

TEACH TEXARKANA STANDING RULES

1. Membership in TEACH Texarkana is open to Christian homeschooling families as defined in Article IV-2 of the Bylaws, those who meet the criteria for membership under Article IV of the Bylaws, and those who affirm the Doctrinal Statement.
2. Annual membership dues shall be \$50.00 per family, due and payable by the September Monthly Meeting. Dues for new members joining for only one semester (i.e., after January 1 of the current school year) shall be \$25.00. Membership applications and renewals shall open between July 1 and 15 each year; dues paid online may be paid in full or in monthly installments over the months of July, August, and September. A limited number of scholarships are available at the beginning of each year; applications shall be made available every August, but questions may be directed to a Board Officer at any time.
3. No announcements shall be made at meetings without the pre-approval of the President prior to the meeting.
4. No gifts honoring members who volunteer their time to direct an activity or event shall be taken out of the budget. Gifts shall be handled privately on an individual basis.
5. Childcare shall not be provided at Monthly Meetings unless otherwise announced.
6. All teachers for a TEACH Texarkana-sponsored class shall be approved by a Board Officer.
7. Emails to the membership shall be sent at the discretion of the Board of Officers. These emails may be used to communicate TEACH Texarkana-sponsored events and other necessary items in a timely and direct manner.
8. The website Forum and all TEACH Texarkana social media platforms shall be for the exchange of information among TEACH Texarkana members. Items on the TEACH Texarkana Forum and social media platforms may or may not be sponsored by TEACH Texarkana.
9. A Board Officer shall be present at every TEACH Texarkana-sponsored event.

10. Disruptive, disrespectful, or unkind behavior by any TEACH Texarkana member shall not be permitted at any TEACH Texarkana and TEACH Texarkana-sponsored events.

11. Conflict between TEACH Texarkana members shall be addressed in a respectful and Christ-like manner, between the two disagreeing parties. If reconciliation cannot be reached privately, the Board of Officers shall be approached confidentially to act as mediators of the situation provided the matter involves problems within the TEACH Texarkana organization. If the matter cannot be settled, as a last resort it shall be brought before the membership publicly for discussion and determination of a solution. (Matthew 18:15-17)

12. TEACH Texarkana members and guests shall abstain from all public displays of affection outside of the individual family unit. The first instance of noncompliance shall result in a discreet reminder of the rules of behavior. If a second instance of noncompliance occurs, member(s) and/or guest(s) shall be required to notify their parents, in the presence of the event coordinator (if they are students), and then depart the event.

13. Disciplinary Due Process: a) A behavior offense shall first be brought to the attention of the TEACH Texarkana member and/or parent(s) by the event coordinator or any Board Officer present for correction. Reports of this nature shall remain confidential to the offender and/or parent(s), and the Board of Officers. b) Upon further violation of behavioral principles by the same offender (but not necessarily for the same offense), a meeting between at least two Board Officers and the TEACH Texarkana member and/or parent(s) shall be scheduled and held to discuss the behavioral issue(s) in effort to seek a resolution. c) If the TEACH Texarkana member is reported again after that meeting, and the offense is substantiated, the offender shall not be permitted to attend any TEACH Texarkana activities (students without a parent in attendance) for a probationary period of four (4) events. d) After the probationary period, should there be another offense, further disciplinary action shall be at the discretion of the Board of Officers; the TEACH Texarkana member and/or parent(s) shall be informed of any decisions. e) The Board of Officers reserves the right to expedite this process at its discretion depending on the severity of the offense and if the offense affects the safety of others. f) After all steps have been taken, if the member continues to be unwilling to comply with TEACH Texarkana rules, the Board of Officers reserves the right to expel the member with a prorated refund.

14. If property damage occurs during any TEACH Texarkana-sponsored event, the procedure shall be as follows: a) The event coordinator shall check with the contact person for the location in use to see if their insurance will cover the breakage or damage. It shall be left entirely to the discretion of the property owner whether they wish to turn the incident in for insurance coverage or seek remuneration from those TEACH Texarkana members and/or their guests responsible for the property damage. b) The parent(s) of the child(ren) involved shall be responsible for any amount not covered by insurance (either uninsured items or amount(s) and/or deductibles) to either repair or replace any and all broken items. c) Payment shall be made promptly. d) Any incident of this nature shall be reported immediately to the TEACH Texarkana President or Vice President. e) Should arbitration be necessary, it shall be directed by the TEACH Texarkana Board of Officers.

15. Grievances or complaints shall be presented to the Board of Officers through the TEACH Texarkana email and will be considered in a timely manner.

16. These Standing Rules may be amended by a majority of the members present at any monthly meeting or meeting called by the president for a special purpose.

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