

Home Schooling 101

How to Begin Home Schooling

- **Discuss With Your Spouse:** Educating your child at home is a huge decision and should be one that is made with your spouse. Do not begin unless you are in agreement about this decision. You will need the support of your spouse not only at the beginning, but also throughout the year.
- **Research Texas HomeSchool Laws:** If you have any questions about the requirements for homeschooling in Texas, please visit the Texas Home School Coalition at www.thsc.org. They are an advocacy group for their members in legal areas related to homeschooling and to monitor legislative issues in Texas to prevent the erosion of home school freedoms. Please consider being a member as all Texans reap the benefits.
- **Research Styles of Home Education:** There is not one right way to educate your child at home; however, there are many differing philosophies you may want to consider.
- **Find Support:** After finding your style of choice (or a mix of more than one choice), you may want to choose a support group that reflects that specific style or just a general homeschool support group in your area. Meeting with other home educators offers encouragement as well as knowledge and assistance with your home school questions. Often organized classes or activities for your children are offered through support groups as well.
- **Gather Resources:** Some families start with a complete curriculum package, while others start with a notebook and a library card. Choosing your resources depends on your style or method of education and your own interests. If you are financially burdened, there are free home schooling resources on the web, as well as discounted used books in abundance. There are also several annual bookfairs in Texas. See the SACHSA website: www.sachsa.org/bookfairs---conferences.html.
- **You Can Do This!!** Parents around the world are taking back their God-given responsibility to educate their children, and you can too. Please visit the following: www.thsc.org/getting-started/7-easy-steps-to-begin.

Disclaimer: The above information is not intended as legal advice and should not be construed as such. Please check the legal requirements for Home Schooling in Texas.

Advocates for Home Schooling in Texas and Nationwide

The advocacy groups listed below serve their home schooling members and monitor legislative issues in Texas to prevent the erosion of home school freedoms. These groups can give you a clear understanding of the law.

- Texas Home School Coalition www.thsc.org
- Home School Legal Defense Association www.hsllda.org

Philosophies, Styles, and Methods

Charlotte Mason

Based on a method introduced by nineteenth-century educator Charlotte Mason, this approach includes nature studies, journaling, narration, and living books.

Resources:

- *A Charlotte Mason Education* by Catherine Levison
- *A Charlotte Mason Companion* by Karen Andreola
- www.simplycharlottesmason.com

The Classical Approach

This approach is based on Dorothy Sayers' *The Last Tools of Learning*, in which child development is broken up into three stages of learning commonly called the Trivium.

Resources:

- *The Well Trained Mind: A Guide to Classical Education at Home* by Jessie Wise and Susan Wise Bauer
- My Father's World www.mfwbooks.com
- www.triviumpursuit.com

Delight Directed

This approach puts the learning in the hands of the child, based on his or her interests. Parents help facilitate this type of learning with appropriate instructional materials.

Eclectic

A mix of philosophies and curricula to accommodate each child's abilities and interests. Parents choose from any method or style only those components that fit their specific needs.

The Principal Approach

An approach based on the principles of our Founding Fathers and an emphasis on God's Word as the basis for every subject.

Resources:

- The Noah Plan at www.face.net

Traditional Textbook

Normally uses a full-range, packaged, text-book type curriculum that also may include a scope and sequence, testing, and recordkeeping.

Resources:

- ABeka at www.abeka.org
- Bob Jones at University Press www.bjupresshomeschool.com
- Lifepac at www.aop.com
- Accelerated Christian Education at www.aceministries.com

Unit Studies

All or most core subjects are covered in this approach while studying any one topic or unit of study, using a variety of resources and supplemental activities.

Resources:

- KONOS Character Curriculum at www.konos.com
- Five In A Row at www.fiveinarow.com
- Sonlight at www.sonlight.com

Unschooling

A relaxed setting where learning is directed by the child. Parts of this philosophy are based on research by John Taylor Gatto and John Holt.

Resource:

- www.naturalchild.org

Technological Instruction – Computer and Internet based approach

Resources:

- Time For Learning at www.timeforlearning.com
- Monarch Online at www.aop.com/monarch_overview
- Switched on School House (3rd – 12th) at www.aop.com/switched-on-schoolhouse_overview
- Memoria Press at www.memoriapressacademy.com

Additional Resources and Curriculum

The following three books will be extremely helpful in choosing the right curriculum and approach for your child's learning style. They are all written by Cathy Duffy. All three books can be located within the Tom Green County Library system.

- *100 Top Picks for Homeschool Curriculum* by Cathy Duffy
- Christian Home Educator's Curriculum Manual: Elementary Grades
- Christian Home Educator's Curriculum Manual: Junior/Senior High

Home School Resource Catalogs

- www.christianbook.com/homeschool
- www.shpublishing.com
- www.rainbowresource.com

Used Curriculum

- www.homeschoolclassifieds.com
- www.ebay.com
- www.amazon.com
- www.vegsource.com/homeschool
- www.theswap.com

Obtaining Curriculum Locally

The Teacher Store

310 North Chadbourne Street

325.653.5778

Hasting's

4238 Sunset Drive

325.949.9401

Used Curriculum Sale

At the end of every school year there is a Used Curriculum Sale that is managed by a SACHSA member and open to all home schoolers. Membership is not required to sell or attend. This is a great opportunity to save money on curriculum for the upcoming year. Contact: Margie Rodriguez at lumagab@yahoo.com

Special Needs Curriculum

THSC provides an extensive research list at www.thsc.org located under "Resources" tab.

Enrichment Opportunities

Field Trips

SACHSA members are encouraged to coordinate field trips. If you have a field trip that you would like to have posted, please post on SACHSA Facebook page or Contact Us.

Music & Art

Art 2 Music

The Art 2 Music program is an on-going project of the San Angelo Symphony Guild, designed to help students express their creativity through the intersection of classical music and visual art. Approximately 1,200 sixth grade students throughout Tom Green County create mixed media artwork inspired by a piece of classical music selected by Maestro Hector Guzman that will later be performed by the San Angelo Symphony. This event takes place in the fall.

www.sanangelosymphonyguild.org Contact Lori Lui by email at lorilui@yahoo.com

Music Lessons: Piano, woodwinds, and band instrument repair

Music lessons available for piano and woodwinds (clarinet, flute, sax). All ages and levels.

Also band instrument repair (brass and woodwinds)

Contact: Lois Droegemeier at 325-234-2746 or email at lois60@suddenlink.net

Concho Pearl Music Sales and Lessons: Guitar, violin, piano, banjo, and voice

Lessons at Goodfellow in the BX Mall and a second location at Texas Guitars 31 W. Twohig

Contact: Mike and Dian Teague 325.340.5770 and 325.212.6971, or email at conchopearl@suddenlinkmail.com

\$15.00 for 30 minutes of instruction

Family Day at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts

Family Day fun includes Art projects, scavenger hunts, prizes, and snacks. This event occurs every 2nd Saturday of the month, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. No registration required and it is totally FREE! All ages welcome.

www.samfa.org

Sports

San Angelo Home School Sports Association - AKA - San Angelo Saints.

This is a Christ centered non-profit organization committed to providing competitive sports to home schooled athletes in San Angelo and the surrounding area.

Contact: Athletic Director Chris McEntire at 325.201.4575 or email: chrismcentire@hotmail.com

www.sanangelosaints.org

YMCA

YMCA offers children's sports programs for all ages.

Contact: Call 325.655.9106 or email: ymca@ymcasanangelo.org

www.ymcasanangelo.org/

City of San Angelo Recreation Department email: www.cosatx.us/departments-services/recreation

The Recreation Department offers many activities for children and adults through the year.

Clubs & Organizations

Angelo Bluebonnet 4-H Club

4H School Club with students from San Angelo Christian Home School Association. Club meets at the Tom Green County 4H Building located at 3168 N. Highway 67, next door to the Animal Shelter and across from Howard College. Check www.abc4h.webs.com for meeting dates and times.

Contact: Annette Guerrero 325.223.2380 or email: angelobluebonnet4h@yahoo.com

Contact: Leann Waldron 325.947.3185

www.abc4h.webs.com

Tom Green County 4H Archery

4H Club that focuses on Archery discipline using recurve, compound, and genesis bows. Our main focus is not about being competitive but rather being safe and having fun! We do have many opportunities to let our skills shine throughout the year. Practice sessions every Thursday evening.

Contact: Yvonne Castillo at 325.234.4617 or email: tgc4harchery@yahoo.com

Other 4H Clubs

<http://tomgreen.agrilife.org/4hinfo/tom-green-county-4h-info/>

Tom Green County Extension Office, 113 W. Beauregard, San Angelo, TX 76903, 325.659.6525

Clubs in Tom Green County: Archery, Bluebonnet, Shooting Sports (shotgun), Twin Mountain, Horse, Lone Star, Christoval, and Rifle.

Royal Rangers

Royal Rangers is a mentoring program for future men. We provide Christlike character formation and servant leadership development for boys and young men in a highly relational and fun environment. Our mission is to evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders. Royal Rangers is for boys from ages 7-16. We do lots of fun activities, crafts, outdoor adventures, camping, and so much more. The boys will be able to grow spiritually, earn badges, learn teamwork, and have leadership advancement opportunities.

Contact: Lead Commander Steven Thompson at 325.245.9360 or stevenjaredthompson@gmail.com or Commander Cynthia Thompson at 325.212.4706 or email kittykarina25@gmail.com.

Concho Youth Programs - Fort Concho Vintage Base Ball and Historic Military

Objective is recreational and educational. Experiences in base ball matches, historic site events, parades, public speaking, and learning all about Fort Concho's history and its role in West Texas.

Contact: Cory Robinson at 325.657.4444

Civil Air Patrol – 2 Squadrons in Tom Green County

U.S. Air Force Auxiliary for boys and girls ages 12 and older.

Contact: Three Rivers Composite Squadron: Call Lauri McCallum at 325.374.0870 or email: threeriverscap@gmail.com

Contact: Squadron TX-023 by visiting www.sanangelocap.org

Contact: www.gocivilairpatrol.com

Dance, Theatre, Ballet, and Gymnastics

San Angelo Broadway Academy (SABA) 325.763.4807

Be Theatre 325.716.4125

Dance Academy 325.716.0516

San Angelo Civic Ballet 325.653.8877

Concho Valley Gymnastics 325.482.8878

Texas Tumbleweeds Gymnastics 325.315.7472

Community Service

House of Faith

Backyard Bible Clubs

Contact: 325.486.8637 www.hofministries.org

San Angelo Nature Center

Volunteer opportunities youth ages 13 years of age and up.

Contact: Andrew Garcia at 325.942.0121

www.cosatx.us/departments-services/nature-center

Sonrisas Therapeutic

Riding therapy for individuals with special needs. Must be 16 years of age and up to volunteer.

www.sonrisasriding.org

Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue

Donkey Rescue located in Miles, Texas.

Contact: 866.366.5731

www.donkeyrescue.org

PAWS

Pet adoption, rehoming, and education.

Contact: 325.653.8056

www.conchovalleypaws.com

Co-ops & Tutoring

Salt Co-op

SALT Co-op meets on scheduled Monday afternoons from 12:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. at the Christian Church of San Angelo, 4064 South Bryant, San Angelo, Texas.

Contact: Christina Milhauser at saltcoop@ymail.com

Classical Conversations

Classical Conversations supports homeschooling parents by cultivating the love of learning through a Christian worldview in fellowship with other families. Enrolling students K4 - 12th grade, utilizing classical Christian Education.

There are three local campuses.

Contact: North Campus: Jenny Black at 325.650.2627 or email: jblackccnorth@gmail.com

Contact: Pam Cimino 325.450.6644

www.classicalconversations.com

The Potter's Hand

Private Christian School in San Angelo. The Potter's Hand is designed for families who desire a distinctively Christian education for their children within a small classroom environment. A full curriculum is offered to students, but limited classes are also available to homeschoolers.

Contact: 325.234.6989

www.pottershandsanangelo.com

Tutoring

You can always consider hiring a student from ASU or Howard to tutor your student in a specific subject. Visit the department you are interested in and post a "tutor wanted" sign.

Dual Credit

Angelo State University

www.angelo.edu

Howard College

www.howardcollege.edu

College Plus

www.collegeplus.org

Note: These organizations are not evaluated, organized or operated by SACHSA. Please evaluate any organization or service listed here according to the needs of your family.

Something Missing?

See something missing from our list? Tell us about it so we can share with others! Please Contact Us!

Home School Magazines

- The Old School House Magazine www.theoldschoolhouse.com
- Home School Enrichment www.homeschoolenrichment.com
- Homeschooling Today www.homeschooltoday.com
- Home School Digest www.homeschooldigest.com
- Practical Home Schooling Magazine www.practicalhomeschooling.com

Home School Fellowship and Support

SACHSA

The San Angelo Christian Home School Association is a volunteer, non-profit home school organization serving approximately 70 families in San Angelo, Texas, and the Concho Valley area. For over 20 years, our group has committed to serving the home school community by providing support for families committed to home schooling their children to raise them in the training and admonition of the Lord. We are home schoolers serving one another!

SACHSA offers fellowship and support opportunities according to membership interest and participation. SACHSA sends out emails providing information regarding news and events to our member families. If you are a member, watch your inbox for these emails! If you do not think you are receiving emails, then Contact Us.

If you want to coordinate an event, please announce it on the SACHSA Facebook page as well as Contact Us so a membership-wide email can go out. Please notify SACHSA at least two weeks prior to your event.

Other non-SACHSA regularly scheduled get togethers

Heart to Heart

3rd Thursday of Each Month At 7:00 pm. Los Panchitos on Bell and Pullium. Come and have great time with other mom's. For those that are new it is just a time to hang out and visit and share and lift each other up. Some eat, some don't. Hope to see a big crowd. Days are subject to change check the Facebook page before heading out: CHEVIS Facebook page.

Park Days: Tuesdays

The San Angelo Homeschoolers Recess meets at different parks every Tuesday. Park locations are posted Sunday evening on Facebook. Be Sure to be Facebook Friends with them! San Angelo Homeschoolers Recess Facebook page.

Park Days: Thursdays

Producers park at 10 am N Schroeder Ave, (Near the Paul Ann Addition) Depending on weather etc..Day, Times and Park can change so check CHEVIS Facebook page for updates before you head out.

More Local Facebook Pages:

San Angelo Homeschool Teachers' Lounge
CVHEIS – Concho Valley Home Educators Info. Swap
Used Curriculum For Sale-San Angelo Home Schoolers
Goodfellow AFB Homeschoolers

SACHSA Membership Information

Whether you are new to home schooling or new to the area or both, SACHSA offers a connection with our member families. The best way to get you connected right away is through Facebook. Please consider joining us! **Visit www.sachsa.org to join!**

SACHSA membership gives your family the opportunity for fellowship throughout the year. Currently SACHSA events are based on member interest and participation. Members are encouraged to initiate fellowship opportunities. In the past, members have coordinated annual picnics, field trips, Thanksgiving meals and swim parties as well as many other events.

Through our email updates you will stay informed and be able to take advantage of educational activities in the area. You will also receive a member directory to help you connect with other SACHSA members and a SACHSA Membership Card, upon request, that may be used for purchases that require proof of your status as an educator to receive a discount.

Don't forget the annual SACHSA High School Graduation Ceremony. This is a great time to experience the success stories of families just like you. Come and celebrate our seniors with us!

As a SACHSA member you will get a \$20 discount when you join THSC. We look forward to you becoming part of SACHSA!

Joining SACHSA

Full Membership

Full Membership is available to those who agree with the SACHSA Statement of Faith and SACHSA Values and agree to abide by the SACHSA Constitution as well as pay the annual dues. All members must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the goals and purposes of SACHSA.

Associate Membership

Associate Membership is available for those that disagree with the SACHSA Statement of Faith, but agree to abide by the SACHSA Values and to abide by the SACHSA Constitution as well as pay the annual dues. These members may take part in all activities, but will not be eligible for executive board positions within SACHSA. Associate members must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the goals and purposes of SACHSA.

Alumni Membership

Alumni Membership is available to those who have been a SACHSA member in the past and no longer have school-aged children and would like to maintain SACHSA members to help support home schooling in the area. This level of membership includes the requirements of Full Membership.

Membership Dues Are Paid Annually By August 31

For New and Renewing Membership the Annual Dues are \$10.00

For Existing Members Renewing after August 31, the Dues are \$20.00

For New Members Joining after December 31, the Partial Year Dues are \$5.00

Alumni Membership \$0

Membership dues are payable through the Online Membership Application found at <http://www.sachsa.org/membership.html>. There is also the option to print, download and mail the membership application and with a check or money order. Membership dues are used to fund the annual Graduation as well as other events throughout the year. They also fund various love offerings for the use of local Church facilities. We also make an annual donation to the Texas Home School Coalition.

Your membership benefits your family and makes a difference in the lives of home school families across the San Angelo area. Join us Today! Questions about Membership? If you need more information, please contact us at sachsa@sachsa.org or post a question to the Facebook page.

SACHSA Annual Activities

Back to School Kick Off

Whether we start the year off with a Library Fellowship, Family Picnic, Back to School Fair or a Mom's Night Out you can look forward to fun and fellowship at the beginning of each school year. This is also an opportunity for our Beginning of the Year Membership meeting where the new officers are presented to the SACHSA membership. Any new information for the upcoming year is presented at this time.

Contact: If you would be willing to coordinate this event or are new to SACHSA and would like details about the first SACHSA gathering of the year, please Contact Us.

Spelling Bee

This annual class and bee has been a great opportunity for children to develop spelling skills. This is usually held in the fall.

Contact: Maria Gonzales email: combsmaria@yahoo.com

2015 Spelling Bee San Angelo Standard Times Article

Thanksgiving Dinner

Be our guest at our annual SACHSA Thanksgiving Dinner. According to interest and participation, SACHSA provides the main dishes along with all the drinks and paper goods for an annual Thanksgiving Dinner. It is a fun time of sharing our Thanksgiving favorites as the members bring sides, breads and desserts. Yum! Please join us for this special time of fellowship!

Contact: If you would be willing to coordinate this event or are new to SACHSA and would like details about the first SACHSA gathering of the year, please Contact Us.

Science Fair

Give you child an opportunity to prepare a science project for display at the Science Fair. This is a fun event designed to encourage your child's interest in science and develop presentation skills. This is suitable for children ages 6+. If they have something they would like to present regarding science, they will fit right in. Science Fair kicks off with a workshop to guide children (and their mom's) in preparing their science fair project. This event occurs each Spring and is subject to interest and participation. If your family would like to participate, please let us know.

Contact: Annette Guerrero at 325.223.2380

History & World Fair

The History Fair is a great opportunity to capture your child's imagination and develop enthusiasm for history and geography. This is suitable for children ages 6+. Support your history studies with participation in this fair. Presentations can be any format that will work for your child. Costumes, presentation boards and models are great ways to present. The History Fair kicks off with a workshop to guide children (and their mom's) in preparing their History Fair project. This event occurs in early Spring and is subject to interest and participation. If your family would like to participate, please let us know.

Contact: Tracy Johnson at 501.277.9022 or email: circatrac@gmail.com

National Geography Bee

Each year thousands of schools and homeschoolers in the United States participate in the National Geographic Bee using materials prepared by the National Geographic Society. The contest is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the subject, and increase public awareness about geography. Students in grades four through eight are eligible for this entertaining and challenging test of geographic knowledge. This event is sponsored by SACHSA and is open to all homeschoolers regardless of membership. This event takes place in early January. Watch News and Events for exact dates.

Contact: Lois Droegemeier at 325.234.2744 or email: lois60@suddenlink.net

SACHSA Graduation

SACHSA sponsors an annual graduation ceremony for members. We urge you to attend this annual ceremony as it is a great experience to celebrate with other home schooling families as they graduate their seniors. It is very encouraging.

Graduating seniors will start planning their graduation ceremony as early as December while parents oversee the process. Students will be given a budget and plans will be moderated by a member of the Board. This is a great opportunity for our graduates to work as a team.

Each family is their own private school and will therefore be responsible for issuing their own High School Diplomas. The parents and graduates generally prepare a slide show presentation for the ceremony that tells the story of their home schooling journey. These ceremonies have inspired parents of young students to persevere in home schooling.

If you have a senior this year, please see our Graduation Policy below and apply through the online Graduation Application.

SACHSA Graduation Policy

Application Deadline November 30

The annual SACHSA supported graduation ceremony is open to home schooled SACHSA members. Students will have been home schooled and have been SACHSA members for at least 4 semesters (2 school years) at the time of graduation. This means they are home schooled during their junior year and their senior year. Unusual circumstances that may warrant an exception to these requirements may be communicated, via email or paper mail, to the SACHSA board. Examples of circumstances that may warrant exceptions are recently moving to the area, or some health or family issue that affected school choice. **Request for exceptions must be communicated to the SACHSA board before November 30.**

Requests for exceptions should include references from two SACHSA families who have been members for at least two school years. Policy as of May 2014

End of Year SACHSA Meeting

This meeting usually occurs in May. This is when the potential board members for the upcoming school year are voted on by the SACHSA membership. This is also an opportunity to discuss how we can improve SACHSA for the upcoming year.

Contact: If you would be willing to coordinate this event, please Contact Us.

Used Curriculum Sale

At the end of every school year there is a Used Curriculum Sale that is managed by a SACHSA member and open to all home schoolers. Membership is not required to sell or attend. This is a great opportunity to save money on curriculum for the upcoming year.

Contact: Margie Rodriguez at lumagab@yahoo.com

Swim Party

According to interest and participation, the SACHSA Membership gathers at Brown's Pool each year to celebrate the end of the school year with a fun pool party. Come and join us!

Contact: If you would be willing to coordinate this event, please Contact Us.

Statement of Faith

WE AFFIRM THESE ADDITIONAL TENETS OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY:

1. The Bible is the verbally inspired and only infallible, authoritative Word of God, inherent in the autographs (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21).
2. God is one Being and eternally exists as three Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; of the Persons are equal in power and glory (Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor.13:14).
3. Jesus Christ is fully God and man (John 1:1,14), born of a virgin (Matt. 1:18) and sinless in His life (Heb. 4:15); He died vicariously on the cross as a substitute for sinful men (Heb. 9:15); He rose bodily from the grave (John 20:1-9, 24-31; Acts 2:24) and now reigns with the Father (Acts 2:33; Heb. 10:12); He will return visibly and personally to the earth both in salvation and judgement (Acts 1:11; Heb. 9:28; Matt. 24:30).*
4. All humans are sinful by nature (Rom. 3:23; 5:12) and can only be forgiven by the expression of trust in Jesus as Savior (John 3:16) brought about by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit (Tit. 3:5-7).
5. We believe in the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Rom. 8:1-17).
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation (Rev. 20:4-15).
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers on our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 4:4).
8. We reject any tenets which do not conform to the Word of God.

* AS defined by the Nicene and Athanasian creeds.

Statement of Homeschooling Values

FAMILY

We believe that the family is the basic governmental, social, and spiritual unit created by God. In it the child gradually learns self-government, social relationships, and develops a relationship to the Creator. The family also provides protection from over-extensive government and over stimulating social involvement. We understand family to mean a male and female parent with one or more children, all related by blood, though we realize the exceptions of a single parent, adopted children, and step-children.

We reject transitory co-habitation relationships as being in violation of God's laws and incapable of providing the long-term nurture and instruction needed by children and commanded by God. We also reject homosexual marriages or homosexual orientation because these are contrary to Scripture and the intentions of God in Creation, and we believe that such relationships are destructive to children and the very idea of family. In view of these beliefs, no homosexual or non-married cohabitating parents or couples are eligible for full or associate membership.

PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN EDUCATION

We believe the ultimate responsibility for the education of children belongs to parents. Thus, we believe this is an inalienable right given by God, which the State can neither create, destroy, nor alter. Parents may delegate another to teach some of the cognitive information that children need to know, but all education must be under the control and supervision of the parents.

We believe education in the home to be the best form of education, but we recognize that many parents cannot educate at home for valid reasons, and we support the right of parents to choose the education they believe to be in the best interest of each child.

NATURE OF EDUCATION

We believe that all education is religious in nature since one's view of the world and life inevitably is involved in teaching. Every discipline of knowledge, whether it is subjects such as mathematics, science, or history, will have as its final reference point a theistic or humanistic view of reality, and there is no neutral academic discipline.

Thus, we believe that all social, physical, and cognitive knowledge should have as its beginning the fear of God and as its end the glory of God.

Constitution

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the association shall be San Angelo Christian Home School Association (SACHSA), a non-profit association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of SACHSA is to provide support to parents who educate their children at home. Support may include (but not limited to): 1) activities which edify and assist parents in teaching their children, such as meetings, workshops, and mom's fellowship opportunities; 2) activities which allow parents and children to enjoy friendships with other home schooling families, such as park days and skate days; 3) group educational opportunities, such as field trips and spelling bees; 4) a newsletter; and 5) basic information (but not legal advice) on legal concerns. SACHSA shall not in any way impinge on the rights of parents to educate their children as they believe best, but shall strive to offer advice and help as a service to families desiring assistance.

ARTICLE III - EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of SACHSA shall consist of seven voting members as follows: President, Vice-President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, and Member-at-Large. The President, Vice-President and Past-President shall be men. Board members will be nominated by the current Board and subject to the approval by a majority of the members of SACHSA in attendance at the annual May meeting. Spouses of board members will serve as participating, non-voting members of the Board. If any Board position is vacated during the year, the remaining Board members will decide whether or not to fill the vacated position. The Board may appoint any member who meets the qualifications of the vacated position to assume that position. A vacancy in the position of Past-President must be filled by a past Board member, if the remaining Board members decide to fill that position.

The Executive Board will not be involved in the monthly planning, coordinating, or implementing of the activities of SACHSA. The purpose of the Executive Board will be to assist in providing policy, leadership, and oversight of SACHSA. The Executive Board will meet in the month of April to review the past year and present for approval of the new Board members and membership dues for the next year and in the month of August to plan for the new year. The Executive Board shall schedule additional board meetings as needed.

The President, or in his absence the Past-President or other Officer designated by the President, shall preside over all Executive Board meetings, authorize the disbursement of funds, and speak for the association. The Vice-President and Past-President will assist the President in the performance of his duties and chair special committees set up by the President. The Secretary will be responsible for keeping a record of each Executive Board meeting and handling any correspondence necessary. The Treasurer will receive funds and make disbursements authorized by the President and /or Director and provide at each Executive Board meeting an accounting of the association's financial condition. Records shall be reviewed or audited annually as determined by the Executive Board. The Director will coordinate the monthly activities of SACHSA, authorize the disbursement of funds (up to a limit determined by the Board), speak for the association, provide input on the status of the association at Executive Board Meetings, and come under the oversight of the Executive Board. The Executive Board Members shall be subject to censorship or dismissal from office by a 2/3 majority of the members in attendance at a meeting called for that purpose.

Executive Board Members of SACHSA shall meet the following qualifications: 1. The President, Vice-President, and Past-President shall be men. The other four officers may be men or women. The reason for the requirement for the three officers to be men is that the association is composed of home schooling families over which men are to provide the leadership according to Scripture. SACHSA is an extension of the home and should mirror the home in this respect. 2. Executive Board Members shall have educated or have been committed to home schooling for at least one year. This allows the inclusion of those who are not formally or in a structured way educating their children in the cognitive skills, but are committed to home schooling. 3. Executive Board Members must be full members of SACHSA.

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ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

There shall be two categories of membership within SACHSA: full membership and associate membership.

- Full membership: Full membership in SACHSA shall be restricted to home schooling families who concur with the Statement of Faith, and the Statement of Homeschooling Values and agree to abide by the Constitution.
- Associate membership: Associate members do not qualify for voting or holding Executive Board positions, but have full privileges to attend all SACHSA activities and to benefit from all support services. Associate members must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the goals and purposes of the association.

Membership dues will be assessed per family at the beginning of each school year and will be determined each year by the Executive Board with the approval of the membership at the annual May business meeting. Those who are unable to pay in full at the beginning of each year can make special payment arrangements.

Any member who ceases to abide by the Constitution, or in some way brings disrepute on the association, shall be Biblically confronted by the Executive Board members for restoration; if unrepentant, the person will be excluded from membership (Matt. 18:15-20; 1Cor .5:1-5; II John 9-11).

ARTICLE V - RELATIONSHIP OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION TO SMALL LOCAL GROUPS

As home schooling becomes increasingly popular and the membership of SACHSA grows, it may become advantageous to establish smaller support groups within the larger association for the purpose of close fellowship. If that situation arises, the general association shall provide the nucleus of contact for the smaller support groups.

The smaller groups have freedom as to how they conduct their meetings and the time and date of their meetings. They have virtual autonomy from the larger association, but must abide by the Constitution of SACHSA.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENT

This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the members present and voting at a general meeting of the organization provided written notice of such meeting, together with a copy of the proposed amendment, is mailed to all members at least one week in advance of the meeting.