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Senior High Home Schooling: Help – My Child is Smarter than Me!

By Beth Gabriel

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Yikes! My child is a genius and smarter than me!

It's a scary thought, isn't it? But remember to stop and congratulate yourself and your child - be proud of the great job that you've done so far. A great resource for your 'genious' is to tap into the online home schooling resources. There are curriculums that can be purchased and completed online. Some will provide textbooks as well as standard home schooling products. Another option is to take classes that can be held in a virtual classroom, students can use a web cam to participate or they can simply use lecture based courses online. The online options for your student are endless. For starters, just do a Google search for 'home school high school' and see all the information that comes up. Also, many cities have parent co-ops to help share resources. Check with your local library to see where and when your local home schooling group meets. Sharing books and resources with other parents is an excellent, low cost option.

Should you stop home schooling and consider public or private school instead?

Many parents feel that during the high school years, education at home is too difficult and find it hard to challenge their child. They consider sending their child to public high school. But, this can be a difficult and troublesome transition for your 'brainy' teenager. The environment in a public high school can be anything but stimulating to an advanced student or even inviting to a child who has been home schooled up until now. A private school may be better, but still may not tailor their curriculum to the advanced student not to mention the expense of high tuition. There are still the problems with your child being 'the new kid' at school. New friends, new teachers, new expectations are all anxiety producing for your child.

What other options are there?

If you feel over-whelmed about home schooling your senior high school student and don't want to consider public or private high school - what else can you do? Consider your network of fellow parents who home school. What are you best at? What are their strengths? There may be a way to trade skills with other parents. A parent who has skills and interests in high school educating may be willing to teach your child along with their child in trade for you teaching one of their children who is younger. The double bonus here is added socialization for both high school students.

College Post Secondary Option

Another resource for your `advanced' high school student is the post secondary option at your local college or junior college. This has great advantages for both you and your child. Your child won't be branded as `the new kid' - everyone at college is new. Many times you aren't required to pay college tuition for the classes that your child takes. Your child receives high school credit and enjoys the socialization and mental stimulation that advanced classes can bring. It's a great option for both of you!

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Home Schooling Information for the Parent

By Chris Miller

Home schooling can be a difficult decision. Many believe that home schooling can not prepare a child to deal with real life situations. By attending a public school, the child is more likely to be involved in school team sports, drama clubs, band activities, after school clubs, and be more socially interactive with others. Many of these activities are fundamental for the growth and emotional well being of a child.

Alternatively, an argument can be made that there is just as much social stimulation at home as there is in public school. For a large number of home schooled children, many have friends that live within their neighborhood that they can play and interact with. After school sports programs are available for in many areas, typically at community centers. These programs can prove to be a great source for social interaction.

A good way to obtain additional home schooling information is to ask parents of other home school children. More than likely they can share what activities they do, as well as inform you what type of approach they use; a facilitated self study approach or lecture oriented approach.

This information will help lead you to a better idea of whether or not you are able to handle a teaching job. Contrary to some beliefs, teaching is not an easy task. It takes great dedication and determination to ensure that the children are always excited about learning, moving at a steady pace, and keeping them interested in what is next. If you are interested in home schooling, teaching classes are available through some schools.

There are many resources available online regarding home schooling. Blogs and websites can provide you with relevant home school information. Many of these sites are maintained by parents who home school and provide information on what problems may be encountered in home schooling and the solutions they have.

Although teaching can be difficult, many find the end result rewarding. Home schooling can provide parents and children a nice balance and learning environment to exceed in.

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Chris Miller shares his knowledge about

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