

Commonplace Homeschool Cooperative Member Handbook

WHO WE ARE

Commonplace Homeschool Cooperative is Christian education cooperative for home-schooling families that provides an opportunity for parents to come together and share their gifts for the mutual benefit of all participants through group classes.

MISSION STATEMENT

Commonplace Homeschool Cooperative seeks to give all glory and honor to God while providing a place for like-minded homeschooling families to be connected, encouraged, and empowered in their home education journey. We want children and their parents to experience the joy of finding beauty in a simple life, versus trying to create it.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

1. To honor and worship the Living God and be empowered by His Holy Spirit.
2. To provide positive social interaction for children and their parents.
3. To provide enriching educational opportunities.
4. To develop virtuous and Godly leadership skills in our youth.
5. To support, encourage, and empower home-schooling parents and give them a place to rest and recharge.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe that the Bible is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21)

We believe that God has existed from all eternity in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 12:14)

We believe that we receive salvation when we come to God through faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ on the cross (John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:8)

We believe that it is the will of God that we daily walk in the power of the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:30-32)

Please note that the Commonplace Homeschool Cooperative has been established on and will operate by these statements of faith. All are welcome to join us. Participating members are not required to be Christians, nor sign a statement of faith. However, any and all content taught in classes must be aligned with the Bible and any deviation will not be permitted. Any parent teaching a class that does not adhere to Biblical truths will be asked to step down and the class will be taken over by another individual.

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:30am - 9:20am	Chapel
9:20am - 9:40am	Passing Time
9:40am - 10:40am	Block A Classes
10:40am - 11:00am	Passing Time
11:00am - 12:00pm	Block B Classes
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Clean-up and lunch

COMMUNICATION

E-mail will be the primary means of communication. Members are responsible for keeping their updated e-mail information on file and checking their e-mail on a regular basis to receive pertinent news regarding the co-op. Important information will also be added to the website.

WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS

If Sisters Public Schools are late or closed for that day, we will be closed. Communication to parents regarding closure will be initiated by the cooperative via e-mail.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

A cooperative relies on the involvement of its members and each family plays an incredibly important role in its success. One parent from each family is required to teach and/or assist one class a session. Parents will work with our director/parent coordinator to find a good fit for them. It is our heart that parents will also find rest and renewal at Commonplace. We will have enriching options available for parents that are not on the teaching schedule. Parents will be expected to stay on campus during co-op days, but exceptions will be considered depending on class schedule and parent coverage.

CONDUCT

Commonplace Homeschool Cooperative expects each member, both adult and child, to conduct themselves in a manner worthy and honoring to God. Inappropriate behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Disrespect shown to anyone
- Dishonesty in any situation, including lying, cheating, and stealing
- Defiance - outright disobedience in response to instructions
- Violence - striking in anger with the intention to harm
- Obscene, vulgar, or profane language, as well as taking the Lord's name in vain
- Sexual misconduct - any comments or actions that are sexual in nature
- Gossip, teasing, or bullying

We also require that everyone involved in the cooperative conducts themselves in a way that will bless Sisters Community Church and their facility. We are to treat the facility as we would our own home and any disrespect to the building or its church members will not be tolerated.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

If a child is being uncooperative, disruptive or disrespectful, the following procedures will be followed:

1. The child will be spoken to by the adult that is in charge.
2. If unacceptable behavior continues, the child will be asked to sit out of the activity for a time.
3. If the child still exhibits unacceptable behavior, the child will be brought to their parent for the remainder of the class.
4. If the child repeats the unacceptable behavior the following week, the parent will be required to stay in the class with their child.
5. If the child repeats the unacceptable behavior the following week, the child will be removed from the class until a meeting can take place between the teacher, parent, child and director to discuss whether the child can return to class, or will need to sit out the remainder of the session.

Please note that if a parent feels the need to discipline their own child, they should not do so in front of other children, but rather do this in private. We will always encourage parents in their pursuit of Godly discipline and seek to make the cooperative a supportive environment.