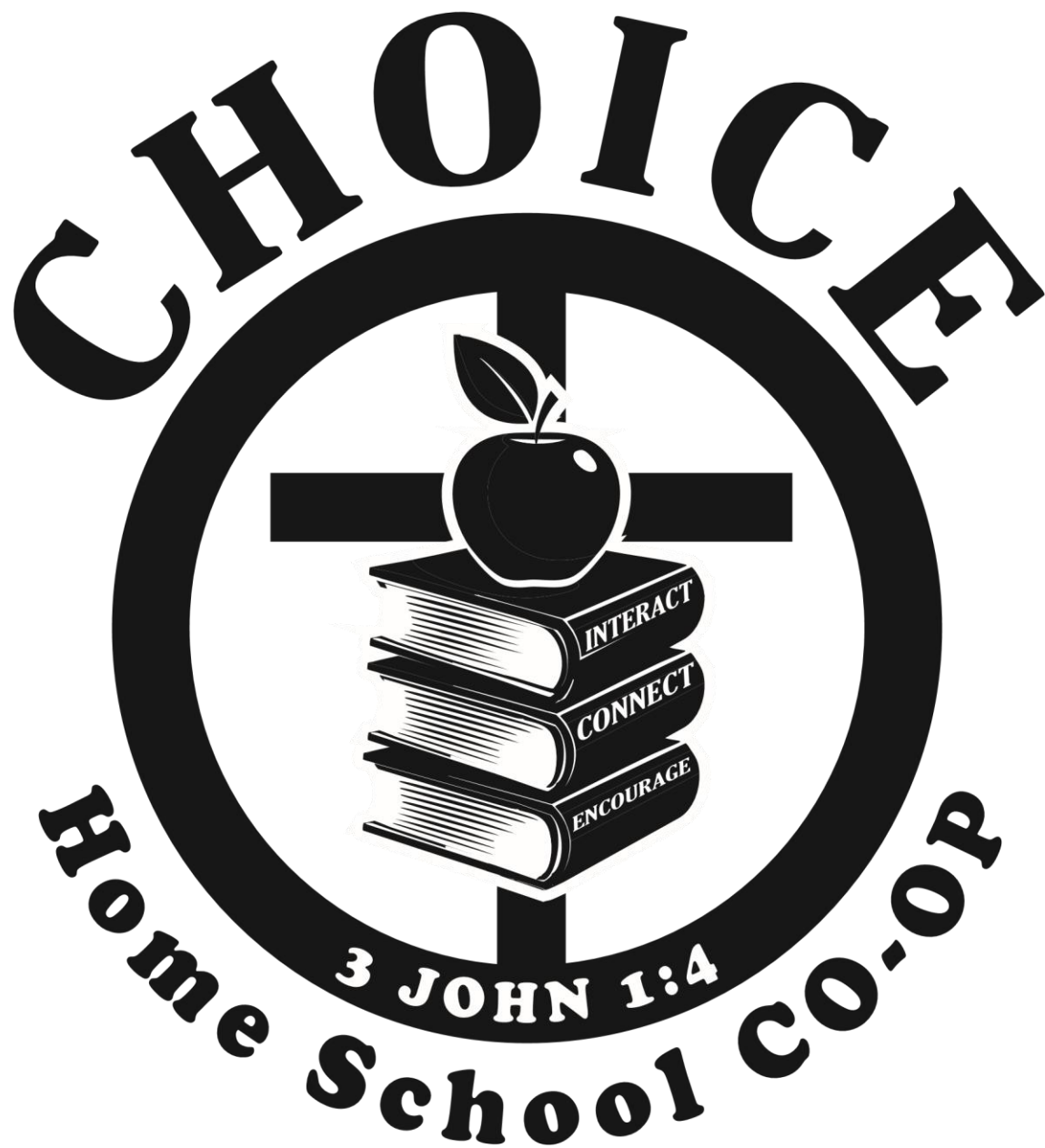




Christian Homeschool Organization - *Interact, Connect, Encourage*

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Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide support, information, and encouragement to Christian homeschooling families.

Vision Statement

OWN: Our vision is for our members to take ownership of their group and serve the group with love and grace. CHOICE is a ‘member-led’ organization. We rely on every member to be committed to using their unique gifts and abilities within the group. With every member doing their part, the load will be lighter for all.

CONNECT: Our vision is to connect our members by offering field trips, informational meetings, social activities, family events, and a variety of co-op classes. We encourage all of our members to use these opportunities to obtain information and stay connected.

INTERACT: Our vision is for all members to build strong relationships with other families in our group through face-to-face and virtual interactions. Our goal is for all our members to support, inspire, and care for one another.

ENCOURAGE: Our vision is for all members to encourage each other to grow in God's wisdom and to help one another to build strong friendships within the group, as well as strong family relationships at home.

Commitment

We believe that "community requires commitment". We want our members to encourage and support one another, forgive each other, and speak the truth in love. We need to admit our weaknesses, share our strengths, and be both courteous and respectful to others in our community.

We believe that all members should commit to finding ways to contribute to the success of the group. Please see a board member for a list of ways you can contribute to the group.

James 3:18 says, "You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results *only* if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.

Statement of Faith

WE BELIEVE:

- The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation. *II Timothy 3:15-17*
- There is only one true God—revealed in Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*
- The literal account of Creation, that God created everything and that in His own image and likeness, He created man. *Genesis 1*

- All people are sinners and in need of salvation. *Romans 3:23*
- We are saved by grace through faith, which is a gift of God, not of our own works.
Ephesians 2:8-9
- The Lord Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, suffered and died on the cross, rose bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven. *Luke 1:31-35*
- In the hope and reality of Jesus Christ's return. *John 14:3*
- That God loved the world enough to send His only Son to earth to die for us. *John 3:16*
- Those who confess Jesus is Lord and believe in their hearts that He rose from the dead will be saved. *Romans 10:9-10*
- That God fearfully, wonderfully, and unalterably creates each person as male or female. These two genders are distinct and complementary, and reflect the image and character of God. Denying one's biological sex is denying the image of God within that person.
Genesis 1:26-27
- The word "marriage" is biblically defined as the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union. *Genesis 2:18-25*
- God purposes sexual intimacy to take place only between one man and one woman who are married (as defined in the Bible) to each other. No sexual activity is to be engaged in outside of a marriage. *1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4*
- Any other form of sexual activity outside the marriage of one man and one woman including but not limited to: adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography is a sin and disrespectful to God.
Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in truth. 3 *John 4*

Bylaws

Article 1 – Name, Purpose, Location

Section 1 – The name of this organization shall be Christian Homeschool Organization Interact Connect Encourage, hereafter known as CHOICE.

Section 2 – CHOICE is organized exclusively for educational, religious, and charitable purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The mission of CHOICE is to provide support, information, and encouragement to Christian homeschooling families.

Section 3 – The principle office location of CHOICE shall be located in Anderson County in the State of South Carolina. The organization may have any number of offices at such places as the Board may determine.

Article 2 - Membership

Section 1 – The qualifications for membership in this organization are:

- Complete and submit the CHOICE application for membership.
- Receive approval of membership by the Membership Committee, which shall consist of at least one board member and at least one other member.
- Pay all fees.
- Fulfill background check requirements.

Section 2 - Membership to the organization is fee-based, requiring dues.

Section 3 - In order to have opportunities in the decision making of CHOICE, members are encouraged to attend Member Meetings.

Section 4 – In order to remain a member, renewal paperwork and fees must be submitted annually.

Section 5 – CHOICE reserves the right to refuse or terminate membership without explanation. The Board reserves the right to remove a family who violates the CHOICE Statement of Faith, Code of Conduct, or any policy in these bylaws (either by word or deed). The member family may also at any time choose to terminate their CHOICE membership by providing notice to the Board. A refund of fees should not be expected but may be requested, and if warranted, will be determined by the Board.

Article 3 – Meetings

Section 1 – The date of the regular annual meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors who will also set the time and place.

Section 2 – Regular meetings of the Board may be held at such place and time as shall be designated by the standing resolution of the Board. Regular meetings of the organization shall be held at various locations.

Section 3 – Special meetings may be called by any Board member.

Section 4 – Notice of all meetings shall be provided to each member by email, at least one week prior to the meeting. On occasion, less notice may be given due to a special circumstance.

Article 4 – Board of Directors

Section 1 – The business of the organization shall be managed by a Board of Directors comprised of at least three, and no fewer than three, Board Members. The Board is responsible for maintaining the overall policy and direction of the organization. The Board shall delegate the responsibility of day-to-day operations to appropriate members or committees. Board members shall receive no compensation (other than reasonable expenses) for their service on the Board.

Section 2 – The Board shall meet at least one time per year at an agreed-upon time and location.

Section 3 – All Board Members shall serve for a one-year term and can be eligible for re-election.

Section 4 – At the end of the term, all board positions should be made public at least one week prior to elections. Active members (those present who have attended fifty percent or more of the Member Meetings in the last twelve months) and Board members shall vote to fill the positions.

Section 5 – Any Board Member may be removed from office by the vote of the remaining Board Members and any members present at the meeting who have attended fifty percent or more of the Member Meetings within the last twelve months.

Section 6 – Any Board member may resign by giving reasonable notice to the organization.

Section 7 – In the event of a vacancy on the Board (including situations where the number of Board members has been deemed necessary to increase), the Board Members and active members shall vote to fill the vacancy.

Section 8 – A quorum must be attended by at least two-thirds of the Board Members before business can be transacted or motions made or passed.

Article 5 – Officers

Section 1 - CHOICE President - The CHOICE President shall be responsible for membership requirements and approvals, including appointing a Membership Committee. The CHOICE President shall assist members in planning and announcing social activities, as well as encouraging members to plan social activities. The CHOICE President shall also be responsible for the maintenance of the CHOICE website, either personally or by delegating the maintenance of the website.

Section 2 - ETC Director - The ETC Director shall coordinate the ETC classes and teachers, determine the class schedule, maintain the ETC physical resources, and be the liaison for the ETC venue. The ETC Director shall also be responsible for updating parts of the website related to ETC.

Section 3 - ECHO Director - The ECHO Director shall coordinate the ECHO classes and teachers, determine the class schedule, maintain the ECHO physical resources, and be the liaison for the ECHO venue. The ECHO Director shall also be responsible for updating parts of the website related to ECHO.

Section 4 - Treasurer - The Treasurer shall maintain all financial records, make a report at each Board Meeting, assist in the preparation of the budget, and make financial information available to Board Members and CHOICE Members. The Treasurer shall also file all regulatory paperwork required as a nonprofit and help develop fundraising plans, when particular needs arise.

Section 5 - Secretary - The Secretary shall take minutes at both Board and Member Meetings and shall email them to all CHOICE Members as well as upload the minutes to the CHOICE website.

Section 6 - All Board Members - All Board members shall be responsible for planning and presiding over both Board Meetings and Member Meetings, as needed. All Board Members shall also be responsible for vetting new members of CHOICE in tandem with another CHOICE member.

Article 6 – Committees

Section 1 – The Board may create committees as needed, such as fundraising or for individual events.

Section 2 – NO committee shall have any power to fill vacancies on the Board; adopt, amend or repeal the by-laws; amend or repeal any resolution of the Board; or, act on matters committed by the by-laws or resolution of the Board to another committee of the Board.

Article 7 - IRC 501(c)3 Tax Exemption Provisions

- A. Upon the dissolution of CHOICE, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.
- B. CHOICE is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No part of the net earnings of CHOICE shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.
- C. No substantial part of the activities of CHOICE shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- D. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article 8 – Amendments

Section 1 – These bylaws may be amended when deemed necessary by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors and active members (those present at the meeting who have attended over fifty percent of the Member Meetings in the last twelve months). Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Board of Directors and sent along with regular Board Meeting notices.

CHOICE Code of Conduct

As members of CHOICE, we represent the home educating community and, most importantly, our Lord Jesus Christ, to those around us. In recognition of this fact, we should behave in a manner consistent with the instruction presented in God's Word.

While we all hope to have a conflict-free co-op, we know that disagreements do arise. Please refrain from gossip and trying to get others on your side; sometimes taking a few moments to calm down is all it takes. If the conflict continues, please deal with it in a Biblical manner according to Matthew 18:15-17. Please contact our President or someone else on the Board if you need someone to talk to.

In deference to the parent, it is often uncomfortable for the adult in charge of an event to discipline someone else's child. With this in mind, we present the following guidelines. Please teach your child(ren) the appropriate behavior and attitudes for compliance as well as telling them the adult in charge of the activity has been delegated by the CHOICE group (and you) to speak to them about inappropriate behavior:

1. Have respect for authority figures, whether that is the person in charge of a field trip, a tour guide, leader at ETC, etc... *1 Peter 2: 13-17*
2. Have an attitude of compassion for the differences, needs, or disabilities of others. *Matt. 7:12*
3. Act and speak in a manner worthy of the God who calls you. Immodest clothing, unkind remarks, profanity, drugs, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, weapons of all kinds, coarse jokes, conversations involving occult or sexual situations or other language unbecoming of a Christian is unacceptable at CHOICE functions. *Philippians 4:8*
4. If you know something may be offensive to someone else, please refrain from it. Respect the property and landscape of those we are visiting. *1 Corinthians 8:7-13*
5. When attending educational activities such as field trips or co-op classes, come prepared to listen attentively with an attitude of learning. Headphones, electronics, and other distracting articles or behavior should be avoided. *James 3:13*
6. Wholesome friendships are encouraged between boys and girls. However, students should look upon one another as brothers and sisters in Christ and refrain from demonstrating overt personal affection at CHOICE functions. *Bible verse?*

Dress Code

"Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh." *Romans 13:14*

Our ultimate purpose in this life is to glorify God. We also want to respect ourselves, our peers, teachers, and parent volunteers. CHOICE students, their guests, and their parents are expected to observe the basic standards of cleanliness and dress in such a way that primarily glorifies the Lord, and secondly does not distract from or disrupt CHOICE events. The CHOICE Dress Code applies to all CHOICE students, siblings, parents, and their guests.

1. Pants, shorts, and skirts are to be worn at the waist.
2. Dresses, skirts, and shorts should be no shorter than the fingertips when arms are relaxed and down by the side
3. Clothing should fit the wearer appropriately and cover all types of underclothing
4. See-through clothes will not be permitted
5. Do not wear clothes that were not meant to be worn outside the home; i.e. pajamas and bedroom shoes (except on designated pajama days)
6. Shirts, blouses, tee shirts, and dresses must not show any cleavage, backs or midriffs
7. Properly fitting shoes must be worn at all times
8. Do not wear or bring accessories that pose a safety threat to yourself or others. This includes chains, fishhooks, multi-finger rings, studded bracelets or collars, nose/lip-to-ear chains, etc.
9. No articles of clothing or accessories that advertise alcoholic beverages, tobacco, narcotics, profane language, weapons, suggestive slogans, pictures, offensive materials, or gang symbols will be permitted
10. Leggings, jeggings, yoga or exercise pants may be worn with a blouse, sweater, or top that is long enough to fully cover the behind and be equally as long in the front during the course of normal movement
11. Sleeveless shirts must cover at least three fingers' width of the shoulders; no spaghetti straps, one strap, or strapless shirts are permitted

The CHOICE board reserves the right to deem any article of clothing or accessory inappropriate or disruptive to the event. Students, parents, and guests will not be permitted to attend class or the event without the dress code violation being corrected.

Enrichment Through CHOICE

Statement of Purpose for ETC Classes

- Parents of homeschool children working together to give our children a safe, fun, and educational experience.
- Opportunities for parents and children to participate in a social group with other homeschooling families and socialize on a weekly basis with friends.

- We all participate/help either in teaching/co-teaching in a class to a number of students or by serving on the ETC Committee.

General Information

- The ETC schedule consists of two twelve-week terms.

The Fall term usually begins in August and ends in November.

The Spring term usually begins in January and ends in April.

- With enough participation, we offer morning and afternoon classes for preschoolers through high school. Nursery is provided for free for ETC participants only. We will also provide a variety of after school clubs led by High School Students and assisted with parents.

•All parents are required to participate.

We cannot have classes without parents who offer their time to teach our students.

If you are not comfortable teaching, you can team up with another parent and each teach half the classes. We do not require new families to teach their first semester at ETC.

- In case of inclement weather or any other closings due to any other events, please check your email, Spond App, or Facebook. We will communicate all changes the morning of.
- Lunch is a great time to fellowship with many of our participants. Bring a bag lunch or go get take out. If you are participating in the afternoon session and would like to leave premises during the lunch break, please return in time for classes. Please DO NOT leave your children unattended. If you need to make arrangements please see the ETC director or a ETC committee member. There will also be an optional free gym time for students with parental supervision.
- You are responsible for watching your children when they are not in class.
- Children will be placed in the class corresponding with their specific age group as follows:
 - Nursery: birth - 3 years old
 - K4-K5: 4-5 years old 1st-2nd grade:
 - 6-8 years old (Early Elementary)
 - 3rd – 5th grade: 8-10 years old (Elementary)
 - 6th– 8th grade: 11-13 years old (Middle School)
 - 9th -12th grade: 14-18 years old (High School)

Students in grades 9-12 can be teach in clubs with the parent's permission & ETC Committee approval. *Please note that some classes include more than one age group. If you feel a

class for a different age group would be appropriate for your child, please contact the teacher for approval for your child to take the class.

*When possible, we try to have a co-teacher or assistant in classes with younger students and in younger classes.

Class Registration

- You must be a member of CHOICE to participate in ETC classes.
- Please pay attention to the dates and deadlines for filling out forms and signing up for classes and events. You may not be able to participate if you miss a deadline.
- If you have any questions regarding the nature of a class or the material being taught, please discuss it clearly with the teacher and/or ETC Director prior to registering for that class.
- Parent's preferences need to be filled in. Please understand we will do our best to accommodate where you wish to be placed but may need to change your assignment based on the needs of the co op as well as the needs of others.
- Class sizes are limited (according to teachers' class size preference) and are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so sign up early!
- If you wish to make a class change for any reason after the last registration day, there will be a \$10 processing fee.
- Parents of high school students may submit a request to the ETC Director for them to attend without a parent.

*Please note that **IF** they are approved, they are not allowed to bring younger siblings with them without a

parent attending. The ETC Committee also reserves the right to revoke this privilege at any time due to unacceptable behaviors. No refunds will be given if this privilege is revoked.

ETC Meeting

- The ETC Meeting is MANDATORY for all ETC Members. It will be held twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring.
- At the meeting, you will receive all information you need to know about attending ETC for that semester/year.
- Teachers should volunteer for their classes by the end of the previous semester to ensure registration can be held before the meeting. Parents should request volunteer

spots early to ensure they are able to volunteer in preferred positions as well as any events they would like to volunteer in or help with, before the meeting.

Parents who are teaching should receive their class assignment and room numbers at the meeting.

Class Rosters will be provided after registration has closed for the semester.

- All ETC class and teacher fees must be paid before the beginning of the semester. Due date for payment will be announced during registration period
- At the meeting, you will receive all information you need to know about attending ETC that semester.
- Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher for any classes.

ETC/Class Fees

- Parents are required to teach after their first semester. A parent can opt out of teaching, but will have a fee of \$150 per child to cover the cost a substitute teacher. These fees are charged per semester.
- Material fees are set by the teachers to purchase supplies for each individual class. These fees are collected by the ETC Committee and disbursed directly to the teachers.
- Teacher fees may be charged by a teacher if they are extremely knowledgeable, certified, have a degree and/or can offer high school credit, or are brought in from outside of the co op parents to teach a particular subject. However, we encourage teachers to have fees as low as possible for our homeschool children. CHOICE would like to see all children have opportunities to take classes.
- No child will be allowed to take a class without paying ETC fees, material fees, or teacher fees, unless other arrangements have been made with the ETC Director and/or teacher prior to the registration deadline.
- Once classes are underway and have passed the two week mark no refunds will be given.

Security

- In case of an accident, Whitefield Baptist, CHOICE, or the ETC Committee cannot be held
- responsible. Name tag or lanyards will be supplied upon check-in and must be worn at all times during ETC. This allows us to easily check class attendance, keep track of families during emergencies, and get to know one another. **PLEASE let an ETC committee member know of any allergies that should be noted.** Also, if you need to leave the premises during class hours please inform a ETC committee member that you will be off ground as well as who will be in charge of your children during your absence.

- If you and your children leave early please tell an ETC Board committee member. This is important in case of an emergency we will know that your family is off premises.
- There are other security measures in place that will be discussed during the semester including walkie talkie communication for emergency situations via the VOXER app.

Student Rules

- 1. Students are not permitted in the parking lot or wandering in the halls during class time. For safety and emergency reasons, we need to know where every child is at all times. **This includes both class and lunch time.**
- 2. There is absolutely no running allowed inside the church. There is a preschool/daycare and we must be mindful of them.
- 3. **BULLYING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!** Be kind and respectful to teachers, adults, as well as to other students. Do not pick on or criticize others. Do not use inappropriate or crude language.
- 4. Elementary-aged students and younger students can only leave during class time with the assistance of an adult.
- 5. Students should raise their hands if they have a comment or question during class time.
- 6. Students are to keep their hands to themselves. They should not touch others unless they are instructed by their teacher for class purposes (ex: team building skills, martial arts, etc.). No personal affection is allowed, including hugging, kissing, or holding hands in the building, during lunch, and in the parking lot.
- 7. Weapons are NOT allowed. This includes pocket knives, guns, and fireworks, including any toys resembling any of these items. There may be some exceptions for class purposes. Parent and child would be notified if this is to take place. If your child carries a pocket knife, please have him leave it in your car.
- 8. Tobacco products are not allowed on the premises.
- 9. Cell phone activity is not allowed during class. Teachers reserve the right to take items not intended for class until the end of class.
*This includes other currently used technology, such as iPads, Phones, laptops, Headphones, etc
- 10. Please keep voices low while in the building. The church we use holds their own classes as well and we need to be mindful of that.
- 11. Please dress modestly. If you have questions please see the CHOICE dress code.
- 12. Please remind children to take care of the church property inside and out.

13. Under NO circumstances should anyone be in the cemetery. Do not cut through to get to the church. Do not allow children to do so either. This is a special place and should be respected.

Discipline

If Children misbehave during class hours the following procedures will be followed.

Children will act like children. However, if a child is continually disruptive, the committee will have to take disciplinary action.

1. First offense: A verbal warning will be given by the teacher. The behavior will be addressed with the student.
2. Second offense: The teacher will give the student a "time out" and will inform the parent after class.
3. Third offense: The teacher will write the child up using the discipline form and address the issue with the parent. The form must be turned in to the ETC Director to be kept on file.

If further action is needed then the following procedures will also be followed.

Goal is good, clear communication. There will be no texting or emailing as a form of communication when it comes to disciplinary actions as emotions can not be interpreted in text. There will be a face to face conversation or phone call if an issue arises.

1. First Offense: Coach and counseling- Face to face conversation with two members of the board/ETC committee, depending on where the infraction occurred. Not attending the meeting will result in termination.
2. Second Offense: If the issue persists beyond the conversation, there will be a meeting with the Board to determine the future of the families membership.
3. Third Offense: Termination

For CHOICE members please see the CHOICE Handbook for disciplinary actions.

Parent's Commitment

- Discuss appropriate expectations ahead of time with your children.
- Make sure your older children are aware of the room locations for their classes. Younger children may need help with classroom changes.
- All Parents are required to teach, volunteer, or serve in some capacity throughout the year. Parents are expected to lead or assist in a class or club unless it is your first semester. If you are unable to teach you may serve in a different role assigned to you by the ETC Director.
- This is NOT a drop-off program. If your child is participating in classes, a parent is expected to be on the premises at all times. Please be in your assigned area so that

you may be found in case of an emergency. If you must leave the premises for a brief period, please see the ETC Director to make the appropriate arrangements.

- Please keep in mind that teachers have chosen a curriculum based on a certain age group. If your child does not meet the age requirements, it is your responsibility to get approval from the ETC Director BEFORE signing up for the class. Also, keep in mind your child's interests, especially in the younger grades. Give special thought before signing your child up for a class they may not enjoy. We want them to have fun at ETC. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.**
- Parents need to pick up name tags from the Welcome Room upon arrival. Name tags should be worn at all times by both parents and teachers. Guests will also need name tags.
- For safety purposes, NO weapons of any kind will be tolerated.
- Parents are asked to drop off all children in the welcome room and then proceed to their assigned area.
- Please be mindful of the committee and cleaning crew as we try to wrap up the end of the day and would like to go home too. If you are able to help, it would be appreciated by the committee.
- Please help with set up and end of day clean up.
- Please take home all personal belongings. Anything left at co-op on the last day will be given away or donated.

Teacher Commitment

- Do not teach anything contrary to the CHOICE Statement of Faith.
- Teachers are expected to arrive on time and be prepared for their classes each week. If you must be absent, please inform the ETC Director and your teaching assistant and provide them with materials for your missed class, so that plans may be made accordingly. Teaching Assistants should be prepared and on time if the primary teacher has let them know in advance of their absence.

Missing classes repeatedly will result in Disciplinary actions.

- Please clean your room at the end of your class so that the room will be ready for the next teacher. Remember that we are blessed with the opportunity to use this facility. Let's take care of the building at all times.
- Teachers are expected to set a Christ-like example in your actions, attitudes, and speech at all times. On the first day of class, you will receive a class roster and walkie talkie for emergencies.
- The teacher is responsible for setting up any fees needed for their class. We ask that you try to keep fees as low as possible and be a good steward with the money that you collect.

- Those who do not meet the above requirements will not be allowed to teach in the future. If you cannot commit to the requirements for teaching, please consider serving in a different role.
- Remember that you are expected to serve in one of these areas in order for your child to participate.

We appreciate all of our families who make ETC a success every year!

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John 1:4**

Partner Organizations

HSLDA: www.hslda.org

Home School Legal Defense Association is a nonprofit advocacy organization established to defend and advance the constitutional right of parents to direct the education of their children and to protect family freedoms. Through annual memberships, HSLDA is tens of thousands of families united in service together, providing a strong voice when and where needed.

After a family joins HSLDA, there are no further charges of any kind for defending them in court. HSLDA pays in full all attorney fees, expert witness costs, travel expenses, and all other court costs permissible by state law for us to pay.

Through CHOICE, you can receive a \$15 discount on membership. A one-year membership is \$115 with the CHOICE discount number. (There is an option to make monthly payments for a oneyear membership. Please visit www.scchoice.org and click on the HSLDA link for more information and to sign up. For more information go to HSLDA.org then click “Join,” then “Special membership offers.”

SCHEA: www.SCHEA.net

SCHEA was formed in 1987 to support home educators in South Carolina and to perform a lead role to create legal protection for home education in South Carolina. SCHEA, working with many other concerned individuals and organizations, was instrumental in convincing the state legislature to create the first South Carolina law requiring recognition of homeschooling in 1988.

Today, committed volunteer home school families from across the state continue to work through SCHEA to create opportunities and support to the home school community and promote an accurate and favorable image of home education in South Carolina.

To become a member please visit www.SCHEA.net to fill out the application and find out all the wonderful benefits available to members. You may apply online to become a member.