

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOLERS

Guidelines and Standards

Statement of Faith

We believe:

1. The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the **only** inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the Divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.
2. In one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. That Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross, a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead ascended into Heaven, where at the right hand of God the Father, He now is our High Priest and Advocate.
4. That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.
5. That man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore lost and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.
6. That the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become children of God.

Purpose for Homeschooling

The purpose of CCH shall be to further the interests of home education of children by their parents in the areas of spiritual, academic, and character development, and to strengthen the family unit. This shall be done by all lawful means, including, but not limited to mutual support, encouragement, and fellowship for homeschooling parents, positive fellowship for our homeschooled children, exchange of ideas, resources, and information important to homeschooling, organizing activities such as field trips, parties, co-ops, classes, seminars, clubs, and disseminating legislative and other information affecting their rights of parents to direct the education and upbringing of their children.

1. Spiritual
God has given us the responsibility to train our children. (Deuteronomy 6:5-7)
We have the responsibility to instill our faith and beliefs in our children.
2. Academic
We can assure every subject is approached from a Christian standpoint.
Better quality of education through individualized instruction and more concentrated learning due to lower pupil-teacher ratio.
3. Character
We have a better opportunity to instill God's Word and Christian values in the hearts of our children.
We can build our children's self esteem and help them gain emotional maturity.
We desire to decrease peer pressure that often results in negative character traits.
To provide positive socialization by integrating learning with everyday experiences.
4. Family
We strive to build a stronger family unit and to foster a strong family relationship to which our children can turn for love, support, and encouragement.

Goals

1. Mutual support, encouragement, and fellowship for homeschooling parents.
2. Positive fellowship for our homeschooled children.
3. Exchange of ideas, resources, and information important to homeschooling.
4. Organized activities such as field trips, co-ops, classes, and parties, etc.

Legal Status

CCH members must comply with at least one of the following:

1. Meet the requirements to legally homeschool in Florida as enacted by Florida State Statute (sometimes referred to as registering with the county),
2. Be enrolled in a nonpublic, homebased school (sometimes referred to as an umbrella school).

NOTE: Students enrolled in programs such as full-time FLVS or e-school programs who are considered public school students are NOT eligible for membership in CCH.

For details regarding legally homeschooling in Florida, contact the Florida Parent Educators Association at www.fpea.com.

Families who do not meet these requirements are not eligible to be members of CCH.

Standard of Behavior Guidelines for Students

All CCH students are expected to follow these behavior guidelines:

1. We follow all the rules for the facilities CCH visits (homes, churches, public buildings, field trips). We do not run, jump or climb where inappropriate (this is decided by the subgroup leader or the field trip coordinator). We leave the facility in better shape than we found it, if at all possible. We clean up our mess.
2. We respect the property of others. We do not destroy or touch anything that does not belong to us.
3. We speak quietly and respectfully with one another. We do not interrupt while someone is speaking.
4. We remember we share Christ with others by how we behave.

Standard of Behavior Guidelines for Parents

All CCH parents are expected to follow these behavior guidelines:

1. We oversee our children at all times and ensure they are adhering to student behavior guidelines.
2. We do not gossip, speak ill of, or put down other members or children. We do not engage in conversation that is not encouraging to one another or pleasing to God. We seek to promote unity and peace among our members. Sowing discord and/or using foul/crude/vulgar language will not be tolerated.
3. We do not bring our personal doctrinal or political beliefs into CCH classrooms, and we endeavor to avoid divisive conversations that stir up conflict.
4. We resolve conflict using the Matthew 18 model as described on page 13 of the Member Handbook.
5. We help CCH to function smoothly and efficiently by volunteering when possible in the following ways: teaching, planning a Mom's Night Out, coordinating field trips or parties, setting up, cleaning up, etc.

Release/Informed Consent

All events for Community Christian Homeschoolers, including, but not limited to, subgroup meetings, activities, field trips, park days, are planned and organized by volunteer members of our group. If you choose to participate in an event, you will be assuming all risks, if any, for your participants. Please consider the activities involved in each event and the suggested age level. If you feel that your child will not be able to safely handle any aspect of the event, you should remove your child from participating. Each participant must assume the risk of physical injury that could result from any of these events.