

2011-2012 REACH Handbook

REACH was started with the goals of offering resources that enhance homeschooling, providing encouragement and support for homeschooling parents, and promoting activities for all homeschooled students. REACH is open to all homeschoolers, regardless of religious preference, race, color, or national/ethnic origin.

REACH Policies

We believe the best way to foster a sense of community in our support group is through participation. Therefore, we encourage all families to join at least one committee. Your responsibilities would be to help the committee plan and execute activities on a regular basis.

Conduct/Responsibilities: As homeschoolers, anytime we are together as a group in public, we represent the entire homeschool movement as well as our families, and it is our desire for REACH members to always be viewed in a positive light. Therefore, parents are expected to comply with the following to ensure acceptable behavior during activities and field trips: ·

- Parents and children are to be appropriately attired for all group events ·
- Children and adults are expected to treat each other respectfully at all times. Children must not disrupt activities/field trips or behave aggressively at any time.
- Members must be sensitive to the family values of others. This includes the use of language or behavior that others may view as offensive.
- Personal issues with another member must be handled privately. Any problems affecting your enjoyment or ability to participate in REACH activities should be brought to the attention of the admin team. The Admin team is available to assist in handling REACH-specific problems between members.
- Parents are expected to enforce the appropriate conduct of children under their supervision.
 - Case by Case problems will be considered by the Admin Team as issues arise.

REACH Administrative Team

The REACH Administrative Team helps establish and maintain these goals and policies. New administrative team members will be voted on by the existing team members, and installed on a rotating basis. The Administrative team members can be accessed via the "Members Only" part of our website.

Each member of REACH is assigned a support buddy on the Administrative Team. Your support buddy is available to answer questions about REACH or homeschooling in general. You will be notified of your support buddy in your welcome letter.

How to Join

If you would like to join us, please print out these pages before submitting the form for your records. Fill out the application portion, and submit it to REACH. You will then need to submit your \$10.00 payment to complete the transaction. Please note: REACH membership is available any time during the year- it is never "too late" to join. However, no matter when you join REACH this year, your membership will expire June 30, 2012. After the administration team approves your membership, we will email you an acceptance letter containing the log-in information for the REACH "Members Only" part of our website.

Email and Internet access are recommended, but not required. However, if you do not have access to the information on the REACH Internet sites, you may not be able to realize the full potential of benefits from this group.

Accountability Information

REACH is a support group only. Joining REACH does NOT make you legal. You must be registered with an accountability organization for your homeschool to be legal.

There are four options for doing this:

1. The school district
2. SCAIHS
3. A third-option group under SC code 59-65-47
4. Reach The Top (RTT)

Thank you for your consideration! We look forward to seeing you soon.