

## Ten Reasons to Homeschool Through High School

### 1. **Efficiency**

Many homeschoolers complete standard high school academics eighteen to twenty-four months, very quickly compared to the four years most high schools take. Using self-instructional materials, they chose, and learning in ways that make sense to them, most teens can cut the time for traditional high school by half.

### 2. **Head Start on College:**

Homeschooled teenagers often take college classes to supplement high school homeschooling.

### 3. **Self-Directed Learning:**

The absence of experts in the home promotes autonomy and self-directed learning. Most homeschooled teenagers not only learn to teach themselves, they also become expert networkers.

### 4. **Travel:**

Freedom from the teaching constraints of school allows homeschoolers to take advantage of travel opportunities whenever they present themselves.

### 5. **Work Experience:**

Teenage homeschoolers have time for volunteer and paying jobs. Often they get better jobs than those who attend school simply because they are available during school hours.

### 6. **Time:**

Homeschoolers not only have more hours each day for creative endeavors and learning activities; they also have more time to be alone, to think, to daydream – to develop a private self and a personal identity.

### 7. **Family Closeness:**

In contrast to many adolescents who pull away from their families, homeschooling parents almost universally report that their teenagers grow closer to all family members.

### 8. **Limited Peer Pressure:**

Removed from the near-constant peer pressure in schools, most homeschooled teens develop mature manners and values.

### 9. **Saving Money:**

Both parents and teenagers may earn money while homeschooling, making home education less expensive than attendance at a public school where average yearly costs for extracurricular activities can exceed \$500 per year.

### 10. **Fun:**

Homeschooling teens is fun for parents, who – in the light of their life experience – enjoy learning all the math and history and foreign language they missed the first time around.

