

ORLANDO CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS EXPECTED CODE OF CONDUCT

Orlando Christian Home Educators is a Christian volunteer support group that desires to honor God in all we do and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

We provide resources for educational activities, communication, encouragement, fellowship, and information to homeschool families as they endeavor to teach their children at home.

We believe that our children are gifts from God. Therefore, as parents, we have the authority and responsibility to provide for their academic education, instill godly character, and show them the way to a loving relationship with God and one another.

As a group of Christians, we want to be like Christ, both for each other and for society as a whole. People we meet will rate Christ, Christians, homeschoolers, and OCHED in general based on how our families act and treat each other. So, please join us in showing that Christ is an excellent example.

1. Be respectful and courteous at all times.

Please do not use the Lord's name in vain. No profanity. No drugs. No Alcohol at any OCHED family-oriented events.

2. Dress modestly at all OCHED functions. No spaghetti straps, no bare midriffs, and no underwear showing. Tank top shirts must have straps that are two-finger widths wide. Shorts must end at your fingertips when your hands are relaxed at your side. All pants must cover the underwear.

3. Absolutely no physical altercations are acceptable. Depending on the severity, a member can be terminated immediately at the discretion of the leadership.

4. Parents are expected to control their children and their behaviors at all times and are liable for any damage or personal injury incurred during any field trip or event scheduled by OCHED volunteers.

5. If someone's child breaks the rules, inform the child and his/her parents immediately, or inform the event coordinator of the situation.

6. If you have a conflict or issue with a member of OCHED, please try to resolve that issue or dispute with the person directly. If you are unable to fix this, please bring the matter to the event coordinator, if applicable. If the problem remains unresolved, please bring a written form to Carmen Schulting, OCHED's leader.

7. All members (parents and kids) are accountable for respecting the use of any OCHED-owned property.

OCHED will not tolerate running in the building, carving on or defacing property, throwing objects, littering, or destroying property.

All members and children must respect the rules and materials in the facilities and not touch materials or equipment not needed for the function.

Please pick up after yourself and your children, and encourage your children to clean up all play areas before leaving.

We should always advise our children that many of these facilities may be someone's workplace, whether used for meetings or visited for field trips. Therefore, we must keep the noise level to a minimum. Members must abide by all guidelines and limitations set by any OCHED-used facility.

8. Students must be supervised at all times and cannot roam freely without adult supervision at any OCHED event.

9. At any OCHED meeting, special event, or activity, Carmen Schulting, OCHED's leader and event coordinator, has the right to approve and choose the music. Music must honor God and the Christian values that OCHED upholds.

10. Student use of personal electronic devices is prohibited during any OCHED event. Student use of personal electronic devices that disrupt instructional time may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the personal electronic device. When a personal electronic device is confiscated, it shall only be released and/or returned to the student's parent. It is the student's parent's responsibility to retrieve the device.

11. Parents need to honor the parameters established by the coordinators of field trips and events.

12. Be prompt and prepared. The group will proceed without you if you cannot be prompt for a scheduled event.

If you cannot attend a field trip, event, or class, inform the coordinator or teacher beforehand. Please do so to avoid forfeiture of any money paid or being denied participation in future activities/classes.

13. Fulfill your commitments. When applicable, register for an event. A verbal show of interest will not be counted as a commitment. If you cannot attend an event after signing up, call to cancel so someone else can take your place.

If you have trouble fulfilling your volunteer position, do all you can to help the coordinator find someone to take your place.

14. Please do not bring your child to a field trip or event if he/she is not feeling well, has been running a fever, or is contagious. If your child has been exposed to a contagious illness, such as COVID-19 or chickenpox, please inform the group members ASAP so we may take precautions. Also, please do not bring potentially exposed but not yet sick children to co-op or any events regarding COVID-19, chickenpox, or other potential illnesses.

Please also be mindful if your child or another family member has lice or has recently been treated.

15. Our activities are designed to be learning experiences for school-age children. Therefore, members should do all they can to make them as profitable as possible. Preschoolers and babies are more than welcome to attend the activities if they are not noisy or distracting. Please remove disruptive preschoolers or babies (i.e., babbling, crying, talking, etc.) from any assembly in consideration of others. Your cooperation in this sensitive area is greatly appreciated.

16. Our rules extend to online activity. Do not flame other members on or off the list. Do not forward messages from OCHED to other groups, except for sale ads and public statements. Do NOT forward or share personal OCHED notes with other people or groups.

17. Do not create pages, sites, or any other internet-related vehicle in the OCHED name without Carmen Schulting, OCHED's leader's approval.

18. In student relationships, we ask that our young men and ladies treat each other respectfully and refrain from flirtatious behaviors. Each family has the right and responsibility to address the "dating issue" according to their convictions. However, OCHED does not encourage or allow dating at any OCHED-related functions. OCHED activities are not for match-making. Events are designed for group activities, not couple activities. Physical contact between people is not permitted on campus and/or during field trips. This includes the inside of the church, the outside areas, fields, playground, parking lot, and sidewalks surrounding the church. "Public Displays of Affection" (PDA) is limited to the student's family members. Congratulatory displays such as handshakes, high-fives, and pats on the back would be appreciated and encouraged to promote community within the group. Generally, two students must have a third-party adult with them at all times during our co-ops and any of our events.

19. The youth and parent(s) must abide by and sign the Expected Conduct. A youth is defined as any minor age ten and older. The quality of your OCHED experience is directly related to your involvement in the group. Members are required to participate in some service to the group. There are many opportunities available throughout the year. We encourage people who are not comfortable with our guidelines to seek out like-minded homeschooling families in other support groups.

You must sign this agreement to be activated and participate in OCHED activities.

I have read and understood OCHED's Expected Conduct. I agree to observe, abide by, and honor the stated standard of behavior at all OCHED meetings, field trips, co-ops, special events, and activities.

I understand that my failure or that of my family's participating members to abide by these standards will result in the following action:

1st Offense: Warning

2nd offense: restriction from field trips and all other activities for the remainder of the membership year.

3rd Offense: We regretfully have no recourse but to ask you to seek another support group.

As the parent or legal guardian of the child(ren), I agree that the child(ren) may participate in group activities and events. I hereby assume all risks due to my child's participation in the events and activities. I also hold harmless and indemnify Orlando Christian Home Educators, its leadership, and any volunteers for accidents, injury, illness, or any other condition that may jeopardize the health/safety of my child(ren) involved therein.

I have read and agree to uphold Orlando Christian Home Educators' Expected Conduct while participating in group activities.

All parties must sign this agreement for membership registration to be activated. In addition, all participating youth (5 years old and up) and their parent(s) or guardian(s) must read and sign the following:

1. I have read and agree with the OCHED Expected Conduct.
2. My behavior, speech, and dress will honor God, one another, and OCHED at all OCHED meetings, field trips, special events, and activities.
3. I will dress modestly at all OCHED functions. This includes no spaghetti straps, bare midriffs, or underwear showing. Tank top shirts must have straps that are two-finger widths wide. Shorts must end at your fingertips when your hands are relaxed. All pants must cover the underwear.
4. I will behave respectfully and appropriately with members of the opposite sex at all OCHED functions.
5. I understand that the leadership of OCHED has the discretion to determine the guidelines for all of the above.

_____	Date _____	Youth Member
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_____	Date _____	Parent
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Must be returned Signed copy to Carmen Schulting by August 13, 2024