



# T.E.A.C.H. Institute & Accrediting Association

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**Purpose:** The T.E.A.C.H. Institute is an association of independent accredited home schools. We give encouragement and guidance to parents who want to be under legal authority and protection. Our service is to provide academic credibility to the education community and verify that these home educators are giving their children quality education.

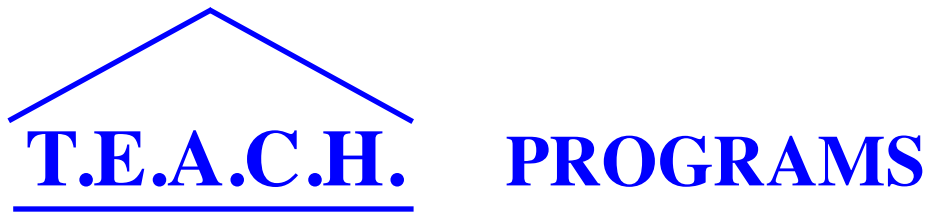
**Philosophy:** T.E.A.C.H. believes that God has given parents the authority to decide how their children are to be educated and the responsibility to see that this education is according to His unique design for each child. We recognize that parent's have the responsibility to determine how their children will receive this education. Parents also have a responsibility to assure society that their children are receiving an adequate education while they are being tutored at home. The T.E.A.C.H. Accrediting Association was developed to provide a structure to verify to the community and educational authorities that these children are being educated with excellence.

**Policies:** In order that the family may achieve the greatest benefit from this program, the following specific guidelines have been designed for those accepted into T.E.A.C.H.

- A. Parents agree with the T.E.A.C.H. statement of faith. We are open to discuss any differences.
- B. Parents will cooperate with their home school consultant and maintain their accreditation status.
- C. Because of the emphasis on character development within T.E.A.C.H., we encourage both parents to attend the Institute in Basic Life Principles seminar. This seminar focuses on practical ways to train children in Godly character and teaches how to resolve family conflicts and maintain family harmony.
- D. Parents will agree to provide their children with supervised instruction for a minimum of 175 days per year.
- E. We encourage parents to be active Christians who manifest a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by having a Christian witness within their community.

**Admission Guidelines:**

- A. Applicants shall complete the family application form and return it to T.E.A.C.H. with the application fee. (Tuition payments may be arranged after admission into T.E.A.C.H.)
- B. Once the application has been received we will set up an interview.
- C. Upon completion of an application file (application, application fee, and an interview) the family will be officially admitted into TEACH and the accreditation process can begin.



# T.E.A.C.H. PROGRAMS

## MEMBERSHIP / TUITION / ACCREDITATION

### Prerequisite for Membership Services:

- A. All families in TEACH apply for membership
- B. Submit this application form and schedule an interview

**Membership Services:** \$320/ family per year (\$32/ family per month) includes yearbook

1. T.E.A.C.H. Orientation & Family Fall Festival (or)  
Online teaching for fathers
2. Administration of Academic Achievement Test (S.A.T.) and OLSAT ability test (\$35 fee/student)
3. TEACH Newsletters (email)
4. TEACH Yearbook (please submit student photos)
5. TEACH ID (photos taken at SAT testing site)
6. Winter Retreat at Storybook Lodge
7. Spring Character Recognition Ceremony
8. Presidential Academic Fitness Awards for qualifying students.
9. Access to "member's only" section of T.E.A.C.H. website and directory
10. Access to on-line support group discussions

### TEACH Institute and Accreditation Services:

1. Monthly consultations with a TEACH certified Home Education Consultant.  
These meetings are designed to verify academic progress, advise and encourage parents, and motivate students to perform at their highest level. Recommendations for academic improvement, personal character growth, and maintaining family relationships is given at these meetings. We are here to serve you so that you can achieve your goals. **Note:** Families hire their consultant from the TEACH pool of trained consultants.
2. Maintenance of student academic files, which will be forwarded if the student transfers to another school.
3. T.E.A.C.H. will verify your accreditation with a letter you may give to your district superintendent.
4. Administration of the Stanford Academic Achievement Test. Testing is required for all students, 1st - 11th grade. TEACH administers this test in a group setting in the Spring (Test fee: \$35/student)  
The SAT, ACT, PSAT tests may be substituted for high schoolers.

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FEE

**High School Fees:** \$50/student/ year - \$100 maximum/ family/ year (\$5/ student/ month)

Services include:

- A. T.E.A.C.H. will maintain and send, upon request, official high school transcripts (free of charge) to colleges, the military, employers, and scholarship organizations.
- B. Support Group for graduating high school students (including on-line web meetings)
- C. PSAT test administration (11th gr: Qualify for National Merit Scholarship, 10th gr: as practice test)  
(Test: \$25/student) Administered on Wed. Oct 16th
- D. PSEO guidance and planning starting in 10th grade for 11th and 12th grade enrollment
- F. Counseling for post high school preparation
- G. Letters of recommendation written for college and scholarship applications, employment and military.
- H. Verification of enrollment and GPA for insurance discounts.
- I. Planning and participation in the TEACH Institute high school graduation and baccalaureate ceremonies
- J. Accredited high school diploma upon meeting graduation standards

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**APPLICATION FEE:** \$75/ NEW family (one time fee)

**OPTIONAL FEES:**

**MEMBERSHIP / TUITION/ ACCREDITATION:**

\$320/ year (includes yearbook)

(Payment plan available)

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FEE:**

\$50/ student/year, (\$5/month) (\$100 max/ family)

**ACHIEVEMENT TESTING FEE:** \$35/ student

The Stanford Achievement Testing is required for all students enrolled in TEACH unless alternative testing arrangements are made.

**PSAT Testing:** \$25 (Oct 16th only)

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) for...

11th gr - Qualifies for National Merit Scholarship

10th gr - used as a practice test for the SAT

**PAYMENT PLANS:**

Families may choose to set up a monthly draft from their bank to pay their tuition in installments. Please contact the office.

\*\* **CONSULTANT SERVICES:** TEACH consultants are independent contractors and are hired independently by each family enrolled in TEACH and are paid directly for their services.

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## Prerequisites for Admission into TEACH :

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### **Fathers Commitment:**

1. Fathers in TEACH agree to take responsibility for the training of their children and overseeing their academic and character progress.
2. Fathers enrolled in TEACH agree to fulfill their responsibilities by viewing periodic on-line teachings or attending a TEACH annual meeting
3. Fathers enrolled in TEACH will purpose to lead his family in devotions.
4. Fathers will purpose to pray daily with his wife and family.
5. Fathers will purpose to maintain a clear conscience with his wife and children.

"I agree to abide by the above five commitments" Signed \_\_\_\_\_

### **Students Desiring to Graduate from TEACH:**

Students planning to graduate from TEACH must have a TEACH consultant for a minimum of two years. Previous home schooled students will have to have high school records verified by two consultants, who will charge their hourly rate.

### **When Services Begin:**

Consultant services will begin when initial payment has been made. Payment plans are available on monthly auto pay basis. If tuition can be paid up front, it would be greatly appreciated.

### **Termination Policy:**

In the case a tuition payment becomes 30 days overdue, please contact the office to make new arrangements. If no arrangements are made, consulting services will have to be suspended.

### **Character Consulting:**

Families, whose children are not being home schooled, may contract with TEACH consultants for character consultations with students and/ or their family.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God, inerrant in the original manuscripts. We believe the inerrancy of scripture embraces not only religious truth, but also the Bible's scientific, historical, and literary features.
2. We believe there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe creation is an act of God, and not the result of evolution, theistic or otherwise. (This has no reference to changes within the species as defined in Genesis 1.)
4. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return to power and glory.
5. We believe that for the salvation of lost sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
6. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling, the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life.
7. 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.
8. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

## AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARENTS AND THE T.E.A.C.H. INSTITUTE

Application Fee ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ One-time fee: \$75/ family

Membership, Tuition, Accreditation, and yearbook ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$320/ family/yr (\$32/month)

High School Student Fee (\$100 max/family) ... (# of HS students \_\_\_ x \$50) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50/ student/yr (\$5/month/student)

Achievement Testing (number of children tested: \_\_\_) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$35/test (\$3.50/month)

PSAT Test (Circle 11th gr or 10th gr) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$20/test (add \$2.month)

Total Annual Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(TEACH consultants are independent contractors and are hired independently by each family)

Those unable to pay their tuition in full at the beginning of the year may choose an automatic monthly draft from their checking account. Please divide your annual fees by 10 months and include a check for this amount with this application. Thanks!

(Please contact the office if you'd prefer to set up a different plan.) Total Monthly Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*"We agree with the above Statement of Faith, will adhere to the policies and parental responsibilities stated in this application, and we agree to the services that T.E.A.C.H. will provide for us."*

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

T.E.A.C.H. signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Home education doesn't require spiritual maturity - it builds it. Home Education does however, require a high level of commitment and conviction on the part of both the parents and children. We believe a lack of growth in the following areas will undermine your efforts to educate your children at home. To clarify the direction that will help achieve your desired goals, we are asking you to review the following statements and circle the appropriate numbers on the following scale:

1                      2                      3                      4                      5  
Not At All                      Somewhat                      Wholeheartedly

1. The Bible states it is the father's responsibility to train up the children in the way they should go. To what extent does the father have the conviction to home educate and oversee the spiritual and academic growth of his children ?

1    2    3    4    5

2. To what extent is the father determined to lead the family in a daily devotional time, Scripture memorization and meditation?

1    2    3    4    5

3. Have you had previous home education experience?                      Yes    No  
    If yes, how many years?

4. Are any of your children opposed to your plans to home educate?    Yes    No

5. To what extent are your children under your authority?                      1    2    3    4    5  
    Comment:

6. To what extent will you keep your home free from alcohol, tobacco, and sensual reading material?

1    2    3    4    5

7. If you have a television in your home, to what extent are you willing to regulate the content and amount of time spent watching for you and your children?

1    2    3    4    5

8. To what extent do you participate in a local church?                      1    2    3    4    5

9. To what extent are the grandparents supportive of your intention to home educate your children?

1    2    3    4    5

10. Have you ever attended the Institute in Basic Life Principles Seminar?    Yes    No    When? \_\_\_\_\_  
    Would you like information on attending?    Yes    No

11. Fathers in the TEACH Institute seeking accreditation are asked to participate in a training session put on by TEACH  
    Will you make a commitment to attend or view on-line this meeting?    Yes    No

Additional comments or explanations:

In order that we may share common values and standards, and have a unified effort in moving in the direction God is taking our families, will you sign the following statement?

*"I am willing to grow in the above areas, and will make the necessary sacrifices to build healthy family relationships and impart Godly values to my children."*

Signature of the Head of the Household \_\_\_\_\_.

On a separate sheet of paper:

Briefly state your reasons for wanting to educate your child at home this year. (Include information that brought you to this decision.)

# APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO THE T.E.A.C.H. INSTITUTE

Parent's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Is mother employed outside of home? \_\_\_\_ If the answer is yes, please attach a work schedule and an explanation concerning its compatibility to tentative home school plans.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Entering Grade \_\_\_\_

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(List additional students on a separate piece of paper. Thank you.)

1. If your family has a home business you'd like listed in the TEACH directory, please describe:

2. Please list names, ages, and birthdates of other children in your family for our directory.

3. Have you become a Christian by trusting the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation?

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Teenage children you are applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Students 13 years or older must promise to dress modestly and abide by the TEACH Handbook during TEACH functions and refrain from partaking in alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs at any time.

Does the student agree with the above statement? Yes No

5. Please have student write a statement concerning their intent to adhere to the above guidelines.

This statement will be kept in their file. Violation of this will result in suspension from all TEACH activities.

6. Family Church \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Address & Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

7. Previous School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

8. Superintendent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ School District # \_\_\_\_\_

Address & Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please describe any learning disabilities your child may have?

10. Describe any specific items (scholastic, behavioral, etc.) of which the T.E.A.C.H. Consultant should be aware.

  
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