

## **TESTIMONIES FROM DADS:**

### **“How I Benefit From the Home School Review”**

**Carl Nelson**

I'm always very interested in how my children are doing and the annual review is an outstanding opportunity to get an objective assessment of how our children are doing (both academically and in issues of character). Our reviewer was not only helpful in suggesting areas we may need to emphasize or change, but also in answering questions that will help prepare us for the next year or the added responsibilities of another homeschooled child. We have found the review to be a good venue for asking questions and finding out if we are on track. The review also gave me an opportunity to evaluate my leadership especially as it relates to teaching biblical values in our home and building close relationships with our children.

### **Am I Covering Everything?**

Many moms are concerned that they aren't covering "everything." Please know that although Montgomery County requires 8 subject areas; they aren't all the same, and most moms do a wonderful job of academic progress AND enrichment! The law is written to encourage "regular, thorough instruction."

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## **Danny Dustin**

Up until the past year or so, my involvement in our family's home school program has been minimal. Though I would give occasional input on curriculum issues, go the MACHE fair each year, and provide some overall guidance, I have not really taken "ownership" of the program. Particularly in light of the High School Certification program this past year, I began to get a better grasp of the urgency and importance of getting more involved in the schooling of our children. The review process has provided a time where all subject information for each of our students is gathered at one time in order to be reviewed by an outside source. Seeing all this material for each of my children – all at one time and all in one location – was a bit of an eye opener. I believe I had never realized exactly how much is involved in home schooling (I probably never will). By God's grace, the review process has helped me better grasp the magnitude of what my wife's homeschooling commitment has been. In addition, I am more aware of my responsibility to lead her in this area, more aware of overall lifestyle choices/sacrifices, which must be made in order to homeschool, and I have a fresh appreciation for my wife and her ability to educate our children while also being a mother, wife, daughter, and servant. I feel a deepened sense of "ownership" of the process, one example being that I have decided to teach our oldest son one of his subjects (Bible) this year.

## Steve Wyzga

Having made it through high school with two of our children, I am very grateful for the home schooling that the children had. In addition, I am even more grateful for my wife who struggled through when I many times dropped the ball. Here are the benefits of attending the annual review:

- I know what my child is studying
- I know how my children are actually performing vs. their objectives
- I appreciate much more all the work that needs to be done to have work presentable for warranting credit. (High School Certification only)
- I am able to be involved first-hand on the concerns and input the FSP reviewer has, and make better-informed decisions.
- I am able to answer some of the questions the FSP reviewer has.
- I am able to hear some of the answers my wife has to the FSP reviewer's questions.
- I gain clarity on what needs to be done in the future.
- I relieve my wife of a LOT of pressure as I make decisions and take action on completing work for home school credit.