

2026-2027 Cornerstone Cooperative Information Sheet

Location: Education Building at Empowerment Word Church - 1351 Royalty Drive, Alabaster, AL

Hours of Operation: Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Leadership Team:

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Registration Dates:

- Early Registration (current families who completed the Class Interest Survey by 12/4/2025) – March 6, 2026, @ 9 a.m.
- Current Members Registration (those without early registration) – March 7, 2026, @ 9 a.m.
- New Family Registration – Begins the week of March 9, 2026, upon approval of an administrator

New Family Interest Meeting: Monday, March 2, 2026, @ 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of Empowerment Word Church (address listed above)

New Family Registration: After attending the meeting on 3/2, interested families should visit our website to “Request Membership” to complete paperwork and be added to our waiting list. After these two steps have been completed, an administrator will email you to schedule a phone interview so we can answer any questions you may have and also see if Cornerstone is a good fit for your family. Upon approval for membership, you will be released to register for classes. Family interviews will begin the week of March 9th.

Cornerstone Cooperative does not accept funds from CHOOSE Act Alabama.

Family Enrollment Fee: (combination of facility and registration fees)

- Non-refundable Family Enrollment Fee payable to Cornerstone Cooperative
 - * \$360/1 student, you may pay all at one time or split into 2 payments of \$180 each
 - * \$525/2 or more students, you may pay all at one time or split into 2 payments of \$262.50 each
 - *****Please drop off Enrollment Fee payments to the school, pay by check and mail to P.O. Box 169, Helena, AL 35080, or pay through the website from your invoice page by selecting the online payment option (there will be a 3% processing fee).**

Due Dates for Family Enrollment Fees:

- **First ½ due March 8th** (Payment is preferred at time of registration. This fee will appear as “Payment #1: Enrollment Fee” on your invoice. If not received by 3/8, your enrollment at Cornerstone will be canceled.)
- **Second ½ due by April 19th** (This fee will appear as “Payment #2: Enrollment Fee” on your invoice. If not received by 4/19, your enrollment at Cornerstone will be canceled and you will not be refunded for the portion paid by 3/8.)

Late Family Enrollment Fees: (for those registering for 2026-27 classes after April 19, 2026):

Non-refundable Late Enrollment Fee (combination of facility and registration fees, plus \$75 late fee) - The entire amount will be due at the time of registration.

- \$435/1 student
- \$600/2 or more students

On-site Security Officer Fee: \$140 Annual fee (This is a \$10 increase from 2025-26.)

All registered families are required to pay \$140 by August 1, 2026. (If not received by this date, your family’s enrollment at Cornerstone will be canceled and no previously paid fees will be refunded.)

Class Deposits (applies to all classes except Study Halls): Once registering for a class you must pay a \$25 non-refundable deposit to hold your place in the class. Class deposits are payable to the teacher of the class and payment methods may be found in the class description. If you do not pay the class deposit by April 1, 2026, your student will be dropped from the class. Deposits are applied to the first semester's tuition balance.

Tuition Payments:

Tuition payments should be paid directly to the teachers. Teachers will provide payment methods in their class descriptions. For the Fall semester, tuition is due by Open House (8/10/2026-elementary and 8/11/2026 - middle/high). **New for 2026-27:** If a parent fails to pay Fall tuition by Open House, a \$5/day late fee will be added. Tuition for the Spring semester will be due by January 3, 2027. If a parent fails to pay Spring tuition by January 3, 2027, a \$5/day late fee will be added. Failure to pay tuition (and all applicable late fees) BEFORE the first day of classes will result in your student not being able to attend class.

Refunds/Dropping a Class:

Since financial responsibility is for the YEARLY TUITION amount, which is made on a semester basis, if a family decides to drop a class at any point during the year or if the student is removed from the class for any reason, the family is still responsible for the entire year's tuition payment. Failure to do so will result in the student, plus all others on their family's account, not being able to continue any other classes at Cornerstone during the current year or be able to register for the next year's classes until the current class tuition is paid in full (this also applies in the event of a student being removed from a class for any reason). Only under extenuating circumstances will this policy be reconsidered (move, job loss, etc.).

Middle/High School: \$120-\$330/semester/student/class (based on grade level) and includes providing weekly lesson plans and homework assignments through email by the night after attending class. Class time can be 50-200 minutes weekly, depending on the class.

Elementary: \$95/semester/student (1st - 6th grades) and includes hands-on teaching in the classroom and suggested homework assignments emailed by the night after attending class. Class time is 50 minutes.

Tuition Chart for 2026-27 (per semester)

*In addition to tuition, some classes have a supply fee. This amount will be listed in the class description on the website.

| High School (9-12 grades) Semester Cost/Student | Middle School (6-8 grades) Semester Cost/Student | Elementary (K-6th grades) Semester Cost/Student |
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| 200 minutes-\$330 | 200 minutes- \$330 | 50 minutes- \$95 |
| 100 minutes- \$225 | 100 minutes- \$225 | 200 minutes- \$330 (Kindergarten) |
| 50 minutes- \$175 (Lab Science) | 50 minutes- \$120 | |
| 50 minutes-\$150 | | |

All P.E. Classes: \$95/semester/student

Study Hall: \$55/semester/student

Math Study Hall: \$80/semester/student

Electives: Please refer to the teacher's class description for tuition rates.