

SEICHE
CODE OF CONDUCT

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VISION

We are a Christ-centered community that provides a variety of social events, educational and enrichment classes for homeschooling families in a safe and loving environment. We desire to strengthen Christian homeschooling families by providing times of close interaction. We co-labor with each other and God to achieve excellence by serving each other through our strengths.

MISSION STATEMENT

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” (1 Peter 4:10)

We believe that parents have the primary responsibility to educate their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Our goal is to provide support, for the educational plan that God has laid out for each family.

GOVERNING VALUES

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)

1. Christ-centered community - We believe the Bible is the infallible word of God.
2. A safe and loving environment - We value unconditional love and grace for one another.
3. Fellowship - We desire close interaction to encourage and strengthen one another.
4. Co-labor - We value the uniqueness each member brings.
5. Creative excellence by serving - We value the emphasis of coming together to be a system of support to the home-schooling community. God has given us an awesome 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.
6. Parental support – We endeavor to come alongside parents in their God-Given role to raise and educate their children.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

All members are required to agree with, and sign, the statement of faith for the SEICHE Support Group of which they are a member.

**"Everything is permissible"—but not everything is beneficial.
"Everything is permissible"—but not everything is constructive.
Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.
1 Corinthians 10: 23-24**

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Announcements and important information are sent via email throughout the year. It's the parents responsibility to stay informed by reading their emails and visiting the website.
2. Parents are to monitor their children during events at all times.
3. Students are expected to have self-control and respond appropriately to directives.
4. Be respectful of others and their property.
5. Be respectful of event venues. Failure to respect the host facility can result in discipline from the board and possible dismissal.
6. Students are expected to encourage and support one another in a gracious and loving environment. No name calling or destructive comments toward one another will be tolerated.
7. No weapons, knives (including pocket knives), tobacco products, alcohol, illegal substances are permitted.

ILLNESS POLICY

Participants should not attend events if they are sick or are experiencing any of the following symptoms

- Colored mucus
- Diarrhea, vomiting or nausea (within last 24 hours)
- Eye drainage
- Virus or infection
- Rashes (contagious)
- Head lice
- Fever (within last 24 hours)

DRESS CODE/GUIDELINES

As a general guideline, clothing should provide appropriate coverage and avoid drawing unnecessary attention to the body. We also ask that clothing not display messages, images, or symbols that are inconsistent with Christian values.

Because every situation is different, we ask families to use wisdom and discretion when choosing attire for SEICHE activities. If a concern arises with any member, the leadership team will speak privately with the parent so that we can work together to maintain an environment that honors Christ and supports learning and fellowship.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

*“Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the parent, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields fruit of the righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”
(Hebrews 12:11)*

1. Every student is expected to behave in a proper and respectful fashion at all times. If a child is disruptive or displays aggressive or inappropriate behavior during an event, he or she will be removed from the situation and the parent notified.
2. If a parent fails to control the child’s disruptive behavior, the board reserves the right to not allow the child to attend events.
3. Families not fulfilling their responsibilities or abiding in the spirit of cooperation set forth in our governing values will potentially be asked to leave the group.
 - a) 1st offense- Verbal Warning
 - b) 2nd Offense- Written Warning
 - c) 3rd Offense- \$25.00 per family member fine
 - d) Additional violations will be considered grounds for dismissal

CONFLICT RESOLUTION POLICY

“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.

If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more,

that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed

in heaven.” (Matthew 18:15-20)

*“What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?”
(1 Corinthians 4:21)*

Unfortunately, personality conflicts and misunderstandings can happen. Though rare, it is important we agree on how to deal with these situations before they arise. We've chosen to base the structure of this policy on Matthew 18:15-20 and the spirit of this policy on 1 Corinthians 4:21.

Many disputes/differences can be properly resolved by overlooking an offense and forgiving the person who has offended. Because of this, we ask that you pray about the issue to decide if it is important enough to deem confrontation. If, after prayer, God gives you the peace to dismiss the issue, then it is passed and forgotten and is NOT to be discussed with others.

If, however, after prayer, you feel the offense must be addressed, the offended party must first seek to resolve* conflict between the two individuals involved. If either party is unsatisfied or a resolution* cannot be met, they must seek the assistance of an objective party (typically a member of the leadership team) to mediate.

As a last resort, the conflict will be taken to the other members of the leadership team, and they will make the final decision.

**resolve/resolution=achieved when all parties reach mutual agreement or understanding.*