

## **Alabama Christian Education Association**

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ACEA has been on the cutting edge of promoting, protecting, and preserving Christian school education for almost thirty years.

Our primary purpose for existing is the Christian school student. Our young people are very important to us. By working together, we can more ably and efficiently meet the spiritual, academic, and athletic needs of our young people. ACEA makes it possible for the needs of both the large and small school to be met.

Protecting our interest in the Alabama State Legislature and working with member church and Christian schools in legal areas is another important responsibility of ACEA that can only be accomplished collectively. The Executive Director represents and speaks for scores of churches and Christian schools, and thousands of parents and students. Legislation protecting church schools from offensive state regulations is now law because of ACEA. Unwanted, unwise, and harmful legislation has been stopped or defeated because of ACEA's presence in Montgomery. Keeping church childcare programs operating without submitting the church to state licensure will always be a priority.

### **Stanford Achievement Testing Program**

The national achievement test of choice is the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT), 10 th edition. Because of ACEA's affiliation with the American Association of Christian Schools ACEA members can order only the test they need at discounted prices, usually averaging about \$15.00 per student, and this includes scoring.

Member savings on the SAT is a big financial help!

### **Academic, Bible and Fine Arts Competition**

The Alabama Christian Education Association sponsors Academic, Bible and Fine Arts competition. Winners in state competition in the high school division (grades 9-12) are certified to compete in national competition sponsored by the American Association of Christian Schools at Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina.

Competition serves a useful purpose for schools by building spirit, challenging students to fully develop their abilities for use in the Lord's work, and providing an opportunity for students to make friends with students in other Christian schools.

The structure and categories in competition create opportunities for students no matter the size of the school they attend. The benefits and opportunities for the small school student are as great as for the student from larger schools.

## **Student Opportunities**

### **AACS Youth Legislative Training**

Sponsored by the American Association of Christian Schools, this program enables selected students the opportunity to travel to Washington , D.C. for a week of training in the American political system. Interested students must complete an application and write an essay as a part of the selection process. Students have the opportunity to tour our nation's capital and meet outstanding leaders. All cost is covered, except transportation to Washington , D.C.

### **AACS Essay and Poetry Contest**

Elementary and junior high students are eligible to enter. Topics are assigned and school winners are sent to the ACEA office for judging. State winners are then sent to the AACS office for judging against other state winners. This is an opportunity for students to be challenged in writing skills on thought provoking subjects. Alabama has had national winners in the past. Small and large schools can participate with all students having an equal opportunity to win.

### **AACS Student Leadership Training**

The American Association of Christian Schools has an excellent student leadership training program. Expert presenters following a very well developed curriculum instruct and inspire high school students to become servant leaders.

## **Important dates to remember:**

### **November 10-14**

ACEA State Academic Testing Registration and Ordering Online through TestPoint™

### **January 12**

ACEA State Academic, Bible, and Jr./Sr. High Art Competition registration due to Tabernacle Christian School, Gardendale

### **January 29-30**

ACEA State Academic, Bible, and Jr./Sr. High Art Competition @ Tabernacle Christian School, Gardendale

### **March 12-13**

ACEA State Junior/Senior High Fine Arts Competition @ Mountain View Baptist School, Birmingham

### **March 16**

SAT Achievement Testing begins

**March 16-17**

ACEA Annual Pastors and Administrators' Conference and Business Meeting - Hilton Garden Inn, Orange Beach

**July 27-31, 2015**

ACEA Annual Regional Meetings - Sites TBD

**October 21-23, 2015**

ACEA Christian Educators' Convention, Calvary Baptist Church/Academy, Huntsville

**March 21-23, 2016**

ACEA Annual Pastors and Administrators' Conference and Business Meeting @ Hilton Garden Inn, Orange Beach

**October 19-21, 2016**

ACEA Christian Educators' Convention @ First Baptist Church, Gardendale

**March 20-21, 2017**

ACEA Annual Pastors and Administrators' Conference and Business Meeting @ Hilton Garden Inn, Orange Beach