



# MASSIVE SOCCER COACHING PREMIER ACADEMY

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## Standardized Tests

Multiple studies by many researchers show that home-educated students average 15 to 30 percentile points above public-school students on standardized academic achievement tests (Murphy, 2012).

## College Success

Homeschooled students perform better and graduate at higher rates in college than traditionally schooled students. The disparity in GPA carries through to all 4 years of college (Cogan, 2012).

## Socialization

Many studies indicate that homeschooled students are as well adjusted or better adjusted socially, more actively engaged in positive social activities, more likely to be "very happy", to find life exciting, to be very satisfied with their work, and to be satisfied with their financial situation (Ray, 2004).



## Education and the Academy

The Academy currently requires individual families to take responsibility for the schooling aspect of their child. Although some may see this as an obstacle for participation with the Academy, we are providing support and information to assist you in decision making. Essentially, when a family takes responsibility for a child's schooling, that child becomes a *homeschooled* student. Although this can involve direct instruction from the family, there are also many other programs available to assist parents in the homeschool process. The state of Florida is known to be a "homeschool friendly" state, limiting barriers to homeschooling and providing access to many different free and low cost education resources.





## Academic Support

Since the Massive Soccer Coaching Premier Academy focuses on total player development, we understand that a player will only be successful in the Academy if they are also successful at the flexible schooling component that must accompany Academy participation.

Therefore, the Academy has partnered with an academic consultant to assist our players and families. Your regular Academy tuition will also cover 3 hours of academic consultation for the 2017-2018 Academy year.

Dr. Michael Dube has over 20 years of experience as a certified public school teacher, private school teacher, school principal and head of school. He will be available to assist with homeschool questions and process, as well as academic support and tutoring in select academic areas.

Please feel free to contact Dr. Dube directly for support and academic assistance - [mikedube@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mikedube@sbcglobal.net)

## Florida Virtual School

One of the main resources offered by the state of Florida to homeschool families involves online academic courses provided through Florida Virtual School. Florida Virtual School is a fully accredited state public school that offers more than 150 courses, from Algebra to AP Art and everything in between. The courses are real courses taught by certified teachers just like the certified teachers who teach them in a brick and mortar public school. Public, private, and homeschool students from Kindergarten through 12th grade may sign up for full-time or part-time courses to be taken on their own time and schedules. FLVS has produced results showing that their students outperform Florida state averages in almost every subject area and outperform state average AP passing exam scores by 8% (FLDOE, 2017). Homeschool dual enrollment high school students are also eligible to take local state college courses for free.

Some would mistakenly say that homeschool students are placed at an academic and social disadvantage among their traditionally schooled peers. The research says otherwise. Homeschooled students generally succeed to a higher degree academically and are better adjusted socially. It is a great option for serious soccer players who are looking for the flexibility to train and are also willing to be disciplined in their schooling.

