



LoCoGA Interview

This interview is for both the Family and the School to determine if the program can effectively serve your family.

1. **Educational Philosophy:** Why are you choosing to homeschool and what your primary goals are for your children (e.g., classical, eclectic, unschooling, or special needs support)?
2. **Curriculum Choices:** There are core subjects you must teach. LoCoGA admin requires you to submit a curriculum form at the beginning of the school year to inform us of the materials or textbooks you intend to use.
3. **Has there been any behavior issues in past learning environments?** If so, what are they? We have a Code of Conduct that students and parents must sign.
4. **Student Involvement:** What are your children's interests, learning style, and their personal perspective on homeschooling?
5. **Are both parents in full agreement to homeschool?** How will you work together to be the cornerstone of the education your child will need?



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6. What are your fears, uncertainties and doubts concerning homeschooling? What are your hopes and things you look forward to?

7. A thought for home.

What is your church affiliation or involvement? Will LoCoGA's Faith Statement and principles conflict or align with your beliefs? (we ask that families discuss this matter seriously before completing the registration)

Lothian Church of God Academy

Per Maryland regulations, umbrellas must be [1] education ministries operated by a church, temple, synagogue, or other established religious body, including Wiccan; [2] church-exempt schools, such as a parochial school; or [3] a non-public school registered with the Maryland State Department of Education. There are some individuals who have created state-recognized "churches" with the sole purpose of running homeschool umbrellas. These umbrellas often have little to no oversight by a governing board of directors.

LoCoGA is considered a school or institution that offers an educational program or supervision of a student's education which is operated by a bona-fide church organization. Our school allows the parents the opportunity to include their faith in the education of their children.

- Viewed and listed as a homeschool/private school to MD State Dept of ED
- Offer the same responsibilities as any school in the area of accountability/oversight, record keeping and support
- Require two reviews each year. One in Jan. and the final review in May.
- Students receive promotion certificates each year.



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•Maintain student records, document high school credits and provide official transcripts for high school and college.

Our reviews are conducted by:

Ms. Julia Hawkins (elementary school) (former homeschooler, current PS elementary teacher)

Mrs. Cynthia Jones (middle school, veteran homeschool mom of 5)

Mrs. Wauketa Hawkins (high school, veteran homeschool mom of 7)

We are Small but Mighty!

•Lothian Church of God Academy is a ministry of the Church of God. All families must agree and sign our **Statement of Faith and Student Code of Conduct** to be a part of the LoCoGA umbrella and co-op.

•LoCoGA Co-op is operated by parents. If your student attends a class on site, a parent **MUST** also be in attendance and assist or instruct. We work better when all hands are on deck. Off site tutors decide parent attendance at their discretion.

- LoCoGA's Submission deadlines. We have families submit attendance logs, grades, or portfolios twice a year via email and soon through a portal.
- Curriculum freedom- While we don't require you to use specific, pre-approved materials, we advise that you are able to produce evidence of instruction. You have the creative freedom to adapt your curriculum as you see fit.
- Services we provide:
 - Official transcripts/diplomas
 - Optional report cards for your student
 - No standardized testing or testing support (parent discretion)
 - Inform by word of mouth extracurriculars and other co-ops.



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As an umbrella, we have the option of imposing additional requirements on families, such as teaching some kind of religion. So we do require a Christian education in the form of Bible study, AWANA, Children's church, regular Home Bible Study.

While we believe: "Every child learns differently", and some take longer to process things, we also understand that learning disabilities do exist and should be taken seriously. So, if your child struggles in reading past the foundational stage of reading, we encourage you to seek resources and look for programs who can provide the needed assistance for your family.