

Insight Into Home Education

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Introduction

- In 1985, there were only 572 documented homeschoolers in the U.S; In 2010, there were 2.04 million.(NCES)
- Homeschooling was deemed illegal in the U.S. until the early 1980's.
- There are benefits, drawbacks and affects of homeschooling

Benefits of Homeschooling

- Parents are able to spend more one-on-one time with their children.
 - Often one or both of the parents are home all day, tutoring and teaching their children.
 - The children don't have to fight for attention.
 - Mom and/or Dad are always available if the children need help.

Benefits cont'd

- Children receive an education which is better tailored to them as an individual
 - A child who has an amazing imagination can write stories as part of an English assignment
 - They have more options as far as classes/subjects are concerned
 - Homeschool co-ops: different parents teach different subjects to children

Drawbacks of Homeschooling

- Parents shelter their children from the “real world”
 - Parents are often too protective and don’t explain real life
 - Children often can’t cope in some social settings



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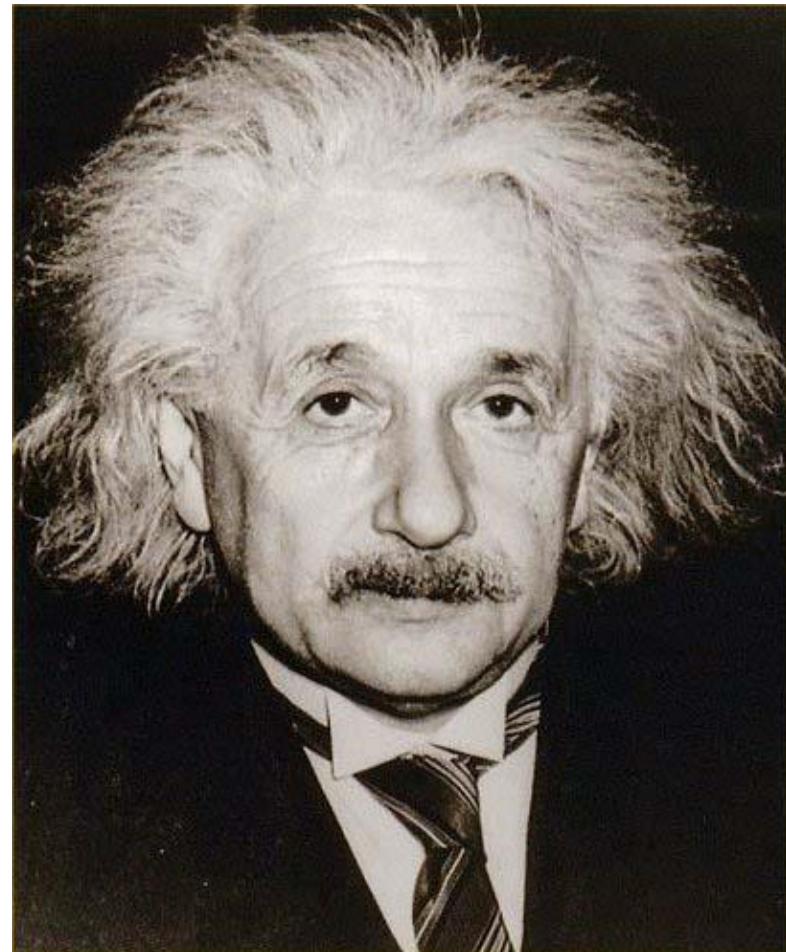
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AT YOUR OWN RISK!

Drawbacks cont'd

- Children have to learn new things once they get out in the world
 - Often unprepared for the stresses and deadlines of college and a real job
 - Often don't know much about pop. culture or famous non-religious icons

Affects of Homeschooling

- Good
 - Homeschoolers have made a difference in the United States
 - Mark Twain, Robert Frost, Andrew Carnegie, Mozart, Louis Armstrong, Whoopi Goldberg, Davy Crocket, Ben Franklin, Thomas Edison, George Patton, George Washington, Theodore Roosevelt
 - Homeschoolers outperform on standardized tests by 30-37% (NHERI)



Affects, cont'd

- Bad
 - Homeschoolers often don't know as much about normal life
 - Only aware of what Mom and Dad said is right and wrong
 - Not informed on everyday, up-to-date news

Conclusion

- In Texas, with many schools closing and a high school drop out rate of approx. 40% (NCES), it's good to be aware of other education options for children.