

## Graves County Home Education Co-op

Serving the Graves County area since 2014

### Advisory Team

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### Mission Statement

Jesus said to them, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind...And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37-39

GCHE Co-op operates as a Christ-centered organization and functions from within the Christian worldview. As such, the teachers and curricula covered will always follow the Christian viewpoint. Our mission is to:

1. Provide a supplement to our families' home teaching through a variety of educational and enrichment classes in a safe and loving environment.
  2. Strengthen Christian home educating families by providing times of close fellowship and interaction.
  3. Co-labor with each other under God's direction to achieve excellence by serving each other through our strengths.
  4. Display the positive principles of home education to our community.
- Christ-centered co-op -- We believe the Bible is the infallible word of God and strive to glorify Jesus Christ.
  - Safe and loving environment - We value unconditional love for and grace toward one another.
  - Fellowship - We desire close interaction to encourage and strengthen one another.
  - Co-laborers - We value the uniqueness each member brings.
  - Excellence by serving - God has given us an immense responsibility to teach our children in the way they should go. By drawing upon each other's gifts and talents, we hope to provide quality educational experiences, lasting friendships, and precious memories for our members.

## **Statement of Faith**

We believe that Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the verbally inspired Word of God, inerrant in the original writings, infallible, the final authority for faith and life. II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:21

We believe that there is one God who exists eternally as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30

We believe that Jesus Christ is God's only Son. John 3:16

We believe that only Jesus Christ the Son lived a life without sin. All other people are sinners in need of salvation. Hebrews 4:15; Hebrews 7:26; Romans 3:23-24

We believe that Christ came to earth as a baby, born of a virgin, taking on the form of man without ceasing to be God, to be crucified in order to pay the penalty for our sins. Matthew 1:23; Isaiah 53:5,6; Ephesians 1:7

We believe that Christ died, was buried and then rose on the third day and ascended to Heaven. I Corinthians 15:3, 4; John 11:25; Luke 24:7

We believe that salvation is the gift of God given to men by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. John 3:16-19; John 5:24; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:8,9; Ephesians 2:8,9; Titus 3:5

We believe God ordained and defined marriage as between one man and one woman (Gen. 2:18-25). We believe that God intends for sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and woman who are married to each other while pledging their mutual faithfulness (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4; 1 Thess. 4:3).

We believe in the sanctity of life (each child is a gift from God whose life begins at conception) and the protection of our children both before and after birth. Matthew 18:5,6; Mark 9:42; Luke 17:2

We believe that man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. We believe that gender is appointed by God at conception and is not subject to change or opinion. (Genesis 1:27)

### **Class Dates for Fall 2021**

The co-op meets 10 weeks (Fridays) in the fall and spring semesters.

September 10,17,24

October 1,8,15,22,29

November 5,12

Fall Showcase is scheduled for Friday, November 12 at 6:30p.m. in the sanctuary of High Point Baptist Church

### **Co-op Schedule**

8:30a.m.-9:15a.m. Set-up in Fellowship Hall

9:00a.m.-9:15a.m. Family Check-in at Fellowship Hall

9:15a.m.-9:30a.m. Opening Assembly in Fellowship Hall (children will sit with first period class & teachers)

9:30a.m.-10:15a.m. First Class

10:20a.m.-11:05a.m. Second Class

11:10a.m.-11:55a.m. Third Class

12:00p.m.-12:10p.m. Closing Assembly and Clean up

12:10p.m.-1:30p.m. Lunch in Gym

\*Nursery and Preschool do not switch classes.

### **Clean-up**

Each week families will be assigned different areas of the facility to clean. Families are responsible for taking out trash, setting room to original state, and cleaning up any other messes left by the students. Trash is collected in the fellowship hall and taken to the dumpster in back of the church.

### **Lunch**

Each family is invited to stay after co-op to enjoy lunch with other families in the co-op. Each family is to bring their own lunch as well as any paper products they might need. Families may use the church refrigerators and microwaves during lunch.

### **Family Fees**

Each returning family is required to pay a \$20 family fee per semester regardless of size of family members participating in co-op. Any new family is required to pay \$30 for the fall semester and \$20 if they return in spring semester. This fee goes towards supplies, fellowships,

field trips, and facility maintenance. Fees are due by the third week of co-op, after that there will be a \$5 late fee added for each week the fee is late. Failure to pay fee may result in dismissal of family from co-op.

### **Class Fees**

Each teacher may require a fee for the class they teach to cover material use and supplies. This fee is added onto the family fee total at the beginning of the semester. Fees are posted with class descriptions at class registration. Fees are non-refundable and are used at the discretion of the teacher. Fees are not given out to teachers prior to the start of co-op.

Teachers need to fill out a reimbursement form, due at the end of the semester, in order to receive class fee reimbursement.

### **Classes**-Students are split up by age/grade:

Nursery (newborn -2yrs)

Preschool (2-5yrs)

K-2<sup>nd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

6-8<sup>th</sup>

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

### **Teachers and Helpers**

We ask that parents either teach or help teach a class each semester. New families are asked to help their first semester and are eligible to teach during their second semester. Classes are submitted by teachers before registration. The advisory committee reviews each class and then selects classes for parents to choose from each semester.

### **Curriculum & Scope and Sequence**

The co-op does not require a teacher to use a particular curriculum for their class. We only ask that you use material that is from a Christian worldview and is in agreement with our statement of faith.

Each semester we strive to provide a wide variety of classes for families to choose from. Our aim is to have one class for each general subject (science, social studies, art, literature, math, P.E., and other elective courses). In order to better serve those who desire to teach each semester, we have developed a three-year rotation scope and sequence to use as a guide. Teachers are encouraged to be creative when developing classes for each semester and are not required to use the scope and sequence.

**Rotation 1- 2019-2020**

Science

Chemistry (Fall)

Physics (Spring)

Social Studies

Government (Fall)

Civics (Spring)

Art (Fall and Spring)

Theater

**Rotation 2- 2020-2021**

Science

Human Biology (Fall)

Plant/Animal (Spring)

Social Studies

World History (Fall)

American History (Spring)

Art (Fall and Spring)

Music

**Rotation 3- 2021-2022**

Science

Earth (Fall)

Space (Spring)

Social Studies

Economics (Fall)

Geography (Spring)

Art (Fall and Spring)

Drawing, Painting, and Cut/paste

\*Literature, Math, and P.E. are encouraged for each semester with no suggested scope and sequence schedule

\*Preschool is not included in scope and sequence.

### **Sickness**

If you or any member of your family is sick, we ask that you take the week off from participation. Any member with the following symptoms within 24 hours prior to co-op meetings is asked to stay home and get well.

- Fever over 100 degrees
- Vomiting/diarrhea
- Colored mucus
- Contagious rash
- Lice
- Flu-like symptoms

### **Commitment to Participation & Attendance**

In order for a homeschool co-op to function successfully, it is vital that families fulfill, to the best of their abilities, the commitment of participation and attendance. Since parents/guardians are critical to the teaching of classes and supervising children, attendance to co-op is a very important ingredient for effectiveness.

Therefore, co-op families are expected to be in attendance at least 7 of the 10 co-op days in a semester (75%). Of course, there are circumstances that may arise which cause us to miss a large amount of session, such as birth of a new child, severe illness or accident, job related situations, etc. The co-op understands these situations and will assist in any way possible if families face these extenuating circumstances.

If absent in co-op, please make it a priority to ensure your responsibilities as a teacher, co-teacher or supervising adult have been covered by another parent/guardian. Be sure to let the Advisory Team know in advance of your absence so that arrangements can be made to fill your responsibility.

The Advisory Team ask that all families work hard to keep good attendance and participation so the co-op can continue to serve as an encouraging tool for all families.