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An Interview with Janet Kehoe

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Janet Kehoe discusses the concept of Home Schooling through her twenty-plus years of experience using this approach. The interview covers daily schedules, curriculum and course selection, assessment, outside classes and educational trips, teacher training and college enrollment.

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Janet Kehoe was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in October 1963. The family moved to Rockford, Illinois, where she attended Catholic schools, eventually graduating from Boylan High School (Rockford). Janet then attended Rock Valley College, earning an associate degree, followed by graduation from the University of Iowa in 1987, with her BS degree. Upon graduation, Janet worked as a dental hygienist. For over twenty years, she has home schooled her seven children, from kindergarten through 12th grade.

This interview covers Janet's experiences and perspective on home schooling over a twenty-two-year period. She began home schooling to insure that her oldest son would not be bored when he attended school. She loved the process and decided to home school all of her children. She did not home school any other children. Topics she discussed include curriculum and course selection, teacher training, field trips and other outside experiences, socialization, course selection, grading/assessing, providing specialized courses, and daily organization. She also discussed her dealings with colleges on issues such as transcripts/scholarships, her partnerships with other home school families, having her children attend private schools for such courses as Driver Education, graduating from home schooling to a private high school, and participation in extracurricular activities. Challenges and advantages of home schooling were also topics of the interview.

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