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*advancing quality college courses for high school students*

# Home School Student

Providing Early College Access for All Populations

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# Growing Population

- National Center for Education Statistics indicate that 1.5 million students were home schooled across the nation in 2007-2008.
- By 2011-12 that number had increased to include approximately 3% of the total school aged population.
- In the state of Arkansas, the home school population ranks as the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest school district in the state if they were gathered under one administration.

# Why such tremendous growth in home schooling?

A study by Calvert Education ranked the top five reasons for choosing home schooling.

- Changing from a negative school environment
- Desiring a higher quality of education
- Improving the student's social interaction
- Supporting a learning disabled student
- Responding to family mobility needs

Source: <http://www.calverteducation.com/should-i-homeschool/top-5-reasons-parents-homeschool-kids>

# Perceptions of Educators and the Public to Home Schooled Students

- Lacking socialization
- Academically underprepared
- Sheltered from opposing view points
- Religious zealots

# Actual Characteristics of Home School Students

- Predominantly white
- Parents hold a bachelor's degree or higher
- Two parent household
- Come from family of three or more children

Source: <https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2006/homeschool/characteristics.asp>

# Performance of Home School Students in the College / University Environment

A study by Michael Cogan in the Journal of College Admission indicated that home school students enrolled in a medium size doctoral Midwest institution:

- Possessed higher ACT scores
- Achieved higher GPAs at the end of the first and fourth year

# Performance of Home School Students in the College / University Environment

In dissertation study conducted by Toni Jenkins at the Texas A&M Commerce, home school students, Jenkins found home school students:

- had a higher average GPA than their counterparts when controlled for enrollment status, age, and demographics.
- scored higher in reading and math skills on the TASP (Texas Academic Skills Program).
- scored below their counterparts in writing.

Source: Jenkins, T. P. (1998). *The performance of home-schooled students in community colleges* (Order No. 9829496). Available from ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global. (304485267). Retrieved from <https://ezproxy.library.astate.edu/login?url=https://search.proquest.com/docview/304485267?accountid=8363>



# Home School Students Sound Like the Kind of Student Every College/University Desires

- Higher ACT entrance scores
- Better GPAs
- Thus, home school students are prime candidates for concurrent enrollment

# A-State Concurrent Program Home School Students

- Arkansas State University started its partnership with home school students with a very meager enrollment of one dual-enrolled student in the Fall of 2015.
- Since that time enrollment has steadily grown and is now about 3% of our total concurrent enrollment.
- Concurrent home school students rank as the best and brightest students in our program.

# A-State Concurrent Program Home School Students Positives

- Parents are interested and involved in the home school students' curriculum and college choices
- Students have a built-in support system
- Student achievement and persistence is above average
- Students form a strong bond with the university

# A-State Concurrent Program Home School Students Challenges

- Parents are interested and involved in the home school students' curriculum and college choices – lack of independence
- Students have a built-in support system – must remind parents of the student's responsibility in academics
- Student achievement and persistence is above average – no challenge here!
- Students form a strong bond with the university – no challenge here!

# A-State Concurrent Program Home School Students Interaction

- Sponsor a special open house for home school students
- Assist with registration
- Train students in using Banner & Blackboard
- Assign a special advocate in our office for home school students

# A-State Concurrent Program and Home School Students

## A Win / Win Partnership

- Home school students provide a rich pool of prepared, dedicated students.
- Educating home school students provides a valuable service to an important sector of our local community.
- Home school students provide a untapped student market for the university both as concurrent students and future full-time students.



## Future NACEP Webinars and Events:

**March 1:** NACEP Webbytes-A Journey through Institutional Change

**March 8:** Dual Enrollment Marketing Panel

**March 13:** Starting the Conversation: Strengthening the Concurrent Enrollment Faculty Relationship for Student Success

**March 19<sup>th</sup>:** NACEP Accreditation Mini-Series-Curriculum and Assessment Standards

**March 22:** Supporting Faculty Liaisons, A Partnership Model to Provide Quality Professional Development

**April 18:** Spring Accreditation Institute, Albuquerque, New Mexico

