

The Philosophy and Statement of Faith Of the Alberta Home Education Association

Article 1 – Definition

The Alberta Home Education Association (AHEA) is a Christian organization. It shall base all of its policies and actions on Christian principles and takes the Bible as its moral and spiritual guide. Elected Directors, Staff, Convention Team Members, and Nomination Committee Members must be believers in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Article 2 – Philosophy

1. **AHEA** affirms that God has given parents the primary responsibility for the welfare, socialization and education of their children.
2. **AHEA** is dedicated to the education and socialization of children in the natural setting of the family.
3. **AHEA** further holds that the right to home education includes not merely a right over the place in which education occurs, but a right to determine the content, process and timing of this education.
4. **AHEA** holds to the belief that no academic discipline is neutral and that all education is religious in nature since one's view of the world and life is inevitably involved in teaching.
5. **AHEA** holds that student assessment is an integral aspect of the education process, and therefore parents have the sole right and responsibility to determine the methods and instruments to be used to ensure the educational welfare of the child.
6. **AHEA** pursues and recommends—within the framework of its philosophy—a policy of constructive interaction in dealing with those legally charged with the monitoring of home education programs.

Article 3 – Statement of Faith

- Scripture:** We believe all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, is without error, is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16).
- God:** We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).
- Jesus:** We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ (John 1:1), His virgin birth (Matthew 1:18-25), sinless life (Hebrews 4:15), and miracles. We believe in His vicarious and atoning death (Hebrews 9:27, 28), resurrection from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:1-8), ascension to the right hand of the Father (Acts 1:9-11), and in His personal return in power and glory (Hebrews 9:27, 28).
- Man:** We believe that man was created in the image of God. He created them biologically male and female (Genesis 1:26, 27). Man sinned by disobeying God; thus, he was alienated from his Creator (Genesis 3:17-24). That historic fall brought all mankind under divine condemnation. Man's nature is corrupted, and he is thus totally unable to please God (Romans 3:23). Every man is in need of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
- Salvation:** We believe that salvation is a free gift of God and comes through faith in Jesus Christ, whose death on the cross paid the penalty for man's sin (Romans 3:25).
- Marriage and Family:** We believe that the God of the Bible designed marriage as an exclusive lifetime covenant of union between one man and one woman, and that sexual intimacy is reserved for that union (Genesis 2:24). Marriage is His unique gift that echoes the union of Christ and His church (Ephesians 5:23) and is the ideal environment that He has ordained for procreation and for the raising of children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord to the glory of God (Ephesians 6:1-4). We believe that children belong to God who has given the responsibility and authority for their discipleship and education to their parents (Deuteronomy 6:5-7).
- Government:** We believe that civil government has been instituted by God (Romans 13:1). As such, the government exists to serve the people through the preservation of justice and order. (Romans 13:3-4)