

# 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



**WARNING**



**UNSOCIALIZED  
HOMESCHOOLER**

INTERACT OR COMMUNICATE  
AT YOUR OWN RISK!

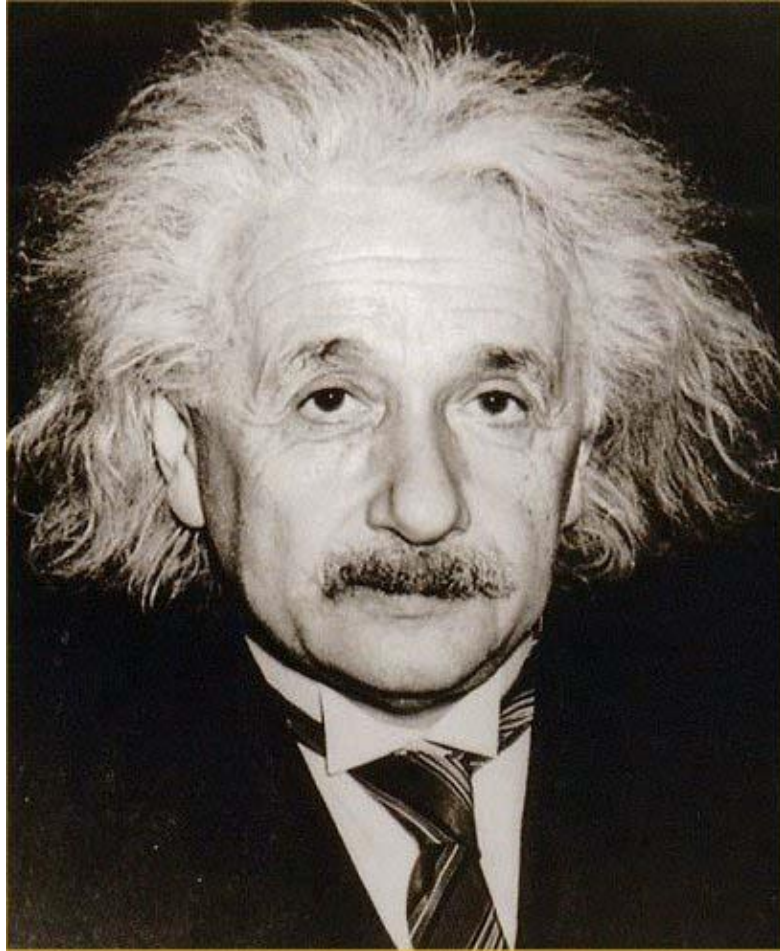
# Drawbacks cont'd

- 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.