PARENTS, 54 UNIQUE BENEFITS OF HOMESCHOOLING

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Parents, is homeschooling the right choice for you and your children? Maybe you think you don't have the time to homeschool because you work. Perhaps you don't have confidence in your ability to teach your kids because you never took "teaching" courses.

But consider the alternative. Public schools can destroy your children's selfesteem, destroy their ability to read, strangle their love of learning, put them in physical and moral danger, and wreck their future.

In contrast, here's 54 unique benefits homeschooling can give you and your kids, as written and explained by Laura B., a smart, wonderful wife, mother of three, homeschooler, and business owner who works from home and still focuses on her family!

Homeschooling (or low-cost internet private schools), can have the following extraordinary benefits for you and your children:

- 1. Be with Your Family
- 2. Set Your Own Schedule
- 3. Vacation When You Want
- 4. Choose curriculum that best suits the needs of your child
- 5. Be totally aware of the state and progress of your child's education
- 6. Keep your child away from un-necessary peer pressure
- 7. Keep your child away from the bad influence of other children
- 8. Love, nurture, and teach your child the character and morals you value most
- 9. Make learning fun
- 10. Make learning as "experiential" as you want
- 11. Don't have to get up at the crack of dawn to get your child dressed and fed and off to school where their so tired they don't learn well anyway.
- 12. Break up the day however you want to fit your child's learning attention span
- 13. Teach your child without any "assumed limitations". Teach multiple languages, develop one skill or subject--the sky's the limit
- 14. What you teach an older child naturally filters down to the younger child(ren) making learning must easier and faster for siblings
- 15. Teach at the pace and developmental stage appropriate for your child
- 16. Avoid educational "labeling"
- 17. Keep you child as far away from drugs as possible

- 18. Never have to worry about bomb scares or mass shootings
- 19. Allow your child to do think, discuss, and explore in ways not possible in a classroom setting
- 20. Constant positive reinforcement and gentle correction. No abusive words or actions that scar your child's psyche
- 21. Don't use the school system as a babysitter. You only need a few hours for learning--the rest of the day is filled with unnecessary "busy work"
- 22. Develop life skills such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing that are easily learned with the additional time spent at home
- 23. Spend as much time outdoors as you want to enjoy nature and the world around us
- 24. Teach the value of responsibility by providing daily jobs
- 25. To make money management as natural as breathing by allowing even small children to do tasks, earn money, save it, and spend it in an appropriate manner.
- 26. Never have your child beat up by a bully. Teach self-defense skills that will enable him to deal with any situation but not until he is mature enough to handle the emotional aspects of confrontation
- 27. No pressure or set "expectations" from teachers on a younger sibling that follows an older sibling in the same school
- 28. Be around when your child needs to talk
- 29. Take a break when your child needs a break
- 30. Bond as a family through family group activities
- 31. Pass on your religious beliefs and morals to your children and stay away from the "indoctrination" of other school systems
- 32. Teach sex education when you and how you want
- 33. Develop your child's imagination and teach diverse problem solving skills instead of one institutionalized method of thinking
- 34. Unlimited possibilities for extra curricular activities that interest your child having to live up to the expectations or skills of others.
- 35. Develop the individualism of your child
- 36. Avoid traditional school "group activities" that may leave one student doing all the work or ruining it for everyone else.
- 37. Never have your child feel the failure, embarrassment, or teasing from "failing" a grade
- 38. To keep your children out of the care, custody, and control or people you don't know and who naturally teach their philosophy of life whether they realize it or not
- 39. No opportunity for your child to "sluff off", "snow-blow", or "just get by" with academics
- 40. To have your child learn initiative naturally as there's no peer pressure or fear of embarrassing himself
- 41. Allow your child to have input and say in subject matter and style
- 42. Allow your child to focus on growth and development--not following the latest fad or being in a certain group
- 43. So your child will only be surrounded by people who love him, encourage him, and want the best for him.
- 44. Make sure your child doesn't end up graduating without knowing how to read

or knowing other basic skills due to educational failings of your local schools.

- 45. Keep your child out of private schools that have peer pressure, teacher criticism, drugs, sex, and alcohol that your child never needs to be around
- 46. Avoid grading scales and testing that gives no positive benefit to your child
- 47. Not to give the state or federal government control of your child that they assume is theirs
- 48. To easily pass on your unique heritage or language to your child
- 49. So your child is not limited by "age" or "grade" to advance or explore academics in which they are interested or gifted
- 50. To teach your children to enjoy life
- 51. To allow your children to go to work with Mom or Dad when you all want--not just on the one "go to work with a parent holiday"
- 52. As many field trips as you want, to places that interest your child
- 53. To just take a day off when everyone feels like it
- 54. Flexibility to switch or experiment with different curriculum

Parents, if you are disgusted with public schools and want your children to have the great education they deserve, why not consider homeschooling? Millions of parents now homeschool their kids, and many of these parents are only high-school graduates.

In the last three chapters of "Public Schools, Public Menace," you'll find many ways to homeschool your kids or use internet private schools, even if you work. Homeschooling can be a lot easier, and take a lot less time than you think. It can also bring you great joy in teaching your children.

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