

HOMESCHOoled AND SOCIALIZED

A Guide to Socializing your
Homeschooled Kids



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INTRODUCTION

I was homeschooled K-12 and didn't realize I was "weird"... until the world told me so.

Apparently being confident, being able to connect with people of all ages, and not being obsessed with current social trends = red flag.

Here's something my dad taught me that change my life forever:

Everyone's normal is different.

Once I got that, I stopped chasing other people's versions of "normal" and started thriving in my own.

And all those so-called red flags?

Turns out, they were social superpowers.

Growing up homeschooled, I've heard it all before: "Who did you talk to?", "Did you have any friends?", "How did you learn to talk to people?" and my personal favorite "But... how are you so normal?"

I get where they're coming from.

Their normal? A school full of peers is where social skills are built.

My normal? A world full of people is where mine were built.

Not just with kids my own age, but with younger kids, older kids, grown ups, coaches, neighbors, cashiers, librarians and complete strangers.

A building was their classroom.
The world was mine.

Socially speaking, my life has been rich and filled with amazing experiences and I credit that to the real world social skills homeschooling allowed me to hone.

I'm not here to convince you that homeschooling is perfect as it has its challenges and trade-offs like anything else.

What I want to offer is insight into what worked for me, what didn't, and what I learned about socialization along the way.

If you're a parent considering homeschooling - or already in the thick of it - this book is meant to be a collection of hints, hacks, and hard-earned lessons about one of the biggest concerns homeschool parents have: socialization.

You won't find one-size-fits-all solutions here, but you will find practical ideas, small mindset shifts and things I've seen work in the real world - with a few common traps I'd suggest avoiding thrown in for good measure

Fact of the matter is: there's no universal "right" way to help your homeschooler develop strong social skills.

But with the right mix of creativity, intention, and flexibility, it's absolutely possible.

Everyone's normal is different.
That's not a problem, it's an opportunity.

Let's get into what socialization can look like when you take school out of a building and open it up to the world.