SEEK Homeschool Cooperative — Condensed Handbook

A simplified guide for parents and teachers

🌿 Purpose & Identity

SEEK is a Christian homeschool cooperative offering **junior high and high school academic classes** taught from a **Biblical worldview**. Classes are meant to **support**, not replace, home education. Students learn in community, with accountability and shared expectations.

"SEEK classes are a supplement to home education, providing students with the opportunity to participate in a group setting with accountability."

🌿 Faith & Values

SEEK is built on a shared Christian statement of faith, including belief in:

- One God in three Persons
- The authority of Scripture
- Salvation by grace through Christ
- Biblical definitions of marriage and gender

Families joining SEEK agree to uphold these beliefs in spirit and practice.

🌿 Eligibility & Membership

Families may join SEEK when:

- They have at least one junior high or high school student ready for academic and social expectations.
- The student has completed **one year of homeschooling** with their parent.
- Parents sign the Statement of Faith and Student/Parent Contract.
- Parents commit to serving **two class periods per semester**.

SEEK cannot accommodate students enrolled in public, charter, or publicly funded virtual programs.

🌿 Parent Partnership

Parents are essential to SEEK's success. They are expected to:

- Arrive prepared to serve in their assigned roles.
- Model respect, maturity, and cooperation.
- Communicate promptly with teachers and leadership.
- Ensure they and their children follow SEEK's dress code and behavior expectations.
- Honor their parent assignment even if their student drops a class.

"It is imperative that every parent come to SEEK prepared to fulfill his/her responsibility."

🌿 Communication

Clear, consistent communication keeps our community healthy.

Families should:

- Check email/Jupiter messages regularly.
- Use the SEEK website for schedules, forms, and updates.
- Monitor Jupiter for class assignments and grades.
- Use Jupiter to communicate with teachers of JH/HS students as needed
- Text the SEEK Hotline (317-300-4325) for absences.
- Use the Remind app for urgent notifications.

🌿 Fees

- **Registration:** $320 per family (non-refundable after May 1).
- **Class fees:** Listed in each course overview; due before each semester begins.
- **Enrichment fees:** $15 per child per semester (family max $75).
- Scholarships are not available, but payment plans may be arranged.

🌿 Safety & Conduct

SEEK aims to create a safe, respectful, and Christ-honoring environment.

Sign-In / Sign-Out

Students and parents must sign in/out when arriving or leaving outside their normal schedule.

Lunch

Students may:

- Eat in the Fellowship Hall
- Leave campus (with sign-out)
- Eat outside with appropriate adult supervision

Visitors

Visitors require **one week's notice** and leadership approval.

Behavior

Students are expected to show courtesy, respect, and maturity.
Inappropriate comments, PDA, or threatening behavior are not permitted.

Dress Code

Modesty is the standard for all students and adults.
Key expectations include:

- No midriff, cleavage, or undergarments showing
- Leggings worn only with tops/dresses covering to above the knee
- No spaghetti straps or tight tops
- No offensive graphics or wording

"To maintain an academic and professional atmosphere, modesty is the standard."

Illness

Students must stay home if they have fever, contagious illness, vomiting, diarrhea, or other listed symptoms.

🌿 Attendance & Tardiness

Consistent attendance is essential.

- Parents text the hotline if absent.
- Students notify teachers directly.
- Teachers missing more than two days per semester may be reviewed.
- Students are expected to arrive on time; teachers may deduct points for tardiness.

🌿 Program Overview

SEEK meets **Tuesdays, 8:30–1:15**, for 16 weeks each semester.

Classes include:

- Core subjects (science, math, English, history)
- Electives
- Enrichment (for younger students)

Teachers choose curriculum, but all classes are taught from a **Biblical worldview**.

🌿 Class Placement & Age Requirements

Age is determined by the student's age on **July 31**.

- **High School:** Must be 14 (or 13 if allowed by prerequisites).
- **Junior High:** Must be 12 (or 11 for certain early-period classes).

Academic readiness and social maturity are also important considerations.

🌿 Academic Expectations

- Students must complete all assignments on time.
- If a student misses a deadline, they must still complete the work even if they receive no credit.
- Teachers provide evaluations, but **parents maintain official homeschool records**.
- Cheating and plagiarism have clear consequences.

- Academic probation may be used when a student struggles to meet expectations.

🌿 Junior High & Enrichment

Both programs have simplified expectations appropriate to age, including:

- Respectful behavior
- Completion of homework
- Clear communication
- Parent involvement and supervision

Enrichment classes emphasize hands-on learning, cooperation, and character development.

🌿 Conflict Resolution

SEEK follows the Matthew 18 model:

1. Speak privately with the person involved.
2. Bring another SEEK member if needed.
3. Ask leadership to help mediate if the issue remains unresolved.

“Healthy relationships and respectful communication keep our co-op strong.”

🌿 Final Thoughts

SEEK is a community built on shared faith, mutual respect, and a commitment to educating our children well. This handbook reflects our desire to create a place where families can learn, grow, and serve together with grace and unity.