



Effectiveness of Homeschooling for Students with Specific Disabilities

Working with Families of Students with Disabilities through Collaborative Approaches

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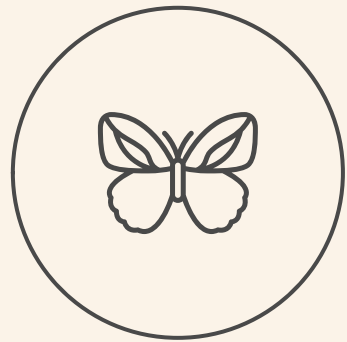
Introduction

The purpose of this presentation is to investigate the effectiveness of homeschooling for students with specific disabilities, examining its impact on academic achievement, social development, and overall well-being. Drawing on a diverse range of cultural perspectives, the study explores how different cultural backgrounds shape attitudes towards homeschooling and its outcomes for children with disabilities. By analyzing existing literature, surveying data and case studies, the presentation aims to provide insights into the potential benefits and challenges of homeschooling for students with disabilities across different cultural contexts, offering valuable implications for educators, policymakers, and parents seeking alternative educational approaches.

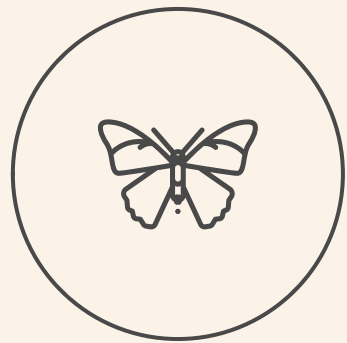
-Ms. Julie



Before We Begin..
Consider the Following



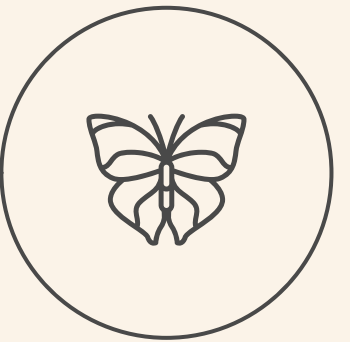
What is 'homeschool'



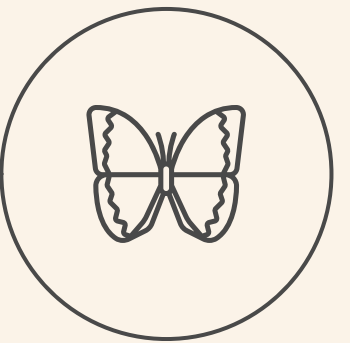
What are the benefits



What are the Legalities



Is it effective education





Homeschool Defined

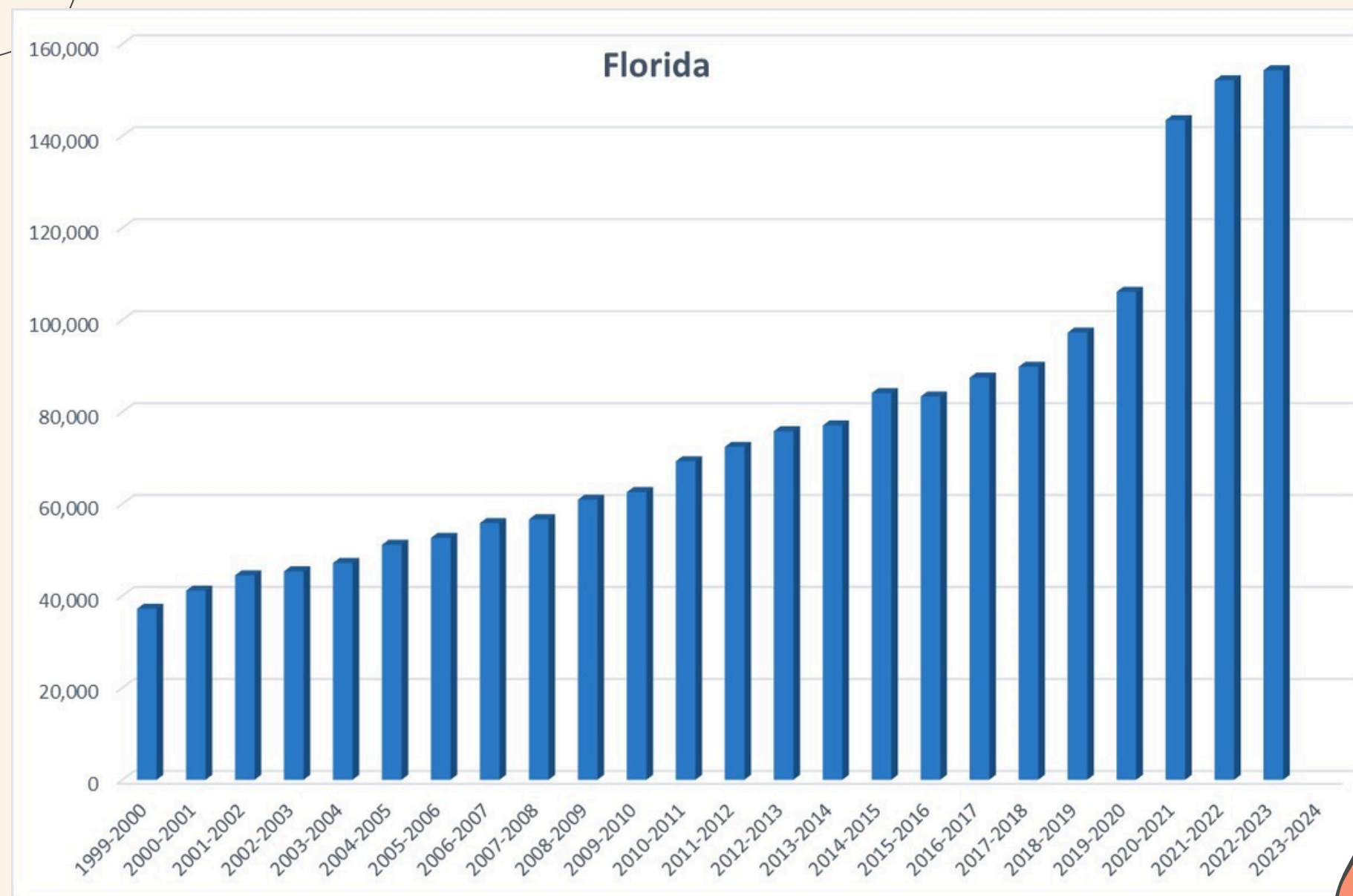
"Home Education is a parent-directed educational option that satisfies the requirement for regular school attendance enshrined in the Florida Statutes since 1985.

Parents have the freedom to determine their child's educational path and the plan for reaching their goals."

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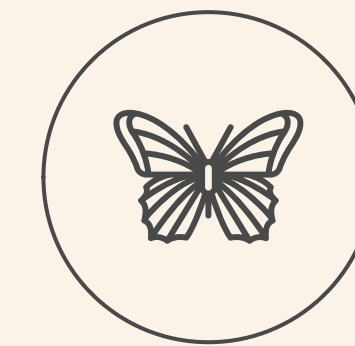


Homeschooling Statistics



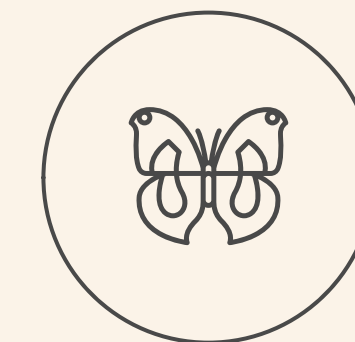
The above graph displays data performed by U.S Census that the number of homeschoolers jumps from 80,000 homeschoolers to 155,000 in 2023 in Florida.

<https://education.jhu.edu/edpolicy/policy-research-initiatives/homeschool-hub/states/florida/>



Florida

4.5% of K-12 students in Florida are homeschooled



Nation-wide

There are approximately 3.7 million homeschoolers in the U.S

Homeschooling Legalities

- The legal framework for homeschooling and special education varies significantly from one region or country to another.
- In many places, homeschooling is legal but regulated to varying degrees, and special education laws typically apply to homeschooled children with disabilities.
- However, the specifics can differ widely, along with the impact on students with disabilities.

(DeAngelis, & Dills, A. K., 2019)





Benefits of Homeschool



*Individualized
Learning*
Personalized
curriculum and
accommodations to fit
learners needs.

Flexible Schedule
Parents create a
schedule that works for
their child allowing for
breaks and activities.

1:1 Ratio
Homeschool setting
allows for a 1 student to
1 parent/teacher ratio
ensuring the child gets
ample attention.

Reduced Stress
Student is in their
comfortable and
relaxed space allowing
for reduced anxiety.



Health Benefits
Perfect for students
who have immune
deficiencies and get
sick due to germs from
other students.



*Parent
Involvement*
Parents have first and
final say about the
content, pacing, and
style in which their child
learns.



“Families who have chosen to center education around the security of home report benefits to the child that are worth consideration. Such benefits include greater levels of self-esteem and responsibility, more time for learning self-help skills, and a contagious enthusiasm for learning.”

(Hartnett, 2004)



In summary



- The correlation and continued research regarding homeschooling and special education have significant implications for students with disabilities.
- Access to special education services often depends on whether homeschooled students are enrolled in a public school program, and the specifics can vary widely based on location.
- Ensuring access to quality special education for homeschooled students with disabilities remains a complex and evolving issue that requires careful consideration of legal, policy, and educational factors.

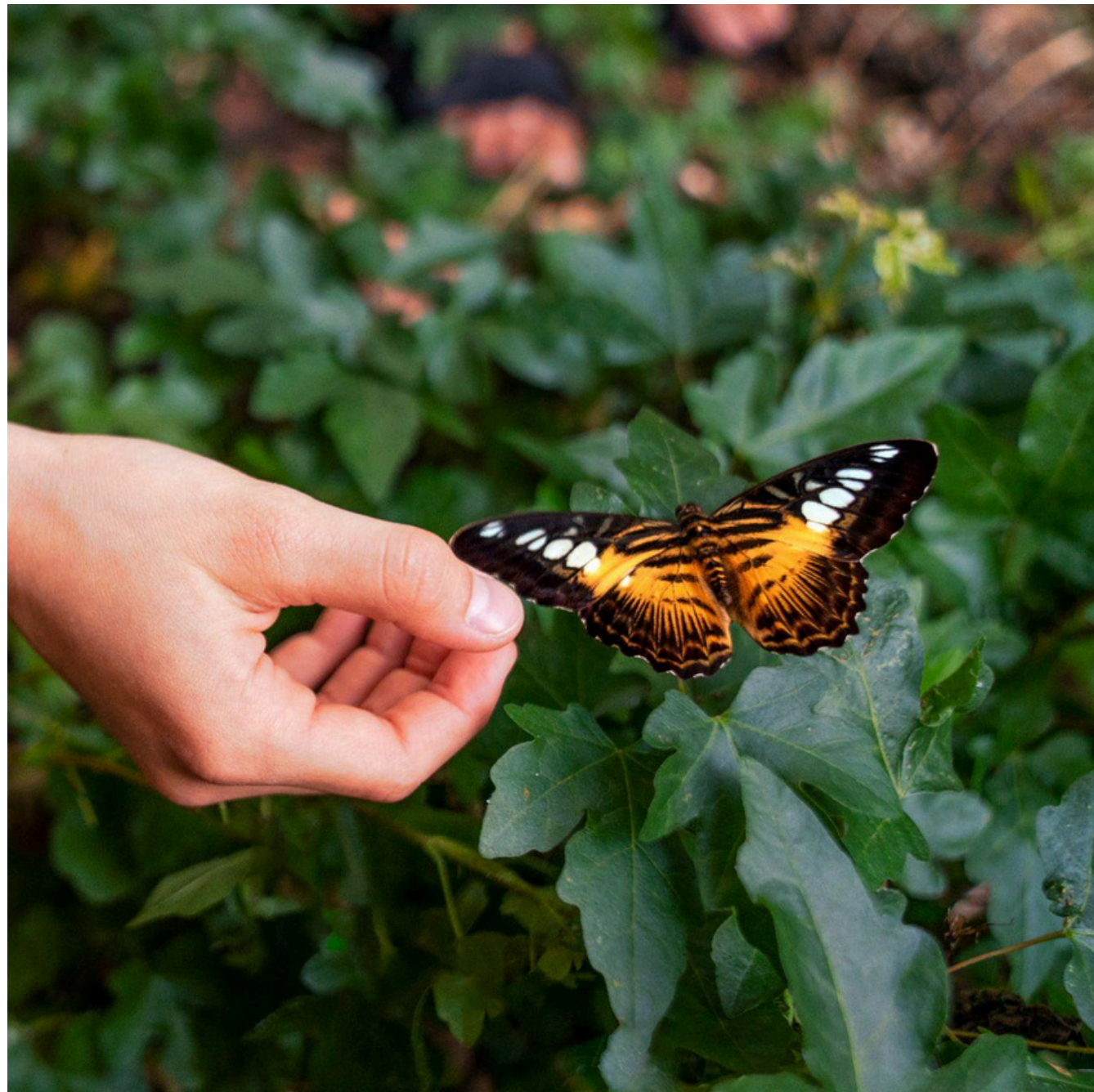
(Green-Hennessy & Mariotti, 2023)

In recent years, homeschooling has evolved from a niche educational choice to a mainstream option embraced by a diverse range of families. Its growth and continued relevance reflect the changing landscape of education and the ongoing pursuit of personalized and flexible learning experiences for children.

If you have any further questions or need support with your homeschooling journey, feel free to reach out!
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