

Welcome to East Central Indiana Homeschool Co-op (ECIHC). This packet will tell you about our group and its expectations as well as include our **mail in** application. The completed application page must be postmarked on or before **June 1**. We will hold interviews beginning in June.

### **Who We Are**

ECIHC exists to support homeschool families with fellowship and enrichment opportunities. We define homeschooling as parent-directed, home-based, and privately-funded education. We understand that the first year of homeschooling has a great learning curve and takes time to find your new family rhythm; so, we require our new members to have been homeschooling at least a year before joining the co-op. The only exception to this is if your oldest homeschooled child is in Kindergarten.

ECIHC is a volunteer run group. It has a 5-member leadership team and requires all families to contribute in some fashion to the weekly running of the organization by teaching, assisting, subbing, cleaning, or other tasks. Therefore, we are not a drop-off program, and parent attendance and participation is as important as student attendance. Since parents are expected to serve, preschool classes and nursery services are available for the younger siblings of our school age students.

ECIHC meets 24 weeks per school year (12 Fall, 12 Spring) on Fridays. Choirs meet the whole 12 weeks while most classes are 6 weeks in length so that each student may take 2 classes per semester. Our hours for most students are 10am -12pm with earlier hours for the High School Choir- Encore and occasionally afternoon hours for other special classes. Encore may also attend other extracurricular events that fall outside the usual meeting time, including the co-op graduation when applicable. At the end of each semester, our choirs perform a huge Saturday evening program. Because of this, the choirs have attendance policies- too many absences and students will not be allowed to perform with the group.

Our website (<https://www.homeschool-life.com/in/ECIHC/>) is the core of group communication. It houses the calendar, discussion forums, class registration, and accounting. Families **must** have a working email and PayPal to participate.

Being a volunteer group helps to keep our fees low but there are still fees throughout the year.

**July-** Yearly Family Membership

Fee- \$75

**Aug & Jan-** Class Supply Fees per student per class- varies- usually \$2- \$30 but possibly higher depending upon the class.

**Aug & Jan-** Choir Fees per student- Elementary – High School-  
\$62.68

## **First Year then as Needed-**

Choir Attire:

Kids Fun Choir Shirt- \$11.64 and jeans/ jean skirt

Vibrant Voice Shirt- \$22.35 and Khaki pants/ skirt

Young Expressions Shirt- \$22.35 and black pants and black shoes (if wearing a belt, it must be black as well)

Encore Shirt- \$22.35 and black pants and black shoes (if wearing a belt, it must be black as well)

### **2026-2027 Dates**

Fall Kick-off August 14

August 21- November 6, 2026 and January 22- April 9, 2027

Graduation Ceremony- May 15

### **Terms of Service**

Every year our families sign off on a list of guidelines, Terms of Service, that they acknowledge and agree to. Below is this list, you will have a box at the bottom of your application to check stating you have read and agree to them.

East Central Indiana Homeschool Co-op (ECIHC) exists to support homeschool families with fellowship and enrichment opportunities. ECIHC defines homeschooling as parent-directed, home-based, and privately-funded education. They reserve the right to maintain the integrity of the group through the removal of any membership that does not support these policies or otherwise interferes with the harmony and function of the group.

- Membership Fees are due by July 25th or my account will be parked.
- Class & Choir fees are to be paid **at the time of sign up**. Classes and choirs showing as not paid at **9 pm** each evening will be deleted from the roster.
- There will be no sign ups allowed once registration has closed.
- Age for choirs and classes is determined by the students age 1 week prior to the Co-op semester starting. Students may only register for classes within their age bracket.
- ECIHC is not a drop off program. As the parent/guardian I am held solely responsible for the safety and behavior of my child(ren) at all times. I agree to supervise and be attentive to my children at all co-op functions.

- Students not enrolled in a class are not allowed to roam the building. Parents need to know where they are in case of an emergency.
  - My child(ren) is expected to follow instructions, participate, and respect the authority of the Teachers and their Assistants.
  - I will respect the property and facilities that ECIHC utilizes and will require the same of my children and guests.
  - I assume all risk of physical injury and/or any other injury that could result from our participation in any of the activities or events that we participate in through ECIHC.
- I understand that each family is expected to volunteer in the weekly running of the Co-op. I will perform my duties to the best of my ability and **find a substitute** if I must be absent.
  - While ECIHC is sensitive to member's allergies, they do not own or clean the building where they meet and therefore cannot guarantee it is allergen free. Members are not required to accommodate allergies in their classes.
  - **KFC, Vibrant Voice, and Young Expressions Choir students are allowed 3 unexcused absences per semester.** If they have more than 3 unexcused absences they will be unable to perform with the group. (Absences due to illness, hospitalization, or death are excused.) *I am expected to communicate all absences with the Choir Director.*
  - Due to the more rigorous music and additional extracurricular opportunities, **Encore students are allowed 2 unexcused absences per semester.** If they have more than 2 unexcused absences they will be unable to perform with the group. (Absences due to illness, hospitalization, or death are excused.) *I am expected to communicate all absences with the Choir Director.*
  - I understand that the ECIHC website is the core of group communication, registration, and payment. It is my responsibility to check the discussion forums, emails, and calendar for important dates, deadlines, and announcements. I agree to edit my profile if my contact information changes and understand that ECIHC is not responsible for any missed communications.
  - Refunds of membership and class/choir fees are offered by the following schedule:
    - Before Class Registration Closes:**  
Full Membership\*/Class/Choir Fees minus 5% processing fee
    - After Class Registration Closes - 1 Day Prior to First Class:**  
Membership\* fee only minus 5% processing fee
    - After Co-op semester begins:**  
no refund

\*If you joined co-op in the fall but drop out for the spring semester NO Membership fees will be refunded as they have already been spent to pay for web access and insurance.

**New Member Application**

*Postmarked on or before June 1*

*Mail to:*

*Jamie Fagan*

*1035 N Jacksonburg Rd.*

*Cambridge City, IN 47327*

Questions: [raechel.parsley@yahoo.com](mailto:raechel.parsley@yahoo.com)

Please Print      Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

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Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant

Spouse

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Main Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Children Enrolling: Ages: Birth- 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Name

Age

Birthdate

Name

Age

Birthdate

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

What year did you start homeschooling?

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Will any of the children you are hoping to register be enrolled full time in a public or private school?

Yes    No

For Insurance Purposes, have you or your spouse ever been convicted of a felony?

Yes    No

To help keep our homeschool community safe, please provide two references: one from an ECIHC member (who can sponsor and guide you in your first year), and one from outside our group.

Both will be asked to complete a short reference survey.

- ECIHC Member Sponsor  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Outside Reference  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- If you don't know an ECIHC member, list a second outside reference:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this application, we agree:

- All the information presented on this form, to the best of our knowledge, is true and accurate.
- We homeschool per the definition of East Central Indiana Homeschool Co-op: parent directed, homebased, and privately funded.
- We have homeschooled at least a year or our only homeschooled child is a Kindergartener.
- We have read and agree to honor all the guidelines that govern this group.

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Applicant Spouse

*Interviews to be scheduled beginning the second week of June*