

# Important things you should know...

## What is GRACE?

- We are Christian homeschool families that have joined together to share in the education of our children.
- GRACE expects all members to uphold biblical and moral lifestyle standards as outlined in the Bible.
- GRACE provides an opportunity for homeschool children to experience learning in a group atmosphere.
- GRACE is a supplement to your own homeschool program, it is not meant to be the only curriculum you use.



## Is religion involved? What religion?

Yes. GRACE was founded by and is comprised of Christian families. GRACE represents homeschoolers from a variety of Christian backgrounds. This is both a blessing and a challenge as there is a range of beliefs held under the label of "Christian". This means we have a wide range of worship expressions, variations in understanding on some practices, and expectations of what Christian living looks like within our co-op which needs to be properly respected and honored. Despite the challenges diversity brings, there is also a huge blessing, as GRACE is a visible reminder that God is the ultimate authority, and we are merely humble servants and children, seeking to honor their king.

## Who can join GRACE?

GRACE does not require potential members be of the Christian faith to join. However, it's important for potential members to understand that Christian practices, such as prayer and reading from the Bible, are a part of our weekly program. ALL teaching at GRACE, both in and out of the classroom, is biblically based and encourages personal growth through faith in Jesus Christ. All members of GRACE, from youngest to oldest, are taught and encouraged to uphold biblical and moral lifestyle standards as outlined in the Bible. Only members who have accepted eternal life through verbal confession of their belief in the redeeming salvation of Jesus Christ, and are in complete support of GRACE's Statement of Faith, are allowed to serve as teachers or considered for appointment to GRACE's leadership team.

**GRACE CO-OP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DENY OR CANCEL MEMBERSHIP TO ANY FAMILY OR STUDENT. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE GUIDELINES IN THIS MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK, OR ANY DISPLAY OF DEFIANCE OR IRREVERENCE TOWARD THESE GUIDELINES, MAY RESULT IN ADVISORY BOARD DISCIPLINE, LOSS OF TEACHING PRIVILEGES AND/OR PERMANENT LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP.**