



Standards and Policies

God and the Bible

The purpose for Homestead Homeschool Cooperative (HHC) services is to bring honor and glory to God in every aspect of life. Courses are designed to assist Christian home schooling families in providing coursework that may not be available in the home learning environment and to compliment home and ministry efforts to help student grow in faith. Students, parents and instructors are expected to exhibit Christ-honoring behavior at all times.

Being a Bible-believing Christian is not a requirement for attendance at HHC courses. Nevertheless, biblical references will be used in all courses and each class will be opened and closed in prayer. It is the prayer of HHC staff that students might come to understand biblical teaching and their need for a relationship with God, if they have not done so already.

Bible classes will use the King James Bible for all scripture memorization and in-class reference. Spanish classes will use the Reina-Valera 1960 Bible.





Dress Code

For classes, other than field trips, students should dress casual, defined as follows:

Gentlemen: Slacks or jeans (not torn), button down or half-button polo shirts and shoes/boots.

Not permitted: Shorts, sweat-pants, t-shirts, flip-flops/sandals

Ladies: Dress slacks, jeans (not torn), skirts or dresses (must come to the knee), blouse or half-button polo shirt, shoes/boots

Not Permitted: Shorts, sweat-pants, t-shirts, low-cut blouses, tight-fitting or revealing clothes, flip-flops/sandals.

Exceptions for inclement weather: Snow boots may be worn during the winter months as necessary.

For field trips, students will be permitted to wear t-shirts with appropriate printing and shorts past the knee.

Respect and Courtesy

HHC Students are expected to show respect to the instructor(s), other adults and fellow students. Students should address adults as Mr., Mrs. or Miss; but never by first name alone. Use of "yes sir", "no sir", "yes ma'am" and "no ma'am" will be taught and expected.





Students are expected to raise their hands to ask questions in class, unless the instructor is soliciting immediate responses from the students. Talking out of turn, interrupting other students, or any other distracting activities will be address by the instructor directly.

HHC endeavors to compliment home-directed discipline and personal character development. Understanding that assessment of behavior is often subjective, HHC staff will endeavor to communicate thoroughly with parents/guardians, and the staff would ask for the same from parents/guardians. In line with this goal, the following disciplinary standards are established.

Individual infractions will be discussed with individual students privately whenever possible.

Corporate infractions, those which are overt and may impact other students' behavior, may be address publically if the instructor determines it is appropriate. For example, a student being disruptive or disrespectful in class will be asked to immediately cease the inappropriate activity.

Repeated infractions will be communicated to the students and parents/guardians verbally as close as possible to the time of occurrence, the same day if possible. If verbal communication is not possible, the instructor may use written or electronic means of communication.





Uncorrected behavior will eventually affect more than the offending student. HHC staff will communicate to the parents/guardian and defer to home-based discipline to correct the identified behavior. If this proves insufficient, the instructor and parents will determine if/when suspension or dismissal from class is appropriate. If dismissal is warranted, this will be communicated in writing to the parents delineating all of the actions taken to correct.

HHC has a zero tolerance policy for the following activities: Lying, cheating, stealing, bullying, profanity, possession of alcohol/illegal drugs or viewing/possessing pornography on HHC property. Violation of the zero tolerance policy may be grounds for dismissal from all HHC classes. Egregious violations may result in immediate and permanent dismissal.

Miscellaneous Policies

Cell Phone/Tablet/Computer Policy: Students with cell phones will be required to secure electronic devices in a personal bag, coat, or instructor designated location during class sessions. If there is a pressing family need for contact, the parents can coordinate with the instructor to meet the communication need.

Food and Gum Policy: Students will not be allowed to chew gum or consume food during classes or breaks. Water bottles are allowed during all classes, but students





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must use capped bottles or spill-proof containers. Students with special medical/dietary requirements can coordinate with the instructor directly to make necessary exemptions.

Downtime: Depending on the course schedule there may be a time when students are at the facility between classes without being enrolled in the active class. Students are more than welcome to stay at the facility if they have non-consecutive classes, but we ask that parents provide educationally focused work to occupy the student's time (reading, homework, other studying, etc.). Students will not be allowed to sleep, play, or talk with other students while other classes are ongoing. Teenage students with driving privileges will be allowed to depart the facility with their parent/guardian's consent.



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