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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 a member of ReACHE to participate in ReACHE Academic Classes.

## **REGISTRATION**

Details regarding registration for classes can be found at [www.reache.org](http://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

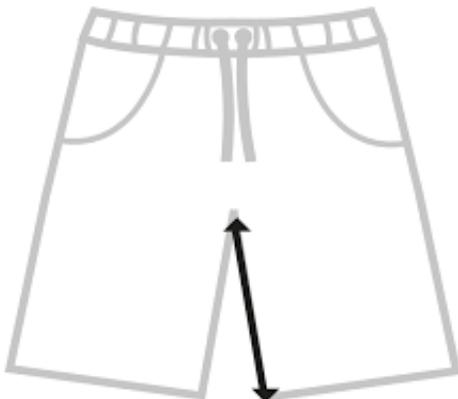
Students must realize that participation in ReACHE Academic Classes is a privilege. Disobedience, defiance, and any other ongoing negative attitudes or behaviors will be addressed with the student, and then with the parents. Parents are responsible for discussing discipline issues with their children 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.

- **ALL SHORTS/SKIRTS, REGARDLESS OF TYPE OR STYLE, MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF A 6" INSEAM.** We have included a visual of how to measure this for your reference below.
- 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.



This is a diagram that shows the "inseam" of shorts. The black line must measure at least 6".

## 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. However, if a student is on campus, they should be in their classroom or in the study hall room. There will be no gathering or wandering in hallways, bathrooms, stairwells or parking lots. Families should arrange for students to be picked up immediately after class is dismissed. Student drivers should leave campus immediately after class is dismissed. 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. You will specify this on the registration form.**

**\*Students should not go into classrooms before the teacher arrives. If they arrive early, they must go into the supervised study hall room until class starts.**

## Late Pick-Up Policy

Our facilitator has committed to stay on campus till 4:15PM each Tuesday and Thursday. We want to be respectful of her time and other commitments. Please make note of the following:

**\*4:00-4:15 will be a grace period.**

**\*There will be a \$1 charge for every minute after 4:15 that our facilitator has to wait for a parent to arrive. We will go by the facilitator's clock. You can discuss and pay the fee at the time of pick-up or she will invoice you. The fee must be paid before the student will be admitted to his/her next class. You can send cash or check (payable to facilitator) with your student or pay her via Paypal.**

## Sickness Policy

Always err on the side of caution when dealing with possible illness in your home. Teachers will allow students to make up work if class is missed due to illness. If your student is exhibiting any of the following symptoms, please **do not** send them to class.

\*Fever over 100 degrees

\*Vomiting or diarrhea

\*Thick white or green drainage

\*Hacking cough

\*Pink eye

\*Head Lice

\*Undiagnosed Rash Virus (Strep, Flu, Stomach Bug, Etc.)

\*any COVID symptoms

# 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. However, we reserve the right to cancel

classes or modify schedules at any time, in consideration of what is best for our students/families.

- 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.
- Each teacher will determine whether cancelled classes will be made up at the end of the semester.

## **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 students 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 students 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 students' 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 and text.