

## **Legal History of Homeschooling in Arizona** *As Reported in **The Arizona Republic**: 1987-1995*

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*The Phoenix Gazette*, page E1

### **“School House Education Hits Home in Families Dissatisfied with System”**

In Arizona, records show 1,112 children were taught at home this year, up from 776 in 1986. Those who want to teach at home must file an affidavit with Maricopa County, then within six months must pass the basic skills portion of the Arizona Teachers Proficiency Examination. Home taught pupils must participate in state-mandated testing at the end of the school year, performing at least at grade level in order to continue at home the following year.

**June 25, 1988**

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### **“Parents Mix Teaching & Preaching”**

This year, 630 parents registered form home schooling with the Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools. That’s an 8 percent increase over 1986-1987. The total remains small compared with public school enrollment, which approached 309,000. But, the number has grown “dramatically” since 1982 when the Legislature allowed parents to teach their children at home without permission from local school districts.

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### **“Parents Fed Up With Schools Turn to Education at Home”**

Some experts say many parents do not have the skills to provide a comprehensive education and that children taught at home are often isolated from other cultures. Statewide, 2,836 children age 8 and older are being taught at home, compared with 955 five years ago, according to figures in the state’s 15 counties. Carolyn Wallace, speaking for the National Education Association in Washington D.C. said that “some home-schooled pupils are overly isolated from others and do not get a well-rounded education.”

**April 3, 1992**

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### **“Parents Seeking Changes in Law on Teaching Children at Home”**

Awhatukee resident Tom Lewis believes teaching children at home is the best choice in educating children. He says education is a family responsibility and would like the state to stay out of home schools. He helped fashion a new law that would do just that. The proposed law, H.B. 2075 has passed the House Education Committee and is now before the full House.

**April 8, 1993**

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### **“A New Era for Home Schools”**

Parents who teach their children at home are breathing easier this week after passage of a bill they say eliminates a years-long regulatory stranglehold. Under the bill, homeschoolers no longer will face jail time or have their children sent to public school if they can’t prove that there are learning. Parents also won’t have to pass a basic-skills exam required of public school teachers.

**Arizona Revised Statutes, §15-802 Arizona Home School Law**

**Arizona Revised Statutes, § 15-802.01 Children Instructed at Home, Eligibility to Participate in Interscholastic Activities**

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