

FOOTHILLS HOMESCHOOLERS

FAMILY AGREEMENT



FOOTHILLS CHURCH // 2380 Merrychase Drive, Cameron Park

WHO WE ARE

- We exist to connect homeschool families to Jesus, helping our families grow to love Him & serve Him through creating a supportive faith-filled learning community.
- A collaborative co-op offered at a low cost that relies on parents teaching together for the enrichment of our students.
- Open to homeschool families with children ages TK-6th with preschool (children age 3) and nursery (age 2 and below) childcare classrooms provided **AT NO COST** for younger siblings. Our goal is to serve the entire family!

WHAT WE DO

- We meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, September-December, January-April 9:30-12:00 PM.
- Students participate in large group, two class periods and recess.
- Each parent teaches or assists one period and participates in a mom/parent small group the other period; Dads are also welcome and encouraged to join if desired.
- These will be enrichment based classes and will not cover core curriculum needs.
- Large group time between 9:30 and 10:00 AM will include Pledge of Allegiance, children's worship songs, and bible verses that reflect upon our code of conduct, character development, and etiquette teachings.
- Field trips and social events scheduled each semester in addition to co-op days .

PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS

Statement of Faith

As a ministry of Foothills Church, we agree to the Foothills Statement of Faith and agree to conduct ourselves in a manner in alignment with the Foothills Core values. Please refer to them here: foothillscp.org/about. Foothills Church is a member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and we abide by their teachings, including issues related to sanctity of human life, sexuality, and racial justice. Please refer to them here: cmalliance.org/who-we-are/our-faith-and-mission/perspectives.

Attendance and Participation

We are open to all homeschool families with children TK-6th Grade. Families agree to actively attend co-op on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Please arrive on time by 9:30 am. Please notify the co-directors of any planned or unexpected absences. We understand and will accommodate your family's schedule, but we ask you to prioritize being there when possible.

Parents must remain on campus for the entire duration of co-op. Parents must participate in teaching, co-teaching or assisting in a class every semester. Parents are expected to teach from a biblical worldview. As a volunteer-based group, it is important for members to follow through with commitments made to the group. Therefore, please be sure to honor your commitments to the co-op, and do not sign up for Foothills Homeschool unless you are planning to actively participate. If, for some reason, you find that you will be unable to teach or assist in the class that you have signed up for, please contact the co-directors as soon as possible, so that a replacement teacher or assistant can be provided.

Children are expected to participate in their classes. Please see the classroom code of conduct for further information.

Sick Policy

If you believe yourself or any of your children to be contagious or if you have experienced fevers or vomiting in the last 48 hours, please remain home and contact the co-directors as soon as possible so your teaching spot can be filled.

Fees and Ordering

There is a per-family registration fee of \$50 a semester. This fee is collected online during registration. This covers costs of supplies used in the classroom. Field trips may include a small additional fee. All ordering will be done by co-directors. Please see them if there are any materials that need to be ordered for classes.

Supplies and Snacks

Students should bring basic school supplies to class as defined at the beginning of the semester. Students should bring a snack for recess. Students are not to share snacks. Any student allergies will be discussed at the parent meeting prior to the start of each semester.

Facilities

We will treat the facilities with respect and always take care of them. We will treat the equipment, playground and supplies with care. We will return classrooms to the same state as when we entered them.

- Stay in areas that the co-op has permission to use.
- No student may leave campus unless accompanied by their parent or a designated responsible adult under any circumstances.
- Students are not allowed to be unattended (inside or outside) at any time without direct parent or designated responsible adult supervision.
- Teachers/assistants will be responsible for students in their classes for the time periods that their classes cover. Parents are responsible for their children at all other times.
- Do not eat in the buildings except in designated areas at designated times (snack time).
- Bathrooms are to be kept clean. Please report any toilet malfunction immediately.
- If you make a mess or spill something, clean it up promptly and thoroughly.
- No running or loud active play indoors, unless led in an activity by a teacher/parent leader.

Conduct

We desire to teach our students how to properly behave and participate in a classroom environment. We have defined expectations of our children while in class and on campus that will be upheld by the teachers and co-directors. Please see the classroom code of conduct for more information.

Parents are expected to conduct themselves in a way that is in alignment with the values of the ministry and the church. We understand that we are leading our children by example. Parents will treat one another respectfully and support one another, while refraining from gossip, slander, and inappropriate behaviors. This is a volunteer-led effort - please exhibit grace to one another and gratitude for our co-directors, teachers, assistants, and other students and families.

Safe Place Training

Every parent must complete the church's safe place training and mandated reporter training, background check and fingerprinting.

Leadership

Foothills Homeschoolers is directed by two co-directors who are responsible for managing the ministry. They are required to be Foothills Church members or are pursuing membership.

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

1. WE ARE POLITE

We will be polite & friendly to our teachers and classmates.

2. WE LISTEN

We will actively listen to our teacher and other classmates.

3. WE RAISE HANDS

We will raise our hands when we would like to speak.

4. WE RESPECT

We will respect our teacher and other adults.

5. WE ARE HONEST

We will be truthful and honest.

6. WE ARE PREPARED

We will come to class prepared.

7. WE COOPERATE

We will cooperate with others.

8. WE DO OUR BEST

We will always do our best.

DISCIPLINARY POLICY

- We desire to create a classroom environment for our students and we expect them to learn and demonstrate appropriate classroom behavior. Students are expected to follow the classroom code of conduct.
- When a teacher wants to quiet or refocus a classroom, they will do a 5 count. All students should quiet down and focus on the teacher.
- Teachers are to remind students of the classroom code of conduct regularly.
- When students are not following the established expectations, the teacher will remind the student of the expectations.
- If the student continues to not follow the established expectations, the teacher will alert the child that their parent will be alerted after class about their misbehavior.
- If behavior continues to a 3rd warning, the child will be escorted to their parent.
- If the behavior continues incessantly and the parent is not presently working with their student on correction, a meeting will be scheduled with the co-directors to discuss how to best support the student and parent.

- If the behavior still doesn't resolve, a second meeting will be requested with the co-directors, the parent and the children's ministry director or pastor.
- If the parent is not actively taking steps to correct the child's behavior, they will be in violation of the family agreement of Foothill Homeschoolers and the co-directors will refer to the overseeing leadership at the church for next steps.

PRE-K CLASSROOM DISCIPLINARY POLICY

- Our three year old classroom will be using timeouts to help our preschoolers calm down, reflect, and learn appropriate behavior. At this age, children are still developing self-control and understanding of rules. A brief timeout gives them a chance to pause, reset, and safely rejoin the group with a better understanding of what behavior is expected. It is not a punishment but a moment to help them learn how to manage big feelings and make better choices.
- Time outs will be used when:
 - A child is hitting, biting, or behaving aggressively
 - A child repeatedly breaks a rule after direction
- We will not shame our preschoolers and will calmly explain away from peers why the timeout is being given. After timeout, the child will be invited to rejoin the group and may be asked to apologize or problem solve with support.
- Repeated behavioral issues will be shared with parents. If the problem persists, we will follow the disciplinary policy stated above.

I agree to abide and follow this family agreement.

Name

Signature

Date

Questions? Reach out to the Co-Directors

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