

## Christian Homeschoolers' Association of South Carolina Policies and Expectations

Members agree to abide by S.C. state law section 59-6547.

The teaching Parent holds at least a high school diploma or the equivalent general educational development (GED) certificate, and will maintain a copy with school records.

Parents will provide their own curriculum that includes, at the minimum: the basic instructional areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies, in kindergarten through sixth grade and in grades seven through twelve, composition, literature, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Parents agree to include at least 180 instructional days to be completed by May 31 each school year they are members of CHASC.

Parents will maintain the following educational records:

- (1) a plan book, diary, or other record indicating subjects taught and activities in which the students and parent teacher engage; and
- (2) a portfolio of samples of the student's academic work; and
- (3) a semiannual progress report including attendance records and individualized documentation of the student's academic progress in each of the basic instructional areas specified above.

CHASC does not provide curriculum.

All members receive member emails and reminders through group emails. Members who opt out of group emails will not receive individual emails and reminders and will be responsible for keeping up to date with any policies and procedures that may change. It is each member's responsibility to report any problems with receiving emails. Email reminders and notices are only sent as group reminders through the newsletter group and not to individual members. In addition, at times emails will be sent to members based upon grade level so members must keep their website profile up to date with correct grade levels for the students in their homeschool.

Members will keep all contact and homeschool status information current by sending an email notification of any changes within 3 business days of the change. This includes but is not limited to grade level, address, phone number, school district, and email. Members can change contact information on their profile page directly as well. Changes to profile information on the website do not change the CHASC database so an email must be sent to notify use of any change so we can update the database.

Our membership year runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> and in that time, you agree to complete at least 180 instructional days and file the end of year compliance form.

Members agree to complete a Compliance Form between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> each and every year they are members. If for any reason, members with elementary or middle school students will not be able to complete 180 instructional days by May 31<sup>st</sup>, they agree to file an extension form between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>. Members must file the Extension form on or before May 31<sup>st</sup> and pay the renewal fee on or before June 15<sup>th</sup> to remain compliant if they have not completed the 180 instructional days on or before June 15<sup>th</sup>. (High school students cannot file an Extension form and remain compliant with high school policies).

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Members with high school students agree to follow the policies and procedures for class ranking and GPA calculations including the [CHASC Honors Policy](#).

Members must submit the appropriate form with course titles, grades, credit, and any necessary supporting documents for all degree-seeking senior (12<sup>th</sup> grade) high school students on or before May 15<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of calculating class rank.

Members must submit the appropriate form with course titles, grades, credit, and any necessary supporting documents for all degree-seeking high school students in grades nine through eleven on or before May 31<sup>st</sup> for the purpose of calculating class rank.

CHASC will provide a Handbook that can be read online or downloaded from the website. Members are required to read this handbook and ask questions if they do not understand any points.

The Department of Education has the right to audit Christian Homeschoolers' Association of South Carolina's records in order to verify association and member compliance; therefore we must have your completed compliance forms before we can place your family in good standing, close out, or begin a new school year.

Failure to comply with any requirement from South Carolina Code of Law Section 59-65-47, or CHASC policies will result in a member family's homeschool being placed on probationary status to allow time to correct the issues. Those on probation who fail to correct the issues in the time set by CHASC in the notice of probationary status will have their membership terminated.

Members must notify CHASC by phone or email immediately if they are contacted by any official in regards to their homeschool, students, or anything that may require input from or the involvement of the association.

CHASC will fax or email copies of membership letters to a third party only upon members' written request when all necessary information is provided. This written notice can be made by email.

Only when legally required, CHASC will make available any and all applicable and available documents.

It is within the rights of CHASC to terminate or refuse any membership at any time.

Members are solely responsible for any and all legal fees and attorney(s) should a legal issue arise. Members agree to hold CHASC harmless of any and all legal action(s) understanding that none of the information or opinions on our website, e-mails, or phone conversations should be taken as legal advice. CHASC is a third option homeschool accountability association offering its services to homeschooling families by maintaining a professional relationship with members, school districts, and the S.C. Department of Education. Our purpose is to allow our members the least restrictive home school environment and to maintain their privacy while ensuring members' legal compliance.

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