



“Supporting Homeschoolers in the North East”

“Let your light so shine before men, that they see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

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SHINE - Supporting Homeschoolers in the North East Policies and Procedures

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What is SHINE?

SHINE stands for "Supporting Homeschoolers in the North East." SHINE is a 501c3 non-profit corporation designed to provide cooperative opportunities and a support network to families educating their children at home in the Northeast San Antonio, TX area.

Mission Statement:

To provide opportunities for encouraging homeschool families in the endeavor of faithful Christian training and education of their children in the Northeast San Antonio area through the union of like-minded families. Our theme verse, Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven," exemplifies our desire to honor Christ in all that we do.

Statement of Faith:

We ask that you read our Statement of Faith and understand that this Statement of Faith is a reflection of the core beliefs of the general membership of our SHINE Homeschool group. We ask that you agree to respect these beliefs both in word and deed when participating in any SHINE activity.

We believe:

- ✝ The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and the Divine and final authority for Christian faith and life.
- ✝ In one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ✝ That Jesus Christ is true God and true man having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead and ascended into Heaven, where at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He is now our High Priest and Advocate.
- ✝ That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, and instruct and empower the believer for godly living and service.
- ✝ That man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is, therefore, lost and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.
- ✝ That the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus, become children of God.

- † That water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as a means of salvation.
- † That the true Church is composed of all such persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the Body of Christ of which He is the Head.
- † In the personal pre-millennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this -Blessed Hopell has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.
- † In the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord; of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment.

Membership Diversity:

Although we are a Christian homeschool group and most of our members are Christians, we are open to families of various beliefs joining our group if they can meet our membership process requirements. Approval of all SHINE families is contingent on a family meeting all membership requirements which includes the agreement to respect our Statement of Faith and abide by all SHINE policies. We expect that all our members will be encouraging and accepting of one another.

I. Membership

- A. Requirements:
- B. Open to families who are actively engaged in home education with at least one child in K-12th grade (Kinder is at least 5 years old by September 30th and doing Kinder curriculum).
- C. Complete the registration process by:
 - i. Complete online forms: Screening, liability, medical form, student code of conduct.
 - ii. After approval of application; complete a membership meeting.
 - iii. Complete the background check for both parents in the home.
 - iv. membership information then submit completed and signed membership forms including liability form, medical form, student code of conduct, screening form, background checks for both parents in the home and annual membership dues by the given deadlines.
 - v. We ask that you please be honest in answering all questions on the membership forms.
 - 1. Lack of disclosure will result in immediate termination of membership without refund of membership fees.
- D. Attend orientation meeting for all members to review policies and procedures each year.
- E. Attend a minimum of one SHINE event or activity for at least 7 out of the 12 months of the fiscal year, June through May, and respond to attendance polls. Membership will be terminated upon missing a total of 6 months of activities in one year, with no refund of membership dues.
- F. Provide at least one service to SHINE (STS) in addition to any co-op or club (Exceptions are: Directors/Coordinators)
 - i. For specific STS information see section C4.
 - ii. If your service is not proved by May 31st:
 - 1. A \$100 service fee will be added to your membership renewal.
 - 2. You will be placed at the end of the waiting list for membership

renewal. (See Section III D for details)

3. Your continued membership will be reviewed.

iii. For families whose only student at home is a senior, STS must be performed by **January 1st** or the fee of \$100 will be due at that time, and further membership with SHINE will be suspended until the fee is paid. No fees currently paid to SHINE will be refunded.

G. Agree to respect SHINE's statement of faith and rules of conduct.

H. Must monitor SHINE's forum/calendar from the SHINE website @ www.shinehomeschool.com. Additionally, we do encourage participation in the Facebook group but that is not required. All members' website and communication boards/emails and Facebook page are for the adults only.

I. Special Circumstances—any additional adults may participate in SHINE activities with approval by the Steering Committee and completion of the background check.

II. Rights and Privileges of Members in Good Standing:

A. Members shall be entitled to involvement and participation in all of SHINE's events and activities throughout the SHINE fiscal year (June-May). All SHINE events are for SHINE members only unless prior consent has been made by the Steering committee for extenuating circumstances.

B. Members will be able to print a Teacher Card from the SHINE website and will then be eligible for a discount when joining THSC, as well as teacher discounts at many retail stores.

C. Members will be given priority for membership renewal the next year.

D. Members are entitled to SHINE's members' only website and membership directory.

E. Members shall have no voting rights but are encouraged to give feedback to the Steering Committee.

III. Duties and Responsibilities:

A. Must respect SHINE policies and procedures, rules of conduct, and the authority of the Steering Committee.

B. Must communicate openly with SHINE Leadership and other members regarding questions, concerns, ideas, etc. Effective and edifying communication is necessary to protect unity within our group, encourage relationships and share resources.

C. Parents will be responsible for the supervision of their children, unless prior arrangements have been made. If damages occur, the parents will bear the financial responsibility.

D. To fulfill the service to SHINE (STS) volunteer requirement, parents must seek active participation in planning student, parent, or family events.

i. Each event planned must be exclusive to the SHINE group.

ii. Volunteer service needs to be scheduled in advance and approved by the coordinator of the event taking place or the Director of the ministry.

iii. Service will include actual involvement with the event including at least one of the following: planning, setting up, assisting for entire shift, clean up.

iv. All volunteers will be responsible for responding to the Membership

- Director via email when polls regarding service requirements are sent out.
- v. Volunteer service will be tracked throughout the year and reminders will be sent as appropriate.
 - E. Must pay for all events, clubs, co-op, field trips, etc. by the given deadlines. Failure to pay by the given deadlines will disrupt involvement in activities, cause late fees to be charged and repeated occurrences could mean possible termination of membership.
 - F. With respect to the home school laws of Texas, individual home-schooling families will govern themselves with respect to curriculum, record keeping, school calendar, and education method. We believe parents (under God) to be the best judges when raising and educating their own children, and while SHINE will offer support, encouragement, and home school training, it is up to individual families to decide what is best for their children. **SHINE DOES NOT AWARD ACADEMIC CREDIT, KEEP ACADEMIC RECORDS, NOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FULFILLING ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS TO MEET TEXAS HOMESCHOOL LAW.**

IV. Loss of Membership:

- A. SHINE Steering Committee, reserves the right to terminate (for cause) any membership.

V. Rules of Conduct:

Ephesians 4:1-3 –“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

- A. During all SHINE sponsored events, held at any venue, the following general rules of conduct will be followed. Some events may specify additional rules as required by facility or activity.
- B. Any instances of the rules of conduct not being followed or suspected issues affecting the children in the group should be reported to the SHINE Steering Committee immediately.
- C. Students will be respectful to adults and peers and be willing to receive guidance from adults and teens in charge of activities.
- D. Romantic situations are not acceptable. For specifics see attachment C – Student code of conduct.
- E. Illegal activity is not acceptable from any SHINE member whether it occurs at a sanctioned SHINE event or not.

Ephesians 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

- F. Parents and students will refrain from gossip and conversations that are not edifying to the group. Speaking ill of or putting down another member of SHINE will not be tolerated.
- G. No inappropriate jokes or language will be tolerated.
- H. No rough and tumble horseplay, including hitting, kicking, slapping, pushing (even in jest), will be allowed.

Do everything without grumbling or arguing Phil. 2:14

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10

- I. Think of others and the impact your actions will have on others in the group. Always act in love toward each other.
- J. Participation is mandatory while attending planned activities, unless excused by the activity leader.
- K. Each person is responsible for helping to clean up after each activity.
- L. If at any time, while members, you find you can no longer peacefully abide by these guidelines, we ask that you discontinue your membership for the sake of unity in the group.
- M. During all SHINE sponsored events, held at any venue, parents and students must follow SHINE dress code.

VI. CONSEQUENCES

Our prayer is that any situation that may arise may be worked out for the good of all and come to a positive resolution.

Depending on the severity of the infraction or infractions, the Steering Committee will determine the appropriate course of action. Consequences may include a warning, suspension from events for a given time period, or termination of membership. Offenses will be documented on the SHINE Incident and/or Injury form and kept on file with SHINE.

1 Corinthians 1:10 – I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you perfectly united in mind and thought.

VII. Wellness/Illness Policies

- A. This policy applies to adults and children who attend any SHINE events. These are for the protection of you, your child, and the other members of the group.
- B. Upon recommendation of the Center for Disease Control, a child/adult must be free of all symptoms listed below for at least a period of 24 hours before they can be admitted to class.
 - i. Any contagious illness that renders your child unable to participate comfortably in daily activities.
 - ii. Fever—AND sore throat, rash, diarrhea, earache, irritability or confusion.
 1. Fever is defined as having a temperature over 100 ° F or higher taken under the arm, 101° F taken orally or 102° F taken rectally. For children 4 months or younger, the lower rectal temperature of 101° F is considered a fever threshold.
 - iii. Diarrhea—loose watery stools that require frequent change of diapers, or that a child not in diapers cannot control and necessitates increased care and/or change of clothes.
 - iv. Vomiting—2 or more times in the past 24 hours unless it is determined to be due to a non-communicable condition and there is no danger of dehydration.
 - v. Body rash with fever—unless it has been determined non-communicable.
 - vi. Severe coughing—child gets red or blue in the face or makes a high-pitched or whooping sound after coughing.
 - vii. Eye discharge—thick mucus or pus draining from the eye, or pink eye with

- eyelid redness, pain and/or fever.
 - viii. Yellowish skin or eyes.
 - ix. Any other communicable illnesses (skin infections, childhood diseases—chicken pox, measles, etc.). Child or adult must be on antibiotics for at least 48 hrs. and/or started or completed treatment per doctor’s orders.
 - x. Child is irritable, continuously crying, or requires more attention than staff can provide without interfering with the health and safety of other children in our care.
 - xi. When in doubt please stay home.
- C. If you or your children arrive with any of these symptoms, we will ask you to go home. If your child develops any of these symptoms while in class, the child will be isolated and the parent notified immediately.

VIII. Leadership

- A. SHINE is managed by a Steering Committee, which is comprised of seven appointed, volunteer positions: Communications Director, Membership Director, Treasurer, Co-op Director, Parents’ Support Director, Family Director, and Teen Director. The Steering Committee may create additional positions as deemed necessary, and may operate with some positions unfilled if necessary.
- B. The SHINE Steering Committee uses an internal email to communicate between meetings and to decide minor issues that arise. When a Steering Committee member steps down, they are removed from that email list by the moderator.
- C. The Steering Committee conducts monthly meetings. Any SHINE member may submit a question, concern, or idea at any time to the Steering Committee for discussion at the monthly meeting. The Steering Committee will review the agenda item and follow up with the member.
- D. Vacant SHINE steering committee positions are posted on the SHINE forum. Volunteers are evaluated and appointed by the current Steering Committee. The newly chosen Steering Committee will officially begin their service on June 1st at the start of the new fiscal year. The term of office for each position will be 1 year unless otherwise noted. Members may serve consecutive terms.
- E. The committee positions are as follows:
 - i. *Communications Director:*
 - 1. Responsible for SHINE public relations, facilitating the SHINE website, (including calendar, directory, forum board, etc.), updating SHINE paperwork as needed, training members on the use of the website and the SHINE forum. The Communications Director will oversee reserving facilities for SHINE functions, the insurance coverage and handles meeting agenda and meeting minutes, and the SHINE yearbook. This position has a 2-year minimum commitment.
 - ii. *Membership Director:*
 - 1. Responsible for SHINE public relations, including handling all new membership inquiries and related duties, updating membership paperwork as needed, tracking attendance/service to the SHINE, moderating the FACEBOOK page, and helping conduct Orientation Meetings.

- iii. *Treasurer:*
 - 1. Keeps SHINE accounting records, reports, and budget information, processes receipt, assists in registration, and helps create the SHINE budget. The Treasurer position may include a financial advisor or assistant as deemed necessary by the Steering Committee. This position is a minimum 3-year commitment.
 - iv. *Co-op Director:*
 - 1. Oversees planning and management of the SHINE Co-op semester by working with parents to submit class ideas, determining class location and schedules, coordinating with the Treasurer and others to register for co-op, and working with parents to plan SHINE Showcase. This position is a minimum 2-year commitment,
 - v. *Parents' Support Director:*
 - 1. Plans, organizes, oversees, and executes various activities and events to support the parents of SHINE. This includes coordinating parent events, parent workshops, and Caring Moms ministry, teaching workshops.
 - vi. *Family Director:*
 - 1. The Family Ministries Director shall plan, organize, oversee and execute various activities and events in which the whole family could be involved, Yearbook, Park Days, Science Fair, Field trips, kids craft fair, etc. This position will also facilitate the Young Shiners monthly events.
 - vii. *Teen Director:*
 - 1. Plans, organizes, oversees and executes various events for Teens and other age specific activities as appropriate such as Teen Groups, Graduation, Spring Ball, Hoedown, Theme Dinner, College and Careers Exploration, and Community Service events.
- F. Requirements of leadership:
- i. Has at least one child currently been homeschooled?
 - ii. Has homeschooled at least two years.
 - iii. Is currently and has been an active member of SHINE at least one year.
 - iv. Strives to maintain quality of leadership, the vision of the group, and harmony among the leaders.
 - v. Must be a professed Christian and agree to the Statement of Faith.
- G. Duties of leadership:
- i. Oversee the carrying out of the mission statement.
 - ii. Oversee the functioning of the group.
 - iii. Set up annual calendar.
 - iv. Attend Steering Committee meetings.
 - v. Follow through with duties as described for position.

IX. Other Governing Guidelines:

A. Supervision

- i. All activities must be supervised by a minimum of two unrelated adults.

- ii. Some activities may require additional supervision based on age and group size.
- iii. For the safety of our students, activity coordinators must be informed if someone besides a family member will be picking up a child or teen of any age from an event.

B. Young SHINER's Guidelines

- i. Parent participation is required for Young SHINER's (YS) events. This means a parent is required to attend the event with their participating child. If circumstances prevent a parent from attending with their child, the parent must make arrangements with another parent to be responsible for their child at the event. The event coordinator must be informed of who is responsible for a child if they come with someone other than their parent/guardian.
- ii. Young SHINER's events are for children ages 5ys - 8 years old. All activities, food, etc. will be for the YS children participating in the event. If a parent must bring a younger or older child with them to the event, they will need to bring a snack & something to keep the other children occupied during the event as they will not be able to participate in the YS activities.

X. Co-Op Guidelines – Attachment A

XI. Field Trip Guidelines – Attachment B

XII. Student Group Policies—Attachment C

- A. PreTeen Groups—9-12 years old (then can join as they turn 9) Parents of 9-year-old must stay at the event.
- B. Younger Teen Group—7th grade and 12 years old thru 9th grade
- C. Older Teen Group—10th grade and 15 years old thru 12th grade and 18 years old
- D. Parents and students must sign the Student Conduct Policy.

XIII. **Business Procedures:**

- A. Fiscal year: SHINE's fiscal year is from June to May. Annual renewal of membership occurs in June.
- B. SHINE is a nonprofit organization supported entirely by its Membership dues. These funds cover expenses such as insurance, administrative costs, parties, family events, website, facility rentals, etc. The amount of annual dues is set by the Steering Committee.
- C. The Steering Committee reserves the right to exercise judgment in enforcing or making exceptions to any established guidelines.
- D. SHINE's financial records and membership data will be maintained for 7 years per legal requirements. Corporation 501c3 filing documents and updates, minutes, etc. will be maintained indefinitely. Upon dissolution of SHINE, all records will be destroyed according to legal requirements.
- E. Upon dissolution of SHINE Home School, the assets (if any) of SHINE shall be donated to the organization vote on by the Steering Committee at the time of dissolution.

SHINE HOMESCHOOL CO-OP GUIDELINES

Co-op consists of weekly morning enrichment classes for K-12th grade. Students taught by SHINE parents and occasionally others brought in for specific classes. The semester is 9-weeks long and consists of 3–55-minute classes each week. Enrollment is limited due to space and nursery/preschool constraints. Co-op requires additional fees based on the classes offered and cost of facility rental.

I. Participation Requirements

- A. Family must be members in good standing with SHINE Homeschool Group.
- B. Family must have at least one student actively homeschooling in grades K-12th grade (Kinder is at least 5 years old by September 1st and doing Kinder curriculum)
- C. All parents and teachers are required to complete a background check to work with children. It must be completed prior to submitting class offering.

II. High School Drop Off Requirements

- A. SHINE students who are in high school (9th-12th grade) may attend co-op without parent participation if they meet the following requirements:
 - A. The student must be in good standing with SHINE and not had an occurrence in which an incident report form has been filled out for a discipline or dress code violation within the previous 12 months.
 - B. An additional drop off fee of \$50 per student will be added to the registration along with the administrative fee per family and class fees.
 - C. Another designated adult who is participating in co-op must agree to act as a responsible adult for the high school student while attending co-op. (From arrival to dismissal). ***This information must be put in writing and forwarded to the co-op director at least 5 days before on-line registration*** to allow time for steering committee approval. If the responsible adult has to be absent during a co-op day, the drop-off student must have an alternate responsible adult designated in advance or they may not attend co-op.
 - D. If, at any time, during the semester an incident report is issued to the student due to a code of conduct or dress code violation, the student shall be immediately ineligible for drop-off.
 - E. Drop-off student registration will begin the hour after the normal registration time slot for helpers and other non-teaching participants has concluded.

III. Co-Op

- A. Parents must remain on campus while their children are participating in co-op classes unless the student is participating in the high school drop off program.
- B. Parents will either teach/co-teach at least one hour and assist one or two additional hours depending on the needs of the co-op.
- C. Parents may teach more than one class if they desire and room is available.
- D. New families (first semester only) are not required to teach but will be assigned to assist at least 2 hours.

- E. If circumstances prevent you from teaching at least one hour, you will be required to assist all three hours.
- F. There are several positions that are necessary to the smooth function of the co-op which each count as one hour of teaching. These currently include:
 - Co-op assistant: Counts for both the teaching and assisting requirement.
 - Hospitality: Counts for both the teaching and assisting requirement.
 - Snack Table: Counts for both the teaching and assisting requirement.
 - Co-op Copy contact: Counts for the teaching requirement. Required to assist in 2 classes.
- G. Parents of infants and preschoolers, please see the special instructions in the Preschool Guidelines.
- H. Exceptions to these policies will be made on a case-by-case consideration by the SHINE Co-op Director&/or the SHINE Steering Committee.
- I. Participation in the co-op is dependent upon class availability for each child. There must be room for all family members interested in participating in order for the family to register for co-op

IV. Registration Procedures

- A. Parents show their willingness to teach classes by filling out and turning in the Co-op Teacher's Commitment form by the due date. The forms are generally due about 2 weeks before the co-op registration date. Forms will available on the website and due dates announced via SHINE communication.
- B. Registration for co-op will take place online.
- C. All registration is first come first serve.
- D. There will be four separate groups for registration in the following order:
 - Coordinators & Directors (those who have year-long commitments to the entire SHINE group)
 - Teachers (those committing to teach at least one hour or are filling a special position which counts as a one-hour teaching commitment)
 - General Registration (those who have chosen not to teach &/or are new for this semester and not teaching, but whose parents are participating in co-op.
 - High School Drop-offs (students in 9th-12th grade who are in good standing with SHINE whose parents will not be participating in co-op as noted above)
 - **IF YOU REGISTER EARILER THAN YOUR DESIGNATED TIME YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE REMOVED**
- E. Detailed registration instructions will be sent out via email.
 - Students in K-12th grade are able to choose one class to take per hour for the semester. All students must be enrolled in a class all three hours. Preschool classes are separate and students remain together for all three hours (see Preschool Guidelines).
 - During co-op paperwork day all families will have the chance to turn in any necessary paperwork, confirm teaching & assisting positions and pay any co-op fees not yet paid. All paperwork and fees are due on this day.
 - Payment will not be accepted for classes until confirmation while at paperwork day.
 - Registration will be considered complete once all paperwork and

co-op fees have been paid. Failure to return paperwork/fees by the deadline may result could lead to your family's registration being cancelled. Please contact the Co-op Director and/or Treasurer if you have any questions or concerns regarding payment deadlines.

V. Co-op Policies and Procedures

(1) General info

- (a) The hours of co-op are 8:45am to 12:10pm. Set up starts at 8:00am and Clean up usually goes until 12:15pm.
- (b) All parents and children are required to arrive by 8:45am for check-in. Check-in will be available beginning at 8:30am.
- (c) Once students are checked in, they must proceed to the assembly area and stay seated.
- (d) Assembly time will start promptly at 9:00am for prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and announcements.
- (e) Anyone arriving after 8:55am is considered tardy. Tardiness causes a hardship for the 1sthr. teachers and students, so please respectful by arriving on time.
- (f) After being dismissed from 3rd hour classes, all students meet their parents in the dismissal area. After dismissal, all members should not be wandering the hallways or outside.
- (g) Co-op classes are each 55 minutes long with a five-minute break for using the restroom and getting to the next class.

VI. Substitutes

- Substitutes for classes will be taken from parents who are “off” for one hour.
- Substitutes will be placed in the classes by the Co-op Director/Assistant. The Co-op Director/Assistant will have the list of who is free each hour and will make every effort to rotate those needed to fill empty spots each week.
 - Parents must also check in at the beginning of their free hour at the check-in table to indicate where they will be during their free hour.
 - The Director must know where the parents are at all times in the event that an emergency arises with their students.

VII. Co-op Attendance

- A. As a general rule we ask that Families NOT miss more than 2 planned absences in a semester. Consistent co-op attendance is necessary for a successful co-op semester.
- B. In the event of an absence or if a family is unavoidably going to be late, call or text the Co-op director.
- C. In the event that a parent is unable to attend co-op with their students due to emergency or illness, the parent may designate another co-op parent to be responsible for their children for that day only. The parent MUST contact the co-op director and get approval and the child must come with a written note from the parent that includes who is responsible and emergency contact numbers.

VIII. Discipline Policy

- A. Students must obey all adults, be respectful of their peers, and abide by the SHINE Student Code of Conduct during all co-op activities.
- B. Ongoing discipline problems may result in loss of co-op privileges.
- C. A three-step discipline policy will be followed at co-op for most discipline problems.
- D. A first offense will warrant a warning from the teacher or adult in charge.

- E. A second offense will mean separation from the ongoing activity.
 - F. A third offense in one day will mean that the director will be notified and will escort the student to their parent where they will remain until the end of co-op.
 - G. When the co-op Director has to get involved with the discipline an incident form will be filled out and signed by the teacher and the parent.
 - H. Incidents occurring repeatedly on different days may result in a more detailed review of the situation and/or loss of co-op privileges.
- IX. Tardiness/Skipping Class
- A. If a student is found to be skipping class or excessively tardy (more than 5 minutes) to a class, that student will have to sit the rest of the class period with the parent.
 - B. The incident will be documented on an incident report.
 - C. A second incident occurring within a co-op semester, may result in a loss of co-op privileges for that semester.
- X. Respect of Facility
- A. Please respect the facility we are using for co-op classes.
 - B. Only building areas designated for SHINE use are available for co-op.
 - C. Hallways should not be used for childcare or for visiting.
 - D. No food or drinks allowed in the assembly area AT ALL! However, water in closed containers area allowed.
 - E. As a general rule no food or drinks are allowed in the classrooms, unless they are part of the class.
 - Please do not send snacks for the students to eat during class time. (They may eat something if necessary, between classes—disposing of the trash in trash cans.)
 - F. No running is allowed in the halls or classrooms.
 - G. No heelies are allowed anywhere in the buildings!
 - H. Everyone must be willing to help clean up the facility areas we use after co-op each week.
 - I. Teen students will help with gathering trash from the buildings on a rotating basis during the semester.
- XI. Refund Policy
- A. Co-op admin fees will be refunded to the participant when the Co-op Director is contacted before the first day of class.
 - B. Class fees may be refunded, unless the teacher has already purchased the supplies needed for the class. Supplies like folders, printed material, books and craft items, will be given to the participant requesting the refund. The respective class will keep bulk items, such as paint, glue, etc.
- XII. Preschool Guidelines
- A. The SHINE co-op offers structured preschool classes for children ages 15months to 5years not in Kinder by September1 whose siblings are attending the general co-op.
 - B. The classes are taught by preschool and non-preschool parents.
 - C. Parents who are teaching/co-teaching co-op classes have priority when registering for the preschool classes.
 - D. In most cases, a preschool parent will be required to assist/teach one hour in the preschool classroom.
 - If a mom with a preschooler wishes to teach, she may enlist another mom to take her place in the preschool room during that time.

- All parents of preschoolers and younger MUST bring the following for their children when they come: bottle/sippy cup, all diaper changing supplies, changing pad, snack, change of clothes.

XIII. Non-Parent Teacher Guidelines

A. There are instances where non-parent teachers will be allowed to assist or teach at the SHINE Co-op. Non-parent assistants/teachers may submit an on-line teacher commitment form after background check has come back. Acceptation of the class is based on the needs for that semester and approval by the steering committee. Space availability and need for classes will affect whether a non-parent assistant or teacher will be accepted to help for the semester. ***Priority will be given to parents who are required to fulfill their co-op requirements.***

- Non-parent teachers could include high school seniors, alumni adults and other adults that are not parents of the children participating.
- All non-parent assistants/teachers will be required to fill out and turn in the SHINE background check before a class idea is submitted to be approved to work with the students.
- Non-parent assistants & teachers will be expected to understand and follow all the guidelines laid out in section V and VI
- All non-parent assistants or teachers must take their responsibility at the SHINE co-op seriously and display the level of leadership that is necessary in assisting or leading a class.
- High School Seniors may take on the responsibility of teaching or assisting in a class.
 - They may submit a teacher commitment form to the Co-op Director and will be notified if the class idea or assisting position is approved for the semester.
 - They will be limited to 1 hour class and must have an adult assistant who is not a related and is willing to take responsibility for the senior and class.
 - Seniors will only be allowed to assist in middle school or elementary grade level.
 - When not assisting, senior students must be in class. Seniors must enroll in 2 co-op classes to be eligible to teach.

B. When a special guest teacher is teaching, they must arrive at the scheduled class start time and leave the facility at the scheduled class end time. Special guest teachers must be escorted by a parent in and out of the facility.

XIV. Teacher/Co-Teacher Expectations

- A. Be familiar with the SHINE Policies and Procedures and the Co-op Policies and Procedures.
- B. Plan, prepare, purchase supplies, etc. for the class you are teaching.
- C. If you are co-teaching, you will divide these duties between you both.
- D. Save all receipts for reimbursement as described below.
- To be reimbursed for supplies, turn in 1 copy of your receipt or the original to the Treasurer, notated with your name & the name of the class the money was spent for.
 - Budgeting for a class can be difficult, and we realize that expenses can sometimes exceed the amount collected for the class.
 - Please make every effort to inform the Treasurer and Co-op Director

BEFORE purchasing supplies that cause you to exceed collected amounts, so that they can assist in determining the best course of action.

- If class expenditures exceed 10% of the class amount, or an amount greater than \$10.00, the additional amount to be reimbursed must be approved by the Steering Committee
 - In this case reimbursement will depend on available funds.

E. Co-op provides a copy service free of charge

- A designated as Copy Mom will be announced at the beginning of each semester.
- You may bring masters to co-op no later than one week prior to the date needed in order to use this service. Or you can make arrangements for email with the designated Copy Mom.
- The following week the copy mom will place the copies in the copy box to be picked up by the teacher.
- If you choose to make your own copies for your class, you will need to budget it into your class fee and turn in receipts as you would for any other supplies.

F. Classroom

- Take roll-call at the beginning of class each day. Notify the Co-op Director immediately if a student is not in class for an unknown reason (if you know they are out sick that is okay).
- Ensure your room is clean and tables are in original position before leaving your classroom. Wipes will be provided for cleaning up tables as needed.
- If you teach 1st hour, you or a helper must sit with your class and then bring them from the Assembly area each week.
- Communicate with any helpers in the room how to best help you in working with the children.
- Communicate needs or problems, questions or concerns to the Co-op Director.

G. Assistant/Helper Expectations

- Be familiar with the SHINE Policies and Procedures and the Co-op Policies and Procedures.
- Be willing to assist the teachers in whatever activities they are doing on a given day.
- Plan to help with the children as the teacher is teaching—help direct children's attention, explain things, help with projects, etc.
- Expect to be asked to substitute teach in the event of the class teacher's absence.

H. Wellness/Illness Policies

- The SHINE Wellness/Illness Policy applies to adults and children who attend any SHINE events. Please see policy.

SHINE - Family Ministries

Field Trip Leader

Field Trip Leader

The job of the Field Trip Leader is to take charge of a particular field trip. A field trip is any organized event for the SHINE families to attend as a group (zoo, factory tour, symphony, plays, etc.).

Duties include:

- Researching pertinent information and submitting the online Field Trip Leader Form
- Setting up reservations for the group
- Keeping track of who is participating
- Handling field trip related phone calls, arrange for carpooling
- Publicizing the trip to the SHINE members
- Submitting photos of the field trip to the yearbook coordinator.

Procedure for Trip Planning/Scheduling:

- Collect the following field trip information:
 - ▶ Date, time and location for the field trip.
 - ▶ Is a tour guide, instructor, or class provided, or will the group be self-guided?
 - ▶ What special highlights or other information will help families be better prepared for their visit?
 - ▶ Is there a school or group rate? What is the price for preschoolers and parents (adult chaperones)?
 - ▶ Is there a minimum and/or maximum group size limit?
 - ▶ What ages are allowed to participate? Are strollers/nursing moms accommodated?
 - ▶ Are there eating facilities on site or nearby? Are there bathroom facilities?
 - ▶ When do they need a final count and payment? What type of payment is acceptable? What is the policy for refunds?
 - ▶ Will a confirmation letter be sent?
 - ▶ What parking facilities are available? Is there a parking fee?
- Complete and submit the online Field Trip Leader Form to the FT Coordinator.
- Once field trip and date are approved, proceed with planning.
- Create field trip description and submit description and information to the Field Trip Coordinator to be posted to the SHINE calendar.
- Post reminders to the SHINE forum regularly - at least 3 reminders per trip.
- Attend the field trip, ensure that everyone follows SHINE guidelines and that attendees adhere to the SHINE dress code and code of conduct. Note: As per SHINE policy, at least two non-related adults must be present at every activity.
- Field Trips are NOT drop off events. Every student attending must be with a designated responsible adult.

*Note: Acting as a "Field Trip Leader" will fulfill the yearly Service to SHINE requirement.

Field Trip Attendee Guidelines

Parents:

1. Please note field trip information on the signup sheet or speak to the field trip leader BEFORE signing up. Many locations have age, group size, or other requirements that we must meet. Please do not sign your children up for a field trip that they are not eligible to attend, as this reflects poorly on our group and homeschoolers in general.
2. Please call the field trip leader if you are not able to attend. If prepayment has been made, a refund will be given if SHINE can get a refund.
3. Please be at the location of the field trip on time. "On time" means 15 minutes early, so that you can go in as a group with your group leader.
4. Parents are responsible for the appropriate behavior of their children and any children they bring.
5. The SHINE dress code policy applies on all field trips.
6. Plan ahead of time if you need to pack a lunch for your children.
7. Inform your children of any learning experiences that will take place on the field trip.

Children:

1. Be courteous and polite at all times.
2. Respect others who are on the trip with you.
3. Obey your parent/teacher at all times and follow all rules at the location of the field trip.
4. Listen carefully to any instructors and instructions on the trip.
5. Be patient as you wait your turn.
6. Be cheerful without complaining.
7. Be thankful to those who helped on the field trip. Say "thank you" to the person who conducted the class or tour.

ATTACHMENT C

Student Code of Conduct:

Students are to conduct themselves in a proper manner.

1. Do be polite
2. Do be young ladies and gentlemen
3. Do show grace
4. Do be kind
5. Do be respectful to each other
6. Do be respectful to all adults – i.e., being courteous when spoken to, giving assistance cheerfully when asked, etc.
7. No hitting
8. No hard wrestling (this includes picking each other up, tackling, or pushing and shoving.)
9. No destruction of property
10. No name calling
11. No excessive teasing
12. No off-color jokes or coarse language
13. No inappropriate discussions, such as those related to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or sex, will be tolerated.
14. Illegal activity is not acceptable from any SHINE member whether it occurs at a sanctioned SHINE event or not.
15. Pocket knives must be kept in the pocket at all times at any SHINE function or they will be confiscated.

Romantic situations:

(No tolerance of a relationship's outward expressions.)

1. NO holding of hands-- other than that which is necessary for a planned activity
2. NO lingering hugs
3. NO kissing
4. NO leaving the group without the activity leader's permission

Participation:

1. Students are required to participate in planned activities when attending an organized SHINE event.
2. A student may be excused by the event leader if there are circumstances to prevent them from participating in a certain activity at an event.
3. Participation includes keeping your attention on the people around you and on the planned activities and NOT using your cell phone unless it is a benefit to the group or needing to answer a parent call.

Event Pick Up:

1. Event leaders must be informed by the parent of a student who is to be picked up from an event by someone other than an immediate family member (parent or older sibling). Our leaders strive to ensure the safety of all our students.
2. Please notify the event leader at drop off or as soon as possible (if an emergency arises) of who will be picking up your student if it will not be someone in your family.

Teens Driving to SHINE events:

Any teen who has parent permission to drive themselves to a SHINE event may do so under the following conditions:

1. If it is a Teen event, the teen will be required to arrive on-time and remain at the event until the scheduled ending time. The teen will not be allowed to leave an event early unless arrangements have been made between the parent and the leader of the event.
2. If it is a family event (including co-op), the teen must have an adult attending the event set up to be the responsible adult for that teen for the duration of the event. The teen will not be allowed to leave an event early unless arrangements have been made between the parent and the leader of the event.

In addition to the above, if attending co-op classes:

1. Cheerfully give assistance when asked and look for ways to help in cleaning up
2. No skipping of classes will be tolerated
3. Being on time is expected and tardiness of more than 5 minutes will result in missing class and a warning issued

Consequences for not following the rules of conduct:

- First offense, a warning will be given detailing the offense.
- Second offense, suspension from future activities for a period as deemed appropriate by the Steering Committee.
- Additional offenses will lead to a conference between the parents of the children involved and the Steering Committee to decide further action to be taken if necessary.
- All offenses will be documented on the SHINE Incident form and kept on file.

We do ask you and your students to be aware of how texts, emails, Facebook and other social medias affect your co-members of SHINE and govern yourselves accordingly. Our goal is a group that uplifts and encourages friendly, supportive interaction for our students.

After you have read this over with your student please sign as well as having your student(s) sign. This shows that you agree to these terms and understand them. If you have questions, please contact any member of the Steering Committee.