

THE STRONG FAMILY LEARNING COOPERATIVE

PARENT HANDBOOK

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR



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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Welcome to **The Strong Family Learning Cooperative (TSFLC)**! We are honored that you have chosen to partner with us in the education, development, and growth of your child.

At TSFLC, we believe education is more than academics—it is about helping every student recognize that **God has given them gifts, abilities, purpose, and the capacity to make a difference**. We want our students to understand that they are not simply preparing for their future; they are preparing to become part of the solution to the needs they see around them.

That belief is captured in a phrase we want every TSFLC student to embrace:

“I Am the Answer to a Problem.”

These words remind our students that their education has purpose. Somewhere there is a problem that needs their creativity, knowledge, compassion, leadership, talent, or God-given gift. Our responsibility is to help students **discover, develop, and confidently use what has been placed inside of them** so they can positively impact their families, communities, and ultimately the world.

Our educational partnership is built upon three foundational commitments:
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We believe successful education requires all three. Our teachers commit to being prepared and intentional in their instruction. Our parents are essential partners who remain engaged and supportive throughout the educational journey. Our students are expected to demonstrate discipline, responsibility, respect, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and grow.

TSFLC is committed to providing a **safe, structured, nurturing, faith-centered learning environment** where students are challenged academically, encouraged personally, strengthened in character, and given opportunities to discover their unique abilities.

This Parent & Student Handbook establishes the expectations, policies, and procedures that help our cooperative operate successfully. We encourage every family to review it carefully and embrace the partnership that makes the Strong Family Learning Cooperative unique.

As we begin this school year together, our desire is that every student will grow in **knowledge, character, confidence, faith, discipline, and purpose**. We want them to leave TSFLC knowing not only *what they have learned*, but also believing:

“I have something to contribute. I have a purpose. I can make a difference. I Am the Answer to a Problem.”

Welcome to **The Strong Family Learning Cooperative**. We are excited to learn, grow, discover, and succeed together!

With Purpose,

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Welcome to the TSFLC Family

This Parent Handbook is designed to help families understand the expectations, policies, communication practices, and shared responsibilities of The Strong Family Learning Cooperative (TSFLC). Our goal is to provide a safe, loving, Christ-centered learning environment where families actively participate in the academic process.

“And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children...”

Deuteronomy 6:6-8

Mission Statement

A safe place for schooling families who wish to be an active part of the academic process, to learn, grow, and make new friends while carrying out our God-given responsibility found in the Scriptures.

Proverbs 22:6 - “Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Ephesians 6:4b - “...bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

Vision

We are a Christ-centered cooperative that provides a variety of educational and enrichment classes for schooling families of primary and secondary age children in a safe and loving environment. We co-labor with each other and God to achieve creative excellence by serving each other through our strengths.



Learning, growing, and building community together.

Governing Values

Matthew 22:37-39 reminds us to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

- We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, is God come in the flesh. His death provides substitutionary atonement for our sins. He literally rose bodily from the dead and will literally come to earth again.
- We believe the Bible in its entirety - all 66 books of the Old and New Testaments - is the infallible, inspired Word of God and will be the only Scripture used during cooperative activities.
- We believe in and accept by faith the Genesis account of creation.
- We believe mankind is by nature sinful and in need of salvation, which is found by faith alone in Jesus Christ and His shed blood. Personal salvation comes by grace through faith.
- We believe in a literal heaven and a literal hell.
- We believe the Bible defines marriage as being between one man and one woman.

We recognize that our cooperative includes families from diverse backgrounds whose common priority is the education of their children. Member families are not required to sign a faith statement regarding their particular doctrinal beliefs; however, all families are asked to abide by and not dispute these governing values while participating in TSFLC.

Hours of Operation

- Daily Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- There are no classes on Mondays; however, parents and students are responsible for completing all assigned Monday work.



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Communication

A major part of what we do requires trust, so consistent communication between families and teachers is essential.

Teacher/Parent Planning Session (TPPS)

Each parent is required to attend a monthly Teacher/Parent Planning Session (TPPS, pronounced “tips”). TPPS meetings may be scheduled on Fridays after class, by phone, by Zoom, or in person.

Student Folders and Agendas

Each student in grades K-3 will receive a “My Communication Log” folder. The folder is sent home each day and may include behavior notes, homework, reading assignments, field trip notices, and other teacher-parent communication. Parents should sign it daily and include questions or comments for the teacher. Students in grades 4-10 will use a student agenda that is completed each day.

Texting

Parents may receive text messages regarding behavior, scheduling changes, lesson illustrations, or other school matters. Please confirm receipt by responding to messages sent by TSFLC staff.

The App

Families should download the Liberty Tabernacle app from their app store. Within the Liberty Church App is a TSFLC icon. Families may receive an invitation to join the TSFLC chat and should check it daily for announcements, changes, and instructions.

ThinkWave

ThinkWave allows parents to view grades for papers, quizzes, and tests in real time. Families will receive login information to monitor student grades and progress. Grades are updated every Monday.



Family engagement and school community are important parts of TSFLC.

Records and Report Cards

Parents are responsible for maintaining all records and report cards for their student's work. Graded assignments, quizzes, and tests will be provided to parents through TPPS or the "My Communication Log" folder. TSFLC will not maintain permanent grades or student records.

Homework and Independent Study

Students will receive homework for after-school practice and reinforcement of lessons taught. Although TSFLC does not meet for classes on Mondays, students will have independent study that includes classwork for that day and any supplemental assignments.

Lunches

Lunches are provided by each family. Snack donations are graciously welcomed.

Electronics

Phones, tablets, special watches, and other electronics should be left at home. Students enrolled in Algebra may bring and use calculators as needed for class.



Students learning and participating together.

Dress Code

The dress code applies to students and parent volunteers. Clothing must be modest and appropriate for a Christ-centered learning environment.

- Do not wear spaghetti-strap tops, halter tops, muscle shirts, or short, tight-fitting, or midriff shirts.
- Necklines must be modest. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be at least knee length.
- Attire associated with immoral or improper ideas or an anti-Christian message should not be worn.
- Leggings may be worn with an appropriate top or dress.
- Students must wear closed-toed shoes at all times. Sandals, Crocs, and similar open footwear are not permitted.
- Young men should not wear headwear during school activities.
- If you are unsure whether an item is appropriate, please choose another item.

Let us honor one another and avoid causing our brother or sister to stumble. Failure to follow the dress code may result in disciplinary action.

Illness Policy

Keeping children home when they are sick helps the child recover and reduces the spread of illness. A student should not attend when experiencing any of the following:

- Fever within the last 24 hours
- Colored mucus (yellow or green)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea
- Eye drainage
- A virus or infection known to be contagious
- Rashes, including bleeding diaper rashes
- Head lice

This policy is for the protection of all children and families involved. In the case of an absence, it is the family's and student's responsibility to complete missed work in a timely manner. A student should have no more than three absences during a session.



Field experiences and activities support student growth beyond the classroom.

Class Cancellations

In the event of a class cancellation or teacher absence, reasonable effort will be made to notify parents before class time. Tuition is not refunded for cancelled classes due to teacher illness or absence.

ESA Tuition and Payment Policy

IMPORTANT: ESA TUITION IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

All families will be invoiced quarterly according to their personal payment schedule. ESA accounts will be charged for the applicable quarter/session. All balances are due upon receipt. Tuition paid through ESA or other payment methods is non-refundable.

Conduct Policy

Proper conduct is necessary for a positive and effective learning environment. Children are expected to obey and respect all adults at all times. Families should review the Rules and Consequences page, sign it, and return it. When a student misbehaves, every effort will be made to contact the parent. Students should also be strongly encouraged to report ill-treatment to a teacher so the matter can be addressed on site.



TSFLC celebrates student achievement and community support.

Field Trips

Field trips will be planned throughout the year and usually involve an additional cost. Every attempt will be made to notify parents in a timely manner; however, some opportunities may become available at the last minute. Families are encouraged to share field trip ideas or available discounts. Experiencing the world through field trips is an important

part of learning. Students who demonstrate a pattern of misbehavior or disobedience may not be permitted to attend field trips.



Educational field trips provide hands-on opportunities to explore and learn.

Parental Responsibilities

All parents are expected to follow the rules, procedures, and expectations outlined in this handbook and to partner with TSFLC in supporting student learning and conduct.

Volunteer Conduct

Volunteers are needed during **class times, field trips, lab supervision, and lunches**. Volunteers must never be alone with children or accompany a child to the restroom without another adult present. Doors should remain open at all times when adults are working with students. Because TSFLC is a Christian environment and adults are expected to model appropriate behavior, foul language, smoking, and alcohol are prohibited at all times, including field trips.

Emergency Policy

Doors remain locked at all times. In the event of an emergency, students will exit the building and wait at the safest location on site. Parents may call 602-276-8625 for instructions.

Withdrawal Policy

Children may be withdrawn from the cooperative at any time. Courtesy notification is requested. Please remember that tuition, including ESA tuition, is non-refundable.

Attendance Policy

Our program meets **4 days a week**, so every instructional day is important. Regular and on-time attendance is expected.

Attendance Limits

- **8 absences — Maximum allowed**
- **9th absence — Attendance Probation**
- **10th absence — Termination from the program**

Parents must notify the program of all absences within 3 hours of the absence. Excused absences may include illness, medical appointments, family emergencies, bereavement, religious observances, or other approved circumstances. Documentation may be requested.

Students should arrive on time and remain for the full program day. Students are responsible for completing missed work.

Visitor Policy

Parents are welcome to visit at any time. Please remember that doors remain locked for safety and security.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Policy

Parents must list all adults who are authorized to pick up their student. If an adult is not on the authorized list, that person must know the child's PIN number before the student will be released.

TSFLC Dismissal Policy

TSFLC reserves the right to refuse service or dismiss a family from participation at any time for any reason.



TSFLC students and families share experiences that strengthen community.

Parent/Guardian Handbook Acknowledgment

Please sign below to acknowledge that you have received and reviewed the 2026-2027 TSFLC Parent Handbook and understand the policies, expectations, and responsibilities described within it. Your signature also acknowledges that ESA tuition and all other tuition payments are non-refundable.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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