

(Remember ELO is separate from your CHEC membership. Please read these carefully to be sure ELO is a good fit for you and your family prior to registration)

Reasons NOT to join ELO classes

1. If you have a full-time job or a busy extracurricular schedule and already have limited days for “school” at home, then you may find ELO way too time-consuming. ELO takes a full day out of your week. If you are not willing or don’t have the time to help/plan/prepare for each week, please do not join. All moms want to know that their child’s teacher is doing their best and teachers can rely on each other to be there consistently.
2. If you already know that you will miss three Wednesdays per semester, please do not join as your family will already miss a third of classes—and that’s before illnesses! Of course, we understand that illness and emergencies occur and we don’t want you to attend if you are sick, but we want you to respect the time and effort the teachers put into the classes. We all deserve the mutual respect of having students and teachers in class. Your commitment to ELO should be a priority. Appointments should be scheduled on non-ELO days, and take steps to eliminate tardiness.
3. If you join ELO as a substitute for school, or so you won’t have to teach your children at home, even a certain subject, ELO will not meet your needs. Classes only meet once a week, so you are still the primary teacher.
4. If you join ELO for purely social reasons, ELO is not for you. ELO is structured as a school-type setting.
5. If you feel that no one else can adequately teach your child what he needs to know, you will not be satisfied with any parent who teaches a co-op class. You will need to accept that others will teach it in a different way, and you must relinquish some control, and supplement at home. Even better plan to teach that subject at ELO yourself!
6. If your child cannot learn in a classroom or group setting, you will not be pleased with ELO. We expect “classroom manners”, and we have a “school-like” atmosphere.
7. If you and your children cannot commit to complete assignments given by the teacher, you should not join ELO. There will be short assignments in younger grades, longer for the junior and senior high.

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- 1 Your student can take classes in subjects you haven’t thought about or do not have resources to teach.
- 2 Students benefit by learning from someone else for a change, learning to adapt to other teaching styles, learning to work with a group and having some classroom exposure.
- 3 ELO offers encouragement and support from other homeschooling parents. At ELO, you can spend your break time learning from others, sharing your struggles and praying with others.
- 4 Although this is not the primary purpose of ELO, it provides opportunities for friendship and socialization for your children. Teenagers especially, may feel they are missing out on the high school experience and ELO may help feel more connected with others.

- 5 ELO can help provide accountability. This is helpful for junior high and high school students to learn to complete assignments in a timely manner, and within the time allotted.
- 6 ELO can even promote healthy competition. Doing a presentation or speech in front of others provides the student some motivation to do their best.
- 7 ELO provides a fun break from home that you can look forward to each week.