

Support Group & Co-op Character Commitment Code

1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity." (NIV)

CHARACTER

The vision of our homeschool group is to build Christ-like character, working alongside parents to help their students "grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men." (Luke 2:52) To accomplish this, we require that respect be shown to the leadership, faculty, parent volunteers, tour guides, and all other students.

A practical application of respectful behavior at Co-op and at Support Group Events is as follows:

1. Always have a positive attitude and an open mind for learning.
2. Please refrain from talking while the class facilitator or tour guide or leader is speaking.
3. Use of ANY electronic devices is prohibited unless the facilitator or tour guide allows them for a specific purpose. Violation will result in confiscation of such devices, to be returned at the end of the Co-op day or the end of the Event.
4. Please arrive on time. Walking into class late is a disruption of class time and concentration. Arriving late to a Field Trip may result in you missing the opportunity to participate.
5. Respect the Co-op and Event facility/property. Always leave a place better than it was when you arrived. Clean up after yourself and do not litter or destroy property in any way.

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

Any Co-op assignments and projects given by your Facilitator must be completed by the due date given by that Facilitator. All work handed in must be the student's own and not a misrepresentation of anyone else's. Communicate with your Facilitator any absences, concerns, or issues. Parents are expected to actively monitor their student's work so they will be better prepared, but are asked not to do the work for their student.

Some classes may require tests to be given at the parent's discretion, graded by the parent.

****High School & Middle School:** The Facilitators will give grades based on the student's performance under their instruction. If a student repeatedly misses class, fails to complete assignments, or cannot maintain the required level of work, we reserve the right to dismiss that student from any or all Co-op classes.

****Ultimately, the parent is responsible for their child's education.**

DRESS CODE

Modesty and Integrity are always the standards.

A practical guideline for modesty:

- 1) Shorts & skirts must be at mid-thigh or longer (One way to measure acceptable length is to allow your arm to hang loosely at your side while standing tall, stretch your fingers straight downward, your shorts or skirts should be as long as, or longer than, your fingertips.)
- 2) Pants/shorts must be worn at reasonable waistline – no underwear showing, please!
- 3) No bare midriffs
- 4) Shirt sleeves should be at least 2" wide (no spaghetti straps)
- 5) Leggings: must wear a mid-thigh (or longer) top, shorts, or skirt over leggings
- 6) No objectionable logos
- 7) Must wear a shirt under sport jerseys (this include boys)

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

JR. CO-OP: At least one parent from each family enrolled in Jr. Co-op is required to remain on campus volunteering in a given area during the entire Co-op. You are **not** permitted to send your child to Co-op under the guardianship of another parent or family already in attendance. Jr. Co-op is an educational opportunity for our members, not a drop off private school. Failure to remain on campus and volunteer will result in no admittance into class for your child. If any issues or concerns arise, it is your responsibility to communicate with the Jr. Co-op Director.

HS & MS: The High School and Middle School Co-op are drop & go. However, volunteers are needed to help with the concessions, the gym, the hallways, and to be classroom assistants. These volunteers help the Co-op run more smoothly and maintain a safer environment.

ALL CO-OP LEVELS: Parents, please respect the Co-op Leadership, trusting them to act and make decisions for the betterment of the students, the staff, and our homeschool group at large.

DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

We approach any corrective situation with the goal of repentance, reconciliation, and a heart/life change. It is our goal to have clear, honest, and open communication. For issues in a Co-op class, please go to the teacher/facilitator first. If you require further resolution or need to

discuss issues outside of a Co-op class, please go to the Co-op Director. Contact info for the Co-op Leadership is posted on the website.

We acknowledge that by signing this form for our child, _____, our family agrees to be held accountable to the Support Group and Co-Op Character Commitment Code expectations stated above. We will endeavor to work with the Leadership and Facilitators to resolve any conflicts that might arise and agree to honor their authority respectfully.

Parent #1 Signature _____

Parent #2 Signature _____

Student Signature (5K & up) _____

Date of Signatures _____

***Please print, sign, and mail this form with your Medical Release form to attn.: Co-Op Director, 123 Any Street, Town, ST 34235. A completed form for each child is required for that child to start Co-op classes and/or participate in Support Group Events.