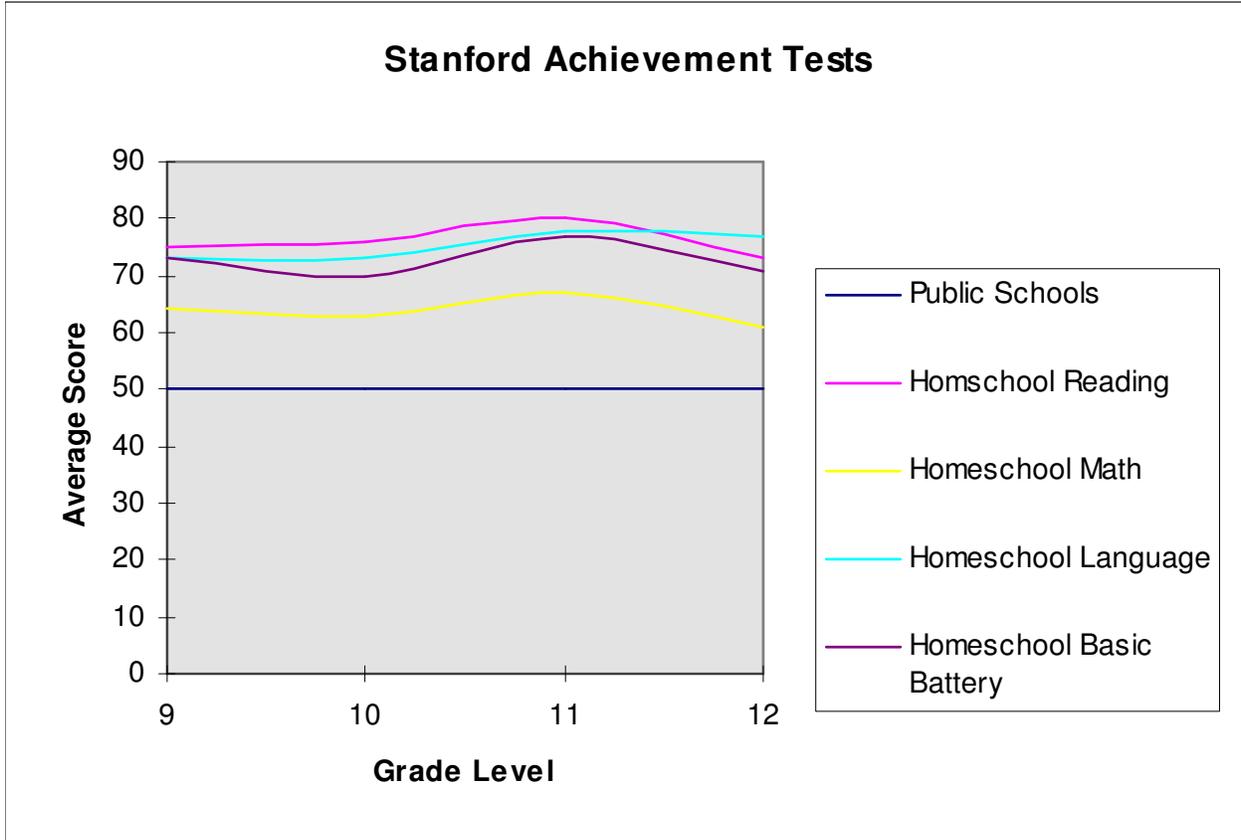
Question:

Can I Help My Child Learn?

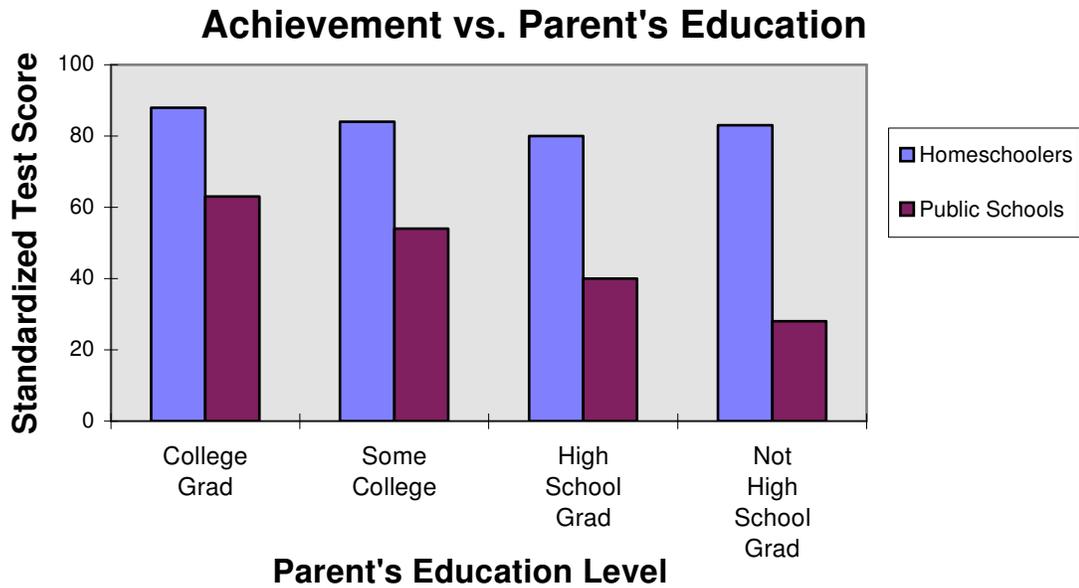
Answer:

YES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Homeschooled High School Students Excel!



The Quality of a Homeschooled Student's Education is Independent of the Parents "Qualifications" to Teach!



[Ray, Brian, "Home Education Across the United States," 1997, HSLDA]

What Happens After Graduation?

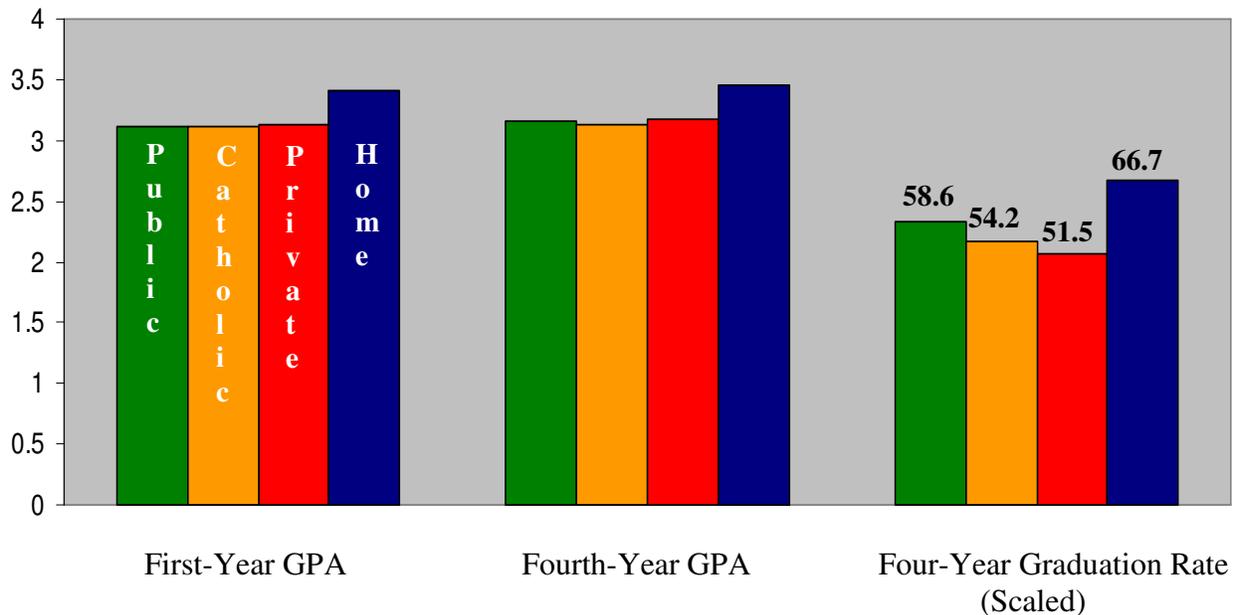
- Stanford University in the fall of 1999 accepted 27% of homeschooled applicants. This is *twice* the acceptance rate of publicly and privately schooled students.

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

- Homeschooled students at Boston University had an average GPA of 3.3, and Kennesaw State University confirms homeschooled students have higher GPAs.

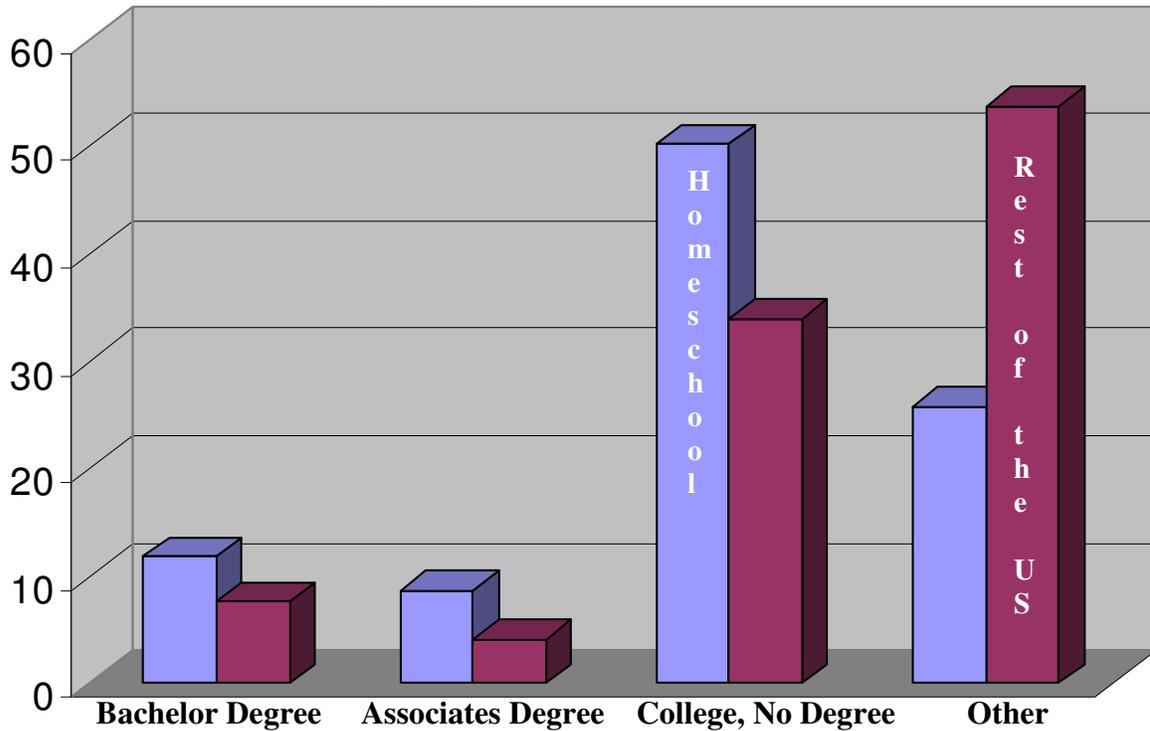
University of St. Thomas Study

GPAs and Graduation Rates



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

Study of High School Graduates 18-24



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 attend religious services once a month or more?
 Homeschooled: 93.3% Average U.S.: 41%

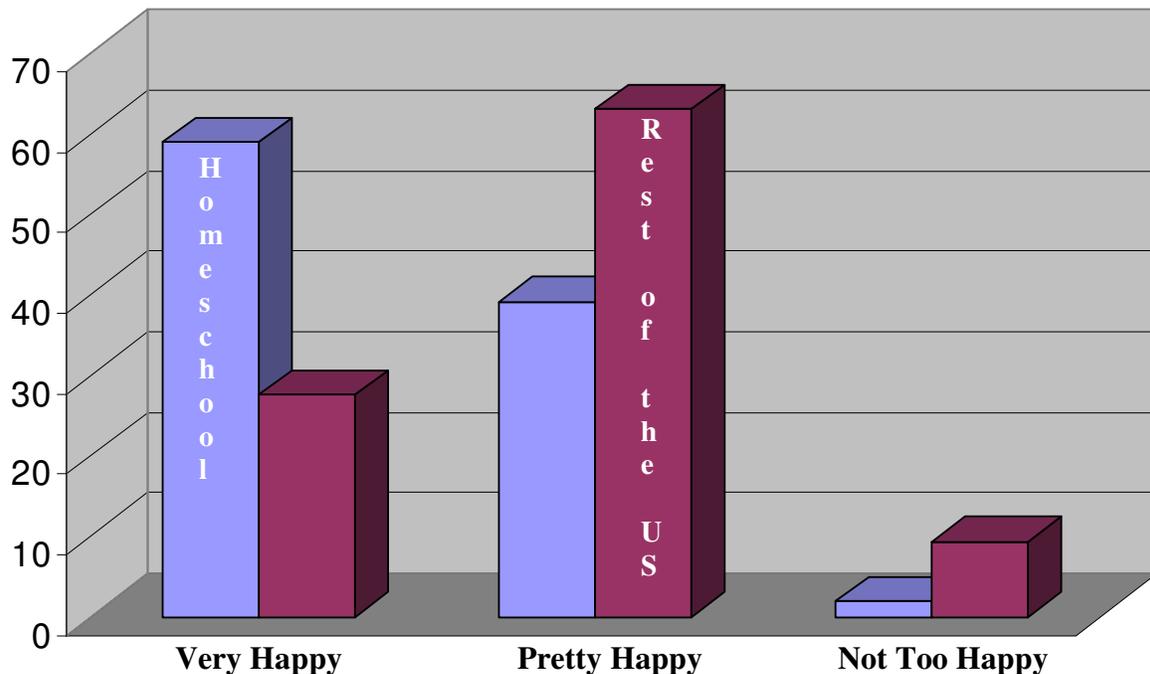
Looking at Just the Homeschool Graduates

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%

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



[Brian Ray, *Home Educated and Now Adults: Their Community and Civic Involvement, Views About Homeschooling, and Other Traits*, 2003]

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?

1. 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

2. Avoid negative role models

“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

3. 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!

4. 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

5. Keep your child safe from bullies, teasers, and worse!

6. Your student will get a better education.

7. Your student will be *properly* socialized.

8. 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!**

[http://www.homeschoolosis.com/art_enc_lett_to_rel_hs_boy_from_shar.htm]