

Uncovering the Real Reason for Homeschool Success



There are several studies conducted on homeschooling each year. They report the benefits of homeschool. Did you know even taxpayers benefit from children who are homeschooled? They don't have to pay for them. At an average of \$12,000 a student in public school per year, 2.3 million children who are homeschooled save Joe Citizen a lot of dough.

The National Home Education Research Institute website featured an [article](#) by Brian D. Ray, Ph.D., founder of the Institute, titled *Research Facts on Homeschooling* March 23, 2016. (It is the source of the above data.) The NHERI reports on homeschool research. The article states homeschooling is growing among minorities and these students are doing better than their public school fellows. This is not surprising and neither is the fact that homeschooled children score better on standardized tests regardless of the education level of their teacher. This has been proven in previous studies.

Another study posted on the CourseBB website March 18, 2017 concluded that homeschooled children had advantages over public school students despite being taught by untrained teachers, not using expensive textbooks and not enjoying socialization. These advantages continued into college.

The study advised that since homeschooling was growing, officials should provide training for the parents so that their children could have the benefits found in formal schools. (!) These benefits weren't listed.

My favorite statistic in the NHERI report pertains to the oft repeated socialization issue. It states that homeschooled children are "typically above average, on measures of social, emotional, and psychological development." So much for the skeptics' mantra of socialization.

We all knew these things. But it's nice to have it in print. It's nice to have colleges recruit homeschoolers, to have psychologists, educational Ph.D.'s and others grudgingly admit our kids are normal and may even be above...normal.

Not all studies show positive results. Facts are interpreted and some interpreters have biases. Homeschoolers rank with armadillos as curious animals for these people. Sarcasm aside, the majority of studies report benefits.

And while the skeptics ponder the research as to how this could happen outside their control, we can progress to the secrets of real educational reform. That is what is happening, you know. **Parents are successfully reforming their child's education and getting results.**

There are many facets to the reason homeschooling is successful. But it may be summed up in one word: freedom.

Homeschool teachers have escaped the bureaucratic merry-go-round, the constant shuffle of theories, social experiments and experimental curricula. They are not under the thumb of political correctness, government control and the prevailing wind in culture.

They don't have to listen to haughty *experts*. They have the freedom to do what works. They have the freedom to focus on what matters: content, academic progress, and character development.

Every teacher should be so lucky.