

ARTICLE I – NAME

HOPE² is Heroic Homeschoolers Offering Opportunities to Purposefully Pursue and Enhance Education.

ARTICLE II MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of HOPE² is to support Christ-centered homeschooling in the King George community through co-operative instruction. This not-for-profit organization is comprised of families joined together for the purpose of enriching the learning experience.

HOPE² exists to schedule group classes and facilitate a location for instruction, but does not offer transcripts or determine final grades. The co-operative supplements families' instructional efforts, but is not meant to be a complete educational school. We co-labor with each other and God to achieve creative excellence by the work of serving each other through our strengths.

GOVERNING VALUES

Matthew 22:37-39: “Jesus replied, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

While member families participating in the co-operative are not required to agree with every doctrinal point contained in the following value statements, we do ask that they agree not to dispute, challenge, or debate these Governing Values during co-op hours.

The HOPE² Board's actions and decisions will be governed by these agreed-upon values. Teachers will be required to agree to and sign our Statement of Faith defined within these Governing Values as follows:

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, is God come in the flesh. His death provides substitutionary atonement for our sins. He literally rose bodily from the dead and will literally come to earth again.
- We believe the Bible in its entirety (all 66 books of the Old and New Testament) is the infallible, inspired Word of God and will be the only scriptures used during co-op.
- We believe in, and accept by faith, the Genesis account of creation.
- We believe man is by nature sinful and is inherently in need of salvation, which is exclusively found by faith alone in Jesus Christ and His shed blood.
- We believe that personal salvation comes to mankind by grace through faith. (Eph. 2:8-9)
- We believe in a literal heaven and a literal hell.
- We believe the Bible defines marriage as being between one man and one woman.

We do not require member families to sign the Statement of Faith regarding their particular doctrinal beliefs. However, we do require member families to sign that they will abide by, and not dispute, the Governing Values during their participation in HOPE²

ARTICLE III – BOARD

- A. The Board shall be the primary governing body of the organization, which shall consist of three or more members such as Director, Co-Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Service Duty Coordinator, Webmaster, and Facility Liaison.
- B. Board members shall serve a term of 12-24 months with elections being held during a meeting, or by special election as needed.
- C. The Board shall:
 - a. Govern the organization
 - b. Establish the operating policy, to include but not limited to:
 - i. Class offerings
 - ii. Schedule
 - iii. Student eligibility
 - iv. Identify site for instruction
- D. Board members shall meet throughout the year, with the schedule to be determined by the Board and shall call general meetings.
- E. The Board may call special meetings with appropriate parties to address discipline issues and shall decide necessary action including suspension and/or expulsion.
- F. Closed meetings are permissible.
- G. Election results shall be tallied by an election committee, which will be appointed by the Board.
- H. The Board, in its commitment to safeguard a Christian worldview in offering instruction and in abiding by the Governing Values, has the discretion to interview and approve of teachers. Those offering instruction will be required to abide by and not dispute the Governing Values during co-op classes.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERS

Membership shall be open to homeschooling families who abide by the below rules:

- A. Members shall sign that they will abide by and not dispute our Governing Values.
- B. Members shall follow all co-op policies and by-laws.
- C. Members shall pay the insurance fee to the treasurer for each academic year prior to being eligible to register for classes. Premiums are not pro-rated, in accordance with our insurance policy.
- D. Members shall pay the website fee to the treasurer for the each academic year prior to being eligible to register for classes.
- E. Members shall fulfill a Service Duty Role– All member families are required to contribute either in a teaching or support capacity.

Romans 12:6 And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us each exercise them accordingly.

ARTICLE V – REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHERS

- A. Teachers are required to sign the Statement of Faith.
- B. Teachers are to identify curriculum, create a syllabus for assignments, and will determine the class size, prerequisites, and age range.
- C. Teachers are responsible to keep in touch with parents when needed including schedule changes.
- D. Teachers are encouraged to utilize the Board for unresolved issues.

ARTICLE VI – REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS

1 Timothy 4:12 “Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in work, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity, and show yourself an example of those who believe.”

Students have obligations and responsibilities. Students must adhere to policies and rules; failure to do so may result in loss of class privilege.

- A. Students shall obey, and show respect and courtesy for all teachers, adults, and fellow students.
- B. Students are guests in the facility and shall leave the area exactly as they found it. Students should clean after themselves and return chairs, tables, and materials to their rightful places.
- C. Students should be prepared by bringing all supplies needed such as pencils, paper, books, and complete assignments on time.
- D. Students should be on time and prepared to work and participate.
- E. Students’ use of electronic devices, including cell phones, iPods, etc. will be determined by the teacher, and if necessary these devices may be confiscated by the teacher.

ARTICLE VII – REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS

- A. Volunteer parents fill all positions in the co-op; therefore, all parents must perform a service duty role for the co-operative to function optimally. There is a myriad of service duty positions available.
- B. Parents should only register students for classes that they are ready for so that they are in the proper academic environment and ready for the maturity level needed for a particular class.
- C. Parents must ensure their student arrives prepared and on time for class.
- D. Parents must remain on site while their student is in class or make arrangements for another adult, which may be the teacher, to temporarily supervise. Ultimately the responsibility for the student rests solely with the parent, and not with the teacher, HOPE², or the church.
- E. Unless in a class all children must be in sight of and supervised by a parent or designated adult at all times.
- F. If there are problems or concerns they must be brought to the teacher or Board members in a timely manner so the continued smooth operation of the educational environment is ensured.

ARTICLE VIII –AMENDMENTS

Amendments must be announced two weeks prior to the final vote.

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote at a general meeting. Absentee ballots will be provided, if needed, and must be received by the Board 24 hours before the vote. Absentee votes received before the meeting will be counted as part of the majority vote. Absentee ballots may be emailed to the Director or Co-director and an email address will be provided in the notice.