

T.E.A.C.H. Institute for Quality Christian Education
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What is

T.E.A.C.H. ?



Teaching
Effective
Academics &
Character at
Home!

T.E.A.C.H. Institute

The T.E.A.C.H. Organization consists of two programs: the T.E.A.C.H. Accrediting Association and the T.E.A.C.H. Institute.

The T.E.A.C.H. Institute is a federation of accredited home schools that have been accredited by the TEACH Accrediting Association. The T.E.A.C.H. Institute is an independent private school dedicated to assist families who have a conviction from God to train their children at home. Our service sends out student records, and transcripts to interested colleges, universities, the military and employers. We also award high school diplomas to students who have met the criteria for graduation in their state. We provide encouragement and accountability for parents, who receive motivation, and guidance from trained home school consultants. It also provides fellowship with families that have convictions to maintain high character and academic standards for their children.

Accountability is designed to motivate parents to make progress in reaching their academic and character goals for their children. Knowing that a consultant will be verifying the student's academic work provides motivation for them to put forth their best effort. It also gives them confidence that they are receiving an excellent education.

T.E.A.C.H. believes that God has given parents the authority to decide how their children are to be educated and the responsibility to see that this education is according to God's unique design for each child. TEACH consultants serve parents so they can effectively fulfill that responsibility.

Program Options

Accreditation

SERVICES:

1. Accreditation Status:

All member families may apply to receive accreditation. Accredited families receive all membership services, plus the following...

2. Verification and Encouragement:

Children's progress is verified using the TEACH Academic and Character Progress forms. TEACH consultants review these forms, give recommendations, encouragement and motivation. Consultants are hired by each family independently.

3. Academic Records: As in any private school, each TEACH student has an academic file that verifies the student's academic progress. These records are reliable, transferrable and accepted as valid by public and private institutions within the educational establishment.

4. Liaison: TEACH also interacts with your district superintendent assuring them that quality education is taking place, so you can spend your time training your children with out distraction.

5. Training: The TEACH Orientation is designed to train parents to succeed in educating their children for God and to encourage fathers to fulfill their important role and responsibility in overseeing the training of their children.

6. High School Student Fee: (\$50 student)

Includes:

A. Transcripts: Official high school transcripts are sent out from the TEACH office and are accepted as valid, without question, from colleges, scholarship organizations and the military

B. PSAT Test (10th, 11th gr) administration

C. PLAN Test (10th gr) administration

D. Discipleship Support Group for teenagers

E. PSEO guidance

F. Post high school counseling. References

G. Graduation Ceremony and planning

H. Official Accredited Diploma and cover:

Graduates receive an accredited diploma verifying that state graduation requirements have been met. A hard cover is provided to protect the diploma.

T.E.A.C.H. Membership

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP:

All families in TEACH apply for membership. They first, fill out an application, sign the TEACH statement of faith, and then have an interview.

SERVICES PROVIDED WITH MEMBERSHIP:

1. T.E.A.C.H. Orientation & Fall Festival
2. TEACH Newsletters and Handbook
3. Opportunity to enroll in TEACH online courses "How to Study the Bible" and "Ancient History"
4. School Photo Day with photo in yearbook
5. Administration of SAT Test (at discounted fee)
6. Spring Character Awards Night
7. Presidential Academic Fitness Awards
8. Winter Retreat at Storybook Lodge
10. Access to on-line support group discussions
11. TEACH Co-op Benefits

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You may also download an application at the T.E.A.C.H. website: www.teachinstitute.org

The State of Minnesota enacted legislation in 1987 that recognizes the parent's responsibility in determining how their children will receive an education. TEACH has helped thousands of families achieve their academic goals since its beginning in 1983. The T.E.A.C.H. Institute is a K-12 school for homeschoolers and has its headquarters in Stillwater, Minnesota.

Our mission is to verify that all children enrolled in TEACH are provided with a quality, innovative and customized education. We desire is to strengthen the family unit and to see harmonious relationships develop, thereby bringing glory to God.

Services to families are provided by T.E.A.C.H. consultants, who have been trained in home tutoring methods. Consultants conduct monthly or quarterly evaluations for accreditation, and contract independently with each family for their particular services.

In addition to supervision and record-keeping services, T.E.A.C.H. also makes available socializing opportunities for children and families with other like-minded families.

Parents desiring to be part of the T.E.A.C.H. Institute, or who desire to receive more information should visit our website <www.teachinstitute.org>, where they can read articles on TEACH and download an application.



"Why Are You Enrolled in TEACH?"

"TEACH continues to challenge us to the standard of excellence by regular accountability and rich feeding. The newsletters are valuable and pertinent. Graduation was a blessing to our family and graduating senior. We are thankful for this fine accrediting group. TEACH is a hidden blessing. I'd like it to be made more visible and marketed. Many more people need what you have to offer but they don't know it exists." -CM, St. Paul

"The most important reason we stay with TEACH is for the spiritual inspiration and the academic accountability. I think I would have quit home schooling a long time ago if TEACH hadn't provided reasons why home education is so important in today's society."

"We entered TEACH not even knowing what character qualities were, just that we knew God wanted us to work on them. The TEACH character forms that we fill out monthly have been a blessing! I also appreciate TEACH's standards regarding dress, moral and spiritual growth! Keep up the good work!"

"TEACH has helped our students accomplish more than they thought possible. It motivates them to be more self-disciplined." MK , Grove City

"When we feel frustrated or inadequate, TEACH has been beneficial to remind us of our original purpose of educating our children for God."

"We have a tendency to be laid back so TEACH has given us the motivation we need to do a good job. Our older (graduated) children have all thanked us for being a part of TEACH. They know it made a "good" difference in their lives.: WG, Blaine

"Thank you for establishing a good reputation. As soon as our superintendents see that we are with TEACH (we've lived in 3 different districts) they have no further questions. You have freed us up to concentrate on what we need to teach our children so we don't have to convince the local superintendent, nor our family, friends and relatives that we are doing a good job."



ACCREDITING ASSOCIATION

T.E.A.C.H. Accrediting Association

Since 1987 the T.E.A.C.H. Accrediting Association (TAA) has issued over 3,500 certificates of accreditation to home educating families.

Accreditation means that the homeschool is accountable to someone outside their family, who will stand alongside them and verify that they are maintaining their academic standards and are progressing towards their academic and character goals.

Accreditation is a voluntary, non-governmental process that gives public recognition to home schools that meet published standards of academic quality. It reflects the sturdy American trait of cooperative rather than coercive action in seeking to improve educational services.

The purpose of accreditation is to assure the public, parents, students, and the educational community that the homeschool does have dedication to high standards and the preconditions necessary for offering a quality educational program. This accountability weaves consistency and commitment to quality into the individual school, without succumbing to bureaucratic centralization. The TEACH criteria for accreditation allows for unique differences within educational programs.

Accreditation does not assume that something woefully defective exists, nor does it affirm that the school is perfect in all aspects, but it does certify that the home school has the resources, leadership, and vitality needed for ongoing improvement. We believe that having home schools undertake periodic evaluations is a stimulus for improvement.

Advantages of Accreditation With T.E.A.C.H.

A GODLY WITNESS

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

❑ **Credibility:** Accreditation gives credibility to your home education program, by having a certified teacher, who has been trained in home tutoring methods, assist you to articulate and attain the God-given goals you have for your children. The academic records that are kept for your children are deemed reliable and our transcripts are accepted by colleges, scholarship organizations, and the military for the verification of high school credits. A TEACH accredited diploma is well-received by all of the secular and religious institutions and opens doors of opportunity.

❑ **Verification:** Accreditation verifies to the educational community, neighbors, and your extended family, that you are doing what you say you are doing. Having someone stand alongside you and assure others that quality education is taking place in your home removes the suspicion of what is going on behind closed doors. This is the missing ingredient in the Home Education movement today.

❑ **Confidence:** When you are accredited with TEACH, you can be confident that you are giving your children a quality education, no matter what method of education you use. TEACH has very good relationships with district superintendents around the state and the nation. TEACH is also affiliated with the College Board and has a high school code to reference when taking the ACT and SAT college entrance exams.

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❑ **Motivation:** Our noblest goals, dreams and aspirations often go unrealized because of our human nature and the busyness and pressures of life. Accountability motivates parents, to do those things that they said they would do. It also motivates children to work towards a deadline and finish projects and reports for the consultant to see.

❑ **Assurance:** Accreditation gives a consistency to your home education program that assures you are progressing towards meeting your goals. With the feedback from a consultant, the students also have confidence that they are receiving an excellent education.

❑ **Encouragement:** It is always encouraging when someone who has already been down a path before you comes alongside and gives feedback as to your progress. Acknowledging strengths, identifying limitations and giving recommendations for improvement is a formula for ongoing growth and success.

More detailed information on our Accreditation Program is available on the Application for Accreditation. To receive an application contact us at:

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Guidelines

The following specific guidelines have been designed for those seeking accreditation by the T.E.A.C.H. Accrediting Association (TAA).

A. Parents must request an application for enrollment from the T.E.A.C.H. Institute and follow the procedures required to become a member.

B. Parents shall complete and send in the TEACH Accreditation application form.

C. After an interview, parents choose a consultant and have an initial evaluation with their consultant to determine their curriculum and goals for the year.

D. When accreditation has been approved, parents will receive a Certificate of Accreditation which they may submit to the local superintendent of schools.

E. To remain in good standing with TAA, parents will have periodic self-evaluations with their consultant to determine the home school's strengths and limitations, and then agree on recommendations for improvement.

F. Families who live outside of the Minnesota area and desire accreditation, may conduct their meetings online, via the internet.



Testimonials:

“Why Are You Enrolled in TEACH?”

“TEACH has helped our students accomplish more than they thought possible. It motivates them to be more self-disciplined.”

“TEACH has been the way God has enabled us to continue to home educate our children. As a single parent with no real extended family support, emotionally or spiritually, we have needed all that you and our consultant have provided. Only the Lord knows where we would be if we didn’t have your assistance, guidance, example and encouragement.”

“Our needs have changed over the years and TEACH is flexible enough to be able to accommodate families and their needs and desires. Our consultant’s positive attitude as well as her love of our children blessed us. TEACH has been a great institution to help us guide our children to adulthood. We thank you!”

“After 6 years of home schooling, it would be easy for us to slack off and not try to pursue excellence. TEACH has influenced our lives for good by keeping us accountable to strive for excellence in academics and character development.”

“TEACH has given me exactly what I was looking for, someone to look over my shoulder and make sure I am covering my son’s needs. Your scheduling book is a wonderful tool. Because of the initial Orientation and Father’s Meeting, my husband blesses my son and I each morning and it sets the day off on such an encouraging note!”

“Thank you for including our 5 yr. old in the Awards Night. He was so delighted to earn his award for “Being Under Authority” that he still talks about it. He said he felt like Dorothy when the wizard looked in his “little black bag” for something for her only to be so nicely surprised.”

“Thank you for the Presidential Awards certificates and the organizing of all the field trips and special events, especially the ski trips and the retreat to Storybook Lodge.. Thank you for the high standards TEACH promotes for Christ’s honor and glory.”

"The TEACH Orientation is a great start to the new year. It always inspires and energizes us to start strong. Accountability keeps me on track throughout the year to meet our goals. It's so easy to get lazy and/or to just let the kids "sneak by". With its emphasis on character, this program applies to all grades, not just high school as I first thought. If I had to do it all over, I would have enrolled my children in elementary school to develop their character and good academic habits"

"Being a part of an accrediting association helps critics of home education put their criticisms to rest. Being in TEACH, we feel protected. When I have questions or concerns there is always someone to turn to for help. Finally, it is good for my husband and daughter to fill out the character development form together and for her to be accountable to someone in addition to her parents."

TEACH gave me the security of knowing that my daughter would have all she needed to achieve her dream of going to college. Our consultant became family and connected with our daughter as a trusting and caring friend. Someone is always available whenever I need to talk."

"It is difficult to put into words how much TEACH has done to encourage us on this homeschooling journey. Your mission of directing families to "seek first the Kingdom of God" is so important."

"We appreciate the guidance and wise counsel we receive for our specific circumstances. We appreciate the service TEACH provides with high school transcripts and interfacing with colleges for us when we apply. We appreciate the reputation TEACH has with our school district. No questions asked."

"We so enjoy the newsletters, daily devotions and the year-book!"

"TEACH has been used mightily by God to bring us hope to continue. Our consultant was like a fresh breeze of encouragement and inspiration to strive for God's best in our family. TEACH brings us the backbone we were lacking."

"TEACH has enabled us, as parents, to have peace, direction and purpose in our family and school life. TEACH has provided our academic records with a reputation that we could not have had otherwise. Just the word "TEACH" brings a sense of respect from academic critics."

"We recognize that we, as parents, have blind spots that other (godly) eyes may see and help us to address in the rearing and educating of our children"

"TEACH provides an outside authority influence for our children. It incorporated Dad into the picture and it provided much needed structure and accountability to our home school"

"Our lives have been so enriched and blessed through TEACH; its leadership, and through the families who are part of TEACH. We are so grateful for the Christ-centeredness and Biblical principles that are foundational to TEACH. We really appreciate the high standards in education and character and the outstanding reputation of TEACH within the education system. The accountability, guidance and inspiration that TEACH provides in so many realms, have been a steady source of encouragement and motivation - an invaluable aid to our family. Praise God!"

"We have not felt alone with our chosen course of instruction. The regular accountability has been a gain for us to oversee and be overseen with regular assessment."

"TEACH has been very helpful in keeping us on track for high school and creating transcripts. Our consultant is encouraging and motivating for our kids. TEACH has also provided an excellent graduation experience including the 9 months of their senior year as they get to know the other graduates. The baccalaureate service and the graduation ceremony were both great testimonies to the work of God in our kid's lives and they both truly gave glory to our Savior."

"Ever since joining TEACH, I have become more concerned with character training. Before, I knew about it but never did anything about it. I have so enjoyed the advice and accountability of my consultant. She has become a part of our family as she has helped us through many storms in life. Thank you!"