

T.E.A.C.H.

BY-LAWS OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOLS

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization is The Eastern Association of Christian Homeschools (hereinafter referred to as T.E.A.C.H.).

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of The Eastern Association of Christian Homeschools is first and foremost to meet the needs of Christian Homeschool families by way of information, inspiration, and support in all areas of homeschooling.

ARTICLE III- GOALS

- A. To help promote and protect the right to educate our children at home.
- B. To be a channel of support, encouragement, and information to those who are new to or are interested in homeschooling.
- C. To promote Christ-centered activities and fellowship for parents and children.
- D. To promote and encourage educational excellence for our children.
- E. To pave the way for those who come behind us.

ARTICLE IV – REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- A. Operate a homeschool in compliance with North Carolina Law.
- B. In accordance with our core values we expect our members to read the by-laws and to understand what they are signing on the membership form, and to ascribe to the statement of faith included in these by-laws .
- C. We expect our members to comply with all decisions made by T.E.A.C.H. Board of Directors.
- D. Members should follow the Biblical model in resolving conflicts, as found in Mathew 18:15-17. If you have a disagreement with another member (or with the leadership of T.E.A.C.H.) you should approach the individual (or board) with your concerns. If that is not effective, you may ask the T.E.A.C.H. board members to assist you in resolving the conflict by mediating or by acting as witnesses in the conflict. Our aim is for peace among our membership, and we expect that all members will “make every effort to live in peace with all.” Hebrews 12:14
- E. Out of respect for others’ privacy, members are not to share the membership directory with non-members.
- F. All members are expected to participate in the phone chain with due diligence, as this is our main line of communication.
- G. Activities:
 - 1. During T.E.A.C.H. activities, parents are expected to monitor their child/children’s behavior closely. Parents are responsible for the discipline and correction of their children. If children are persistently disruptive to any activity, and are unresponsive to the parent’s efforts to correct that behavior, they may be asked to leave by the activity leader or an attending board member.
 - 2. We expect one or both parents to attend any T.E.A.C.H. activity in which their child (17 yrs. & under) takes part, as this is one of the

benefits of homeschooling: parent child interaction. A child is certainly welcome to attend an event or activity with another T.E.A.C.H. family, if that parent is willing to take responsibility for their supervision. However, children must NOT be dropped off without a supervising adult present with them.

3. All parents whose children participate in T.E.A.C.H.'s activities must assist in the set-up and clean up of those activities.
- H. A parent, guardian, or teacher of each Homeschool is required to attend at least four T.E.A.C.H. monthly meetings during a school year.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP IS OBTAINED BY

- A. Completing and signing a membership application that is then approved by the board. By signature of this form, members affirm the statement of faith included in the by-laws.
- B. Agreement with the policies outlined by T.E.A.C.H.
- C. First year applicants must complete a probationary period of up to one year.
- D. Payment of annual dues of \$12.00

ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- A. Ability to participate in all T.E.A.C.H. related activities and events, including co-op classes, field trips, and parties.
- B. Monthly newsletter
- C. T.E.A.C.H. Membership directory

ARTICLE VII – REVOCAION OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership shall be revoked if the member's dues are more than three months past due.
- B. The member has violated the terms of these by-laws. In the event of a member's resignation from membership or revocation of membership, no member shall have any claim for refund of any monies paid.

ARTICLE VIII– GOVERNMENT

- A. The Board of Directors is composed of founding members: Kim Barr, Marsha Boyd and Sandy Haddock
- B. The Board of Directors is responsible for overall policy and direction of the association. Members of the Board shall receive no compensation.
- C. The Board reserves the right to refuse membership to any applicant.

ARTICLE IX- CORE VALUES

- A. We believe it is the Parents' responsibility to shape the Godley character and guide the Christian education of their child/children.
- B. In accordance with that belief, all parents and students are expected to represent T.E.A.C.H. with the highest standards of integrity and Christian character. Therefore, at all T.E.A.C.H. related functions we require the following rules to be observed:
 - No Profanity
 - No Smoking
 - No Drugs or Alcohol
 - No Fighting
 - No Slander
 - Dress Modestly (No Midriffs, No Halter Tops, No String Bikinis,

Keep Your Underwear, under your wear)

No Inappropriate messages, pictures or symbols may be worn

No Weapons

- C. We ask that our young men and young ladies treat each other with respect and refrain from all flirtatious behavior. Although each family has the right and responsibility to address the “ Dating Issue” according to their own convictions, we do not promote or allow any public display of affection at any T.E.A.C.H. related functions.**

ARTICLE X- STATEMENT OF FAITH

- A. We Believe the Bible in its entirety to be the inspired and infallible word of God. The Bible in its original autograph is without error in whole or in part.**
- B. We Believe God existed from all eternity in three persons, God the Father; God The Son and God the Holy Spirit.**
- C. We Believe that the Son of God, Jesus Christ, was begotten of the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary and is fully God, and fully man.**
- D. We Believe that all men have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God And are therefore under his wrath and just condemnation.**
- E. We Believe that salvation is offered as a gift, free to the sinner. This gift must Be responded to in individual faith, not trusting in any personal works whatsoever, but in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ alone.**
- F. We Believe in sanctification by the blood of Christ, in personal holiness of heart And life, and in separation from the world.**
- G. We Believe that the central purpose of the coming of Jesus Christ was to pay The penalty for man’s sins through his substitutionary death on the cross, the successful accomplishment of which was attested to by his visible, bodily resurrection.**

Please retain the by-laws for your records and submit completed membership application, liability waiver and dues to Marsha Boyd.

T.E.A.C.H. Membership Application

(Information is Strictly Confidential)

Parents Names: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Will you be able to download the T.E.A.C.H. Newsletter from the website?
_____ Website Address <http://pamlicoteach.homestead.com>

Child(ren)'s Name	Date(s) of Birth
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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1. Why are you homeschooling?

2. What school is your child(ren) leaving?

3. What schools have your children attended?

4. Has your child ever been in trouble for one or more of the following reasons: drugs, alcohol, profanity, fighting or other violent behavior, disrespect of authority, carrying weapons or any persistent misbehavior? If so, please explain.

5. What church do you attend?

6. Do you attend your church regularly?

7. How long have you attended your church?

8. Do you give your consent to T.E.A.C.H. to verify the information given on this application?

SIGNATURE

DATE

Liability Waiver

The undersigned recognizes that their family homeschool is a responsible independent entity and hereby releases and forever discharges The Eastern Association of Christian Homeschools (T.E.A.C.H.), its Board of Directors, members, and all other persons who it might be claimed to be liable, none of whom admit any liability from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action or suits of any kind or nature whatsoever and particularly on account of all injuries known and unknown, both to person and property, which have resulted or may in the future develop from any accident which might occur as a result of any social, educational, athletic or any other event or activity associated with or sponsored by The Eastern Association of Christian Homeschools (T.E.A.C.H.).

This is a voluntary release for any and all future injuries, accidents or actions. The undersigned is aware of the risks of attending, traveling to and participating in any social, athletic and all other events and hereby assumes all risks. The risks include those foreseen and unforeseen, known and unknown.

I have read and understand all of the above on this

the _____

Date of _____ 20 _____

Signature _____
