

Palmetto Homeschool Association, Inc.
2014-2015 Parent-Teacher Statement of Commitment

For our students to be members of **Palmetto Homeschool Association, Inc., (PHA)** we understand and agree that we are the persons ultimately responsible for their education and the maintenance of their required records. In keeping with this, we agree to do the following for the full duration of their annual membership with the Association:

- I. Adhere to the following requirements of Section 59-65-47 of the 1976 SC Code of Law:
 - A. The parent-teacher must hold at least a high school diploma or GED.
 - B. The instructional year must be at least 180 days.
 - C. Curriculum must include, but is not limited to, the basic instructional areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies; and in grades seven through twelve, composition and literature.
 - D. Educational records shall be maintained by the parent-teacher (*not PHA*) and include:
 - 1. A plan book, diary, or other record indicating subjects taught and activities in which the student and parent-teacher engage;
 - 2. A portfolio of samples of the students academic work; and
 - 3. A semi-annual progress report including attendance records and individualized documentation of the student's academic progress in each of the basic instructional areas specified in (C) above.
- II. Agree to uphold the required standards of **Palmetto Homeschool Association, Inc.**, exercising diligence in all school business and instruction.
- III. Keep a copy of the parent-teacher's diploma, GED, or higher education degree in personal files.
- IV. Agree to notify **PHA's** office immediately in writing should there be **any change** in our homeschool situation or any change to information submitted on the membership application.
- V. Will submit a signed **Mid-Year Checklist** by 1/15/2015 and a **Parent-Teacher Completion Statement** by 6/15/2015 for grades K-11, and by 5/15/2015 for senior members. High school students will also submit a **Final Grade Report** by May 15 for seniors, and for grades 9-11 by May 25.
- VI. Agree to notify PHA's office of all school district, SC Department of Education, SC Department of Social Services or Law Enforcement Agency contacts regarding our homeschool within 24 hours of such inquiries.
- VII. Understand that should any question regarding our homeschool arise from state or local authorities or from PHA, a more complete review of student records may be necessary in order for PHA to verify our compliance with Statute 59-65-47. Agree to submit any or all of educational records required by above statute for review by PHA, within 48 hours of request.

By signing below, we verify our understanding that failure to fulfill any one of the above association or statutory responsibilities may result in probationary status or dismissal from Palmetto Homeschool Association, Inc. due to non-compliance. We also verify that we have read the information concerning PHA's transcript program, below:

- VIII. According to SC state regulations, senior class rank for state college scholarship consideration must be obtained from the homeschool association to which the homeschooler belongs. In order for PHA to provide a class rank in time to meet application deadlines for these scholarships and for early college enrollment for seniors, students should enroll in PHA's *optional* transcript program by their **junior** year of high school. Also, if high school students will need a transcript or grade verification from PHA for **any** reason, they must be enrolled in PHA's *optional* transcript program for 9-12 grade students prior to the September 30th deadline. Do not submit a transcript application until your current membership application has been approved. Transcript applications forms are in the Membership Handbook.

Father's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mother's Signature: _____ Date: _____

[] I am the only biological parent living in the home. I certify by signing here that there is no court order mandating educational decisions be made jointly by myself and the other biological parent:

Custodial parent signature

Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

(accepted in lieu of biological parent signature)

(Palmetto Homeschool Association reserves the right to refuse any membership application.)