

Are You Looking for Reasons to Home Educate Your Child? If so, keep reading!

1. Positive Environment

No more noisy classrooms, rambunctious classmates, bullying, or other unnecessary distractions that can easily lead a formative mind away from an important lesson. **You are now in complete control of what your child will be exposed to, and there will be no question about what's going on at school.** Is there a more stable way to educate a child than within the comfort and security of your home?

2. Teachers Who Care—who knows your child better than you?

Parents understand God's love for His children in a special way. For parents, nothing is more important than the well-being of their children. In a homeschool environment, every student has the most dedicated teacher on the planet: their parents. Since the moment you brought your children home from the hospital, you've been watching them learn about themselves and develop their own incredible, unique personalities. **And that makes you the most dedicated and qualified teacher they could have.**

3. Individualized Education

Everybody learns differently. It's true no matter a person's age – we each interpret and retain information in our own unique way. And this is even more valid when we talk about the young mind trying to comprehend important lessons in the classroom and the outside world. Let's say a child in a public or private school classroom of 25 is excelling in English but struggling with geometry. This young student is a poetic and masterful writer, but math has never been his forte. The teacher, who can't slow the rest of the class down for one student, has to push on with her predetermined lesson plans.

This would be much easier to control in a homeschool environment. **When you have the capability to move at a speed tailored to your child's understanding, he is going to learn more efficiently. Plus, you can dive deeper into specific interests to further develop his strengths.**

4. A Solution to A Problem

Although many families choose to homeschool their children long-term with great success, there is a wide range of reasons a family might choose to homeschool a child. The home school

community is diverse, with families who use a variety of methods to teach their children at home – some are parent-led, some eclectic, and others use online programs or live learning centers. But for many other families, homeschool is simply a solution to a temporary problem. For instance, if the environment at school is rough for your fifth grader, but there is only one year left until a change of scenery in middle school, your child may only need to homeschool for one year. Or, if your child needs to be held back because a certain subject is challenging him or her, a single year of one-on-one time with that challenging subject might do the trick. **Homeschool can be a solution to a problem and is not always a permanent landing pad for every child's educational journey.**

5. Better Teaching Materials

According to recent studies from the National Home Education Research Institute, homeschool students continue to outperform their public and private school counterparts, scoring above average on achievement tests. A parent's level of formal education has nothing to do with how their children perform at home. **If you are weak in an area, there are a variety of options to help you with everything from traditional textbooks, to online classes, to learning centers (see Homelink classes on this page) offering a huge variety of classes.** These will provide the support system you need as a homeschool teacher.

6. Build a Relationship With God

Homeschool parents have the freedom to incorporate Bible study into their daily lesson plans. **There are no barriers or restrictions preventing your child from gaining spiritual knowledge and a traditional education.**

These 6 points are just the tip of the iceberg. There are many more reasons to homeschool your child. If you have questions or want to know more about how to get started, please contact Cathy Mullins at Ekjcmullins@gmail.com

The unique opportunity to spend time with your child every day and enjoy watching their minds grow is not one that everyone has, (and it's not the right solution for every family); but for thousands, it has been a true blessing. Our children grow up so fast and home education offers a way for you to spend more time with them before they leave the nest! 😊