

Standard for Reopening In-Person Classes: Phase 3 + 2 weeks.

ETC will not operate with a requirement for wearing masks or unnatural/extreme social distancing. On the other hand, we will not hold in-person activities while the risk is high for everyone, and we have decided that for our organization, that means we will not resume meeting while our community is in Phase 2 of Re-Opening.

Governor Hutchinson announced the beginning of Phase 2 in mid-June. This phase is planned to last at least 45 days. ETC will use this directive from our state leaders as the standard for our operation. In-person classes, with precautions, will resume two weeks after the beginning of Phase 3 of Re-Opening. This gives our teachers 2 weeks' time to prepare to begin in-class meetings.

Upon returning, we respect each individual rights and sensibilities to make those decisions for his or her own health and safety. We understand that there are individuals with health so fragile that staying home or wearing a mask in public is the right and reasonable thing to do. While health and safety are extremely important to us, we believe that they must be balanced with the God-designed need to human interaction and fellowship. Prayerfully, we are pleading with God for the wisdom to operate in balance.

Until then...

Consortium During Phase 2 -

- Elective classes will NOT meet during Phase 2.
- Core Classes 5th-12th grades will Meet virtually starting in August until “Phase 3 + 2 weeks”. Picking up with in-person classes will be very difficult if all students have not been making progress through the common curriculum at a similar pace.
 - To include: video instruction, conferencing and detailed lessons and assignments for the following classes ***
 - Online Math – live white board conferencing and video instruction
 - Online History – live video discussion and lecture
 - Online English – live, interactive literature discussion and writing workshopping
 - Online Science – live lecture and lead of labs (lab kits will be ordered by families and most labs conducted at home)
 - Bible - reading assignments only until we meet in-person
 - OT Reading assignments (high school)

Missionary Biographies (5th-8th grades)

Virtual Core Cost 5th-12th grades: \$140/semester for each academic class; \$50/semester for each Bible class. (This is our price for those assisting or teaching under normal circumstances.)

Minimum Enrollment Required: We will need an average of 6 students in each class to run the class. We will combine small classes under one teacher until we have enrollment of 6 students for each class.

***IF SAFE** we will hold **Onsight/In-Person Activities during Phase 2** one time each month, focusing on coordinated chronological History topics and Science labs. Parents will be required to attend with their student. Participation is optional. Sign-ups will be on the Website Calendar and will require a small fee to help cover the cost of the Facility Rental and supplies. Caution about sanitation and reasonable social distancing will be observed, but masks will not be required.

Kindergarten, Lower and Middle Grammar Core Classes will have the option to enroll in a **Simul-Study program**,

- detailed syllabus and lesson plans from their teacher
- weekly communication from their child's teacher
- no scheduled video conferencing.

The teachers will help you keep your student on track so that he or she will be ready to jump into in-person classes when they can resume.

The cost is \$56 per academic class for the semester. Once In-person classes resume the cost will be \$3/remaining class session (for teachers' and assistants' children) or \$8/remaining class session (for Drop-off students).

Tuition and Fees will be billed on or around August 1, and payment is expected in full before the first day of class.

Consortium During Phase 3 -

In person meetings will resume for both Elective and Core 2 weeks after the beginning of Phase 3.

Core – Phase 3

Priority enrollment will be given to committed families who are already enrolled in Virtual Core. Core Virtual content will discontinue and no refunds for families

who chose not to meet in person will be offered. (All families should enroll with the understanding that in-person meeting is our goal and we will move to that mode as soon as it is safe.)

The additional Fee for Core Drop-Off Students will be \$5 prorated for each remaining class session. All Students will pay prorated supply fees for the remainder of the semester

Kindergarten, Lower and Middle Grammar Core Classes will resume meeting in person. For those students who have been enrolled in the Simul-Study Program the additional cost will be \$3/ remaining class session (for teachers' and assistants' children) or \$8/remaining class session (for Drop-off students).

Elective – Phase 3

The Consortium Elective schedule is expected to be what is currently published on the website. Class offerings will be subject to teacher availability and dependent on sufficient enrollment. However, we expect an enthusiastic reunion of Consortium families once in-person meeting is possible and class size will be limited.

Elective classes will be charged a prorated fee based on the number of class meeting days remaining in the semester at the following rate:

- \$5/class session for children of Assistants and Teachers
- \$10/class session for Drop-off Students
- + pro-rated Supply Fees

Tuition and Fees will be billed upon enrollment, and payment is expected in full before the first day of class.

To Enroll or Not to Enroll

We understand the hesitancy to enroll in a program with uncertainty about in-person class meetings. We know you have options for virtual learning. But if you have been a part of ETC in the past there are probably many things you love about the program and you and your children are eager to see Consortium classes and other ETC activities resume. We hope that both loyalty and expectant hope for the future of our group brings you back this fall. If you chose to wait and see when classes will resume meeting in-person, please understand that class sizes will be limited, and you might miss a spot for your child.

Consider the benefits of plugging in now...

- Support YOUR homeschool group.

- Have the planning and scheduling of your children's classes done for you.
- Stay on track with the cooperative schedule so that your child can integrate easily into in-person classes when they become available.
- Have the accountability of group learning with the flexibility of home-based learning.
- Provide continued employment for your children's beloved teachers and ensure they will still be committed to our program when you are ready for your child to resume in class instruction.
- Have access to excellent teachers who can consult with you about your student's homebased learning.
- Have the opportunity for occasional, on-topic, in-person, academic activities to complement your child's academic studies while we all wait for regularly occurring class meetings to resume.

Please be aware that Drop-Off Spots are LIMITED

A parent of any New ETC Member Families must volunteer a minimum of two hours per class day of each program in which their student is enrolled the first year of membership. The goal in this requirement is that the parent gets to know ETC as a program, the leadership and teachers of ETC, and your child's classmates and their families. A quality program requires an investment! If this seems like a difficult requirement to meet with your unique situation, please talk with us. Creative and flexible options are available.

ETC Phase 2 & Phase 3

There are a lot of great plans in the works for our group this year. Only time will tell what can come to pass. Cautiously we will meet for some safer in-person activities during Phase 2. The plan is for "Back to Normal" in Phase 3.

All new members for the 2020/2021 School Year will be charged an annual membership fee of \$125. ETC membership provides opportunities like Parent/Educator training, parent and family fellowships, teen events, service opportunities, field trips, students' social outings, clubs, performing arts, special programs and speakers, and much more. But opportunities for activities abound; what makes ETC stand out from all the other opportunities is the welcoming sense of community of like-minded Christian believers, and the Biblical standard ETC has for that community.