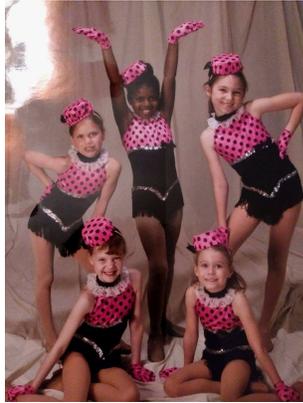


A. Strong Academic Homeschool Co-op



Handbook 2021-22

More than a school...



“And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.” Deuteronomy 6:6-8



Mission Statement

A safe place for homeschool families 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 homeschooling 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.

Governing Values

Matthew 22:37-39: “Jesus replied, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

- 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 Testament) is the infallible, inspired Word of God and will be the only scriptures used during co-op.
- We believe in, and accept by faith, the Genesis account of creation.
- We believe man is by nature sinful and is inherently in need of salvation, which is exclusively found by faith alone in Jesus Christ and His shed blood. Personal salvation comes to mankind 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 group is made up of a diverse group of people whose commonality is the priority of homeschooling our children. For this reason, we do not require member families to sign a faith statement regarding their particular doctrinal beliefs. However, we do ask that member families abide by, and not dispute, the above values during their participation in ASAHC.



Hours of Operation

Tentative Schedule: Tuesday- Friday 8:00-2:30pm

Please Note: We are watching the trends and numbers of COVID contractions in our area in order to make a wise and healthy decisions regarding entry into the building. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we weather through this situation together.

There are four eight week sessions in the calendar school year. The ninth week between sessions is a recess break. Students will not report to class during the ninth week but will continue studies during recess break. See calendar for specific dates.

Communication

Teacher/Parent Planning Session

Each parent is required to attend a once a month TPPS (pronounced “tips”). TPPSs will be scheduled on Fridays after class, by phone, zoom (online platform) or in person.

Student folders

Each student will be given a “My Communication Log” folder. This folder is sent home each day. It communicates behavior, homework, reading assignments, field trip notices and any other communication between teacher and parent. Please sign it daily and include any questions or comments for the teacher.

Texting

Parents can be texted regarding behavior, changes in scheduling, lessons illustrations, etc. Please confirm that a text has been received by responding to texts sent.

The App

Download the Liberty Tabernacle app from your app store. Within the Liberty Church App is an icon ASAHC. You will receive an invitation to join the “Strong Academic Homeschool” chat. Please check it daily for announcements, home work, changes and instructions.



Records/Report Card

Parents are responsible to maintain all records and report cards of their students's work. All graded assignments, quizzes and test will be given to parents by way of either TPPS or the "My Communication Log" folder. ASABC will maintain no grades or records.

Homework/Independent Study

Students will be given homework each day for after school practice and reinforcement of lessons taught. Although, we do not meet on Mondays, students will have independent study which will include classwork for that day and any other supplemental assignments.



Lunches

Lunches are provided by the family. Snack donations are welcomed.

Electronics

All electronics (phones, tablets, special watches, calculators) should be left at home.

Dress Code (for students and parent volunteers)

- Clothing must be modest. Please do not wear spaghetti strap tops, halter tops, muscle shirts, or any short, tight fitting, or midriff shirts.
- Necklines must be modest and any shorts, skirts or dresses must be at least knee length.
- Unusual attire associated with immoral or improper ideas or with 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.
- If you aren't sure something is appropriate to wear, please don't wear it.

Let's honor one another and not cause our brother or sister to stumble. Failure to abide by the dress code will result in disciplinary action.



Illness Policy

It has been my experience that keeping children home when they are sick, helps us all. The sick child gets over the illness sooner and when other children are not exposed, it prevents the circulation of the illness. With that in mind, if your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms, they should not attend:

- Fever (within the last twenty-four hours)
- Colored mucus (yellow or green snotty nose)
- Diarrhea, vomiting or nausea
- Eye drainage
- Virus or infection (known to be contagious)
- Rashes (including bleeding diaper rashes)
- Head lice

This is for the protection of all children and families involved. So we may continue to provide the highest quality program for all, please be considerate of others regarding your child(ren) and illnesses and stay home. The beauty of homeschooling is, even when sick, they can continue to work. (Smile)



COVID-19 Precautions

Temperatures of staff and students are taken daily upon entrance into the building. Per CDC guidelines, any temperature over 100.4 degrees is considered a fever and entrance will be denied for safety.

Class Cancellations

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

Payment Policy

All families will be invoiced by the 1st of each month. See the personal payment schedule.

All balances should be paid by the 15th of the month.

Late charges: \$25

NSF: \$35

Late Pick-up: \$20

Cash App: \$0

POS: \$3.00



Conduct Policy

We believe that proper conduct is necessary for a positive and effective learning environment. Children are expected to obey and respect all adults at all times. Please refer to the Rules and Consequences page, sign and return it.

Field Trips

Fields trips will be planned for the year and usually have an extra cost. Every attempt will be made to notify parents in a timely manner. However, sometimes we get opportunities at the last minute. If you have any field trip ideas or discounts, please let us know. There is great benefit in experiencing the world through field trips. Children who are in the habit of misbehaving or disobeying will not be allowed to attend field trips.



Parental Responsibilities

All parents are expected to follow all rules and regulations given in this handbook.

Volunteer Conduct

Volunteers needed for class times, field trips, lab supervision and lunches. Volunteers are to never be alone with children or accompany them to the restroom without another adult being present. All doors remain open at all times. Because this is a Christian environment and we wish to be examples to the children, no foul language, smoking or alcohol is to be used at any time, even on field trips.

Emergency Policy

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



Withdrawal Policy

Children may be withdrawn from the co-op at any time. Only courtesy notification is necessary.

Visitor Policy

Parents are welcome to visit at any time. Remember doors are locked.

Drop/Pick-up Policy

Please list all adults who are allowed to pick up your students. If they are not on the list, they will need to know your child's pin number to be released to someone not on the list.

ASAHC Dismissal Policy

We reserve the right to refuse service at any time for any reason.

