

Statement of Purpose and Membership Guidelines

Statement of Purpose

Mid-Mississippi Christian Home Educators is composed of separate home-schooling families cooperating together for encouragement, group activities, field trips, and resource materials. These families believe it is their God given right and responsibility to teach and prepare their children with Biblical values, morals, and wisdom. Each home-school family in this association is independently responsible and encouraged to be in compliance with the guidelines and laws of the state of Mississippi regarding home education. (Adopted 1999)

Objectives

As a volunteer organization, all MMCHE members work together to uplift and encourage each other and to keep each other abreast of current events or legislation affecting home education as well as providing opportunities for family, recreational, and educational activities.

Understandings

- MMCHE is a Christian organization and has an unchanging standard, God's Word. As such, all group activities, publications, and conduct are to be consistent with the teachings and principles of the Bible.
- To encourage an environment for our children that will contribute to the development of Godly character and Christian principles and virtues, each member is expected to honor God through modest appearance and appropriate attitudes and actions at MMCHE events.
- Successful programs are dependent upon adequate planning, volunteer workers, and active participation of members.
- As an organization MMCHE does not: (1) provide textbooks, curriculum, or teachers (2) provide legal advice (3) support or endorse business ventures (4) give out names, addresses, or phone numbers (exception: MMCHE members and MHEA)
- MMCHE is affiliated with the Mississippi Home Educators Association (MHEA). All MMCHE leadership board members are required to sign the MHEA statement of faith which follows:
 1. The Bible is the inspired Word of God.
 2. God has existed from all eternity in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, was God come in human flesh being fully God and fully man except without sin.
 3. Man is by nature sinful and is inherently in need of salvation.
 4. Christ's death provides substitutionary atonement for our sins. He literally rose from the dead.
 5. Salvation is offered as a gift—free to the sinner. The gift must be responded to in individual faith, not trusting in any personal works whatsoever, but the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ alone.
 6. Children are a heritage from the Lord entrusted to parents to train up in righteousness, for His glory.

MMCHE Leadership

MMCHE shall be governed by a leadership board. This leadership board shall be composed of the local support group leaders, treasurer, and appointed members. After prayerful consideration, new leadership board members will be appointed by the existing board.

Policies

- All activities sponsored by MMCHE must be approved by the leadership board and have adult supervision at all times. MMCHE must approve all graduation materials, including theme, date, songs, and videos.
- There shall be no drop-off of student members without an adult directly responsible for the actions and behavior of that student.
- All students and parents are expected to observe these field trip guidelines:
 1. Plan to arrive 10-15 minutes early.
 2. We ask students to stay with parents, not running ahead.
 3. Follow all rules at the location of the field trip.
 4. Listen respectfully to any instructors and instructions on the field trip.
 5. Respectfully raise your hand before asking a question.
 6. Remember to thank everyone who made the trip possible.
- Parents and children should dress appropriately for all MMCHE events. Clothes should be neat, clean, and modest. Clothes with slogans or advertisements shall not reflect alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or any suggestion contrary to MMCHE's statement of faith and belief. MMCHE asks that students and families and guests they bring please dress RESPONSIBLY enough that it will not cause others to stumble.

This includes, but is not limited to the following:

Shirts/Tops

- Low cut blouses, tops, sweaters, etc. with plunging necklines are not in keeping with MMCHE guidelines. No cleavage shall be visible. Also, no half-length, spaghetti strap, strapless, backless, cut-off, or bare-midriff shirts/blouses.

Pants/Bottoms/Skirts

- The minimum length of any garment, regardless of what it is called, should be no shorter than mid-thigh.

- The membership agreement must be read and signed by parents. All members' dues will be due by the Back to School Picnic each year. Dues are used for expenses of events, supplies, postage, and anything approved by the leadership board. Dues will be set each year by the leadership board.
- MMCHE leadership board reserves the right to refuse or discontinue any membership of any family whose behavior is in conflict with the MMCHE statement of purpose or policies.
- MMCHE leadership board reserves the right to request a meeting with prospective or rejoining members.
- MMCHE admits new members in August for the fall semester and in January for the spring semester. Special circumstances may be considered by the leadership board.
- To participate in graduation, a family must have had an active membership for that entire school year. Special circumstances may be considered by the leadership board.