



# Texas Home School Coalition ASSOCIATION

*Dedicated to Serving and Protecting the Home School Community of Texas*  
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Ms. Maame Darkwa,

By way of introduction, let me explain that the Texas Home School Coalition Association is a statewide organization of home educators with more than 60,000 home school families on our mailing list. Our mission is to serve the home school community of Texas and protect the right of parents to teach their children at home; we act as an advocacy organization for the home school community.

As advocates for home educators in Texas, we function as a liaison to the home school community for many state agencies, particularly the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Consequently, the TEA refers calls received by that agency regarding home education to our association for clarification and resolution.

Ms. D\_\_ H\_\_ is an active member of our association. Her daughter E\_\_ graduated from her home school, and as the administrator of that private home school, Ms. H\_\_ issued her diploma. We can confirm that she is in full compliance with the laws of the state of Texas regarding the education of her daughter and has full authority to grant her diploma.

It is an invalid and unlawful decision to deny E\_\_ acceptance into the Lifelong Learning Center phlebotomy technician courses simply because her parents signed as administrators on her diploma. Home schools in Texas are considered by the state of Texas to be non-accredited private schools, and graduates of those schools are recognized by the state as equivalent to public high school graduates. [“...the State of Texas considers successful completion of a non-traditional secondary education to be equivalent to graduation from a public high school...” – Texas Education Code Section 51.9241 (2) (b)]. Therefore, the state of Texas recognizes E\_\_ H\_\_ as a high school graduate. The federal government also recognizes Texas home school graduates as high school graduates for the purpose of college admission; therefore, they are eligible for federal assistance in student loan programs.

Should you have any questions regarding this issue, I would be happy to discuss them with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Tim Lambert

CC: Mr. and Mrs. T\_\_ H\_\_; Ms. Djuna Forrester, Dean of Lifelong Learning; Senator Jane Nelson; State Representative Tan Parker; Mr. Raymund A. Paredes, Commissioner of Higher Education; Texas home schoolers

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