

Compliance Agreement

About our Attendance Law:

We are admonished in Scripture, both by example and by command, to obey the laws of our country. (*Romans 13*)

Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore, he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For it is a minister to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil. Wherefore, it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. (Romans 13: 1-5 NAS, cf. Deuteronomy 28, Daniel 1, 1 Timothy 2:1-3)

In Georgia, God has blessed us at this time with a supportive homeschooling law. West Georgia Homeschool Association supports this law and expects its members to abide by it. If we fail to comply with the law that God has given us, we risk the judgments that he promised to Israel when they doubted the wisdom of His guidance and turned to their own ways. The failure of a few to comply hurts the reputation of our group and homeschooling as a whole.

Our state law requires a yearly Declaration of Intent be filed and students to be tested for grades 3, 6, 9, and 12, keeping scores available for 5 years. Failure to file Declaration of Intent will effectively withdraw the student from the home study program. Please check with current law as to your requirements.

Among homeschoolers, as in every community, there are those who fear to follow God's guidance too closely, lest our enemies interpret our obedience as weakness. Some have suggested that we should not comply with the reporting requirements of the attendance law, fearing that the information will be used for harassment or worse. West Georgia Homeschool Association does not condone or encourage this. If a few homeschoolers give school officials the impression that the present law is not working, our opponents (and we DO have them) will have the excuse they are seeking to change the law. There are some influential people who would like to eliminate homeschooling altogether. Those who fought for the present law have seen the power of these people and do not wish to repeat the experience soon. Please visit www.ghea.org or www.hslda.org for more homeschooling information and the latest requirements and laws.

Virtual School, K12, and Other Forms of Homeschool

The variety of homeschool options is ever growing, giving parents a greater choice. If you are attending one of these alternative options, you may not need to fill out a Declaration of Intent, but will need to comply with the requirements of your school for attendance and other rules and requirements. As a group, we are here to support the community of homeschool parents and families. There may be field trips or time when other arrangements will need to be made prior to the event because a DOI is required for admittance. We encourage you to join as well, just knowing there may be a few obstacles for certain locations. To be a member of WGHTA, you must be in good standing with the alternative homeschool and be abiding by their rules and regulations.