

The following statement was approved by the CES Executive Council on 16 November 2000:

Clarification of LDS Church Educational System (CES) Seminary Policies on Home Schooling

1. The Church is neutral regarding home schooling. The manner of education of children is considered to be the parents' decision.
2. The Church encourages the use of Church materials by families in the instruction of their children. A number of these Church materials are listed in the "Family Resources" insert published periodically in the *Ensign*, and on the Internet at www.ldscatalog.com.
3. The Church invites and encourages all youth who are certified as being in the ninth grade and will turn at least fourteen years of age during the ninth grade year, to participate in the seminary program. It is anticipated that they will participate in seminary during their last four years of high school. Students are invited to join with the approved seminary program that is available in their area, be it released-time, early-morning, or home study. If a student chooses not to enroll in seminary, the student study guides used in seminary are available for private study. Credit towards seminary graduation is not available in this circumstance.
4. Four years of seminary attendance is highly encouraged. The Church schools grant additional weight in admission and scholarship consideration for each year of seminary completed with full credit.
5. Each year's seminary student study guide is used for all of the seminary program types (released-time, early-morning, or home-study). The student study guide for the current year's course of study is available free of charge to all students of seminary age. It can be obtained from the local seminary principal or CES coordinator, or from CES Materials and Resource Services (800-453-3860, extension 2-2269, or 801-240-2269). Teacher materials are available only to teachers appointed by CES. The seminary courses of study are:
 - Book of Mormon
 - Doctrine and Covenants and Church History
 - New Testament
 - Old Testament
6. The Church has asked that the seminary student study guides be used only for those of seminary age or older. They are not intended for use by students prior to attending seminary.