



Our children's education is our top priority.

When we moved to the U.S. from Europe, I hadn't even heard of homeschooling before, as such a thing didn't exist in my country. It was a very new and different concept for me. I was introduced to it through quite a few friends here but sent my children to public elementary schools. My son was very quick to learn everything, was tested and placed in the gifted program, with teachers' recommendations skipped a year of school, and even still it was a great challenge to keep his mind developing at the pace of which he was capable. Approaching middle school, I was looking at options, and at this point took more interest in the homeschooling idea by visiting and researching Humphreys Junior High.

Without a doubt, it was one of the best decisions made in my son's educational career. Over the years, Mrs. Humphreys has developed an outstanding curriculum. The foundations of grammar that she provides are especially hard to find elsewhere, as well as a very detailed and intricate exploration of both U.S. and world history. In addition to outstanding academics, Mrs. Humphreys herself has the remarkable ability to connect with students at their most important development age as preteens and teenagers. She knows how to keep them interested in the fun to be found in learning while remaining disciplined and focused on academics.

Furthermore, the very structure of homeschooling forced my son to develop greatly in managing in his own workload, being self-motivated, and maintaining responsibility for his tasks. With the successful self-imposed structure he developed with Mrs. Humphreys, he had time to explore what he really enjoyed. He was free to supplement his schooling with extra classes of his interest, as well as developing skills and resources outside of normal middle school.

After graduating from Humphreys Junior High, my son went to one of the most prestigious private schools in the area with concentration in the rigorous International Baccalaureate program. I was a little concerned that he'd have a hard time adjusting to "regular" school, and would maybe even need some catching up, but after meeting with his new teachers and attending a few "Parents' Concerns" meetings, I was greatly pleased to find that he was prepared exactly for what was required, and his transition to high school was easier than the other students' - even those coming from the same school's middle school. My son graduated #1 in the class rankings by GPA with outstanding service hours, extracurricular classes, and other activities.

Proof that Humphreys Junior High was the right choice came even as he was applying for Ivy League schools for his undergraduate education. In interviewing for admissions, one of my son's interviewers, an alumna of Brown's undergraduate and later Cornell and Harvard's graduate programs, was surprised to find that my son mentioned Humphreys Junior High. Apparently, my son's interviewer had also chosen to enroll his own child with Humphreys.