

BENEFITS OF HOME SCHOOL EDUCATION

- *Excellent education.* The overriding goal of homeschooling is to educate children. In this, homeschool excels. Because of the many advantages offered by homeschooling, there is simply no better way to educate a child. That homeschooling is a great way to educate a child can be shown in several ways. First, consider the items in this list. Many of these benefits are easy to understand and the positive impact they have on children are obvious. Second, homeschooled children perform better on standardized tests. For example, in a recent comparison of SAT scores, homeschooled children averaged 568 on the verbal test and 525 on the math; the national average was 506 on verbal and 514 on math. While those differences might not seem significant for individuals, as differences in averages for populations of students, they are very significant. Third, homeschoolers are becoming sought-after for higher education. Many colleges and universities have begun to modify their admission practices to not only allow for, but to encourage, homeschoolers to apply for admission.

- *Dedicated teachers with a great teacher-to-student ratio.* One factor that is known to be extremely important to educating a child effectively is the teacher-to-student ratio—that is, the number of students for which a teacher is responsible. Other factors include the degree of connection present between teacher and student and the amount of dedication a teacher has to a specific child. Homeschooling excels in both these areas.

homeschooling is done largely on a one-on-one basis; there can't be a better teacher-to-student ratio than that. In these two areas, which are both critical to a child's education, homeschooling is simply the best scenario.

- *Education tailored to a child's capabilities and personality.* Because homeschool is focused on children as individuals, a child's education can be tailored to her capabilities and personality. If a child excels in a specific area, his education in that area can be accelerated. If a child struggles in a particular area, additional resources can be brought to bear to help. Also, the way children are taught can be based on how the child best learns because of the child's personality. Instead of the cookie-cutter approach to education that is required in an intuitional setting,

homeschool provides the opportunity for a child's education to be designed just for that child.

- *Better teaching materials.* Homeschoolers have access to the best teaching materials available. And, teaching materials can be selected based on a child's individual needs and capabilities.