



Our Shared Vision

Eugene Peterson says, “Discipleship is a long obedience in the same direction.” We believe raising and educating our children could be described in the same way. Jesus said in Matthew chapter 7 speaking of the Christian life, “Small is the gate and narrow the road (or Path) that leads to life.”

The longer we homeschool, the more we believe that to be obedient, to stay on the “narrow *path*” that Jesus described, we need the Lord desperately, and we also need each other. We love one another, and each other's children, towards the Lord's *Pathway*.

Our Shared Purpose

We are a group of Christian families with the shared purpose to enhance our children's educational and social experience by providing cooperative learning opportunities within a biblical worldview. Pathway hopes to support fellow homeschool parents in their homeschool by providing support, accountability, fellowship, and encouragement. Our weekly co-op meetings, field trips, and social activities help us attain our goals. Pathway Christian Cooperative is a non-profit organization, intended to support the home educator not replace a traditional school.

Our Shared Faith

Acknowledging that we have denominational differences, we unite under the goal to provide our children with an education from a distinctly Christian worldview. We agree on a common statement of faith, as follows:

- We believe the Bible, as originally divinely inspired, is the infallible, inerrant Word of God, and it is the supreme and final authority for all matters of faith and life.
- We believe that there is one God in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This one God is omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient. This God is also holy, righteous, good, loving and full of mercy, by character. He is the Creator of all things. He sustains all things.
- We believe in the perfect deity and perfect humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His sacrificial death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, and His bodily return in power and glory.
- We believe that man was created in the image of God, but chose to sin and is therefore lost and only those who put their faith in Jesus Christ are saved.
- We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and is received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose substitutionary death on the cross paid the penalty for man's sin through His shed blood.

- We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict men of their sin, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for Godly living and service.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers through our common faith in Jesus Christ.
- We believe the Bible defines marriage as the covenantal, exclusive union of one man and one woman intrinsically ordered for procreation and a biological family. Sexual intimacy is a gift from God and has its proper place only within the context of marriage (Genesis 1:27-28, Genesis 2:18-24, Ephesians 5:31-33.)
- We believe that God created mankind in His image: male (man) and female (woman), sexually different, equal in dignity, but different in their design (Genesis 1:26-28).

Our Requirements

Families interested in joining Pathway should email the Leadership Team (pathwaycoop@gmail.com) to apply. The basic requirements and expectations of cooperative participants are:

- Parents and students must agree with our Statement of Faith, Policies, Procedures, and Standards as outlined in this document.
- Parents will pay the allotted fees each year prior to attending classes.
- For the protection and safety of our children, a background check is required for all adults working with children.
- All registering families must have at least one child in Kindergarten or above.
- Class placement for Nursery, Pre-K, and Kindergarten will be determined by the child's age as of the 1st day of class. Kindergarten students must be 5 by October 31st.
- All families must use the designated curriculum and work diligently to complete all homework following the schedule of the teachers to ensure all students are able to participate each week.
- Parents will be scheduled to teach (1) and assist (2) for each weekly gathering and are expected to share in other various responsibilities to ensure the successful operation of the day.
- Our host church requires a fee of \$100 per family to cover the use of their building. This fee will be paid to Pathway and our financial treasurer will ensure LNBC receivers their fees.
- All families will be mindful that we are sharing our space with church employees and staff and make every effort to consider them as we conduct classes.
- Prospective families are required to visit the co-op with their children before joining the Pathway, preferably during an open house.
- All families will strive to meet the following time / scheduling commitments throughout the academic year:
 - **Mandatory Summer Meeting:** In an effort to help our families connect with one another, and to ensure a smooth start in August, we have a mandatory meeting the Friday after our previous school year ends. Teachers will be able to look over their teaching materials and work with other teachers from previous years, grades, and subjects to brainstorm best practices for the upcoming year.
 - **Pathway is not drop-off:** At least one parent agrees to remain at Pathway throughout the day. If a parent would like to leave the premises during their "off" hour, they will be sure to sign the check-out sheet.
 - **Start time & Promptness:** The day for the co-op begins at 8:45 a.m. with devotions. Please arrive 10 minutes earlier than the 8:45 a.m. start time so we

can begin our day together with prayer and devotion to the Lord and will allow for us to share any announcements or changes for the day.

- **Leaving Co-Op:** We hope families will commit to Pathway for a minimum of 10 weeks. After 10 weeks, a family may decide that Pathway is not a good fit for them. At this time a two-week notice must be given. If you choose to leave, your payment and supply fee are non-refundable.

Our Finances

We strive to keep Pathway affordable for all families. Each family pays a fee of \$150 for the year plus tuition per grade level. The fee covers operating expenses, insurance coverage, and general co-op supplies. The tuition is: Middle School \$95, 5th & 6th \$65, 3rd & 4th \$65, 1st & 2nd \$65, Pre - K & Kindergarten \$50, Nursery \$10, Elective \$20. You will receive an email invoice from PayPal after admission and/or registration. Your registration will be considered complete once we have received payment. There may be additional fees for elective classes, field trips, dances, etc. All lead teachers will be given a budget for their class at the beginning of the year. They can spend this budget at their discretion. For reimbursement, they will need to have receipts.

Our Leadership

It is the Leadership Team's desire to hear the needs of the families in our group and respond with solutions that best serve the group as a whole. The Leadership Team is approachable, please do not hesitate to connect with us directly on Fridays, or through a personal email or phone call:

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Our Shared Responsibilities

"Many hands make light work!"

Each Friday, every mom is asked to lead teach in 1 class and assist in 2. This ensures our students have a wonderful variety of teachers, the labor is distributed, and the load is not too big of a burden for any mom. Assistants serve as built-in substitute teachers when the lead teacher has to be absent. Each member is assigned other "committees" and "tasks / duties" necessary to ensure the successful operation of the day and a successful co-op year!

Our Academics

Pathway is an academically rigorous co-op. We are not a traditional school replacement, we are a supplement to your home education, with a focus on providing interactions and activities better suited to do alongside peers (ex: labs, crafts, presentations).

Older students often learn many subjects independently, but it is assumed the parent is providing enough supervision to know whether or not their student is keeping up with the material. The parent is expected to document their homeschool year according to the North Carolina Department of Education.

Specific details regarding curriculum choices or changes will be made by the leadership team, with the valued input of all families. Yearly curriculum is posted on the website by grade level.

As a way to prepare your student for higher education, cheating, plagiarism, or any other lapse of integrity on homework, testing, or any assignment will result in a parent / teacher conference and appropriate adjustment in the grade.

Our Dress & Technology Policy

Ladies/girls will not wear spaghetti-strapped tops, tops that show off their bellies, or are cut low on their chest. Their bottoms should not be overly tight or too short. Gentleman/boys should wear properly fitting pants secured at the waist.

Students must turn off their cell phones or any other electronic device while they are in class. During free time, if they are playing something that can not be viewed by all ages, we will ask them to put them away.

Our Absence Guideline

Pathway is designed to function with all members in attendance. Missing a class day should be the exception, allowing for consistency. In case of an absence, please use these guidelines. All absences require the parent to submit the "Absence Form" found on our Google Drive folder.

- **Unplanned Absence/Sick Child:** Please follow the "24 hour rule." If within 24 hours, a member of your family has vomited/diarrhea, the entire family is asked to stay home. If someone has had a temperature of 104, that member should stay home. You will be asked to provide a lesson plan to use in your absence.
- **Planned Absences:** Please have your assistant fill your main teaching job and provide a lesson plan and all needed materials. You will also need to find replacements for your assistant jobs.

Our Communication Plan

Our goal is to communicate as needed, but not overwhelm your family with communication and announcements. Here's what you can expect:

- **Weekly Newsletter:** This will come to your inbox by the end of the day Thursday with important announcements and rotation reminders for the upcoming week. Please do not "reply-all" to these emails. Please notify leadership of any absences via email.
- **Weekly Google Drive Homework Post:** Teachers must submit / send out their weekly assignments by Saturday evening. This ensures each family has enough time to plan accordingly for their homeschool week. Please direct assignment specific questions to the teacher via email or text.
- **Facebook Page:** Social events and field trips will be communicated through our social media account.

Our Relationships and Classroom Management

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“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:10-12.

“Be kind and loving to each other, and forgive each other just as God forgave you in Christ.” Ephesians 4:32

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.” Matthew 18:15

The standard for behavior during Pathway will be that each of us, honor one another and treat each other with respect and love. In addition:

- We refrain from speaking while others are speaking and pay attention to the speaker.
- We treat others as they would like to be treated.
- We deal privately, if possible, with an offense and move on.
 - If someone refuses to repent or change their conduct, please notify leadership.
- We are kind and sensitive to one another’s needs, inclusive and encouraging to one another in all our interactions.
 - Teasing, “put-downs,” and picking on or excluding should be brought to the attention of the person, their mother, and leadership.

Overall, we seek to keep the benefit and culture of the whole group in mind and prayer. In extremely rare cases, the leadership team reserves the right to ask a family/member to leave if their behavior and relationship issues can not be resolved.