

Raleigh Educational Association of Christian Homeschoolers (REACH)

Core Functions Expounded

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Present the homeschool group to the community in a way that positively reflects Christ (How do we accomplish this?)

- The Steering Committee is the governing body of REACH. Their purpose is to serve the group in humility, maintain Christian integrity, and seek what is most glorifying to God and what is best for REACH. The Steering Committee will maintain final authority for all decisions affecting REACH in accordance with the purpose statement (Article 1.2) and statement of faith (Article 2) and such matters as are required to protect the integrity of the group.
- All REACH members submit a signed agreement of adherence to the Conduct / Participation Policies and all other policies found in REACH guidelines, considerations, and explanations. Members also submit a signed acknowledgment of the REACH Purpose Statement and Statement of Faith. An individual does not have to be in agreement with the Purpose Statement or Statement of Faith but respecting the Statement of Faith is a condition of membership. This is the basis on which activities are provided, and the member agrees not to do anything that would undermine these statements.

Represent the group locally to the school board (How do we accomplish this?)

- The REACH Steering Committee and/or Legislative Liaison will communicate with the local boards of education, as needed, to communicate for clarifications and concerns concerning local homeschool requirements, goals, and information in general.
- The REACH Steering Committee and/or Legislative Liaison will communicate with local boards of education, as needed, to gather and relay information pertinent to satisfying the state homeschool law. This could include, but not be limited to, information surrounding the implementation of SSAC Access, filing Notices of Intent, options for assessing annually, and methods of appropriately submitting assessments.

Represent REACH at a state level on legislative issues (How do we accomplish this?)

- Establish a Legislative Liaison who will:
 - Intentionally survey REACH members to establish the needs and/or areas of concern of local homeschoolers
 - Communicate established information directly to legislators
 - Communicate with REACH concerning pertinent matters pertaining to homeschooling in West Virginia
 - Seek opportunities to meet with legislators to promote homeschooling
 - Seek to provide opportunities for REACH members to meet with legislators to discuss the local homeschooling community

- Work with the REACH Steering Committee to establish and foster a healthy partnership with state and local boards to gain access to opportunities currently not offered to homeschoolers.

Provide supplements to homeschooling for students and their families.

(How do we accomplish this?)

- Co-op Classes
- Swim & Gym
- Field trips
- Curricula fair (every few years)
- Pool days
- Roller skating/bowling
- Seminars/conferences/guest speakers
- Alpine activities
- Fairs and events (such as science, social studies, and geography fairs, history alive type events)
- Competitions (such as spelling bees, Battle of the Books, The Fine Arts Festival, Golden Horseshoe (WV))
- REACH junior (variety of activities targeted for pre-K-5th grades)
- REACH middle (variety of activities targeted for 6th-8th grades)
- REACH high (variety of activities targeted for 9th-12th grades)
- Family activities (such as picnic day, field day, the beginning of the year kick-off event, end of the year celebrations)

Provide encouragement to Moms and Families (How do we accomplish this?)

- Moms Night Out - based on interest, needs, and desires at that time
- Facebook and Spaces
- Sharing community opportunity events on Facebook and Spaces

Promote CHEWV concerning enrichment activities and annual testing (How do we accomplish this?)

- Promote CHEWV within the group by encouraging yearly CHEWV membership
- Promote CHEWV events and seminars (such as Homeschooling 101, Homeschooling through High School, Homeschool Day at the Capitol, and the Fine Arts Festival)
- Provide a local testing center and a local coordinator for annual assessment testing through CHEWV

Provide a means to share/plan activities that are not a part of REACH core (How do we accomplish this?)

- Sharing community opportunity events on Facebook and in the newsletter when possible

Provide a means to communicate with other like-minded families (How do we accomplish this?)

- Facebook
- Email

- Membership registration packets (emailed at the time of registration)

Educate the Community about homeschooling (How do we accomplish this?)

- Informational meetings (such as: getting started with homeschooling and homeschooling during the high school years)
- Promotional (such as social media presence highlighting activities and homeschooler accomplishments, business cards, logo apparel)
- Other homeschooling literature