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HISTORY OF EDUCATION IN AMERICA

1635 – FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

- FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FROM THE BIBLE

1636 – HARVARD COLLEGE FOUNDED TO TRAIN PREACHERS

1642 – MASSACHUSETTS PASSED A LAW TO MANDATE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

1647 – MASSACHUSETTS LAW OF 1647 REQUIRED EVERY TOWN WITH AT LEAST 50 CHILDREN TO HIRE A TEACHER. FAMILIES PAID BUT ALSO THE GOVT FUNDED TEACHERS

LATE 1600S – PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ALMOST ALL COLONIES

1787 – NORTHWEST ORDINANCE OF 1787 STATED THAT, "SINCE RELIGION, MORALITY, AND KNOWLEDGE ARE A PREREQUISITE TO GOOD GOVERNMENT, SCHOOLS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED."

HISTORY OF EDUCATION IN AMERICA

1790 — US CONSTITUTION RATIFIED

1836 — MCGUFFY READERS USED AS PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS, EMPHASIZING GODLY AND MORAL CHARACTER

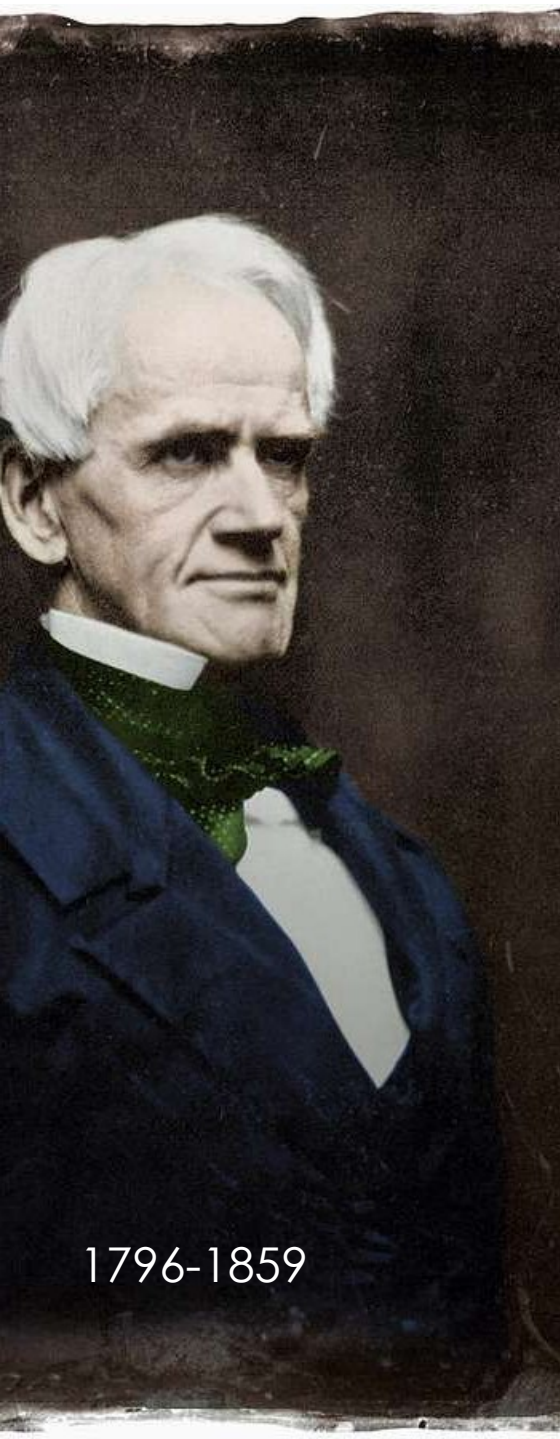
1843 — HORACE MANN VISITS PRUSSIA TO OBSERVE THEIR MODEL

1852 — MASSACHUSETTS ENACTED FIRST COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAW FOR CHILDREN AGE 8 — 14. FINES FOR THOSE WHO DID NOT COMPLY

1879 — MCGUFFY READERS REVISED TO HAVE A MORE SECULAR HUMANIST VIEWPOINT

1885 — 16 OUT OF 38 STATES HAD COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAWS

1918 — ALL 48 STATES HAD COMPULSORY EDUCATION LAWS



HORACE MANN AND THE PRUSSIAN MODEL OF EDUCATION

- THE "FATHER OF EDUCATION"
- HAD BAD TEACHERS GROWING UP, SO TAUGHT HIMSELF
- ATTENDED BROWN UNIVERSITY AND BECAME A LAWYER
- 1827-33 - SERVED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
- 1835 – SERVED IN MASSACHUSETTS SENATE
- 1837 - CREATED THE FIRST STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN MASSACHUSETTS
- 1843 - VISITED PRUSSIA TO SEE THEIR SCHOOL MODEL
- PUSHED THE PRUSSIAN MODEL ACROSS ALL US SCHOOLS
- HIS IDEAS TO FEDERALIZE EDUCATION WERE DESPISED BY CLERGY AND POLITICIANS WHO THOUGHT IT INFRINGED ON LOCAL AUTHORITY

1796-1859

WHAT WAS THE PRUSSIAN MODEL OF EDUCATION??

CREATED IN RESPONSE TO PRUSSIA'S LOSS IN NAPOLEONIC WARS

PRUSSIA CLAIMED THEIR DEFEAT ON THE BATTLEFIELD STEMMED FROM INDEPENDENT THINKING AMONG SOLDIERS

1819- SCHOOLS BECAME COMPULSORY AND "FREE" (TAXPAYER FUNDED)

EMPHASIS ON COLLECTIVISM RATHER THAN THE INDIVIDUAL TO PRODUCE MORE OBEDIENT, COMPLIANT CITIZENS AND SOLDIERS

STANDARDIZED CURRICULUM AND STANDARDIZED TESTING

CLASSES GROUPED BY AGES

TEACHERS HAD TO BE "CERTIFIED" TO TEACH BY ATTENDING STATE-RUN SEMINARIES

PRUSSIAN INSPECTION LAW OF 1872 PUT THE STATE IN CHARGE OF ALL FORMS OF SCHOOLING (PUBLIC AND PRIVATE), TAKING CONTROL FROM THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CLERGY



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HOMESCHOOL?

- **DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7**

- “THESE COMMANDMENTS I GIVE YOU TODAY ARE TO BE ON YOUR HEARTS. IMPRESS THEM ON YOUR CHILDREN. TALK ABOUT THEM WHEN YOU SIT AT HOME AND WHEN YOU WALK ALONG THE ROAD.”

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HOMESCHOOL?

- **EPHESIANS 6:4**

- “FATHERS, DO NOT EXASPERATE YOUR CHILDREN; INSTEAD BRING THEM UP IN THE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION OF THE LORD.”

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HOMESCHOOL?

- **PROVERBS 1:8-9**

- “LISTEN, MY SON, TO YOUR FATHER’S INSTRUCTION AND DO NOT FORSAKE YOUR MOTHER’S TEACHING. THEY ARE A GARLAND TO GRACE YOUR HEAD AND A CHAIN TO ADORN YOUR NECK.”

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HOMESCHOOL?

- **1 CORINTHIANS 15:33**
 - “DO NOT BE MISLED: ‘BAD COMPANY CORRUPTS GOOD CHARACTER.’”

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HOMESCHOOL?

- **PROVERBS 22:6**

- “TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO AND WHEN THEY ARE OLD THEY WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.”

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HOMESCHOOL?

- **LUKE 6:40**

- “A DISCIPLE IS NOT ABOVE HIS TEACHER, BUT EVERYONE WHO IS PERFECTLY TRAINED WILL BE LIKE HIS TEACHER.”

WHO IS INVESTING INTO YOUR CHILD?

PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM

- 35 HOURS A WEEK (WITHOUT SPORTS)
FOR 13 YEARS

14,040 HOURS

CHURCH

- 2 HOURS A WEEK FOR 13 YEARS

1,352 HOURS

TENNESSEE HOMESCHOOL OPTIONS

OPTION 1: INDEPENDENT HOMESCHOOL (THRU YOUR LEA)

- PARENTS MUST HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT
- ANNUALLY SUBMIT AN INTENT TO HOMESCHOOL FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT
- RECEIVE DIPLOMAS AND TRANSCRIPTS FROM THEIR PARENT-TEACHER
- TCAP REQUIRED IN GRADES 5, 7, AND 9
- SEE TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED § 49-50-801



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TENNESSEE HOMESCHOOL OPTIONS

OPTION 2: CHURCH-RELATED UMBRELLA SCHOOL (CAT IV NON-PUBLIC)

PARENTS MUST HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT FOR GRADES

UMBRELLA SCHOOL WILL SUBMIT DOCUMENTS TO LOCAL SCHOOL ON YOUR BEHALF

SOME UMBRELLAS MAY HAVE CURRICULUM SPECIFICATIONS

DIPLOMAS AND TRANSCRIPTS COME FROM UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION

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TENNESSEE HOMESCHOOL OPTIONS

OPTION 2: CHURCH-RELATED UMBRELLA SCHOOL (CAT IV NON-PUBLIC)

ATTENDANCE AND GRADES SUBMITTED TO THE UMBRELLA FOR RECORD KEEPING

NO STATE TESTING BUT SOME UMBRELLAS MAY HAVE CURRICULUM SPECIFICATIONS

PROMULGATED RULES REQUIRE 180 DAYS OF INSTRUCTION, 6.5 HOURS/DAY

(NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS RULE 0520-07-02-.05 (3)(F))

VACCINE EXEMPTION FORMS NOT REQUIRED BY STATE BUT MAY BE REQUIRED BY UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION

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TENNESSEE HOMESCHOOL OPTIONS

OPTION 3: CATEGORY III ONLINE ACCREDITED SCHOOL

ACCREDITED BY TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

VIRTUAL SCHOOL AT HOME

LEGALLY CONSIDERED PRIVATE SCHOOL, BUT IT IS NOT HOMESCHOOL

FIND A LIST OF APPROVED SCHOOLS ONLINE AT TN.GOV

UMBRELLAS VS CO OPS?

UMBRELLAS

LEGALLY REQUIRED FOR CAT IV
HOMESCHOOLING

WILL TRACK ATTENDANCE, GRADES,
AND CURRICULUM

CAN ISSUE TRANSCRIPTS AND
DIPLOMAS

DO NOT ALWAYS ORGANIZE SOCIAL
ACTIVITIES

CO-OPS

- A GROUP OF HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES COMING TOGETHER TO TEACH MULTIPLE SUBJECTS TO CHILDREN, USUALLY IN A MORE TRADITIONAL "CLASSROOM" STYLE
- NOT REQUIRED FOR HOMESCHOOLING
- "EXTRACURRICULAR" ACTIVITY
- MANY ORGANIZE GROUP FIELD TRIPS
- CAN BE STRUCTURED TO YOUR CURRICULUM CHOICE OR MAY NOT CENTER ON ONE CURRICULUM

ABOUT VOUCHERS...

IS A SLIPPERY SLOPE. READ THE FINE PRINT.

- RULES PROMULGATION IS A SNEAKY WAY TO INSERT STATE STANDARDS INTO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL OPTIONS.
- FOR THE MOMENT, IF YOU DON'T WANT THE STRINGS, THEN DON'T TAKE THE MONEY.
- HOWEVER...BE CAREFUL OF PUSHING FOR HOMESCHOOLERS TO BE INCLUDED AT ALL.

SWEDEN ENACTED "SCHOOL CHOICE" IN 1992.

QUALITY OF ALL SCHOOLS THERE HAS SINCE DECLINED.

BY 2010, HOMESCHOOLING WAS MADE ILLEGAL.

COMMON QUESTIONS

WHEN CAN I GET STARTED??

- REGISTER FIRST, THEN WITHDRAW.
 - UMBRELLA — REGISTER ONLINE, IT WILL TAKE UP TO 3 DAYS FOR OFFICIAL APPROVAL FOR HOMELIFE
 - INDEPENDENT — SUBMIT A FORM TO LEA, MAY TAKE 30 DAYS TO PROCESS

HOW DO I PICK A CURRICULUM?

- TALK TO HOMESCHOOL PARENTS — BEST WAY!
- YOUTUBE — LOOK FOR CURRICULUM “FLIP THROUGHS”
- CATHY DUFFY REVIEWS

WHAT ABOUT SPORTS??

- YES BUT...THEY MUST MAKE THE TEAM.

COMMON QUESTIONS

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS SPECIAL NEEDS?

- NO ONE is better equipped to teach your child than YOU.
- Therapies are still available to you thru the public schools thru the IDEA act. Some choose to use private providers.

WHAT ABOUT SOCIALIZATION?

- 1 Corinthians 15:33 “Bad company corrupts good character.”
- Seek out QUALITY socialization.
- Find a co-op or group of likeminded families.

DO I NEED TO KEEP RECORDS?

- Attendance and name of curriculum (for umbrella)
- You do NOT need to keep or turn in grades to the state



'M NOT SAYING IT'S EASY
'M SAYING IT'S WORTH IT.

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