

North Dakota Home School Association (NDHSA)

The Home School Report

Writing guidelines rev d

The NDHSA wants to encourage North Dakota home school parents and children to submit appropriate and professionally written articles for publication in The Home School Report (THSR). The following guidelines are intended to both help writers craft articles helpful to the North Dakota home school community and understand the NDHSA policies.

1. The author, or previous publisher, retains all rights to any articles appearing in THSR and the NDHSA reserves the right to reprint any articles accepted for publication.
2. Articles submitted must deal with home education issues, methods or content. This does not limit the topics, but encourages writers to connect their topics to the needs of ND Christian home educators.
3. Articles should be positive, encouraging, challenging, and informative. Testimonials, inspirational/motivational, informational, educational, and how-to articles that address home schooling, parent-child discipleship, learning styles, curriculum reviews, reading recommendations, book reviews, teaching techniques, educational resources, home business, or higher education are some areas that are of interest to our readers.
4. Biblical guidelines for THSR point to the value of articles that comfort, exhort, edify (1 Thess. 2:11 5:11), warn (1 Co. 4:14), teach (Ephesians 4:11-12), and keep us thinking of lovely things (Phil. 4:8).
5. The NDHSA reserves the right to select or reject articles for publication for any reason and without comment. If many articles are submitted, it may simply not be possible to accept all good articles. Similarly, if multiple authors address the same topic, the NDHSA will need to select one article and reject another to best design THSR.
6. Home educators represent many backgrounds and church affiliations. To appropriately craft an article in view of our readership, please endeavor not to address areas which are open to Christian freedom and which separate one denomination from another. Baptism and escahtology would be examples of areas not to address.
7. Product-oriented, or self-promotional articles are appropriate as paid advertisements which are accomodated via the NDHSA advertising policy available at: <http://www.ndhsa.org/ads.htm> For THSR articles, the author's activities may be briefly acknowledged via a two sentence bio at the beginning or end, of each accepted article. We encourage a brief bio of the author, reserving the right to edit for length, if necessary.
8. Send articles electronically to publications@ndhsa.org either in the body of an email or as an attachment in either Word, Publisher or Adobe Reader. US Mail items may be sent to the NDHSA office at: 1854 107th St NE, Bottineau, ND 58318.
9. Unless other arrangements have been made, the length of articles should be under 800 words.
10. The NDHSA reserves the right to edit submitted articles for grammar and punctuation.
11. There is no remuneration for any articles submitted and subsequently published.
12. For inclusion in an upcoming issue of THSR the item must be received no later than the 10th of the previous month.

If you have any questions about these guidelines or about the appropriateness of a potential article, please feel free to visit with the Publications Editor or Executive Director of the NDHSA.