IS HOMESCHOOLING SUITABLE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD TODAY?

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Nowadays many parents are doing their best to give their children the best education that they can have along with is wanting their children to receive an education different from that being offered in the public school system. Currently Homeschooling is becoming more popular as time goes by.

There are some parents who are strongly against homeschooling because of the limited opportunities that it can offer. The studies show that homeschooled children are excellent on standardized tests, succeed in college, become independent, and become successful as adult employees. There are many factors you should consider as parents if you’re thinking over the option of letting your child to be homeschooled rather than attending in a public school system. There are many factors you should consider first before deciding whether homeschooling is right for you and your child and to ensure it will be favorable and beneficial for them.

For parents considering about homeschooling their children, below is a list of the advantages and disadvantages to consider about homeschooling as an alternative learning in a public school system.
ADVANTAGES:

1. Ability to teach anything you like without pressure. Very likely, the biggest benefit of homeschooling is the capability to choose your child’s curriculum. You’re the one responsible in selecting what your child studies, when to study and for how long. The future of your child lies in your hand, the betterment, improvement and your child’s advancement. Children also have the capability to spend more time to concentrate their studies on areas of interest, such as art or science. Homeschooled children have complete freedom to finish their curriculum at their own schedule without any pressure or demand from the outside. They can do what they want and aside from that it is more comfortable and less ridged structure than the public school setting, sometimes homeschooled kids tend to learn just as fast as kids in the public school systems and even much faster.

2. Ability to choose freely. There is freedom to choose what is best for your child, even the child has his/her own freedom without being bounded by the time frame of the school and the schedule imposed by the public school system. Homeschooling in many ways can be quite challenging, in one way it can be a big solace. Families may prefer to set up a homeschooling routine just like what the local school system do, so that their kids are free when other kids are free, but their lives are no longer surrounded
by the school’s calendar and school hours. Families tend to realize that they have much more freedom to go on vacation and live their life based on their own schedules.

3. Physically and emotionally safety. Currently bullying is prevalent anywhere even in workplace or in public schools. Though not every kid is bullied, but it happens to some kids and the result can be ravaging. It’s not only emotionally damaging, but it has cause and effect in receiving a good education and learning will be impossible for some kids. Unluckily, drugs and gangs also show their face in the public school system. All of these potential harmful influences will be avoided if the child is under homeschooling. Peer pressure, competition and poor self-esteem issues and other negative influences will be avoided. The level of security of the child is highly increased as well as the safeness if the child is homeschooled. Home is the best place for every child where they feel that they are loved, secured and no one will harm them. During the high school years, lack of self-esteem to some girls become a big struggle for them but if homeschooled high self-esteem will remain intact throughout their high school years. Studies show that girls who are homeschooled don’t care about the whole issue of “fitting in” to belong, to feel that they are loved and accepted in the society especially in the school.

4. Become a productive child. Due to lack of teacher and increased number of students in a classroom, there is possibility that each student in a public school can
received a very little one-on-one instruction from their teacher. The teacher can’t provide all the things that they needed. There is a less chance to every students to become productive because they tend to end up of doing a lot of unnecessary work to keep them busy. While homeschooled children can often accomplish in a few hours rather than in a public school. In attending public schools frequently there is homework because the classroom setting isn’t conducive in accomplishing all their school requirements or home work. Homeschooled kids seldom have homework because homework is completed while class is in session.

5. Free to act according to his/her Faith. Religious beliefs and values are very important to many families. While separation of church and state is observed in our constitution, historically religious values have always been a part of our public education system but now it seems that it is not part of the curriculum. There is freedom of religion, no one will dictate for what to believe or not. Religious belief and value system can be incorporate into the educational curriculum of homeschooled children thus allowing the parents to teach and incorporate it in their everyday lives while homeschooling.

6. Establish good rapport. Building better relationship between the parents and her child is a great opportunity to the families because they become closer and
comfortable to each other. Homeschooled children are less social and more introverted than publicly educated children affirmed by the antagonist of homeschooling. Homeschooled children are smart, emotionally stable, show less destructive behavior and socially proficient child like the other students in a public school. Homeschooled children when became adults are successful in both their interpersonal and occupational relationships.

7. High stability. Homeschooled children are said to be more equipped and prepared to deal with life’s challenges that they may face, such as the loss of loved ones, illnesses, or life transitions like a move. They are more stable, confident and optimistic in what they did.

8. More time to relax and rest. Getting the right amount of sleep is more important to the emotional and physical health of children especially for teenage youth. There are children going to school exhausted and coming home tired due to poor sleep habits are often experienced by children who attended in a public school.

Even though there are plenty of advantages to homeschooling, there are also several disadvantages. Just like fewer friends, lack of extra-curricular activities
limited opportunity to interact with other children are just a few. Below were listed the disadvantages of homeschooling.

DISADVANTAGES:

1. Stressful and lots of pressure. Everyday we experienced being stress, burn out and under pressure. Life is already a stressful one if we let it affect us, but if you’re home schooling your children, it can get even more stressful. Homeschooling takes a lot of time, effort and patience. Everyday you need to prepare the lesson and children have to be taught. It’s time consuming and can loose energy. Parents should provide their children with materials, hands on learning experiences. Homeschooling can be very exhausting physically and emotionally.

2. Costly. Homeschooling isn’t affordable because this can be a big sacrifice if money is not enough but most homeschooling families find the sacrifice well worth having their kids earned the benefits of being home schooled. Parents will also consider of buying books and supplies, which are costly. Taxpayer does not subsidize home schooling as public schooling is parents must cover all costs related with homeschooling.
3. Work overload for kids. Being with your kids 24/7 is overwhelming. If you decide to home school your kids, you must be with them all of the time. But if you can’t be with them that much, then you need to think over and over before deciding about home schooling. But for most parents who opt to do home school, the time they spend with their kids is just a good chance to bring them closer together and have a quality time with your kids.

4. Limited school activities. Parent’s homeschooling their kids should realized that their children must have extra curricular activities. This can be a time consuming in many ways but it will be beneficial for their children for the totality of growth and development of their child. It becomes even more demanding as children move into the teen years and become interested in sports. There is limited opportunity for homeschooled children than in children who attended in a public school. They are often defied to be involved in team sports. While some public schools allow homeschooled kids to participate in their athletic programs.

5. Increased criticism. There are numerous challenges, expectations and demands from the outside. Homeschooling is facing criticism and negative pressure from government and education. Some critics can’t stand seeing parents doing a better job at educating their children than the “highly” trained professionals in the public education system. Some critics say that Homeschooling is not acceptable because it is not sustainable, not well organize and systematize compared in a public school system.
I pointed out the advantages and disadvantages whether homeschooling is really worth it or not? Is homeschooling right for you and your child? It is up to the parents to decide while considering the child’s feelings, readiness, acceptance and understanding whether homeschooling will fit them right. Everything in life that’s really worthwhile usually requires a lot effort and big sacrifice.

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