



# Texas Home School Coalition ASSOCIATION

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Ms. Angela Scott  
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Dear Ms. Scott,

By way of introduction, let me state that the Texas Home School Coalition Association is a statewide advocacy organization for home educators, with almost 60,000 families on our mailing list. As the advocacy organization for the state of Texas, we act as a liaison with state and federal agencies in regard to issues related to home education. In fact, the state department of education, the Texas Education Agency (TEA), refers calls received by that agency regarding home education to our organization for verification or resolution.

A home school parent recently contacted our office stating that during a visit to the Lubbock Mardel store, she was told emphatically by a store associate that Texas home schoolers were required by law to forward their high school transcripts to the state of Texas, and that our information that this was not required was incorrect.

Ms. Scott, home schools in Texas are considered by the state to be private schools and are not regulated, monitored, or under the oversight of state officials. The only legal requirement for home school families is to “pursue a curriculum that covers the educational goals of reading, spelling, grammar, math and a study of good citizenship in a bona fide manner.”

I encourage you to educate your staff in order that they may pass on accurate information regarding the legal requirements for home schooling in Texas. I have also enclosed the most recent letter from the Texas Commissioner of Education on this issue for your review and to confirm my comments. Should you have any questions, I would be happy to discuss this issue with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Tim Lambert

cc: Mr. Rodger Hemphill, Mardel; Texas Home Schoolers

Enclosure: TEA Letter