

# Westgate Christian Home Education Association

PHILOSOPHY and PURPOSE: The Westgate Christian Home Education Association (WCHEA) has been established for members and friends of Westgate Baptist Ministries who are seeking assistance in home educating their children in accordance with biblical standards and credible academics. We believe that the Scriptures hold parents accountable for the instruction their children receive and that a Christ-centered world view should be presented throughout the curriculum. In an effort to provide such a platform for those parents, we wish to provide the following services:

- Membership in a State of South Carolina recognized home school association, providing a legal platform for our parents.
- Records maintenance and official reporting as required by S.C. Code Section 59-65-47.
- A WCHEA diploma and participation in graduation ceremonies in conjunction with Westgate Christian School graduates.
- Access to the following included with annual membership dues:
  - Social and spiritual opportunities such as weekly chapels (all ages), annual school camp (secondary grades), and field trips.
  - WCS library.
  - Elementary intramural sports in conjunction with WCS.
  - Auditorium use for special programs such as recitals and graduation (subject to availability).
- Access to the following on an additional fee basis:
  - **IF INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM OPTIONS, CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AFTER JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> FOR THE COST OF THE SERVICE AND/OR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT A SPECIFIC PROGRAM.**
    - Student enrollment in the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools (SCACS) which allows participation in fine arts competition and interscholastic sports. (An explanation of specifics pertaining to this, and the corresponding fees will be addressed in the WCHEA Handbook.)
    - WCS art program pending space availability.
    - WCS music program (band, choir) pending course offering.
    - WCS activities period which may include archery, weight lifting, and others when offered.
    - WCS secondary sports [boys: soccer, basketball, golf; girls: soccer, basketball, volleyball] contingent upon selection to the team and meeting course requirements.
    - National Standardized Achievement Testing (K-5 through 12<sup>th</sup>) and PSAT (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
    - Individual piano instruction.
    - Planned educationally-appropriate field trips.
    - Junior high level classes for college preparatory instruction prior to high school.
    - High school level classes for Carnegie units to meet graduation requirements.
  - Participation in Individual pictures in the Fall and Spring
- **Cost to Register with Westgate Christian Home Education Association is**
  - **\$50 per family per year**