



TAPESTRY
UNIVERSITY

Where you are the faculty.

Your Notes:

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission as parents of children given to us by God is to teach our children about His creation, His story, and His glory for His honor and glory. We are like-minded in believing that God designed parents to be the primary teachers of their children and that we are in community to encourage each other and to use God's Word for teaching, for rebuking, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

CHARTER

1. This is a *Tapestry of Grace* (TOG) co-op. The primary materials are from TOG or recommended by TOG. However, this is a parent driven co-op that may choose at times to adapt TOG as it seems appropriate to its members to best serve their children.
The TOG Curriculum is:¹
 - Organized by a chronological study of the history of the world (including the U.S.)
 - An integrated, unit-study approach to Classical Education content
 - A complete humanities program that uses whole books and the Great Books
 - A program that equips parents to disciple world-changing apologists for the Christian faith
 - A program that means families really can homeschool through high school
 - Designed for teachers first, so that parents can teach, not just administer, their homeschools
2. Co-op or committee membership requirements
 - Must be a member of _____ [local church or home-schooling group]
 - Current members will be “grandfathered-in” to the co-op.
3. Class size
 - Maximum size for rhetoric is 15 students (can be modified by Steering Committee)
 - Maximum size for dialectic is 16 students (can be modified by Steering Committee)
4. Steering Committee (SC) responsibilities
 - The SC is responsible for the overall structure of the co-op.
 - The SC is not responsible for event coordination or implementation.
 - The SC has final approval for class events.
 - The SC will sanction task forces to do work (e.g., medieval feast, field trips).
 - All SC voting meetings require male facilitator member(s) to be present.
 - Full-time teachers for at least a semester may attend meetings but will not be voting members (the teacher does not have to be a member of _____ but must be approved of by the SC and by the co-op).
 - The SC will develop the agenda for the co-op meetings.
 - All money matters for events are the responsibility of the event task force.
5. Co-op responsibilities
 - All parents of the co-op students are members.
 - The co-op members can bring forth items of discussion for the SC.
 - The co-op members will provide input on specific curriculum items.
 - The co-op members will provide input to the SC on special events and functions.

¹ See www.tapestryofgrace.com.

6. Parental responsibilities
 - Purchase or borrow adequate resources for class preparations, including the purchase of TOG and its recommended resource books.
 - Oversee your child's work assigned for each class and make sure that he is completing the assignments on time and to the best of his ability. There are times that a parent can release her child from some assignments as the parent deems necessary. This should be more infrequent versus the norm for members.
 - Notify the teacher prior to class if your student has not met his assignment requirements.
 - Commit to one full school year. Parents who withdraw during the year will not receive a refund of money paid to the co-op, and must (if at all possible) fulfill teaching commitments for the year. Be willing to teach and/or assist with your share of class teaching.
 - Agree to teach voluntarily and not for pay. (We may hire a teacher outside of the coop if needed.)
 - Participate in setup and cleanup as necessary.
 - Discuss with children the importance of the rules established for the co-op and be willing to address any misbehavior. Welcome the observations of teachers and other parents and students.
7. Student Responsibilities
 - Interact respectfully with all teachers and students of all ages—including conduct and dress.
 - Disruptive students will be warned.
 - Continued disruption will result in the student being removed from class.
 - If poor behavior continues, the student can be suspended or expelled from co-op.
 - Put forth best effort in classes, completing homework assignments and taking responsibility for class assignments.
 - Be prepared for every class with books and supplies needed.
 - Take special care with equipment and/or books that may be used as a group.
 - Help with setup and cleanup as necessary.
 - Pay attention in class. Students may not use electronic devices except for emergencies. Students who inappropriately use these devices can have the devices confiscated for the duration of class. Parents will be notified of such occurrences.
8. Discipline Policy
 - Disruptive students will be warned. Continued disruption will result in the student being removed from class. If poor behavior continues, the student can be suspended or expelled from the co-op by the SC.
 - Classroom standards will be determined by the co-op members by majority vote.
9. Costs
 - There is a cost for each child in the co-op as well as costs related to special activities and events.
 - The costs will be made clear before the year begins.
 - The cost of the co-op must be paid by all at the beginning of the year. [We recommend you insert a certain date here each year.]
 - The costs related to the optional special activities and events will be determined during the year. These costs must be paid before a child/family can participate in an optional event sponsored by the co-op.
10. Schedule
 - The school year, including breaks, will be determined by the co-op before the school year begins.
 - Parents will meet every other month throughout the year beginning in May.