

Columbus Area Christian Homeschoolers (CACH) Teacher Info / Requirements

Co-op Membership Requirements: CACH is not a drop-off program. The families enrolled manage this organization and it is the combined efforts of all families that have made this co-op a success. As a co-op, members who have a child enrolled in a course must:

1. Teach 2 courses per school year.
2. Help in 2 courses/nursery per school year.
3. Have 1-2 jobs/committee positions.

New members are not required to teach the first semester, but will be helpers both hours. However, new members may choose to teach if they so desire. New members are defined as a member who has never been a part of CACH in the past. Priority for nursery helper is given to nursing mothers.

A member is allowed to teach two courses one semester and only have helping responsibilities the other semester. A member may be asked to “co-teach” a class if the number of teachers available exceeds the number of teachers needed. Co-teaching is defined as equally sharing the teaching/prepping load between two teachers. If a member would prefer to “co-teach” in a given semester, and we do not have enough teachers to allow for this, they should expect to “co-teach” both class hours.

Class Day Schedule: Classes include a 15 minute announcement/prayer time followed by two 50 minute class sessions, with a 15 minute closing.

Course Registration: A list of courses for student consideration will be up on the website in August for Fall Classes and December for Spring Classes. Students will register via the website’s Class Registration link. Courses will fill up in a first-come- first-served manner. Classes are typically \$5 per student, per class, with some special classes costing more.

Class Planning Meeting: There will be two class planning meetings, one in May for the fall semester and one in December for the spring semester. All teachers and helpers for the coming semester are expected to attend. If a teacher/helper is not able to attend the class planning meeting, the teacher/helper will notify the Class Coordinator prior to meeting.

At the class planning meeting, the goal is to brainstorm classes, assign teachers and helpers and leave with a clear vision for the upcoming semester. Please bring books/materials that could be shared with others in their class planning as well. Sharing of ideas/materials/resources between courses is strongly encouraged and is the benefit of having a collective class planning meeting. Teachers are responsible for and ensure that class material and content do not conflict with the CACH Statement of Faith.

Calendar: Classes generally meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Fall classes meet on the first and third Thursdays in Sept., Oct., and Nov. (for a total of 6 sessions). Winter/Spring classes meet beginning on the third Thursday in January and run through the third Thursday in April (for a total of 7 sessions).

Class Groupings: Children will generally be grouped as follows: Nursery, 2s/3s, Pre-K-K, 1st -2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, 6th & up. Grade groupings are subject to change, depending on enrollment. The general class size goal will be approximately 10-15 students, although a few classes, such as Gym where a larger class is necessary for a properly functioning class, may have more. Members have the option of moving their children to a different grade grouping subject to approval of class coordinators, if and only if there are no students from the intended grade level(s) on the waitlist.

Class Offerings: The goal of course offerings for 3rd grade and up is to offer courses that are more difficult to create at home or are easier in a group setting. Examples of these might be art, gym, music, . . . The courses are aimed at providing hands-on or group-benefiting activities. Our courses are not geared to be redundant of what we do at home.

Nursery: The Nursery will be available to moms when they are teaching/helping on class days. Nursing moms may choose a semester to be in the nursery with their baby and be relieved of their teaching responsibilities.

Parent/Child Absence: If a teacher is not able to attend class due to illness/vacation, the teacher must inform the Class Coordinator and any other co-teachers and helpers before class time to inform them of her/his absence and transfer any plans and material to helpers. Helpers should plan to step into the teaching role with support from the Leadership Team. If a helper is unable to attend class due to illness or vacation, the helper must inform the Class Coordinator and teacher of her/his absence. Failure to notify may be grounds for disciplinary action.