

CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS FELLOWSHIP
(CHEF)
a ministry of Open Door Baptist Church

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

CHEF has been established because the Lord has led us to educate our children at home. We have banded together to support one another in the task of raising our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). CHEF shall encourage academic excellence in our children and provide a support network to parents.

GUIDELINES

1. The doctrinal statement of Open Door Baptist Church shall be the doctrinal statement of CHEF.
2. Participation in CHEF activities, meetings, fellowships, etc., will be limited to those in the fellowship. However, there will be several opportunities throughout the year in which visitors will be invited to participate.
3. Because of the father's Biblical role as spiritual leader, we would earnestly exhort CHEF fathers to be actively involved in planning, support and attendance at CHEF functions (Ephesians 6:4, Deuteronomy 6:6-7). We will support single parented families in our fellowship.
4. We believe as home educators that we should be submissive to civil authorities, unless the mandates laid down by those authorities clearly violate God's Word (Romans 13:1-5, I Peter 2:13, 14, 17).
5. CHEF does not intend to dictate curriculum; however, each family must be committed to a standard of excellence in their educational practices or fellowship with CHEF will be jeopardized (I Corinthians 10:31, Colossians 3:23).
6. Neat and modest attire will always be worn for meetings and field trips, ie slacks and shirts for men and boys; loose fitting, below knee length dresses or skirts for women and girls (six years and up). For picnics following activities, boys may bring knee length shorts and girls may bring loose fitting, below knee length culottes into which to change. All shirts will be free from any design with words or pictures that have a worldly emphasis. Please call the day before the outing if there are any questions (I Timothy 2:9-10, I Thessalonians 5:22).
7. As our children are a reflection of our home life, and as their behavior bears directly on the quality of our Christian testimony to others, parents agree to keep careful watch over their own children, always maintaining proper conduct and conversation that is becoming to the name of Christ (Titus 2:9-10, I Thessalonians 5:22).
8. The continued fellowship of any family in the CHEF activities or meetings is contingent upon their adherence to these guidelines.