

christian homeschoolers

OF THE FOOTHILLS



Family Agreement

Christian Homeschoolers of the Foothills exists to glorify God and impact our world in the name of Jesus by supporting and encouraging local homeschool families. We are grateful that our group will continue as a ministry of Foothills Church this year.

Logistics

Co-op will meet on Wednesday mornings, from 9:30 - 11:55am for twelve weeks in the fall and spring semesters. Worship time will begin promptly at 9:30 in the worship center and is a valuable part of co-op. Attendance is required for all registered families.

CHF's foundational value is encouragement. We will continue to have dedicated "Moms Time" for all moms in the co-op. This is also mandatory.

Two periods of age-appropriate classes will be taught by the parents of participating students. **All parents are required to stay on campus at all times.** Classes are offered to support homeschool families, not necessarily to meet core curriculum requirements. If a parent cannot attend, children cannot attend without supervision of another adult who is not already attending co-op.

Class Details

- Children will be seen for who they are and not compared or expected to perform above their ability. No child will be singled out or be required to read or write beyond their ability.
- Nursery - TK will have a play based curriculum. They will be taught and loved, with plenty of snacks and play.
- **Kindergarten on up will be studying the same topics in history** during one of the two class periods. This means co-op will provide the setting for the fun projects if you choose to cover these topics at home, OR you can choose to do something entirely different at home because the classes can stand alone.
- The other class period will be a "passion led" elective chosen by the teacher, specific to each age group (public speaking, drama, art, geography, PE, music, math games, cooking, hand crafts, etc...)
- There will not be required homework at home. Classes can function as electives with no required extension of subject material at home.
- Teachers will bring their own passions, methods, choice of materials, and hearts to the classroom of their choosing. We will not be assigning teaching roles or required curriculum, but we have several resources to assist in your planning if desired.
- Each adult participating will be teaching or assisting during one class period, and attending Moms Time during the remaining class period.
- We encourage moms new to our group to assist in classes their first semester, and then teach the following semester.

Attendance and Tardiness Policy

Because of the nature of a co-op, we cannot operate with multiple absences. **In order to participate, your family must commit to missing no more than one week each semester due to a planned schedule conflict.** We understand that illness and emergencies may happen, but please look at your calendar carefully and confirm that you can attend at least 11 of the 12 weeks.

Co-op starts promptly at 9:30 am. Please arrive in enough time to set up your classroom and use the restroom before we begin. Barring unforeseen circumstances, you should be on time. We all have a lot going on, and it can be tough to get places on time with kids, so please leave yourself extra time and plan on arriving early, so when last minute things crop up you can still make it on time. Being repeatedly late is disrespectful to the others in the group and disruptive to chapel time.

Classroom Behavior

We want our co-op to be a safe and enjoyable place for the whole family, particularly for our students.

Every child should be able to follow the following rules with very few reminders from their teacher:

1. Keep hands to themselves
2. No name-calling, potty talk or other unkind or inappropriate words
3. Listen and follow teacher's directions
4. Participate in classroom activities

If these rules cannot be followed with very few exceptions, then the parent may be required to be a teacher/assistant in that classroom to monitor their child's behavior.

If, as a teacher, you are experiencing some difficulty with a student please do not hesitate to discuss the issue with the parent directly and with leadership.

Our parents are here on a volunteer basis, and we all know how difficult it can be to keep the attention of a class. Please discuss classroom behavior with your child. We want all of our families to be happy and to enjoy what this amazing co-op offers. Thank you!

Dress Code

Please make modesty a priority when getting ready for co-op. We want to honor God in all we do and our appearance communicates a lot to others. We also do not want to be a stumbling block or distraction for our Christian brothers and sisters.

Members should also not be wearing anything in direct conflict with our Statement of Faith.

Remember this is not about rules, but about the heart behind the rules, Christ's heart for us to draw attention to Him and not ourselves, and not distract others from Him. Parents, please discuss this with your children, young and old, and do a quick check with them before you leave in the morning. Older students make a great impression on younger students.

Facility Guidelines

Foothills Church is once again allowing us to use their facilities free of charge. This is a huge blessing! In order to continue our good relationship with the church, we need to be sure we are following their rules concerning the rooms and furniture and **making sure that we leave the facility in better shape than when we arrived.**

Guidelines for the campus:

1. Children should not be running in the chapel or climbing on chairs.
2. Children should be careful of cords and other things on stage in chapel
3. Children should not be left alone on campus
4. Children can only use elevators with an adult

Guidelines for the classrooms:

1. Chairs and tables must be put back the way you found them in each of the classrooms
2. Please try to provide snacks that will not stain if spilled.
3. Do not use paint on carpeted areas without putting something down to cover the carpet.
4. Wipe off tables to be sure to remove any crumbs, glue or anything else that got on them. (Ask your students to help with this!)
5. If there is ever a problem, something is broken or spilled, please inform leadership so that we can fix it.

By signing this page you are agreeing to the above requirements. If your family does not uphold the agreement of requirements during the school year, then your space at co-op will be given to the next person on the waiting list. Please take the time to prayerfully consider all that is expected of you and your student and if this is the right fit for you.

If this co-op is what you are looking for, then we would love to do life with you!

Parent

Date

Parent

Date

Student

Student