



# Texas Home School Coalition

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## Five Reasons Tebow is Good For Public Schools

### **1- Increased pool of talent**

By adding home schoolers, public schools will be able to tap into the local talent that could dramatically increase the skill and success of teams. Rural areas and small schools would be particularly benefitted by the addition of home school players to their rosters. Coaches from across the state have told THSC about how they would love to see the home schoolers in their area included on their teams.

### **2- Diversifies student body**

Home schooled students come from all sorts of backgrounds, and every one offers a unique and versatile perspective on the world. Public schools, and their students, will have their experiences broadened by the diverse ideas, values, and life styles that home schooled students bring to the table. Extra-curricular activities are about more than competition – they are about friendship and growth, and through the expansion of eligible students, everyone participating can have a richer and more valuable experience.

### **3- Increases sports and activities**

Not only will local schools see an influx of talent, with additional players, many of whom have diverse interests, those schools will be able to field more activities, and a wider variety of sports. Many home schooled students participate in agriculture competitions, play unusual olympic sports, or have a deep interest in obscure and unique academic fields. Public schools will have the potential to grow their talent, and expand the range of extracurricular options available to their students.

### **4- Strengthens Community**

Schools are designed to tie the community together, and bring all together to create a better future. By allowing home schooled students to play, public schools are embracing the entire community around themselves, and helping to strengthen the bond of the local area. When home schoolers become invested in their schools, they are far more likely to participate in all school activities, to volunteer in their community, and build relationships with their neighbors. When the community comes together, it is stronger, more vibrant, and more satisfying to everyone.

### **5- Creates a fair system**

Over the last century hundreds of thousands of students have been shut out of the public school UIL system. Texas made monumental strides by allowing minority student participation in UIL in 1968, and we have the opportunity now to continue the advance of those efforts with the Tim Tebow Bill. This session, we have the opportunity to bring all together, to strengthen teams, and to create a fair playing environment, where home schooled students and traditional students play together, practice together, and learn together.