

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.

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 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 him on his 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!

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!

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

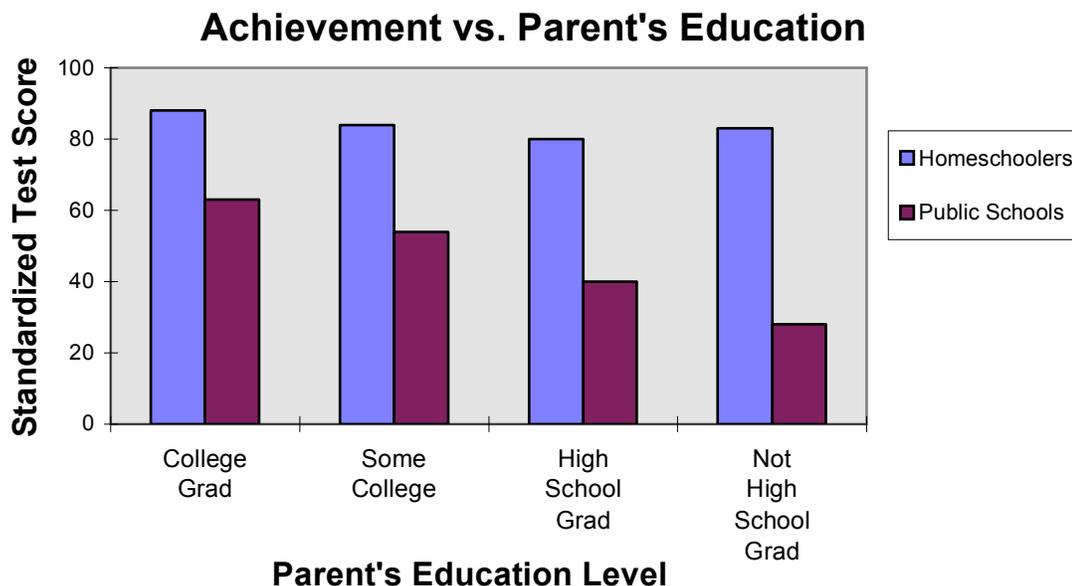
- 👉 Reading: 85%
- 👉 Language: 84%
- 👉 Mathematics: 67%
- 👉 Vocabulary: 87%
- 👉 Social Studies: 81%
- 👉 Complete Battery: 80%

This compares to 50% for the average student 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
- ✎ Two studies (one by Ray and one by Dr. Lawrence Rudner) in the U.S. show the same result.

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



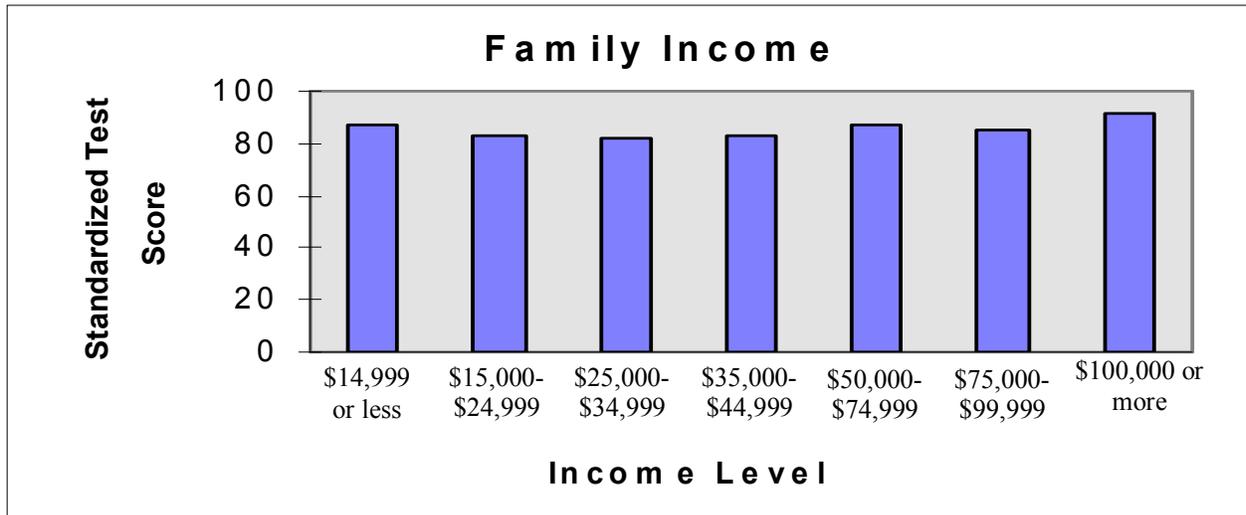
[Ray, Brian, "Home Education Across the United States," 1997, HSLDA]

"...regardless of whether their mothers held a degree or did not complete high school, the children's scores stayed between the 80th and 90th percentile. By contrast, in 8th grade math,

public school students whose parents are college graduates score at the 63rd percentile, whereas students whose parents have less than a high school diploma score at the 28th percentile.”
-The Fraser Institute

Worried that you can't afford to homeschool?

In Ray's Canadian Study, “income is not a significant predictor of achievement scores...” A more detailed study in the U.S. confirms this:



Another Canadian Study

The researchers tested homeschooled students and a group of publicly-schooled students. They also looked at the homeschooling method used, categorizing the method as “structured” or “unstructured.”

“...the children who received structured homeschooling were superior to the children enrolled in public school across all seven subtests.”

“Although we made efforts to ensure that the two groups were drawn from similar populations...mothers' education and median income were slightly higher for the public school group. It should be noted, however, that this would have been expected to bias the study against finding a homeschool advantage. This was clearly not the case.”

The “unstructured” homeschooled students scored lower than the publicly-schooled students, but the group was too small to make the result statistically significant.

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!*

Homeschool Graduates' Reflections on Homeschooling

- 👍 Prepared me well for life: 98%
- 👍 Prepared me well for further education: 58%
- 👍 Gave me an advantage: 62%
- 👍 I am glad I was homeschooled: 85%
- 👍 Limited my Educational Opportunities: 4%
- 👍 Limited my Employment Opportunities: 2%

<https://thewaysofyore.files.wordpress.com/2013/10/2009-study.pdf>

What about University?

Canadian Universities generally consider homeschool applicants. Often, however, the applicant must complete some standardized testing.

Concordia University states:

“We appreciate that each home-schooling experience is unique and assess the merits of all home-schooled applicants on an individual basis.”

They want you to submit a portfolio of the students' work, along with an essay by the student.

- ✓ The university of Guelph considers homeschoolers if they take the SAT I test and at least three SAT II subject tests (or AP tests).
- ✓ The University of Alberta wants homeschool graduates to write five provincial diploma exams in different subjects or take five SAT II tests in different subjects.

A list of many Canadian universities and their admissions policies for homeschoolers.

<http://www.ontariohomeschool.org/universityCanada.shtml>

This is NOT a complete list. Contact the universities you are interested in to find out their homeschool policies.

NOTE

In a study of Canadian Adults, Homeschool graduates were more likely than the rest of the population to have:

- 👍 A Bachelor's Degree
- 👍 A Technical College Degree
- 👍 A Trade Qualification

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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]