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“Parents are returning to home schooling. Home schooling is nothing new; not in our culture, and certainly not in other cultures throughout the world. It is the most ancient and time-honored method of educating children. Home schooling is simply a return to the educational system that made this nation and every other nation great.”

Gregg Harris
The Christian Home School

Advantages of home education:

1. The children have more time: to read, to learn responsibility, to learn obedience.
2. Parents need not deprogram or re-teach values; the child is not absorbing two different value systems daily.
3. Children learn to love each other more. They do not look down on one another in favor of their peers.
4. They learn to be servants of one another. The family is a microcosm of the Body of Christ.

Elisabeth Elliot
Keep a Quiet Heart

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Home School

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And transform daily life into family adventures.

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Providing information, resources, guidance and encouragement to home educators since 1985.

NDHSA Services

Monthly newsletter

Covers state and national matters, books and curricula reviews, human interest stories and updates.

Annual convention

Features vendor displays, entertainment, nationally-known speakers, art exhibition, workshops and used-book sale.

Lobbying activities

Utilizes citizen lobbyists to track state legislative issues of concern to home educators.

Legal support

Answers questions regarding problems with local public schools, legal issues and support for special needs; refers to attorneys for legal counsel. Encourages membership in Home School Legal Defense Association.

Home school packets

Offers a specially-designed packet for those beginning the home school adventure; features information on education philosophies, resource list, getting started section, copy of the law, testing information and much more. Also offers the ND Guide to Home School High School manual.

Media relations

Provides credible research information and documentation to the media.

Information packets

Provides a packet of information designed to assist families get started and continue through high school.

Support group network

Encourages home educators to participate in local support groups and helps new groups get started. Over 30 groups now scattered across North Dakota.

The Law

Teacher qualifications:

1. Have a high school diploma or G.E.D. OR
2. Be monitored for at least two years by a N.D. state certified teacher.

Standardized testing:

Home educated students must be tested in grades 4, 6, 8, and 10.

The parent educator may use any nationally-normed, standardized achievement test. The test must be administered by a N.D. state-certified teacher and it must be administered in the child's learning environment or at the local public school at the parent's discretion. In addition, the test must be given in its norming period.

Day/hour requirements

Home educators are required to provide instruction 4 hours per day for 175 days per year. Which 4 hours and which 175 days is left to the discretion of the parent.

Compulsory attendance ages

Age 7 to age 16.

Statement of intent filing

The parent educator is required by law to file a statement of intent annually for each child between the ages of 7-16 with the local school district at least 14 days before beginning instruction or within 14 days of establishing a new residency. See NDHSA.org for the latest Statement of Intent.

Developmental disabilities

All children with "developmental disabilities" may be home schooled in N.D. following the statutory changes approved during the 2005 legislative session.

Response form

Yes, please put me on the NDHSA mailing list to receive legislative, convention and occasional alerts only, free.

Yes, I want to become a NDHSA member and receive the newsletter, e-news, convention discount, HSLDA discount, information packet discount, advertising discount, and help grow home schooling in North Dakota. Total value is over \$50. Simply send \$35 to: NDHSA, 1854 107th St NE, Bottineau, ND 58318 or become a member online at: NDHSA.org

I am enclosing an additional donation of \$_____ to help advance the work of the NDHSA.

Yes, please send me a copy of the Home School Packet designed for beginning home educators in North Dakota. I have included the \$15 to cover the cost of the packet including postage and sales tax. \$13.50 for members.

Name _____

Address _____

City/ State/ Zip _____

Phone and/or email _____

Common myths

Myth: Parents who are not certified teachers cannot effectively teach their children.

In a recent nationwide study of home schooled students, Dr. Brian Ray determined that a "parent's education background has no substantive effect on their children's home school academic performance." The children examined in the Ray study tested between the 80th and 90th percentiles whether the parent had a college degree or only a high school diploma.

Myth: Governmental regulation is essential to ensure a quality education.

Dr. Ray states, "the degree of governmental regulation from state to state has no significant effect on the academic performance of home schoolers." Whether the student is in a highly-regulated state (like N.D.) or one with less rigid government oversight, children in both groups test at the 86th percentile.

Myth: Home educated students lack good socialization skills.

Even public school officials are backing away from this tired complaint. The socialization skills being learned in public schools are often improper and some are becoming downright dangerous. Good skills are learned from those who know what good skills are: this is rarely, if ever, a child's peers. Loving parents are the best teachers of such skills and one of the great benefits of home education is that children learn to relate to all age groups, avoiding dangerous peer dependency.