

DOES HOMESCHOOLING WORK?

WHO HOMESCHOOLS?

Approximately 2 million U.S. students homeschool. Forty one percent of homeschoolers are minorities. www.nheri.org



Parents homeschool for different reasons, including concern about the public schools, a desire to provide religious or moral instruction and dissatisfaction with academic instruction in other schools. www.nces.ed.gov



HOMESCHOOLERS SCORE HIGHER THAN PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

The average homeschooler scores 15-30 percent higher than the national average. www.homeschoolingbackgrounder.com

HOMESCHOOLERS ARE WELL SOCIALIZED



Homeschoolers are "happy, optimistic, and satisfied with their lives. ...As adolescents, they have a strong sense of social responsibility and exhibit less emotional turmoil than their peers. Those who go on to college are socially involved and open to new experiences." Richard G. Medlin, Stetson University, www.stetson.edu

HOMESCHOOLERS MAY BE MORE POLITICALLY TOLERANT

One study found that college students "with more exposure to homeschooling relative to public schooling tend to be more politically tolerant." www.nheri.org, reviewing Chang study

HOMESCHOOLING IS LEGAL IN EVERY STATE

Homeschooling is legal in all 50 states, although the requirements differ from state to state. It is important to know the law in your state. www.hslda.org

The best place to look for information on your state is from a state organization. Find one that specializes in your state's laws and culture.

HOMESCHOOL SUCCESS DOES NOT REQUIRE A DEGREE

Homeschooling parents' education has no statistically significant correlation to their children's academic achievement. www.nheri.org

Many homeschool curriculum choices are written to be used by parents of all educational backgrounds. Parents fill in the gaps with co-op courses taught by other parents, online classes and community college courses.

Students with IEP's often find they make progress at home, where there is less pressure.