

Why Homeschool Through High School...And How to Get It Done!

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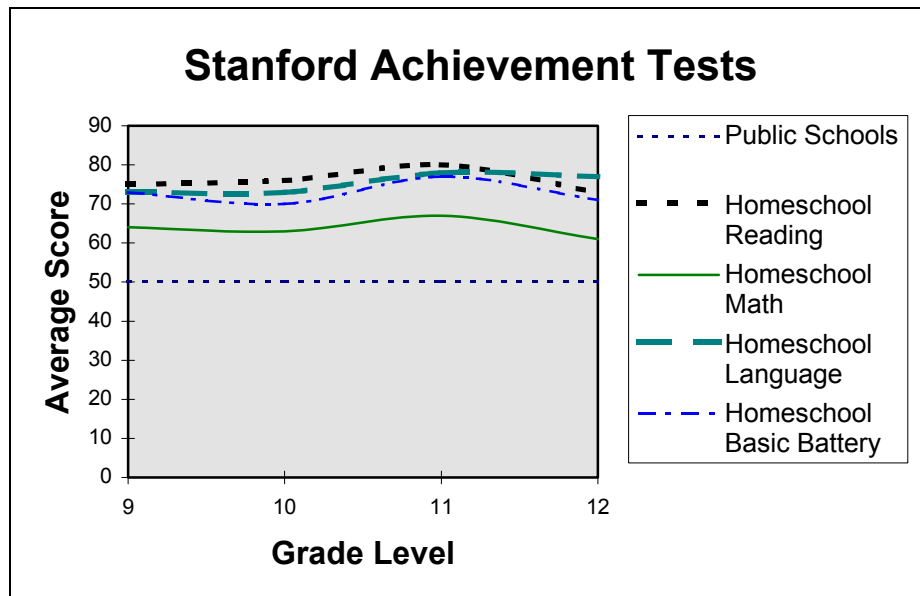
Qualifications

- 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 Senior Programmer/Analyst for Pathologists Associated, Indiana's Premiere Medical Laboratory

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

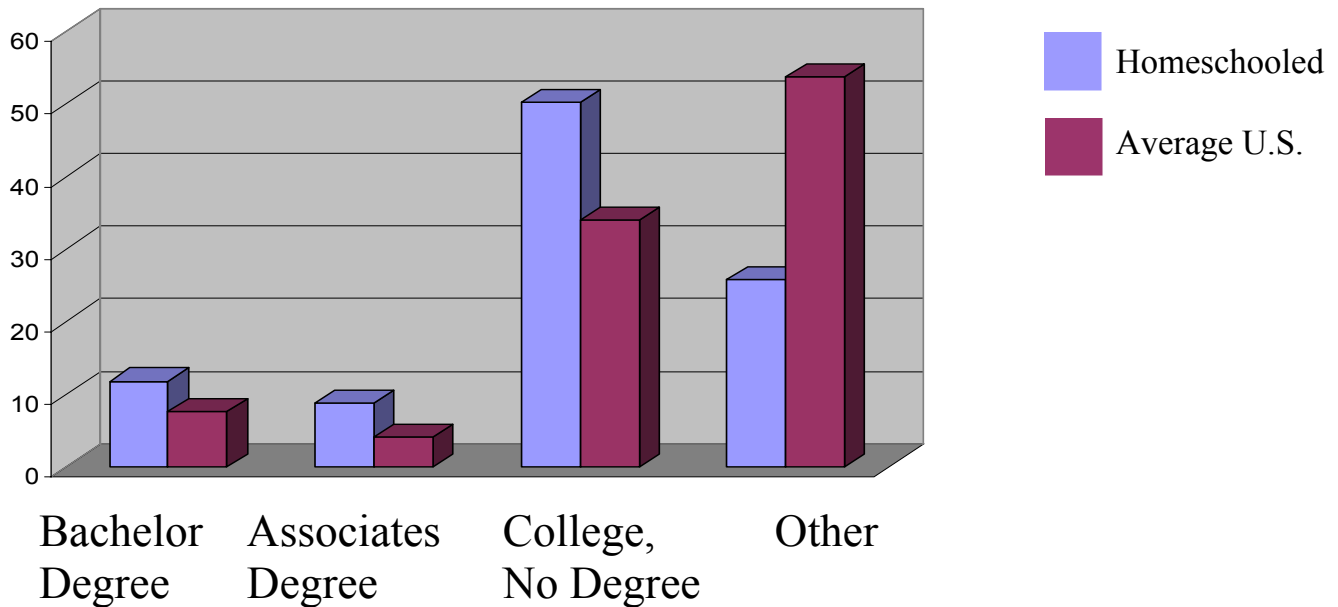
- I have no idea what subjects my child needs for a quality high school experience.
- I don't even know some of the subjects that my child needs to learn!
- What about science classes and laboratory work?
- Won't home school reduce my child's chance to be accepted into a good college or University?

Homeschooled High School Students Excel!



What Happens After Graduation?

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%**

Have you used a public library in the past year?

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

Looking at Just the Homeschooled Adults:

I am glad that I was homeschooled:

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

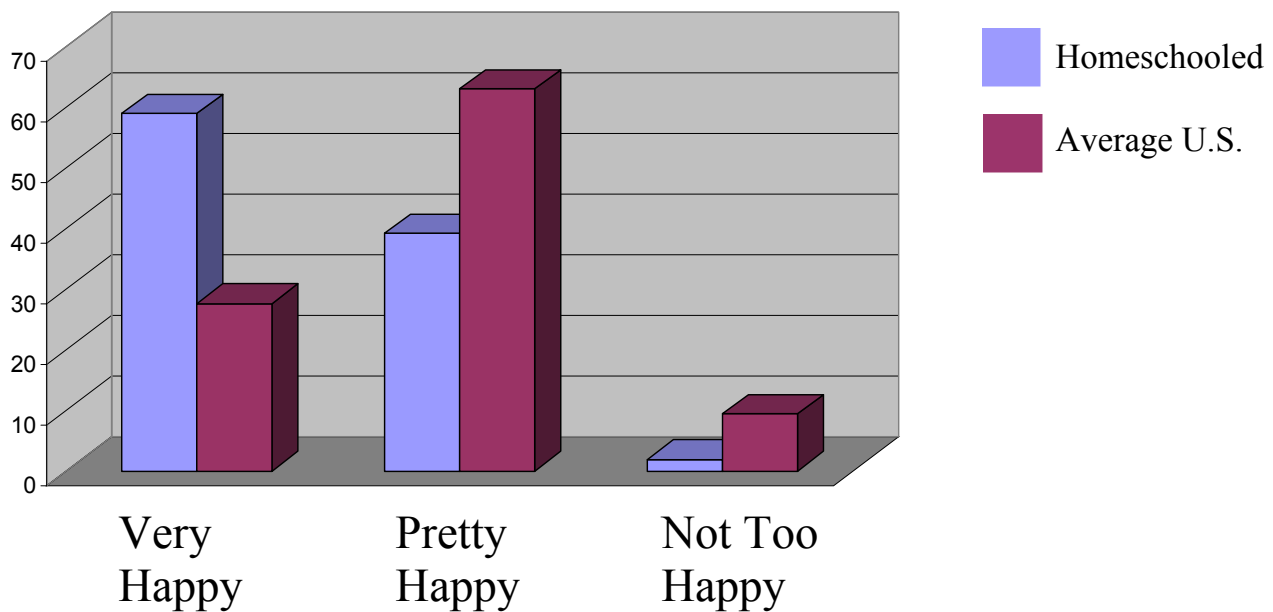
Having been homeschooled was an advantage:

St. Ag. 66% **Ag. 26.4%** **Nther. 5.7%** **Disag. 1.5%** **St. Disag. 0.0%**

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:



So...Why Homeschool Through High School?

1. 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

2. Your child will get a **better education**.
3. Your child will be more likely to **succeed at university**.
4. Your child will be more likely to **enjoy life**.
5. As an adult, your child will most likely be **glad that you did!**
6. Hear it from a **real** expert (a homeschool graduate):

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!**

CAN I DO IT? 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 !!!!!!

As Your Student Gets Older, Your Role Changes

Teacher —→ Tutor —→ Fellow Learner

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

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A Few Details Regarding The Requirements

You don't need a different class for each subject. The grammar and composition of history essays can be assigned to English.

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!**
- **Literature:** Choose books from a university's list of recommended reading.

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 math course I have ever seen. (More info at 1-800-ALGEBRA or <http://www.videotext.com>)
- Algebra: A Fresh Approach (book-based) is very user-friendly
- School texts like Scott Foresman are good, but you need to know the math at the high school level

4 years of Science

- Apologia is my first choice
- School texts can work for you, but most colleges want to see lab work. Video labs do not count in their minds.
- The “In Your Home” series is good, but the research emphasis won’t work for all.

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>.

Familiarity with computers

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

The “for Dummies” series is excellent for these tools. Once they learn the tools, make your students use them for completing assignments. Any reasonably-sized paper needs to be from the computer. Research should **always** have an INTERNET component.

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