

TOP ELEVEN REASONS TO HOMESCHOOL

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11 - It's Fun! We can do all the fun things that happen at public school (field trips, band, orchestra, drama, art, choir, sports, geography and spelling bees, science fairs) with homeschool support groups, community groups, or (many of them) with the public school. We can also do things that they can't, like doing school on the trampoline on beautiful days.

10 - Freedom from bullying classmates, screaming teachers, classroom apathy, moral relativism, the homosexual agenda and the radical environmentalist agenda taught in schools, bad language and inappropriate behavior in the halls, pornography, drugs, gangs, prostitution rings, pedophiles and kids with guns.

9 - Freedom to study what we want, when we want, take a family vacation whenever we want, and be around nice people of all ages, both LDS and not.

8 - Home schools are "Drug-Free Zones" - children with ADHD can run or bike around the block whenever they get antsy, children with Inattentive ADD aren't continually distracted by 25 other children.

7 - We can incorporate our LDS lifestyle into our school. We learn our own family history and LDS history as we study world history. Scripture study, Personal Progress, Faith in God, Duty to God and Scout requirements are all a part of things we do for "school."

6 - We ALL learn together. Mom's education is just as important as the children's.

5 - Our children don't develop peer-dependency, and aren't impacted so much by negative socialization.

4 - We can have the "butter and honey" (see 2 Ne. 17:14-15) instead of the mediocre and the foul. Instead

of studying mind-numbing textbooks and reading morally degrading assigned books, we can read the classics and can learn from the great minds of the past and present.

3 - We can teach true principles that are not politically correct, such as the proper role of government, free-market economics, true environmental stewardship that isn't anti-human, and the principles found in "The Proclamation on the Family."

2 - We can customize to the needs, wants, interests and abilities of each child.

1 - Family: Isn't It About ... Time

Three Homeschool Requirements

1 - You must be able to **read**.

2 - You have to **like** your children (in addition to loving them).

3 - You have to be able to **relax**, be **patient**, **laugh**, and **trust** your children.

Three Non-Requirements

1 - It doesn't take any more **time** than sending them to public school. Think of all the time spent in transportation, class-helper assignments, PTA and other meetings, fund raisers, accompanying field trips. Think of supervising the three hours of homework that people tell me their third graders come home with. I spend one to three hours a day actually sitting reading to them, or doing math, science, history, Spanish, Latin, or whatever else the day brings.

2 - It doesn't have to **cost** a lot. Private schools run \$5000 to \$25,000 per year, but you can have your own private school at home for free if you use the extensive resources available in the library and on the Internet.

3 - No formal **training** in education is necessary; in fact, it seems to make homeschooling more difficult.

PRINCIPLES TO LIVE BY:

Earlier is not better, complicated is not better, more is not better.

Structure time, not content (early years).

Help children set and achieve academic goals (later years).

Enrich the environment.

Enjoy the journey; go with the flow.

School is life, and life is school. There is no artificial division.

Children will reflect the social, educational and spiritual development that their parents possess, so be a good example.

OUR HOMESCHOOL GOAL - That our children leave our homeschool as happy people with strong testimonies and self-confidence, who are academically prepared for any university course of study.