

COURAGE COMMUNITY Co-op

Beliefs and Requirements

Mission

To provide a space for courageous, freedom-loving, Christian homeschool families who seek a counter-cultural lifestyle for their children to feel at home and loved; Where our children enjoy excellent educational opportunities taught from a Biblical worldview perspective and are encouraged to use their God-given gifts to start following their dreams.

Vision

Courage links arms with parents and instructors who recognize the inherent value and dignity of every child as a whole, capable person made in the image of God. We love our children unconditionally and are committed to helping them seek wisdom and skills to pursue their calling in life so they may become courageous world changers.

Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible is the fully inspired and infallible word of God. We believe it is without error, in whole or in part, and represents the final authority in faith and practice. We believe in the eternally existing Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We believe Jesus Christ, God's only begotten son, fully God and fully man; was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on the cross, was resurrected in three days, and sits at the right hand of the Father. We believe Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation through faith and there is no other way to come to our Heavenly Father except through Jesus Christ. (John 14:6; Eph 2:8-10; Romans 10:9; Gal 2:15-16)

I am. I can. I ought. I will.

Each day begins with our **Family Chapel** comprised of Worship/Hymns, Pledge of Allegiance, community announcements, and prayer. Our day ends with **community effort clean up**.

Our community offers parents a co-op inspired atmosphere to **stay on campus in fellowship**, having coffee, reading, joining a Bible study or book club, and/or working alongside their other children while students attend classes.

Courage holds high academic standards that align with Charlotte Mason and Classical inspired methods. **Parents are NOT required to teach but must volunteer in a role.**

Classes are taught by passionate, dedicated and experienced instructors and are paid directly by the parents as **Independent Contractors**.

We also believe our children are receiving many “core” lessons at home. Therefore, for **Courage offers mainly electives** and/or classes that build upon core curriculum taught at home.

Courage offers a **three period day** to 1st-12th and two period day for the pre-k/kinder class. To foster a robust and unified homeschool community, Courage **requires families to enroll full-time**, no exceptions will be made. In the event that a class is unavailable or full during one of the three periods, we will have a Study Lounge available. Parents are encouraged to stay on campus but you are permitted to leave if you have a friend willing to be personally responsible for your child(ren) while you're away.

Courage requires families presence during Family Chapel (9:30-9:45am), Lunch (12-12:30), and Community Clean Up (1:30-2pm).

For Our Dear Families

We believe raising and educating our children is a blessing, not a burden.

We take our roles as homeschool parents seriously as we feel called to do this work and do not sit idly aside but take an active role every day in our children's education and wellbeing.

Each family is expected to be self-governing. A parent will be on-site at all times with their child(ren) and will assist and help discipline their child(ren). We recognize our greatest ministry is through Word and deed to the children placed into our care. Reference our Code of Conduct Agreement for details about Prohibited Behavior.

All families are **required to help clean at the end of the day (1:30-2pm)** in addition to **serving in a volunteer role**. Volunteer roles are categorized accordingly, allowing those who serve in a more involved/ hands on role to register for classes first. Serving opportunities may include: set up lead, tear down/ clean up lead, fundraising, front lobby security, bringing supplies, planning field trips, organizing science fair, coordinating Young Artisan Market, etc. The success of our community is directly tied to the level at which families are willing to serve.

Our policies and rules are for the purpose of creating an environment of safety, respect, and order. **We entrust each parent to cheerfully supervise their children** accordingly.

We affirm that **God created each person as male or female**, and that marriage was designed by God to be a monogamous, lifelong, covenant relationship between one male and one female (**Genesis 1:26-27, 2:18-25; Mark 10:2-9**). Sexual intimacy was designed by God to occur only within the context of such a marriage (**I Corinthians 6:18, 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4**)

We serve as a place for **Christ-like education in a respectful and professional atmosphere**. Any **vandalism, inappropriate use of language, violence, bullying, or physical/romantic affection, will not be tolerated** and will be grounds for expulsion. **Students are not allowed to use cell phones** on campus, including in classrooms and outside on the facility grounds. Appropriately **modest and respectful attire** is required. All students are required to sign a Code of Conduct agreement.

We acknowledge that we all have limitations, weaknesses, and blind spots, therefore; **gossip is not welcome in our community**. We are called to **encourage and lift up others** in all our communication.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their need, that it may benefit those who listen.

Ephesians 4:29

Curriculum is chosen by the independent teachers, as long as the Lord is glorified in the classroom. Curriculum and classroom content is subject to final approval by the director(s). Courage classes are curated for specific age ranges to accommodate our community. Please be aware of the class description grade levels when registering for your child(ren)s classes.

We believe that God made our bodies perfectly whole, capable and self-healing in His own image. We believe in living a **faith-driven life** versus a fear-driven life.

Decisions are made on a case-by-case scenario. To the best of our ability, decisions are made for the greatest interests of the children. Courage strives to be transparent about all operating functions and finances for our community. **Our mission, vision, and statement of faith will guide all our decisions.**