



Reservoir Area Christian Home Educators
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Academic Class Handbook

Mission Statement

Reservoir Area Christian Home Educators {ReACHE} exists to glorify God by providing information, inspiration, fellowship, support, and encouragement to Christian home-educating families. {Deuteronomy 6:1-25; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4}

ReACHE offers select academic classes for middle and high school students, which meet weekly {Tuesdays and Thursdays} at First Baptist Church of Fannin.

Eligibility of Students

Participation is open to all Christian homeschool students who meet both the teachers' and ReACHE's requirements. Families do not have to be member of ReACHE to participate in ReACHE Academic Classes.

REGISTRATION

ReACHE Academic Class Registration will be held from April 2, 2019 - Sept. 6, 2019. Details regarding registration for 2019-2020 classes can be found at www.reache.org under the Academic Class tab on the left hand side of the homepage.

EXPECTATIONS

Student {Family} Expectations

To ensure a productive year and class time students are expected to:

- Be respectful of teachers and other students by arriving to class on time and being prepared for class.
- Be respectful of all ReACHE Academic Class guidelines and policies and any other guidelines and policies as determined by each teacher.
- Be respectful of the church building and all church staff.
- Silence all cell phones and/or hand held devices during class time unless otherwise directed by the teacher.
- Be respectful of the commitment the teachers have made to the students for the full academic year and honor your commitment by being faithful financially as well as in attendance and class participation.

Facilitator Expectations

The ReACHE Academic Class Facilitator will be present on campus during all scheduled classes to oversee the program, supervise students and support teachers.

1. The facilitator will be chosen and approved by the ReACHE Board of Directors.
2. The facilitator will sign a Facilitator Commitment form at the beginning of each year.

Teacher Expectations

Because we are a Biblically based group, ReACHE academic class teachers will present subject matter from a Biblical worldview in a Godly manner and will not endorse to their students any tenets of secular humanism {e.g. the theory of evolution, abortion rights, etc}. This does not preclude the discussion of these topics within the framework of a Christian worldview.

1. All teachers will be chosen and approved by the ReACHE Board of Directors.
2. All teachers will sign a Teacher Commitment form at the beginning of each year.

POLICIES

Conduct & Discipline Policy

Students must realize that participation in ReACHE Academic Classes is a privilege. Disobedience, defiance, and any other ongoing negative attitudes or behaviors will be addressed with the student, and then with the parents. Parents are responsible for discussing discipline issues with their children and enforcing any consequences deemed appropriate by the teacher. Students are expected to fully participate in class assignments, homework, and discussions.

Dress Code

Students are expected to maintain a standard of modesty and propriety in dress in all classes.

- Shorts and skirts must be modest length.
- See-through clothing, tank tops, skin-tight tops, halter tops, midriff tops, plunging necklines and muscle shirts are prohibited.
- No undergarments should be visible through other clothing.
- Any clothing or accessories with inappropriate or offensive words or pictures, or illegal acts are prohibited.
- Holes in jeans or pants should be no higher than mid-thigh.
- If leggings are worn, they must be covered with clothing that meets dress code.
- If in doubt, always err on the side of conservatism.

Any issues with this will be addressed on an individual basis.

Supervision

Students who participate in Academic Classes are expected to have a maturity level that does not require constant supervision by an adult in order for them to behave appropriately. Students may be dropped off no earlier than 10 minutes before the first class begins. Students may wait quietly in the glass enclosure of the church building before and after class is over while waiting to be picked up. Students are expected to remain in this area and are not to loiter in the parking lot, hallways or other areas of the church. Students who do not follow this policy will be asked to be escorted in and out of the building by a parent. Families should arrange for their students to be picked up immediately after they are done in class. If a parent is unexpectedly delayed in picking up a student, the student may wait in study hall until parent arrives.

***A quiet, study room will be available for students' use during ReACHE Academic Classes.**

Registration is required for the class hours your student will utilize study hall.

SAFETY

In the Event of Inclement Weather

- As a rule, ReACHE Academic Classes will follow the Rankin County Public School closing schedule during time of inclement weather.
- In the event of a possible severe weather threat, we will make determinations about cancellations ASAP and will announce these changes in schedule to parents through email.
- Classes cancelled due to inclement weather will not be made-up.

In the Event of Fire

Teachers are expected to escort students outside in an orderly fashion. Please use the closest exit to your location that is the furthest from the fire's source. If it is not possible to exit the classroom through the door carefully, exit through your classroom window,

Our meeting place for everyone is the farthest end of the large back parking lot. We need everyone in one place to ensure that everyone is out of the building.

In the Event of Tornado

Adults and students will gather in the preschool hallway on the lower level. Teachers will ensure that the double doors at each end of the hallway and all the classroom doors are closed. Please have all students remain calm and sit on the ground against the hallway walls and cover their heads.

In the Event of Active Shooter

All teachers and volunteers should consolidate children in their rooms. Close and lock the door (if possible), and barricade with anything available. Turn off lights and silence all cell phones. Please ensure that all children remain calm and quiet. Call 911, and do not assume that someone else has done it. If it is possible, get children out of the building through the windows only after ensuring that there are no shooters outside. Get the children to a location that is hidden from view. Do not use the hallways and do not stand out in the open outside. If hiding or running is not an acceptable approach and the shooter corners you, the last resort is physical aggression. Throw anything and everything at the assailant, attack the shooter by any means necessary to ensure your and the children's survival.

The steps of this plan are to help mitigate risk associated with any natural and manmade emergencies. No plan can eliminate all risk, but a written plan and people trained on that plan can greatly increase the chance of successfully navigating an emergency with minimal injuries.

In the Event of Unexpected Cancellation of Classes

Families will be notified of any unexpected cancellation of classes through email, Facebook, the website, and/or text.