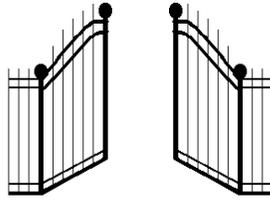


Gateway Christian Schools

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To All Home Educators:

Welcome from the Gateway family. Our church has the conviction from the Bible (especially Deuteronomy 6) that education is the responsibility of the home. Christian parents may want the church to help them in this responsibility. For this reason, we have a Christian school with several programs. In the Total Home-Education Program, parents accept full responsibility for the education of their children. In the Extension Program, students come to one of our centers, pick up self-instructional materials, study these under parental supervision, and then come for tutorial help and to take weekly tests. In the regular campus school, students come to class every day.

The State of Tennessee has a church-related school law recognizing those whose religion is opposed to secular humanism. Our desire at Gateway is to help Christian parents exercise their educational rights. However, our program is never intended to provide this service for a home that is not a Christian home sharing our Biblical conviction that education is a home responsibility. Parents are not asked to be Baptists as we are, but we do require that all enrolled home-educating families be Christians, recognizing the absolute deity of JESUS CHRIST and accepting His lordship over every area of their lives including the education of their children. It should go without saying that Jesus' lordship requires high moral standards. Home-educating parents are considered to be teachers of our Christian school. Therefore, we reserve the right to dismiss or to refuse to register parents (or students) who do not maintain appropriate morals.

Moreover, home educators must realize their children's need for social interaction in a vital church life. It is the conviction of our administration that for home-educational success, there must be an active church life. We, therefore, do not give approval for those who are not active in church. We cannot carry families on roll who are not in agreement with our convictions.

The success of home educators depends on cooperation with each other. Real victory depends on maintaining integrity within the home-school movement. My definition of a true home educator is: one who—even if the public schools were perfect academically and even if the best Christian schools were free—would still be a home educator because of conviction from the Bible, a calling from God, and a commitment to the children God has given. Our desire at Gateway is to help all who have that conviction, or are moving toward it.

Gateway Christian Schools is a member in good standing of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). We consider home-educated students to be equal in status to those who attend classes at 4070 Macon Road in Memphis, Tennessee.

Our program of home education is designed as a ministry to Christian parents or guardians providing them the opportunity to train up their children in the knowledge of God and His ways in every area of life, including academics. This program is not intended to include private education by anyone other than parents or guardians. Christian parents who want to rear Christian children can take advantage of our present Tennessee law, and people from all Christian denominations are doing so. If that is your motive, we will help. Please pray for us as we continue to do so.

Yours in Christ,
Dr. Leo Crofford