



To Whom It May Concern:

HomeLife Academy is a Category IV Church Related School as defined by Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-50-801 and is recognized by the State of Tennessee Board of Education as such according to the State Board of Education Rule 0520-07-02.05. Our students and parent-teachers home school under the provisions of § 49-6-3050(a)(3) and are subject only to the requirements set forth by HomeLife Academy and are exempt from all other “home school” requirements set forth in said section of the Code such as submitting a notice of intent to the local superintendent of schools, submitting attendance records to the superintendent, meeting teacher qualifications set forth by § 49-6-3050(b)(4), and standardized testing requirements set forth in § 49-6-3050(b)(5).

***Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3050. Home Schools***

*A parent-teacher may enroll the parent's home school student or students in a church-related school, as defined in § 49-50-801, and participate as a teacher in that church-related school. Such parent-teacher shall be subject to the requirements established by the church-related school for home school teachers and exempt from the rest of the provisions of this section.*

Per § 1-3-18, the State of Tennessee accepts diplomas granted by Church Related Schools as having the same rights and privileges of a high school diploma awarded by a public school system.

***Tenn. Code Ann. § 1-3-118. Recognition of high school diplomas from church-related schools and home schools.***

*(a) Notwithstanding any rule, regulation or other law to the contrary, a high school diploma awarded by a school as defined by § 49-50-801 or § 49-6-3050 in recognition of completion of secondary educational requirements shall be considered by all departments, agencies, commissions or other such entities of state and local government as having all the rights and privileges of a high school diploma awarded by a public school system.*

As a Category IV - Church Related School, HomeLife Academy is exempt from regional accreditation requirements; however, we maintain membership with the Association of Christian Schools International. Our decision to remain members rather than seeking full accreditation is tied directly to our mission statement: “We believe that God gives every child unique and wonderful gifts to use for His glory and honor. Our mission is to inspire and equip parents to help develop those gifts.”



# HomeLife Academy

Choices In Education



We provide parents with the freedom to choose their own curriculum and coursework within the general structure and credit requirements we have established for graduation. Every family establishes an individual education plan for each of their children, which is then approved by our counseling staff. As a homeschool program, HomeLife Academy does not offer any campus-based or online courses. The parent-teacher is directly responsible for the administration of the individualized education plan and coursework.

Due to the nature of our program, HomeLife Academy does not directly offer any sports or extra curricular activities. Students and parent-teachers may participate in programs outside of HomeLife Academy and utilize HomeLife's record keeping services to document their participation.

It has been our great pleasure and honor to see HomeLife Academy graduates further their education through attendance at numerous institutions of higher education throughout the United States and abroad. HomeLife Academy students have been accepted at colleges and universities such as Vanderbilt, M.I.T., West Point, U.S. Air Force Academy & The Citadel as well as many other state and private colleges and technical schools.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me. I may be reached by phone or e-mail at the contact information below.

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