

## **What makes WCHEA different from other Accountability Associations?**

- **Your freedom** in choosing methods and curricula is respected by WCHEA. We will assist you with finding information you need to make curriculum decisions (at no cost), but we will never tell you that you can't use a particular course of study.
- **The school calendar is determined by you**, the parent-teacher. As long as your academic year is at least 180 days, you may home educate year round or follow the Westgate Christian School Calendar (our school year). Just be sure your membership with WCHEA is active before you begin your new school year.
- **You have flexibility** in assessing your student's progress. Standardized testing is not required in South Carolina for home educated students. Therefore, you are free to choose whatever means you desire to assess your student's progress. If you want your child to take the Stanford 10/OLSAT 8 tests, you need to inform our office by October 1<sup>st</sup> and put the Westgate Christian School testing dates on your calendar.
- **WCHEA provides the annual documentation** verifying your accountability to the State Department of Education without disclosure of names or personal information. But we also will gladly provide your local school district with a letter of verification upon your request to assure truancy officers and guidance officers that your membership is active and in good standing.

### **For Students Grades K – 8**

- **You maintain ALL** of your student's academic records in the privacy of your home at all times. All records: attendance, progress reports, standardized test scores, etc., are kept by you. The End of Year Checklist Affidavit that you sign and mail back to us in July will verify that these documents have been created and are in your home records. WCHEA would only need to see them if we were asked to verify your compliance with the SC home education law requirements on your behalf.

### **For Students Grades 9 – 12**

- **Diplomas:** Will be provided for those meeting all requirements along with graduation regalia to be paid for by a separate graduation fee.
- **WCHEA Member Handbook** will be available on the school website.
- **WCHEA will provide** laminated annual ID cards for parent-teacher and all K5 and older students..