

# TeachME Professional Development

## Homeschooling and Personalized Learning

### What Makes Home Schooling So Successful?/Increases Parental Involvement

**1. According to this report, homeschooling is the only educational approach in which youth of low SES achieve at levels that are as high scholastically as those of their high-SES counterparts.**

- A. True
  - B. False
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**2. ALL of the following are mentioned regarding the relationship between parents, students, and public school teachers EXCEPT:**

- A. Parents have an advantage over teachers because they are more likely to have a deeper love for their children and a thorough knowledge of them as individuals
  - B. Educators need to use more than verbal communication to draw in parents
  - C. Since the early 1900s, schooling has emphasized teachers supporting and loving students instead of emphasizing proper methodology and pedagogy.
  - D. Parents need the instructional knowledge that teachers possess, and teachers need the knowledge of the child that parents possess
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### Provides for Less Standardization and More Freedom

**3. Compared to traditional school programs, homeschooling generally relies considerably less on standardized testing and:**

- A. Educational freedom
  - B. Government mandates
  - C. Technology
  - D. Established curriculum frameworks
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### Enables More Individualized Instruction

**4. The homeschooling approach is more individualized because, for many years, children tend to have the same:**

- A. Instructor

- B. Expectations
  - C. Pedagogy
  - D. Schedule
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**5. At the global level, the American system of education is praised most for encouraging its students to develop high levels of scientific and technical knowledge.**

- A. True
  - B. False
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**6. ALL the following are true about the use of technology in public schools and homeschools EXCEPT:**

- A. Using technology in homeschools enables children to explore the world more freely than in typical schools
  - B. Public schools rarely require or supply iPads, laptops, or other technological equipment
  - C. According to many professors, many public high school graduates enter college inadequately prepared to use some of the most important scholastic applications electronically available
  - D. Using technology in homeschools help youth develop levels of technological skills that would generally not be possible in a public school environment
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## **Allows Specialization in a Particular Discipline**

**7. What are some steps teachers can take to allow for greater flexibility in the classroom experience?**

- A. Older students can be asked what courses they intend to take in the next few years and prepare in advance for those courses in order to increase proficiency
  - B. Teachers can ask students about what they would most like to learn and accomplish during their school years
  - C. Students can be asked about their career interests
  - D. All of the above
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## **Action Principles for States, Districts, and Schools**

**8. At the district level, lessons that could be learned from the practice of homeschooling include training teachers how to best help youngsters who entered public school from a homeschooling environment, becoming more focused on the good of the overall student population in the district rather than only those who attend public school specifically, and**

- A. Placing more emphasis on individual children than on local mandates
- B. Valuing social and character-based education more
- C. Offering parents courses on how to be more effectively engaged in a child's schooling

## D. Providing policy that supports technology-based instruction and learning

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