



# Texas Home School Coalition ASSOCIATION

Dedicated to Serving and Protecting the Home School Community of Texas

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Ms. Cantrell:

By way of introduction, let me explain that the Texas Home School Coalition Association is a statewide organization of home educators, with almost 70,000 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, and as such, 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.

Mr. and Mrs. M\_\_\_\_ V\_\_\_\_ are U.S. citizens, Texas residents, and members of our association. Mr. and Mrs. V\_\_\_\_ educate their daughter, E\_\_\_\_ V\_\_\_\_, age 18, at home and are in full compliance with the laws of the state of Texas regarding the education of their daughter.

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)] The federal government also recognizes Texas home school graduates as high school graduates for the purpose of college admission, and, for that reason, they are eligible for federal assistance in student loan programs.

Furthermore, according to the DoDEA policy memorandum on Home Schooling, “It is DoDEA policy neither to encourage nor discourage DoD sponsors from home schooling their minor dependents. DoDEA recognizes that home schooling is a sponsor’s right and can be a legitimate alternative form of education for the sponsor’s dependents.”

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

Sincerely,

Tim Lambert

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