

NP Homeschool Co-Op Handbook

2026 – 2027

Welcome to NP Homeschool Co-Op. Our Co-Op is a Christian Co-Op for homeschooling families who are looking to supplement their homeschool and provide appropriate socialization for kids and parents. We are a ministry of New Pleasant Baptist Church. Our goal is to strengthen our homeschooling community by serving each other and God through educational interaction in a safe and loving environment.

Mission Statement

NP Homeschool Co-op exists to connect people to Christ through a biblical focus, local engagement, and intentional relationships.

Contact Information

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Facebook Group: NP Homeschool CO-OP

Website: <https://www.newpleasantchurch.com/np-homeschool-co-op>

Membership Guidelines & Policies

Before registering for NP Co-Op, a ministry of New Pleasant Baptist Church, please prayerfully consider the commitment that you are making. The focus of the co-op is to be a blessing to the homeschooling families in our group, and it takes the faithful commitment of every member to make it possible. Please read the entire Membership Guidelines & Policies before requesting membership.

Membership Requirements and Guidelines

*Membership demonstrates a willing heart to serve the group. All members are required to participate in the co-op in a responsible manner. The success of our group depends on the cooperation and participation of our members. It will take all of us to make NP run well.

*Parents will be required to teach/co-teach during the year. Parents will undergo background checks.

*Being a member of NP Co-op is both a privilege and a responsibility. Each one of us has been given special gifts and talents. Being a member of NP allows us to share those gifts and talents with other families.

* While we do realize that each family may differ in personal beliefs, anyone who will teach MUST do so from a Biblical Christian Worldview. You may not use or discuss your religious beliefs in the classroom that differ from the (Statement of Faith). Members, especially teachers, must understand the basic Christian beliefs, and while none of us are perfect, we must strive to apply Christian values to our daily living.

*NP is open to families that are actively engaged in homeschooling, with at least one child in Pre-K – Grade 12, and that are in compliance with your state’s homeschooling laws. Homeschooling is defined as any schooling that occurs in the “home”. By requesting membership to NP, you realize that NP was started, and will continue operating with a Christian viewpoint.

* A \$50.00 non-refundable fee per family is due at the time of registration. An additional \$25.00 per child will be requested for supplies. You understand by requesting membership to NP, you are doing so with intent to participate from September until April. Membership must be renewed each year.

*We strive for no gossip, language, or conversation that is not edifying to God. Do not speak ill of or put down other members or children. Parents and students are asked to speak and act in ways that are edifying to God and that promote unity and encouragement among NP members. "Sowing discord" (Proverbs 16:16-19), foul language, crude/vulgar language will absolutely not be tolerated. If you have a complaint or conflict, please address it directly.

*Communication will be via email, text, messenger, or Facebook group. Please check your email frequently for news and updates. It is YOUR responsibility to know what is going on. Please add NPKids@newpleasant.com to your inbox.

*We ask that all parents actively keep a lookout for children who are running, rough housing, or being disrespectful to church property.

*All parents are responsible for enforcing the Student Responsibility and Expectations Policy. Parental assistance is mandatory and necessary.

*NP reserves the right to terminate membership of any member when deemed necessary.

*NP wants to make sure that every child is kept as safe as possible. Each parent or guardian that is interacting with the children of NP will be required to complete a background check through New Pleasant Baptist Church at the parent's expense.

*Extra fees beyond registration may include the facility fee, field trips, special events, etc., or class fees for labs, textbooks, reading books, art supplies, etc. Field trips, special events, etc. fees will be due by the specified due date. Children will not be permitted to attend their classes until class fees are paid in full. Please see the Director if other financial arrangements are necessary.

*Parental commitment required for membership to NP will be weekly from September until April, either teaching or helping in classes. Parents must also be willing to help with other jobs/tasks as needed. Although we strive to assign teacher/teacher's helper jobs per your request, we may need to assign jobs based on the needs of NP. Once you have made a commitment to NP, please realize that we are counting on you.

*Please communicate with the Director if the responsible adult will be someone besides the parent of the child.

*Each family will be assigned a specified closing clean-up area (a specific classroom, bathroom, hallway, kitchen, gym, etc.) This will be your family's responsibility to complete. If there is more than one family assigned to an area, the responsibility is shared.

*Please register with the intent to participate from September until April. If you know you will be on vacation or have other appointments/obligations on any co-op days, please notify the Director in advance. Please try to avoid making nonemergency appointments/plans on co-op days.

*Dropping your children off is not acceptable. A parent may designate the guardian of their child(ren) for co-op days if the parent is unable to attend. The parent or designated guardian must complete a background check. Adult attendance is expected unless there is an illness or unforeseen circumstance. If you are unable to attend, please notify the Director immediately. If a parent cannot attend co-op due to an emergency, your children may attend co-op without you, however, they must be under the supervision of another responsible adult.

*Parents will be contacted if disciplinary problems arise. If there is an issue with a child, first teachers are to speak with the child. The second step is to contact the parent. Third, if the problem persists and cannot be corrected satisfactorily, notify the Director. The child may be removed from the class until the problem is corrected.

Student Responsibility and Expectations Policy

(Parents please review these yourself and with your child(ren) prior to the first day of NP co-op.)

1. Show courtesy, thoughtfulness, and respect to all teachers/parents, other students, and host church staff, as well as the building and premises.
2. Be prepared for class (reading, homework, etc.). Be willing to accept guidance and correction from adults in charge of classes and activities.

3. All conversations should be edifying. Do not speak ill of or put down other members or children.
4. No foul, abusive, or coarse language. No crude or cruel joking around. No bullying. This will not be tolerated.
5. Running, rough-housing, horseplay, climbing on/being disrespectful to church property, biting, kicking, slapping, and/or pushing is not permitted, even in jest.
6. Participation in classes is really needed. Please come to class on time, be respectful to both the teacher and other students, listen to your teacher, and complete assignments.
7. No cell phones, electronic games, or personal music devices are allowed in/during co-op unless given permission by the teacher. All cellular devices should be kept with your parent during co-op time.
8. No food or drink is allowed anywhere but the eating area unless it is water with a lid.
9. No pets, except service dogs, are permitted without permission.
10. No skateboards, roller skates/blades (including Heelys), or bikes allowed.
11. No weapons of any kind, real or fake, (guns, knives, etc.) or illegal drugs or alcohol are permitted. With permission of the Director, nerf guns may be permitted for special occasions.
12. Students need to remain in their assigned rooms or have an adult with them when they need to venture to another area.
13. Church equipment is not to be touched without permission, out of respect to our host church.
14. Keep dating relationships out of co-op time.
15. NP or New Pleasant Baptist Church reserves the right to prohibit anyone from participating in the co-op for any reason and at any time. The Co-Op Director and/or Leadership Team will be the final say in this regard.

Attendance

Attendance is necessary in order for NP to run smoothly and be effective. Please take into consideration your commitment to the co-op when scheduling non-emergency appointments and vacations. When you do not come to co-op, the burden of your responsibilities will fall to those who already have their own responsibilities.

1. Arriving on time is very important. We are depending on you. Everyone is contributing to the co-op, even the helpers. If you are running late, please notify the Director immediately. Continued lateness will result in a review of your membership by our advisory committee and may result in the termination of your membership.
2. Please follow these steps in the event of an absence, scheduled or not:
 - A. Notify the Director and the teacher/helpers you work with.
 - B. If you are a teacher, you must arrange for a substitute, preferably one of your helpers, and get the appropriate materials to them to cover the class. This is YOUR responsibility.
 - C. If you are a helper, the Director will find someone to cover your spot. You still need to notify the Director that you will not be at co-op.
 - D. If you are responsible for bringing something to co-op (i.e., an event or party), you must make arrangements to get it to us or see if someone would bring it instead. We are counting on you.

Sick Policy

- Please do NOT come to co-op if anyone in your family has had the stomach bug in the last 48 hours, especially if you have more than one child.
- Please do not come to co-op if anyone has had a fever for any reason or yellow/green mucus in the last 24 hours. If one child is sick, please do not bring the rest of the crew.

Dress Code Policy

We ask that parents and students alike dress appropriately, keeping modesty in mind. NP does not institute a specific dress code. We do, however, want parents and students to

be aware of how they look before they arrive at co-op or our events. Students are to dress appropriately for the classes they are attending (tennis shoes for PE; something you do not mind getting dirty for art). Short shorts – above fingertips are not allowed. No stomachs showing, spaghetti straps, or strapless shirts. Hind parts need to be covered with a long shirt if wearing tight-fitting pants.

Please make sure that any logos on clothing honors God.

Multimedia/Photo Policy

1. NP Director, Leadership Team, or Teachers may use various media to record our classes and events.
2. You may choose to opt out of your child(ren)'s photo being used for public use (social media, flyers, etc.). We will have a form for each family to fill out with their choice.
3. Please do not take pictures of other members' children and post them on social media (not even in the background).

Class Cancellations/Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather, please check the radio, TV, or internet and follow the Spartanburg County School District 2 closure decisions. If there is any type of delay with the school district, NP may not run as scheduled. If it is necessary to cancel classes for other reasons, you will be notified no later than 7:00am Friday morning.

Safety Policy

NP will have an armed safety team member present during co-op times. Please note that this individual will have a concealed weapons permit, obtain the required training, and will patrol the grounds. The doors will remain locked while we are meeting.

Field Trip and Special Events Guidelines

1. All students participating in field trips or special events must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. You may not drop your child(ren) off.
2. Please look over all information, considering age appropriateness and other requirements and suggestions, on field trips or special events, and ask questions before you sign up.
3. If, for some reason, you cannot attend a Field Trip or Special Event that has already been paid for, you will not be reimbursed.
4. Arrive at the specified location on the day of the field trip or special event at least 15 minutes early so that you can be at our designated area on time.
5. Parents are responsible for the appropriate behavior of their children. Please be courteous to all tour guides, personnel, building, and equipment. Remember that you are a representative of NP and the homeschool community. We do not want our children's or our own behavior to reflect poorly.
6. Please dress appropriately, following the guidelines already set forth for co-op.
7. Please plan ahead of time any items you need to bring (lunches, sunscreen, bug spray, jackets, etc.).

Conflict Resolution

We do realize that with so many different personalities, conflicts and misunderstandings may arise. This may be due to poor communication, or if there are different expectations. Please work out conflicts with others amongst yourselves (outside of co-op time). If the conflict, cannot be resolved, please take issues or concerns to the director.

*Policies, guidelines, and requirements set forth herein include but are not limited to every word in this handbook and are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Director.

*By accepting membership, you agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the NP Homeschool Co-op handbook.

Child(ren) Name(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____