

Hunter Street Academy
Homeschool Cooperative

Handbook

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Mission and Values

“The Hunter Street Academy Homeschool Cooperative provides a quality education from a biblical worldview. It is our intention to place ‘faith in learning.’”

Inspired Learning

We view learning as a joyful adventure. To that end, we make our classrooms a safe, inviting, and nurturing place. Children are encouraged in each area of study through stimulating, creative, and hands-on activities that promote depth of understanding. We weave the story of God’s amazing creativity and his redemptive love through each subject and seek to honor Him in the quality and depth of teaching.

Engaging Partnerships

We seek to partner with parents as they walk with God in their responsibility to educate their children. We provide a culture of open, respectful, and engaging dialogue between home teacher and classroom teacher with the goal of helping each child to reach his or her full, God-given potential.

Dynamic Development

In relating to God, to one another, and to our children, we desire to be a God-honoring community who walk together in grace and truth. We provide an environment of support and encouragement for parents and encourage healthy relationships for our children. We seek to draw on the gift of relationship with our God and Father for every aspect of our school culture.

Structured Flexibility

We believe strongly in the twin educational gifts of structure and flexibility. We provide the structure and accountability of a classroom community working together while maintaining freedom for each family to organize their home teaching in a way that provides the desired growth for their children.

Our Beliefs

As a ministry of Hunter Street Baptist Church, the Hunter Street Academy Homeschool Cooperative affirms and engages The Baptist Faith and Message (2000) and our Statement of Beliefs.

Hunter Street Baptist Church Statement of Beliefs

1. In essential beliefs – we have unity.

“There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” – Ephesians 4:4-6

2. In non-essential beliefs – we have liberty.

“As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions... Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls... So then each of us will give an account of himself to God... The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God.” – Romans 14:1,4,12,22

3. In all our beliefs – we show love.

“...And if I understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.” – 1 Corinthians 13:2

The Essentials We Believe

1. About God

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are coequal and are one God.

(See Genesis 1:1, 26, 27; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2)

2. About Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is coequal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again some day to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

(See Matthew 1:22, 23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 4:14, 15; 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4; Romans 1:3, 4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14,15)

3. About The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is coequal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian giving power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual gift when they are saved. As Christians, we seek to live under His control daily.

(See 2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; 14:16, 17; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 5:18; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25)

4. About The Bible

The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error.

(See 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105, 160, 12:6; Proverbs 30:5)

5. About Human Beings

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life.

(See Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1, 2)

6. About Salvation

Salvation is God's free gift to us. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

(See Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1)

7. About Eternal Security

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot "lose" your salvation. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security.

(See John 10:29; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; 10:10, 14; 1 Peter 1:3-5)

8. About Eternity

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation through Christ. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

(See John 3:16; 1 John 5:11-13; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:15)

Hunter Street Academy Homeschool Cooperative Conflict Resolution Commitment

I/we agree that, as people reconciled to God by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we believe that we are called to respond to conflict in a way that is remarkably different from the way the world deals with conflict. We also believe that conflict provides opportunities to glorify God, serve other people, and grow to be like Christ. Therefore, in response to God's love and in reliance on his grace, we commit ourselves to respond to conflict according to the following principles:

Glorify God — Instead of focusing on our own desires or dwelling on what others may do, we will rejoice in the Lord and bring him praise by depending on his forgiveness, wisdom, power, and love, as we seek to faithfully obey his commands and maintain a loving, merciful, and forgiving attitude.

Get the Log out of Your Eye — Instead of blaming others for a conflict or resisting correction, we will trust in God's mercy and take responsibility for our own contribution to conflicts—confessing our sins to those we have wronged, asking God to help us change any attitudes and habits that lead to conflict, and seeking to repair any harm we have caused.

Gently Restore — Instead of pretending that conflict doesn't exist or talking about others behind their backs, we will overlook minor offenses, or we will talk personally and graciously with those whose offenses seem too serious to overlook, seeking to restore them rather than condemn them. When a conflict with a Christian brother or sister cannot be resolved in private, we will ask others in the body of Christ to help us settle the matter in a biblical manner.

Go and be reconciled — Instead of accepting premature compromise or allowing relationships to wither, we will actively pursue genuine peace and reconciliation—forgiving others as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven us, and seeking just and mutually beneficial solutions to our differences.

By God's grace, we will apply these principles as a matter of stewardship, realizing that conflict is an assignment, not an accident. We will remember that success in God's eyes is not a matter of specific results, but of faithful, dependent obedience. And we will pray that our service as peacemakers will bring praise to our Lord and lead others to know His infinite love.

I/we accept that any conflict within the homeschool cooperative will be resolved according to the principles outlined above. The principles outlined above are the product of Peacemakers Ministries, also known as the Institute of Christian Conciliation. Hunter Street Baptist Church, The Hunter Street Academy Homeschool Cooperative, faculty, parents and students agree to submit to Peacemakers Ministries for any conflict resolution.

(Signature and date for all parents and guardians)

Curriculum and Course List

Updated 11/10/2023 and to be revised in the future.

Curriculum is in the process of being selected.

The new faculty will be instrumental in selecting curriculum that is grade appropriate and commensurate with state of Alabama academic requirements.

Additionally, Hunter Street Baptist Church has prioritized providing a biblical world view in our homeschool cooperative. Scripture, faith, and spiritual development are important components of the cooperative environment.

For the 2024-2025 academic year, our program offerings are as follows:

Grade 1

Language Arts (handwriting, phonics, spelling and reading), Math, History, and Science

Maximum class size: 15 students

Grade 2

Language Arts (handwriting, phonics, spelling and reading), Math, History, and Science

Maximum class size: 15 students

Grade 3

Language Arts (handwriting, phonics, spelling and reading), Math, History, and Science

Maximum class size: 15 students

Registration, Payments, Fees and Other Responsibilities

Registration

To register for the Homeschool Cooperative parents or guardians need to complete the following steps:

1. Submit the “online” application and pay the registration fee ([here](#)) per the following schedule:

January 8, 2024: Registration for church members* of Hunter Street Baptist Church.

January 10, 2024: Registration for those enrolled in Hunter Street Weekday.

January 12, 2024: Registration for the general public.

*The courtesy of the January 8, 2024 registration period is extended to the parent, legal guardian, or foster parent who is the church member of Hunter Street Baptist. This courtesy does not extend to other relatives.

In the coming years, current Homeschool Cooperative members and siblings will have the courtesy of the initial registration period.

2. An interview with the administrative team is required for new families. Given that this is our first year, each family will need to do this. Interviews will be conducted between January 9 and January 25.
3. Acceptance into the Homeschool Cooperative is two-fold.
 - a. Receipt of the application and registration fee holds your spot(s) in the order received.
 - b. Completion of the interview finalizes the process.

If it is determined in the interview process that the Homeschool Cooperative is not a fit, the registration fee will be refunded.

A wait list will be established. Those unable to be accepted will have the registration fee refunded.

Fees and Payments

Hunter Street Baptist Church is committed to offering a quality educational opportunity at a competitive and affordable price. Many homeschool cooperatives require facility usage fees and registration fees. Because the homeschool cooperative is a ministry of our church, these fees are minimal.

Registration Fee:

The registration fee is \$250 per student. This fee will cover the cost of administrative portal, teacher supplies, photocopying, and technical support. This fee is due as part of the registration process.

Tuition:

Tuition is \$1,400 per year.

The tuition may be paid in one of two ways.

1. The full tuition may be paid on or before the first day of class.
2. Tuition may be split in half with each payment due no later than the first day of class or each semester.

The faculty is compensated by tuition. It is expected that you will honor your commitment to compensate the faculty. The faculty has made a commitment to teach for the full year, and it is your obligation to compensate them for the full year.

Refunds:

Since financial responsibility is for the full year (although there is an option to pay by semester), should a family determine for any reason that they cannot finish out the year, they remain responsible for the full year. Hunter Street Academy Homeschool Cooperative will not be able to offer refunds for previously paid fees.

Attendance:

Attendance in class is expected. It is the responsibility of the parent to have the student prepared and ready for classes. An absent or unprepared student affects both the student and the class. Every effort should be made to avoid missing class. Parents and students are responsible for notifying the teachers of upcoming absences.

Materials for Classes:

Textbooks, and all other classroom materials required per the course description, are the responsibility of the family. These items are not covered by the registration fee or tuition.

Guidelines for Students and Parents

The opportunity to homeschool must be a spiritual decision for the family. Has your family thoughtfully and prayerfully considered the commitments required to participate in our homeschool cooperative?

Hunter Street Baptist Church's statement of faith may be found [here](#). Hunter Street Baptist Church also affirms [The Baptist Faith and Message](#) (2000). Having read both documents, do you as a family agree with, and support, these documents?

A conflict resolution document is included as part of this handbook. As students and parents, do you agree to follow the guidelines outlined in the conflict resolution document?

As a homeschool cooperative, classroom teachers cannot provide all the needed instruction for the student to be successful. It is required that parents are intentional in equipping their children to succeed in the homeschool environment. It is expected that students come to classes prepared, that homework assignments are completed, and that parents equip their children to be successful in the classroom and in the home.

Students need to be socially, emotionally, and physically capable to function in the homeschool cooperative environment. We value all children and would love the opportunity to serve every child, however we are not equipped to provide necessary support for children who may require special accommodations. Students with English as a second language must be able to communicate in English as the appropriate grade level.

As a family, are you prepared for the financial commitment to participate in the cooperative? Are you able to commit financially for both semesters and to make payments on time? The faculty of the Hunter Street Homeschool Cooperative faculty has made a commitment to teach your students. Their compensation is totally dependent on tuition. It is expected that tuition will be paid "in full" regardless of circumstances.

Students are expected to dress modestly and appropriately.

Students should not bring cellphones, or other electronic devices to the cooperative. The exception would be for personal computers required for course work.

Medicine and Allergies

Hunter Street Academy Homeschool Cooperative administrators and teachers will not administer medication to students.

Students needing medication during homeschool cooperative hours will need to have that medication administered by the parent or legal guardian.

Students should not have medication in their possession at any time. Exceptions to this are for insulin, asthma inhalers, and EpiPens as prescribed by the student's physician after discussion and agreement with the homeschool cooperative administrator.

A Medication Information Form must be on file for use of insulin, asthma inhalers, and EpiPens. Complete the attached form.

Administrators and faculty will be mindful of allergies. A medical information form must be on file for allergies. Complete the attached form.

Medication Information Form Parental Authorization and Release

Student's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Date:** _____

Use a separate form for each medication (Check one):

- It is necessary that this student carry the following medication for emergency situations:

(Name of medication)	(Dosage)	(Time)

- This student has an allergy to the following:

Parent/Legal Guardian (print name):

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Alternate Daytime Phone: _____