



CHESCA and Community Schools

(This form must be signed and returned with your CHESCA Membership)

CHESCA STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To facilitate Christian Home Education in the Stark County, Ohio area.

1. We seek to honor and please the Lord Jesus Christ through promotion of home education by Christian parents.
2. We seek to facilitate Christian home education in and around the Stark County, Ohio area.
3. We seek to facilitate the total education, training, and nurturing of our children according to biblical guidelines.
4. We seek to use our God-given talents and abilities, provide information, exchange ideas, and offer group activities to our members.
5. We seek to encourage one another, promote unity among Christian home educators, and encourage communication within our membership.
6. We seek to promote the rights of Christian home educators as citizens within the sovereign State of Ohio.
7. We seek to execute the above intents through the leadership of a Central CHESCA Council, the direction of the officers of CHESCA Nurture Groups, and the participation of the General Membership.

Recent changes to Ohio law have allowed more educational choices for parents including private schools, public schools, home schooling, charter schools, and now cyber charter schools ” officially *community schools* in Ohio. CHESCA acknowledges more choices for parents are better than fewer choices and believes the community school option provides a better environment than a public school environment. However, a community school is a PUBLIC SCHOOL that operates within a home. This distinction has recently been clarified in Ohio Revised Code 3314.041:

The(here fill in name of the school) school is a community school established under Chapter 3314 of the Revised Code. The school is a public school and students enrolled in and attending the school are required to take proficiency tests and other requirements for students at the school that are prescribed by law. Students who have been excused from the compulsory attendance law for the purpose of home education as defined by the Administrative Code shall no longer be excused for that purpose upon their enrollment in a community school . . . ”

In addition, the Ohio Department of Education has also issued a policy statement that students who have been home educating under 3301-34 regulations and later transfer to a community school must re-enroll into their school district of residence and then transfer into the digital community school.

Our constitutional purpose is to promote home education by Christian parents, facilitate Christian home education, and train and nurture our children according to biblical guidelines. CHESCA agrees with the need to maintain the distinction between a home school and a public school at home as described in ORC 3314.041 and feels we are best serving our membership by promoting and maintaining these distinctions. Thus, our members must be home educating at least one child, looking to home educate a child in the future, or have graduated one or more children from home education as defined by Ohio Administrative Code 3301-34 or 3301-35-08.

I have read and understood the above information and I am a home educator as defined above.

Husband/father (signature)

Printed Name

Date

Wife/mother (signature)

Printed Name

Date

Further information may be found at the following websites.

<http://www.hslda.org/docs/nche/000010/200206260.asp>

http://www.cheohome.org/Articles/cyber_schools.htm

<http://www.chesca.org/>

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