

## CHAT STATEMENT OF FAITH

CHAT is a Christian co-op for families involved in home education. As a Christian group we find that our members have basic beliefs in common. Though our group includes many facets of the Christian faith, our members believe:

1. The Bible is the only complete, inspired Word of God from Genesis to Revelation without any errors. (II Tim. 3:16, Psalm 119:89, I Pet. 1:25, Deut 4:2, Prov. 30:5-6)

2. God exists Himself in three persons- distinctly different, but yet one and the same: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (I Tim. 3:16, Matt. 3:16-17)

3. All men are in violation of God's law by nature and act. As a result, all are under His condemnation. (Rom. 3:10, Rom. 3:23)

4. Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God the Father was given out of love to pay the penalty for the sins of all mankind, and only through His blood can the sinner be cleansed of their sins. He dies on the cross for our sins and rose again on the third day. (John 3:15-18, I John 1:9)

5. Man cannot save himself from God's condemnation by his own works, but must receive His free gift of salvation through the grace of God which is our only way to Heaven. (Rom. 10:9-13, Eph. 2:8-9)

6. God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between one naturally born man and one naturally born woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, pornography, are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter ones gender by surgery or appearance. (Gen. 1:27, Gen. 2:24, Gen. 19:5, 13, Gen. 26:8-9, Lev. 18:1-30, Rom. 1:26-29, I Cor. 5:1, 6:9, I Thess. 4:1-8, Heb. 13:4)

7. The only scriptural marriage is the joining of one naturally born man and one naturally born woman. (Gen. 2:24, Rom. 7:2, I Cor. 7:10, Eph. 5:22-23)

You will find a wide variety of motivational forces behind our members' desire to home school. The majority of our members are home educating because of their belief in their God-given responsibility to oversee and supervise the education of their children.

Our Statement of Faith is based on fundamental Christian beliefs that we strongly support as a foundation of our organization. CHAT does not promote or endorse any particular denomination. We desire to remain united in the salvation and love of Christ, avoiding any dissension that may be caused by denominational differences. All members wishing to participate in this program must agree to respect our beliefs, be compliant and participate during prayers and displays of patriotism, and not be disruptive of our rights to conduct these traditional and ceremonial events.

## **CHAT Code of Conduct**

*This Code of Conduct is for serving at CHAT in any capacity. CHAT is a co-op and to operate effectively and economically, all families are required to work 2 out of 3 hours each CHAT day. Each family must agree that they both believe and live by the following code of conduct. We appreciate your willingness to serve at CHAT and be a part of the co-op.*

1. I agree and live by a traditional definition of Marriage, as described in Scripture. God's gift of marriage, which the Creator defines as the union of one man and one woman (Gen. 2:18-25)
2. I also agree that I do not use illegal drugs or practice illegal activities.
3. I agree to pass a criminal background check.
4. I believe in and agree to comply with the Statement of Faith and this Code of Conduct.

If I have any questions about my ability to serve the required 2 hours per week, I agree to seek the counsel of the director. Should it not be possible for me to serve either because of one of the above reasons or another reason not listed, I understand that my children will still be able to attend. I will also be able to attend my children's functions in a guest capacity.

However, should I not be able to serve, I will need a sponsor family for my children. This family would agree to be responsible for my children during CHAT, would be the "go to" family in case of emergency & would be required to stay with my children should I be delayed in their pick up. If my sponsor family is absent on a CHAT day, my children would need another CHAT family to be responsible for them that day.

In order to accommodate CHAT's needs, there will be a \$100 per semester sponsor fee and that fee may be requested on a case by case bases prior to your children attending CHAT. CHAT only works if all parents volunteer. Since some families may not be able to do so, CHAT will need the funds to hire teachers on an as needed basis.

By signing the statement on the "Agreement to CHAT Statement of Faith and Code of Conduct" form, I have read and understand the CHAT Code of Conduct for Service. I am willing to serve under the conditions listed above or will notify the director and make arrangements for a sponsor family prior to the beginning of CHAT.

## Agreement to CHAT Statement of Faith and Code of Conduct

By signing below, I commit to standing in agreement with the given Statement of Faith and the Code of Conduct, and will continue to do my best in following these standards with my life. I understand that I am enrolling my child(ren) in a non-denominational group of Christian families, and that my children will be taught using Christian principles and standards of living. I will willingly assist my children to follow CHAT's standards while they are in attendance at CHAT and at all CHAT functions even if they are not my personal standards. I understand that while denominational differences are not purposefully discussed in the classroom, I will instruct my children that they will bring Spiritual Belief questions to their parent out of respect for the teacher and their classroom. Teachers and assistants in the classroom will divert such topics to parents for final answers.

I understand that CHAT is a private organization and if I do not align with the Statement of Faith and Code of Conduct my membership may be put on hold or may be denied.

**My life, belief, and conduct outside of CHAT will reflect CHAT Statement of Faith and Code of Conduct. If at any time it is seen in conflict with these rules, I will be brought before CHAT leadership board with possibility of expulsion.**

This form should be signed by the parent who will be attending and participating in CHAT activities each week.

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Signature

Date

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Printed Name

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Our family cannot sign the Statement of Faith or Code of Conduct. Please indicate below if you have a religious or lifestyle difference that prohibits you from honestly signing these statements. If needed, our director will contact you to see if through kind but honest discussion, your participation in CHAT will be profitable for your family.

If we choose to participate in CHAT in spite of religious or lifestyle differences, I understand that a parent will still be allowed to attend functions as a guest, and I will not mock CHAT's standards nor force my own standards onto others while I am in attendance. I will willingly assist my children to follow CHAT's standards while they are in attendance at CHAT and at all CHAT functions even if they are not my personal standards.

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Signature

Date

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