

2010-2011 Mi CASA Homeschoolers Membership Policies & Code of Conduct

1. A *Mi CASA Homeschoolers* member **must be in compliance** with the definition of a homeschooler as defined below.

Definition Of A Homeschooler:

A Mi CASA Homeschoolers member must have filed an Affidavit of Intent to Homeschool with the County Superintendent of Schools.

Members **must be a parent and/or guardian** who is currently in residence with whom they homeschool or an adult whose intention is to homeschool their child. At least one of the member family's children must be homeschooled.

Homeschoolers are parents or legal guardians who choose to educate their own children in at least the required subjects of reading, grammar, math, science, and social studies pursuant to A.R.S. code 15-802.

A Homeschooler retains complete control of their child's primary level education.

Delegation of control to either a public or private school program or fee-based classes held outside the home for core subjects reclassifies the parents or legal guardians as something other than Homeschoolers, at least in relation to the child(ren) involved in said program or classes. It is unclear what percentage of a child's education constitutes homeschooling, but the spirit of the law implies that the parent teach the core subjects.

Additionally, fractional enrollment in publicly funded programs designed for homeschoolers may require the parent or legal guardian to withdraw the Affidavit of Intent to Homeschool with the County School Superintendent. A school district or Charter School is eligible to receive the entire ADM allocation for a child taught over 15 hours per week.

Parents of secondary level students enrolled in community college classes, or utilizing other means of instruction, are still considered homeschoolers as long as the parent or legal guardian remains the primary instructor and retains the complete responsibility for their child(ren)'s education.

2. A Mi CASA Homeschoolers member **must be in compliance** with the standard of a member family, as defined below:

Definition Of A Member Family:

The family is a basic unit of our society created by God. We understand a family to mean a widowed or single parent with children; or **one male and one female** parent with one or more children or anticipated children all related by the institution of marriage. Parents not conforming to this standard of a family are to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

3. The *Mi CASA Homeschoolers* Leadership Board **reserves the right** to accept or deny membership into Mi CASA by the application submitted and possible interview.
 4. Members must abide by the guidelines of conduct at *Mi CASA Homeschoolers* sponsored functions. Members and their children must conduct themselves in a respectable and responsible manner at all times. Failure to meet these expectations will be addressed and members may be asked to leave an activity. Repeated poor conduct may result in a forfeiture of *Mi CASA Homeschoolers* membership. Examples of poor conduct include, but are not restricted to, swearing, rude speech, aggressive behavior, and/or inappropriate clothing (e.g. showing of midriff, obscene pictures/language printed on clothing).
 5. The period of annual membership in *Mi CASA Homeschoolers* is one year, from June of one year through May of the following year. All *Mi CASA Homeschoolers* members must pay the annual membership dues in full unless the *Mi CASA Homeschoolers* Leadership Board waives this requirement on an individual basis due to financial hardship.
 6. Non-members are allowed to attend **two** *Mi CASA Homeschoolers* sponsored Park Days for free before being required to pay for membership.
 7. We **highly encourage** that all members actively serve in at least one *Mi CASA Homeschoolers* sponsored event during the year. This can range from hosting a party to assisting in organizing an event. This helps eliminate the burden of the same individuals or families continually volunteering in order for an event to take place. Please remember that we all homeschool our children and desire time with our families.
 8. For liability reasons, *Mi CASA Homeschoolers* sponsored classes, fieldtrips and special events are for ***Mi CASA members only***. Permission is granted for grandparents of the homeschooled child(ren) to attend.
 9. All *Mi CASA Homeschoolers* sponsored events are non-smoking.
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I have read and fully agree with the policies and code of conduct listed above.

Print Father's Name

Print Mother's Name

Father's Signature

Date

Mother's Signature

Date