Homeschool Lingo

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CHEA, HSLDA, CDs, COS, PSP... You've got to be in the know when you talk to other homeschoolers! So you're familiar with Christian Home Educators Association of California (CHEA), and Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) now rolls right off your tongue. Everyone at CHS (Christian Heritage School) knows a Course of Study (COS) is due for each elementary student and Course Descriptions (CDs) must be done for all high schoolers.

But PSP? School support organizations such as we are have traditionally been called ISPs (Independent Study Programs). We now need to change our terminology to "PSP" for Private school Satellite Program. This has been recommended jointly by HSLDA, CHEA and other homeschool organizations in the state.

The pertinent part of the explanation from HSLDA reads, "The use of the term 'Private School Satellite' accurately describes the operation of a multi-family private school filing an affidavit whether it be a private campus-based school or a private school composed entirely of homeschool families. Each home is a satellite location of the private school with the parents or guardians operating as the teachers of the children in their homes."

So it's time for a change. Christian Heritage School is now a PSP. You are a member of a PSP. Got it? Good!