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(to your questions!)**

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It is natural to have questions when you first start thinking of homeschooling.

I get a lot of questions from new homeschoolers and I have started collecting them and asking my wonderful Facebook fans for their advice and opinions.

This e-book then is a collection of their wisdom and experience – with some of mine thrown in too!

I hope that it will help you with your worries and questions and help you to feel as if you have had a friend to talk to.

If your particular worry isn't here, then do keep an eye on my Facebook page – it may be posted soon. Or come and ask for yourself! You will find everyone helpful and supportive.

I wish you much joy in your homeschooling journey.

Best wishes, Julie

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"My biggest worry is that I might not teach him enough, and he might not be up to his grade level."

Julie says :

I think that schools have done us a great disservice in making us think that we must 'teach' children! Children are hard-wired to learn and you will probably find that you can't keep up with him! My children are forever surprising me with things they know – things I don't know even! We often learn things together and it is amazing how much we learn from conversations and just being out and about. You are sure to be able to teach him 'enough' – it will be hard not too!

In terms of grade, that is an arbitrary level imposed so that schools can monitor their effectiveness. But this doesn't need to apply with homeschooling. Children fluctuate in their learning. Sometimes behind, sometimes ahead. Learning isn't a lovely smooth curve. It happens in leaps and bounds then a chance to catch your breath! Sometimes you might feel that you aren't keeping up in certain areas and then 'whoosh', you will do a whole lot in one go. And over a period of time all the grade level subjects will be covered.

Homeschooling-ideas Facebook Fans say :

That was my biggest worry too. When my kids were tested eventually as they wanted to try school again my one daughter was 4 years ahead of her peers



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and my daughter with a learning disability had made better progress at home than she ever had at school. With the result that school didn't work out for them at all and they were back to home schooling after one school year.

Don't worry about grade year, just concern yourself with their age and aptitude! One of my 9 year olds is 9-10 in maths , 6-7 in literacy, 8-9 ish in comprehension so we work to his level, that's the blessing if homeschooling
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Grade level is a public school system idea. It doesn't even apply to homeschooling in my opinion. It really is just another way of trying to put ALL children in ONE category, when everyone knows that children are all different. This is WHY The homeschooling method works so well. Truly with homeschool, it IS "No child left behind."

He will teach himself. All will be well.

Can't that be said for any form of education? As long as we are able to provide them with unbelievable learning opportunities then we are half way there. They also need to do the learning!
Don't stress!!

The great thing about home education is that *you* will learn so much more than you ever imagined, both through following things your child wants to learn or through finding it inspires your own desire to learn things...eg we are learning German together and I've started re-learning Latin although she is not interested!

But as an adult with access to the resources and able to make contact with organisations and people, your role is to facilitate. Your child wants to learn about particle physics (we just got an email about an opportunity to meet a scientist working on neutrinos so it's on my mind:)) but you know squat about it...but you can hire a tutor or help them find a website that explains it or see if there are any museums/universities/whatever running events you can go to

Gees grade school learning, as far as I am concerned if a child starts at a grade 2 level in prep a year before he should be starting school according to them and they think that dumbing him down is the answer it pretty much shows you that its not worth sending them to school at all.

Only began homeschooling this week and have already realised-stuff grade levels. Homeschooling is about working at the level of the child you have. No



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pressure for them, leaving them relaxed enough to absorb it all-Yaaaay!

My daughter was at school, she stayed on the same grade level for 3yrs there and was getting funding to help her!!! I don't think I could be that bad if I tried lol

In the end, by 18 they will have all they need - what they actually NEED, including so much they wouldn't get from school!! Eg: What school actually gives life skills like cooking and managing personal money, getting along with family...the list is endless! So much of school's learning is forgotten right after the test anyway, but the real learning that goes on at home, they don't forget...like, how can you forget the math or reading you use in regularly in life, or the interesting things you learn about the things that really matter to you?

work to their strengths, that way they are way ahead of others in knowledge understanding and pride in their own achievements

Something I will have to remember for years to come when I feel inadequate as a teacher in my own home. Yeah how much do we remember from when we went to school. I can tell right now if I took another so called standardized test to see if I know anything from high school I guarantee you I couldn't remember most of what I learned in school. I hope I can teach my son everything he needs to get through life with and then some and retain everything he has learned when he is in his middle ages.

Good answers to read for myself as well. Just have faith in yourself, in your kids and in your creator that all will be okay and they will learn everything they need to know. Follow their lead. Every time my daughter comes to me with a question we start some research and even I learn something new through her curiosity. I am grateful for the opportunity to be at home with my baby girl.

We are all individuals. We have strengths and weaknesses. With homeschooling we usually have super strengths. It is a communist idea that we should all be fed the same thing and no one should rise above that blanket. Teach your kids to be thinkers and problem solvers by letting them struggle through only helping when absolutely necessary. It's not the information that we feed them that matters, it's that we allow them to be curious, provide plenty of opportunity to learn. Leave curiosities laying around. Squelch the tv, radio, mp3 player! Every time they have a question tell them to look it up. Let them do their assignments where and when they



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want during the day. They will learn time management and concentration. Ask questions back to them when they want you to just give them the answer. If you just want them to be at grade level buy a pre-packaged curriculum.

My husband was educated in a one room schoolhouse and was the only student in his grade, much like our homeschooling. After spending a week or so working with his father on the ranch so that the cash crop could be brought in, his teacher told him he was behind in his schoolwork. His reply was, "Behind whom? I am the only one in my grade." He was right. We can better our best and strive to move forward each day. Every moment is a learning moment and a schoolbook is not required at all times.

Chances are he will be ABOVE his grade level with a dedicated parent behind him.

I love reading all of these answers! You all are amazing! I just started homeschooling for the first time and i was terrified and still am! But we went in for monthly testing and my 5 yr old score way above average! And i thought she was just busy having fun but she is so relaxed and rested and enjoying MATH!!! I am thankful for having this opportunity!! Just thought i would share from a beginners side!

they have people who can help you with that. i have a student cordinator

I think if you, or maybe your spouse, is concerned, you should set a date for testing. I think every year is a bit much, but many of my friends pick every two - four years. For my boys, we have made the eighth grade their only testing year so we know what to focus on for high school. Kid one was mostly unschooled for eight years, took his SAT this year and scored above grade level on everything but capitalization. LOL! Not sure what happened there, but I think the fender bender we had been in that made us 5 minutes late for the exam may have contributed. No biggy! We can cover a lifetime of capitalization in about two hours to make sure he knows what he needs in real life. To me testing and grading, is more a measure of the teacher than the child anyway.

I've been homeschooling my now 13 yo son for 6 years and I have*always* worried about these things the most - until I had to force myself to stop worrying and ultimately comparing him to others' progress...all it did was make *me* feel inadequate! I still have to regularly remind myself that he is an individual and that he learns what he needs to learn, in his own way and at



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his own pace. Thankfully, we don't have official testing here in Australia, but I realised what's the point trying to teach him things that he simply cannot comprehend - it only led to frustration, for both of us! I know where he is up to and I also know that if he was in school, the pressure put on him to conform to what society/the "system" expects would be horrendous. I am so thankful that I am able to homeschool my son... a privilege denied to other parents in some countries.

Learning has a tenuous relationship to grades. Which do you want?

My question to them would be is he reading well, can he do his math facts, does he know about the presidents and what the country history is, does he know about science? If they say well yes then the next question is Does he like to learn and is eager to do educational stuff? if the answer is once again well yes...the answer is clear then he is on the level for him...and you are ahead of the curve because about 30-50% of these students in public school are not where they are supposed to be at any given time and they really don;t want to be there so just relax and let them work things out in their own time. If there is an area that concerns you, then take and put a little more time into that by thinking up new activities and ask for help from others who are homeschooling.



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"My biggest worry is that my kids are at 3 different grade levels with 3 different learning styles, and there's only 1 me!"

Julie says :

It can be tricky juggling homeschool when you have different aged children. It can be done! It is a case of experimenting and seeing what works for you. There are lots of different ways you could [schedule creatively](#).

Try to double up as much as possible. Lots of activities can be done as a family – with each child working to their own abilities. [Lapbooks](#) and [Unit studies](#) can be a big help with this because they can cover so many different ages. Getting the older children to help the younger ones also seems to work well.

Homeschooling-ideas Facebook Fans say :

First year I homeschool both my kids (12 en 9) and its difficult to find the right method but will get there.

It's like love... you only have one heart, but you love them all. So be confident ! and remember : learning happens all the time !



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Self-Learning.

Don't teach, help them learn. Just facilitate.

You can do it all! If they haven't already directed you to their topic of interest it is possible to include all their learning styles in one subject. Eg. Money - make a shop, price things up and let them play; stack coins and make different ways of getting a total; introduce money problems, either in role play or in written problems (there are books for that or you can write/type your own). Visual, active and cerebral styles all covering the same subject!

I don't homeschool, but I'm a nanny who teaches....I often have the 3 year old teach the one year old simple things...it's fun and she gets a confidence boost

I would tell them that even kids in the same grade at school are not on the same level as each other. Everyone is better at some subjects than others. Also, when you school at home, you can incorporate their interests into the subjects, regular schools don't do this. You will learn things from teaching your kids you've never known before, and relearn things you've forgotten.

My boys love sky landers game, so to get them reading we brought the annual for sky landers, to get the writing I asked them to write some sentences about 4 if the characters, using lots of adjectives etc. They loved it, I then let them play a level and they had to sit and explain to me what happened, encouraging conversation! Then they had to instruct me on how to complete a level, teaching them to give directions! We then had to add up the coins they earned etc! So for two hours solid they were learning without realising it!

Try to do as many no-grade required subjects as possible together. History, science, gym, Bible, Music, foreign language(if doing) and art can all be done at one time instead of trying to do three different grade levels for these subjects. Then you only have to divide language arts and math on an individual grade level. This will reduce the total time spent per day on school work and will help save your sanity.

Or, you could do unit studies. Most of those have all the subjects within a three-year age/grade span per study, so you're able to teach all kids the same thing, with a few tweaks here and there



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We teach some subjects together and there are only a few left to teach independently. While one is working on a independent subject I work with the younger child on phonics etc.

LOL!! It can work!

I agree to teach as many subjects as you can together and then do individual studies one on one. With the group studies, incorporate all three learning styles into the lesson. It is not easy but doable.

Have the older ones help teach the younger ones. They can usually help with things like spelling, reading and simple math if you are busy with another child.

Set up stations for the kids, set a timer and they each work at one station for the duration and then switch it up. Depending on the age range stations could be as simple as stringing beads for toddlers, or a measurement station for older kids (although toddlers love pouring water from one cup, measuring rice or beans, etc. The only thing I don't let the little ones play with is the beam scale), math stations with dice, counting blocks, or money, reading stations where it will really depend on the age, but I have everything from dry erase books that has the little ones writing letters, board books, and other things like mad libs, word searches, I also tend to do a "fun" station such as playdough, puzzles, cards, etc.

Learning happens everywhere, all the time. Make it fun and your kids will ask for lessons.

I have 7 kids, the baby and then 3 to 13. It is not easy to do it all but with everyones cooperation it happens.

If each kid was in a different grade, they would be taught with other kids the same age. This would be a horrible mistake. Would you take 40 kids all the same age, and issue them all the same size of gloves, tops, socks, shoes, hats, pants, coats - etc? Of course not because their bodies all grow at different rates. Yet their minds are far more complex than their bodies. Kids develop different skills and parts of their minds at different levels and rates. By keeping different aged siblings together, they are influenced by each other, the more advanced ones can bring along the less advanced, and because you home school, you can work individually with each child on each subject. For example, I could never keep up the pace in English, right up to graduation. I was always behind. I developed later in that area, but because the pace was so much faster in school than I could handle, I fell further and further behind. Now I have written two books.

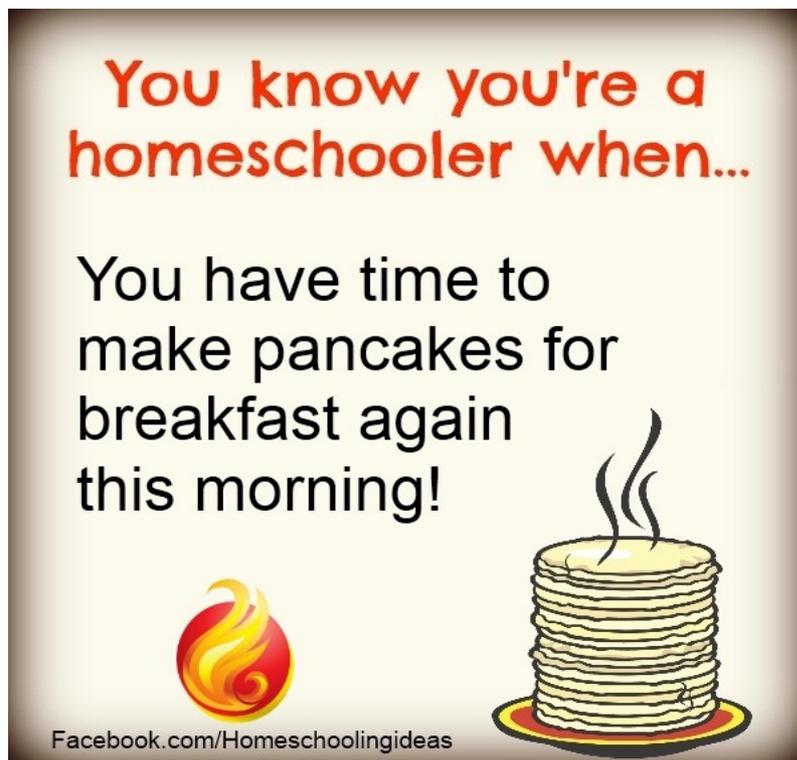


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"My biggest worry is that I won't have enough time or patience."

Julie says :

Patience really is something that gets [better with practice!](#) But you may well find that once you stop the morning rush to school everybody begins to relax and you need less patience than before.





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You don't need to schedule your homeschooling to take the same length of time as a school day. That is probably too intensive when you are working one to one with your children. Sometimes [even an hour can be enough!](#)

Take your time and develop your homeschool routine to suit your family – you will find you have time and patience enough!

Homeschooling-ideas Facebook Fans say :

Well it takes up a lot less time than you'd think! Our 'school day' is pretty short, the rest is learning by osmosis! Patience? Do you want your kids to be happy, expand their learning and confidence to amazing levels? Do you want your kids to be the best & more that they can be? Yes?! Then you develop patience lol...Also, taking plenty of breathers helps ;o) Usually mine don't try my patience much as they are enjoying what they are doing so much that it's me needing to keep up with them!

You don't need so much time to be honest and I am never bored or impatient much, hehe, honestly though this was my biggest worry and I discovered without the hell my kids got from school my patience is so much better, the kids are happier and you have heaps more time than you would think, they get through things so much quicker if they enjoy it that their work is done very quickly so we get lots of us time.

Like everything in life, it takes practice and with a positive attitude you get better at practising patience. You will have bad days because everyone does, even the teachers at mainstream factory schooling become impatient and that is ok, it is called being human you will then be able to model the behaviour you want your children to see on how you cope with it. not to mention claiming to not have patients is a mindset a good chunk of the time, changing your way of thinking helps alot!

By the grace of God I have found the patience. Some days I actually surprise myself:) Honestly, I love what I am doing. It really seems to work for my family.

This is true: You won't have enough time or patience. BUT remember, when you feel like you are out of time, make a schedule that includes at least one weekday as a "free day". Ours is Thursday. I look forward to Thursday every week. You can make it a PJ day or a Field Trip Day or a day reserved for



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orthodontist & Dr appt day. But that ONE day, every week is NO direct instruction from you kind of day. It is necessary because our weekends are usually just as busy as our weekdays. PATIENCE: when you run out of it, take a field trip or go play outside . call a time out for yourself and do what makes you the happiest . and REMEMBER: Kids have YEARS and YEARS worth of "schooling" to accomplish before the age of 18. If you need a break, like a month or a week or whatever, let the "schooling" slide. Remember to enjoy the benefits of homeschooling, like vacationing off season, seeing museums when they are not crowded, taking road trips without a schedule or care in the world. Your kids will learn HUGE amounts with these fun outlets and it is relaxing for the parent who is doing the instruction. Take a Deep Breath, and make some friends for you and your kids with similar life styles. Once you get hooked on homeschooling you will never look back!

If you had time and patience teaching them to talk, walk, use a toilet, feed & dress themselves.....you have the time and patience to homeschool.

It's just the fear of the unknown .. take the plunge! You will discover homeschool simply becomes part of your day, like brushing your teeth! A year in and you will know a) kids only learn in school with qualified teachers is a myth and b) you are a fab teacher!

I talk to parents that send their kids to school and they seem busier than I am with sending them in the morning, picking them up and making lunches, making sure they do their homework...all on the school's schedule! I love having and setting my OWN schedule, and it's not that busy! There's LOTS of time for the family to just be! And as for patience, it's a muscle, the more you exercise it, the stronger it gets. And does sending them to school mean you don't need patience for them??? Having them at home actually means you get better at being patient with them and they deserve all the work that you put into that!!

You will run out of time, and you will run out of patience. Homeschooling is a learning experience for the parent as much as for the children. My patience threshold has increased immensely since I began homeschooling my son. We have fallen behind at times, but that too is a blessing...we can fall behind, and catch up at our own pace.

You make the time, and patience comes because you have to have it, not because you had it to begin with.



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If you have the time & "patience" to help your kids with their homework at night, think about how much MORE time & patience you'll have when you have all day long. Patience comes with prayer and practice & nothing else. I don't know anyone that considers themselves patient. I'm the least patient person I know & people tell me they think I'm patient with my kids. And patience has nothing to do with homeschooling, really. And you can practice it anew every moment. I apologize frequently for losing my temper. I homeschool my 2nd, 5th & 7th graders. We are in our 4th year. Our school day is about 4-5 hours per day, and I plan on Sundays. It's not as much time as you think.

I have so much more time, and so much more patience when I'm not thinking about school lunches the second I wake up, when I'm not forcing them up to go to school, when we're not madly scrambling for the bus stop. And I have so much more of me to share. I turn into a total human with spontaneity and anecdotes to share rather than be an harassed school accessory... Relax into it and see how much fun you can have. Grow with your kids and find the best way for your individual group to learn together. You don't have to be "school" at home. Kids naturally love to learn if the pleasure is not ruined for them...

Without being bored for eight hours then forced to do home work when they are exhausted from their day, I have found my son 100% easier to teach now that he is hs. I am more patient now than I was when he was in school! And he is 100% happier THAT'S what I was shooting for.

We have used A Beka Video for 13 years - they do all the work with their wonderful Master teachers! They have taught all 4 of my children to read (the oldest is in his 2nd year of college now and doing great! I highly recommend A Beka Video for homeschool!



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"My biggest worry is that my kids will miss out on subjects I haven't even thought of."

Julie says :

This is true whatever method of education you choose. But you are more likely to find your kids are learning subjects you haven't even thought of! Homeschooling seems to open up a whole world of learning.

I wonder if the worry behind this question is really whether [there will be gaps in your kids education](#). Homeschool learning can look very different to a traditional education – but it can still cover a whole lot! And who is to say what knowledge they will need in our changing world. The greatest gift we can give them is confidence that they can learn whatever they need, whenever they need it!



"The great breakthrough in your life comes when you realize that you can learn anything you need to learn to accomplish any goal that you set for yourself."

- Brian Tracy

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Homeschooling-ideas Facebook Fans say :

I got told I had to at least teach them a bit of religion. My answer to that is teaching them bits out of several different religions if they want to choose to be religious it's up to them not me or anyone else, it's their own choice. As far as teaching goes though, they seem to be teaching me more than I have ever taught them and the amount of things I have started I don't think I will miss much, kids know way more than we realise!

I let my kids be completely involved in what they want to learn, its surprising what they want to do and how well they do it because they have picked to do it. They also enjoy it which helps too.

My son would miss out subjects if he was in school. Like life skills, camping whenever he wants, cooking whenever he wants, making what he wants like the Coracle he made last year.' Its a nice day lets go to the beach or woods with the dog and a picnic and do some exploring etc'. Cant do that in school.

I personally care more about what kind of people my children are becoming...learning to become kind, loving people (just to mention a couple of the qualities I find important!) that are responsible, know how to get along with others and can be productive members of society, including being equipped with life skills to take care of themselves and their families. The knowledge they will gain aside from that will come from their own curiosity and love of learning because of not being made to learn what someone else wants them to learn for no apparent reason. That's something that I believe no school can provide!! And the different topics, will be explored as long as the interest is there - in due time! It doesn't all have to be explored in one year!

Another reality is that every school has their different subjects...I went to different schools in different parts of the country and never got certain subjects at all because of the differences in curriculum...and I graduated with honors just the same! So do the kids really need a specific curriculum to "graduate"? I think the answer's NO. I think they need what they need to keep their minds learning, especially the things that they will use in later life - that's all we really retain anyways from school!



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I don't teach them useless stuff they will never use in reality... i teach them stuff they are interested in and then throw in a bit of maths, and then when i take them somewhere i make them write up about it and then they are doing english... its not about stressing and tested your kids, just keep them happy, their childhood is already too short.

I am looking at this and going yes I am not failing the kids, They have more manners than any of the children I know and I know a lot, other than the home schooled kids, its amazing the difference when they talk to home schooled children to talking to their friends they went to school with, with schooled children they use swearwords for every second word, I am now correcting the school kids when they come over to stop them swearing at my home. Its amazing what they think it normal, well I suppose it is for them!

I think the opposite is true...my child learns about so many subjects I hadn't thought of. She has free access to learning, an interest here and there sparks off so much intense self-directed study. She's not bound by a narrow, restricted curriculum, that covers the basics of English, Maths, Science, History and Geography. If she wants to explore engineering, astronomy, aerodynamics or geology, she can. If she wants to learn about the Tudors or Vikings at 6yrs old, rather than waiting until it pops up on the curriculum at school, she can. Then there are the life skills and experiences. I can't believe we ever sent our child to school, we have so much freedom now. Every day is a new experience



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"My biggest worry is that I won't be able to keep up as my child goes higher up in grade levels."

Julie says :

Instead of seeing yourself as a teacher, try to see yourself as the facilitator of your child's education. Your job is to help him to learn – not to teach. By providing him with the educational materials, contacts, and resources he needs – you will be helping him to become an independent learner who takes responsibility for his own education. You don't need to try to keep up with your children (unless you want to!). You just have to provide them with whatever they need to learn successfully. And there is a wealth of resources available to you to help make this job easy!

Homeschooling-ideas Facebook Fans say :

My son is 13 now and I was worried about maths, but I have just joined a maths tutor site which is brilliant, called 'conquer maths' which explains everything really well.

My son is still in preschool. But I am looking forward to the opportunity to learn along with him. You don't need to know everything ahead of him!



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You just learn along the way. You'll be surprised what you will relearn in the lower grades.

When I first started homeschooling my son, he was 6. I had the same thought about math. My son is now 14 and is doing geometry...one of the math classes I did horribly in school. I find myself learning along side him and realizing that it is easier to understand when you put two (or more) heads together to work it out. There are a ton of great resources out there on the internet, find them and make them your best friend!



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"Can homeschooled children achieve as well as schooled children and reach their full potential?"

Julie says :

I think we can say that many children who go to school are not encouraged to reach their full potential. With a loving parent guiding them a child will have many more opportunities to achieve – whether they are homeschooled or not!

Homeschooled children can achieve as well as schooled children – and they usually have the time and support to develop their unique interests and talents in order to reach their full potential.

Homeschooling-ideas Facebook Fans say :

Colleges usually prefer Homeschooled kids over regular schooled kids

From what I've seen homeschooled children actually have an advantage

Home schooled kids usually excel in many things, and are much further along in their education. I find this is because home schoolers are focused more on their studies than societal pressure. It takes a lot of work on both the student and parental sides though.



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Uh, yeah. I have four homeschool graduates. One has her bachelor's and is a public school teacher. One has his associate's degree and is currently a job superintendent in the family business, and the last two are currently attending college. (The youngest of the two is 17 and has just finished his 3rd semester with a 3.5 GPA.) I have one more to go. He's 14, and I don't doubt his success at all. I'm in no way a great teacher. There are just so many opportunities along this path of homeschooling!

My son has excelled since home schooling. He had average grades when in public school and when I brought him home, he immediately became an honor roll student. He does distance education, and his curriculum is exactly what it is in the public school with tests and provincial exams, so I can compare apples to apples. He now has very good time management skills, better self worth, is better behaved, has excellent goal setting capabilities and has developed more advanced problem solving skills.

Homeschooled children aren't any different at the core than the kids in public school. We do well, we fail, we excel, we mess up.... We were just given a chance to be ourselves through our educational experience too. If you have a kid that is highly motivated and wants to change the field of science, they can do that while homeschooling. If you have a kid that wants to change people's oil, they can do that too. We have the same and sometimes better opportunities as kids in traditional schools, but that doesn't make someone reach their "full potential" if you mean becoming a scientist instead of a mechanic. We tend to have a whole different view of success than other people.

More so

In a word, Yes!! My oldest had no problem getting into college and achieving what public school children achieve. Maybe even more so.

I hope. I just pulled my third grader to homeschool because I feel that be will do GREAT with the one on one.

Watch your child blossom! Hope is good, but have faith! Trust that you, who knows and loves your child best, will help them Excel. My daughter who needs one to one, has come on leaps and bounds and is super confident!

I homeschooled 3 children my oldest is doing what she dreamed of raising



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the next generation and she and husband are serving their country in the army. Next daughter achieved her dreams and potential, she started college at 16 and graduated as a nurse at 20. Now at 24 she plans on returning to school to get her PhD. The 3rd child the Dr.s told me he would never be toilet trained, brush his own hair or teeth and needed to be institutionalized. The school told me he would never read nor write. Today he is a senior in college 22yrs old on an academic scholarship--- he achieved his potential. Now homeschool my 5 yr old--- i am sure he will be all he can be as well



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"My biggest worry is that my kids will be un-inspired and thus won't want to learn anything."

Julie says :

If you sat your child down to the same meal everyday then they would probably get bored and not want to eat what you are feeding them!

The same applies to learning. Children want to learn and homeschooling gives you the flexibility to tailor the schedule to their interests and shake things up a little when everyone starts looking a little bored! Check out some of the [ideas on my site](#) to see the type of creative activities you can use to make learning fun.

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That's if you send them to school though.

Oh my kid doesn't have that problem... He's right in the middle of the "but why?" phase. I have to explain EVERYTHING to him, ALL OF THE TIME. Why do ants have such small legs? Why do planes fly? Why do I need to go to the toilet? He doesn't know he's learning, he just does it for fun...

Kids will usually be inspired by something. As they get older they seem to have less interests, and at times teens seem to be very in-inspired, but



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there's always something that sparks their interest. For example, an excursion somewhere, or a nature documentary.

Doesn't happen unless you let it I suppose both mine want to learn but what they want to learn, they are learning well

Spend time sparking their curiosity! Take them to re-enactments, museums, classes, historical sites and exciting web pages. Watch movies about presidents and ecologist. Seek out the best science shows. Find autobiographies that inspire and listen to them when you are in the car. Limit things that kill ingenuity. Homeschooling is really a way of life!

Make learning FUN to me that sparks interest....



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