

Reading (257 Words): Problems with Home Schooling

The idea of homeschooling a student may seem like a good idea. Students wake up in the morning, eat breakfast, and parents begin to teach and guide students through coursework. Parents introduce concepts of history, math, English, and science from the textbooks within the safe walls of their home. The idea of homeschools is great, but students will have more negative academic results than positive.

Homeschools may give the opportunity for students to learn at their own pace, but it deprives many students of social interaction with others. At school, students learn to interact and get along with other students and work in groups to solve problems. Students who are homeschooled are deprived of much needed social interaction, and that can certainly have negative future effects.

The concept or success of a homeschool is introduced and managed by irresponsible parents. Most parents have to work and many times they lack the credentials and time to teach their children. Unfortunately, irresponsible parents are part of homeschool problems. The absence of a specially trained and credentialed instructor at home will decrease a student's chance of having a well-rounded education.

Finally, homeschool prevents students from being punctual and responsible. Unlike homeschools, some high schools begin at 7:30 in the morning, and, if students are late, they have to attend in school suspension or a negative mark towards their grades. The routine and regiment of being on time and deadlines is a positive result of public and private schools, and the responsibility translates to students' future careers. This positive result may not happen with homeschooled children.

Writing Prompt: Summarize the main points in the lecture showing how they disagree with the main points in the reading passage.

Lecture (371 words): Advantages of Home Schooling

Good evening class I want to discuss how we have been trained to learn in school and why homeschools could be an alternative that parents should think about. Traditionally, the teacher instructs, and the students attend school, listen, do their assignments, and ask the teacher questions. What I want to bring to light is the fact that we do not all learn in the same way. Many critics of homeschool say students that are homeschooled lack social skills may have abusive and irresponsible parents; however, a deeper investigation may warrant a shift from a negative view of homeschooling to a positive one.

Social skills are important, but many of the top paying jobs like accounting do not require social skills. Acquiring and practicing social skills are not the same for many students. Some students are shy by nature, and homeschool would provide them with a more relaxed and secure environment. There are other opportunities for socializing such as social networks and extracurricular activities like clubs and sports.

We cannot let minimal cases of abuse and irresponsible parenting dictate the notion of homeschool. There are cases of abuse and irresponsibility from teachers and students at schools, not to mention abuse from other students. More importantly, the idea that teachers do not instruct homeschooled students is completely false. Today's technology allows a credentialed teacher to have access to students on a daily basis. Teachers guide and instruct students through the computer software accompanied by hard copies of textbooks, and parents' roles are significantly reduced to monitoring or answering general questions.

Homeschool allows students to become self-reliant and independent. Struggling through mathematics, science, and history lessons and finding an answer on their own create the pillars of responsibility. Learning to be self-reliant is a much better tool for future success. When a student goes off to college, he or she does not have their parents pushing them to do their homework. Moreover, if a student can work through their own academic issues, just imagine how responsible they will be in their careers. They will already know responsibility because they have had opportunities to work independently and find the answers on their own.