

# For His Glory Home School Co-op

## RULES & REGULATIONS

### I. PURPOSE:

- To glorify God in all we do. 1 Corinthians 10:31 states, “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”
- To promote a Biblical World View.
- To provide Biblical consistent academic support in a Christian environment.
- To raise independent, lifelong learners.
- To challenge children academically, physically and spiritually.
- To instill a joy of learning in children.
- To provide encouragement in the home schooling experience. Hebrews 10:24, “Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”
- To provide fellowship and friendships for the children and mothers

### II. STATEMENT OF FAITH: We believe...

**The Bible:** *The Bible, including both the Old and the New Testaments, is the verbally inspired Word of God, and inerrant in the original documents.*

Matthew 5:18; John 16:12-13; Hebrews 4:12; II Timothy 3:16,17; II Peter 1:19-21.

**The Trinity:** *One God exists eternally in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Genesis 1:1,26; Proverbs 30:4; Mark 12:29; Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14; John 1:1-4, 14,18; Acts 5:3,4.

**The Creation:** *The universe, angels, and all living things were created perfect by God.*

Genesis 1:26,27; 2:7-9,16,17; 3:1-19.

**The Fall of Man:** *The first man, Adam, sinned, resulting in the condemnation of all people.* Genesis 3:1-6; Romans 1:18,32; 3:10-19; 5:12,19.

**The Virgin Birth/Deity of Christ:** *Jesus was born of a virgin and is both true God and true man.* Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-35; Philippians 2:6-11; Isaiah 7:14; John 1:14.

**The Plan of Salvation:** *Jesus died, was buried, and rose bodily:*

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice and rose again for our justification; and that

all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood and are saved by grace through faith wholly apart from human merit and works. Acts 13:39; 16:31; Romans 3:21-28; 1 Corinthians 15:1-3; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:3-8.

**The Means and Scope of Salvation:** *We are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ Alone. That faith is then evidenced by good works.*

John 1:12,13; 3:3-16; 5:24; 10:28,29; I Peter 1:23; II Peter 1:4-11.

**The Second Coming:** *Jesus will come again bodily and will establish His kingdom on the earth.* Luke 24:36-43; John 20:24-29; Acts 1:9-11; I Corinthians 15:25; Revelation 1:5-7; 19:11-16; 20:6.

**The Eternal State:** *The saved will live in conscious bliss and the lost in conscious woe forever.* John 5:28,29; Revelation 20:6,11-15; 21:1-8; Matthew 10:28; 18:8,9; 25:41,46; Mark 9:43-49; II Thessalonians 1:6-9.

### III. PARTICIPATION:

- a. You and your child(ren) will be required to read, agree, and sign the membership agreement stating that you agree with rules and guidelines and will follow them wholeheartedly.
- b. The Director does NOT teach in any class as her duties require her to be available at all times. She may choose to teach if she so desires. She may act as substitute as needed.
- c. For Co-op students, at least one parent must be at all activities your child or children are participating in unless special permission is given.
- d. Because we want a respectable, Christian environment for our families, guidelines must be followed by each participant in all the classes and activities. In case a child or parent no longer complies with the guidelines, they will be spoken to first, and then if the matter cannot be resolved, they will no longer be able to participate.
- e. When participating in all activities and classes, you will be required to listen carefully to directions and raise your hand if you want to say something or ask something.
- f. In case of a teacher's scheduled absence (vacation, surgery, etc), the teacher will need to give materials to your helper at least 2 weeks in advance. You will also need to contact the director and let them know that you will be absent. For helpers, we also need to know 2 weeks in advance to be able to fill your position. You will need to contact the teacher you are helping and the director. In the case of an unscheduled absence (sickness, emergency, etc.) you will need to call a director and your class helper and decide what changes need to be made to the class plan for the day and how to get books and/or needed supplies to co-op. Please remember, when you are absent, we have to replace you.

Please consider others in this matter.

- g. For His Glory is an academic co-op and all classes are core classes. **When your child is given homework, he/she will be expected to complete it and bring to class with them. This is extremely important; if your student(s) are not prepared, it affects the whole class. Middle School and High School: 1<sup>st</sup> time assignment missed = warning. 2<sup>nd</sup> = teacher speaks with student and parent 3<sup>rd</sup> = teacher, parent and director conference 4<sup>th</sup> = student dismissed from class** (we recognize that family emergencies and situations arise that may be cause. This policy will be adjusted or waived if needed after conference with director)
- h. In case of a student's absence, the parent/student will be responsible for contacting the teacher and getting missed work. The work must be completed upon next class period.

#### IV. GRADING POLICIES

- a. For His Glory is **not** an accredited school or an umbrella school. The Co-op is not intended to replace the parent as the main source of education in their child's academic development. For His Glory does not issue credits. It is the responsibility of the parent to weigh and keep track of grades according to the individual preferences of each family.
- b. High School Classes: these are graded classes; however, you are the parent and have the right to adjust the grades as per your family preferences.
- c. All work will be reviewed for correctness each week in class.

#### V. CO-OP STANDARDS:

- We call ourselves Christians and believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.
- We take a personal interest in the teaching of our children by playing an active role in every aspect of their lives.
- We do not use the co-op as a babysitting service, but instead, we remain with the group, making ourselves available to our children at all times. This includes parents of high school students. If you have a child in a class or in study hall, you are expected to be on campus. IF you need to leave, the director or another person on the administration board is informed of reason and length of departure.
- We actively take a part in the co-op by either teaching or helping in one or more of the classes. Do not expect to be able to stay with your child the whole day as

other parents would like to be with their child as well and your assistance most likely will be needed in other areas throughout the day.

- We display respect by not talking behind each other's back; we expect these same standards from our children. If an issue arises, we use the Matthew 28 principle. First go to the person one-on-one. 2<sup>nd</sup>, take a witness with you as speak to person. 3<sup>rd</sup>, bring matter before administration board if still not resolved.
- We do not tolerate cursing, inappropriate language, sarcasm, or taking the Lord's name in vain.
- We do not consume any illegal drugs at any time. Furthermore, we do not consume any alcoholic beverages or smoke any tobacco products while with the group.
- We follow our dress code without any question.
- We make the commitment to be on time so the group can start and stay on schedule. **(All members and participants will arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the start of their first class on Monday mornings.)**
- We do not impose our personal doctrine or beliefs. (Such as speaking in tongues, election, etc.)
- All members will be expected to help with one or more of the yearly activities. (example: Holiday parties)

## **VI. PARENT and STUDENT CONDUCT:**

- Participation is required of all involved. (parents & children)
- Do not talk when others are talking.
- Be respectable of all adults and each other.
- All adults to be referred to as Mr. or Mrs. First name.
- Use your best manners at all times.
- Cooperate and have a Christ-like attitude.

- Out of respect for our teachers, adults that are helping in class please do not correct our teachers in front of the class. If you have a problem with what she/he says, wait until after class to address this. This policy is for students as well.
- While teachers are teaching, we ask that the adult helpers do not talk to each other but always be ready to assist the teacher in whatever he/she needs. If the helpers are talking to each other, this takes away from the instruction the teacher is trying to give to the students.
- Parents **MUST** watch and be responsible for their children at all times, including lunch and any other special events at the church.

## **VII. FINANCIAL INTEGRITY:**

- a. We will use integrity when dealing with all financial matters including on-time payment of membership fees, class fees and other fees.
- b. Membership fees (family registration, per child and insurance premium) are due at time of registration.
- c. Class supply and paid teacher fees for each registered class are due by the second Monday of each semester.
- d. We do not want upfront payment to be a hindrance to participation. Please contact the directors to set up a payment plan which will be in writing and adhered to. If not, then reason for dismissal from those classes.

## **VIII. DRESS CODE**

- Parents and children need to be careful to dress modestly.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be an appropriate length. (hand width above the knee)
- No skin-tight clothing, see through clothing, tank tops, spaghetti strap shirts, halters, midriffs, fish-net tops, plunging necklines, or split-side skirts.
- No undergarments showing for girls or boys.
- Pictures and advertisements on clothing should be godly and not worldly or offensive. Ask yourself, “Would I be ashamed for Jesus to see me wearing this?”
- Student’s hair must be clean and well-groomed.

- Baseball caps and other hats will not be worn in the building.
- No heeleys allowed. (shoes with wheels)
- Swimwear:  
Girls: Only one-piece swimsuits, or if wearing a 2-piece, do not let midriff show. If midriff shows, you must wear a dark colored t-shirt.  
Boys: Do not let underwear show.

## **IX. Illness**

- Please do not bring children who have had a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea within the last 48 hours.
- If your child has a cloudy, runny nose or consistent cough, please do not bring him/her.
- If your child requires any medication, please keep it with you, and administer it yourself.
- Notify leaders if your child has any allergies, especially with food.
- If your child has been hospitalized or diagnosed with a contagious disease, a doctor's release note will be needed for your child to return.

## **X. Liability**

Registered members, students, and their guests agree to indemnify and hold For His Glory Home School Co-op, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, their staff, and fellow members and students free and harmless for all claims for damages and/or personal injury or other liabilities as may arise or be sustained during attendance of any co-op class, or related activities.

# **For His Glory Home School Co-op Membership Agreement Form**

**I agree to follow all rules, regulations, conduct, dress code, illness  
and liability polices, standards and statement of faith as stated in the  
previous pages set by the For His Glory Home School Co-op**

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Please sign and return this form with your registration forms. \*\***