



Eight Myths of HOMESCHOOLING

Just less than a decade ago, if you asked most parents their thoughts about homeschooling they would give you common misconceptions such as they are lazy, anti-social, or ultra-religious. We will address some of these common myths.

1 THEY ARE ANTI-SOCIAL

While it is true that homeschool children will not be surrounded by other students during the school day, there are still several ways for homeschool students to interact with others such as: extracurricular activities, homeschool co-ops, and service clubs.

2 ONLY FOR RELIGIOUS FAMILIES

According to the Department of Education, the number one reason that parents home school is due to dissatisfaction with the environment of their local public school. While there are faith-based home school groups, many parents home school to tailor their child's education to their learning style.

3 COLLEGE WON'T ACCEPT HOMESCHOOLERS

While a decade or two ago, this myth may have had some truth to it, today almost every private and public university has admission practices to accept home school students. In fact, home school students are more likely to attend college than their traditional school counterparts.

4 HOMESCHOOLERS DO NOT LEARN AS MUCH

This isn't just false, but actually the opposite is true. Because the home school student is not distracted, doesn't have to move between classes, can choose their own curriculum, and many other reasons they almost always learn as much or more than a traditional public school student.

5 PARENTS ARE NOT TEACHERS

Now this one just doesn't even make sense. Parents are the ultimate teachers when it comes to their own children. No one on this Earth is going to know their child better, and in many cases be able to determine if their child is learning new concepts. A parent may utilize other parents to teach different subject matters, but again that is a benefit of homeschooling.

6 HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE LAZY

Here is another one that isn't just wrong, the reality is that the reverse is true. For many home school students they are so active that they need more flexibility in their daily schedule than the public school can provide. Many homeschool students that I have worked with are athletes, help run farms, or assist in their families business.

7 YOU HAVE TO BE A STAY-AT-HOME MOM

So a couple of things on this topic. First you don't have to be a mom to teach your children, many fathers do an excellent job on teaching their children. Second you don't have to stop working either. By joining a Co-Op you can collectively pool your resources together where each parent helps teach all of the children. This also helps with the children's socialization.

8 HOMESCHOOLING IS STRESSFUL

Teaching your child is one of the most rewarding things a parent can do with their child. That is the statement I hear from every homeschool parent I talk to. The stress can come from the set-up, but at Citizens' High School we will help take that away with our Homeschool Admin tool, check it out at www.citizenshighschool.com/homeschool

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