

2025-2026

Parent & Student Handbook

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Welcome from Pastor Chris Clontz

Fifteen years ago, my wife, Amanda, and I prayerfully decided to homeschool our 4-year-old son. We had no idea what the future held, but we felt certain this was a call the Lord had placed on our lives. This decision was not always supported by everyone we knew, and it forced us to make sacrifices along the way. However, looking back over the years, next to surrendering my life to Jesus and marrying Amanda, homeschooling our kids was the best decision I have ever made.

I am truly excited about the fact that Mt. Pleasant is providing a ministry that will assist other parents in making the tough decision we did all those years ago. I pray that our church is able to be a blessing to your children as we share the unfailing love of Jesus with each of them.

I applaud you for this choice and can't wait to see how God uses this ministry to make an eternal difference in your family and our community.



Welcome from Mt. Pleasant Church Elders

We are deeply grateful God for how He has blessed The Point homeschool ministry. It has grown and flourished over the past two years, and what began as a vision has now become a vibrant and impactful part of our community.

More and more families are seeking alternatives to traditional education looking for an environment where their children can grow academically while being grounded in spiritual truth. We believe this ministry continues to meet that need in a meaningful way, offering encouragement, support, and Christcentered learning.

It has been a joy to witness the dedication of the families involved and the fruit that has come from their efforts. We look forward with excitement and prayerful anticipation to all that God will continue to do through this ministry in the years to come.

Mission Statement

The Point

is an outreach ministry of

Mt. Pleasant Church

focusing on the Christian, academic, and

experiential education of our community's

homeschooling students

-- boldly sharing Jesus' unfailing love

and

training ambassadors to Christ's mission.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, information regarding classes will be posted on the public social media pages, in the private Facebook group, and on WXII.

Fall 2025 Key Dates

Fall 2025 Orientation and Family Fun DayTuesday, August 19th

Fall 2025 First Day of Classes

Fall 2025 Last Day of Classes

Tuesday, November 25th

Tuesday, August 26th

Note: There will be 12 Tuesdays and 12 Thursdays when classes meet.

Key dates may be changed or altered at the discretion of the Director or the Church. Any changes will be communicated as quickly as possible via email and social media channels.

Parental Expectations

Each year, we ask that you familiarize yourself and your child(ren) with the Code of Conduct and other policies contained in this handbook.

The Point extends opportunities for growth in your family's relationship with Jesus Christ as well as in academics and experience. It is the expectation that you will fulfill items such as transcript preparation and college/trade readiness within your personal homeschool journey. In addition, The Point coop is unable to offer tutoring, IEP assistance, after-school care, or similar items.

As stated further in this handbook, volunteering is expected as part of the Coop for each instruction day to run smoothly and safely.

In addition, parents of K-5th students are expected to always be on-campus or to have a responsible proxy adult available on campus if an emergency arises. Parents of 6th-12th students are requested to be on-campus but also can drop off for limited times if the need arises, as long as a responsible proxy adult is available if an emergency arises. The allowance of 6th-12th parents to be off campus may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the Director, Lead Pastor, or Elders, depending on need and/or behavior of the child(ren).

Please remember that anytime your child(ren) is not in class, they are to be with you.

The Banquet Room (adjacent to the FLC/Gym) is set up for quiet work and reasonable conversation, so others may homeschool or complete their employment work. Please make sure you are cleaning up after you and your child(ren).

Code of Conduct

<u>W</u>isdom <u>O</u>bedience <u>R</u>esponsibility <u>K</u>indness <u>S</u>elf-Control

Using an acronym helps our parents and students remember our basic rules and apply them more easily.

WORKS is derived from James 2:26, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." (KJV) Each portion of the acronym is also a Biblically-based character trait.

- 1. **Wisdom** is God's truth guiding your thoughts and actions and has Psalm 111:10 as the reference verse.
- 2. From John 14:21 comes **Obedience**, where we obey the first time, every time [with a happy heart!].
- 3. Be someone God and others can count on **Responsibility** is part of Galatians 6:4-5.
- 4. To have a friend, you have to be a friend. **Kindness** is an integral part of this guidance is found in Ephesians 4:32
- 5. Finally, **Self-Control** covers many aspects such as action, health, wellness, and thought, amongst others. Don't be "...like a city that is broken-down, and without walls" as Proverbs 25:28 cites.

Code of Conduct Violations

Although it is expected students will work to keep our Code of Conduct, there may be students not willing to follow this path. For these situations, the following guidelines are set forth for disciplinary action:

1. The student will be set apart from the classroom, and parents will be notified of misconduct.

The teacher will utilize the volunteer to help set the student apart. A student may be placed in a supervised location in the hallway or portion of the classroom.

- 2. A meeting with the parent(s), student, teacher, and Director will occur to discuss any continued misconduct.
- 3. If a student decides further steps are necessary, the student will be dismissed from The Point.

Social Media and Photography Policy

From time to time, we will take photos or videos to share or use on our website and social media.

It is understood that the parent(s)/guardian(s) gives Mt. Pleasant Church permission to use their child(ren)'s image. The parent(s)/guardians(s) also understand that no royalty, fee, or other compensation shall become payable by reason of such use. The parent(s)/guardians(s) understand that this permission does not expire.

If the parent(s)/guardians(s) wish to revoke this permission, they must notify the church via email to <u>office@mtpleasant.church</u> each new academic calendar semester or year.

This policy is also part of the registration form.

Volunteer Expectations

It is expected all parents will volunteer at times throughout the semester. Each family needs to sign up and fulfill at least 20 hours per semester.

Opportunities to help include, but are not limited to:

Check in, Pick up, Hall Assistants/Monitors, Security, Teacher's Assistants, Nursery (for teachers/volunteers needing this)

Clear and current background checks will be required and will be completed through Clear Investigative Advantage. If you have not completed a background check for a Mt. Pleasant Church event or ministry, you will receive an email from this organization to complete the background check.

If you are unable to volunteer due to extenuating circumstances, a volunteer opt-out fee may be discussed. If approved, a \$125 opt-out fee will be applied per semester applicable.

In addition, in our goal to have at least two adults in the classrooms at all times, we ask that a minimum of 20 spots be filled by each registering family.

Junior Volunteers

Trained older students may be allowed to help support co-op activities in volunteer roles. Let the co-op director know if you are interested in learning more. It will be totally at the discretion of the parent as to any school credit that will be awarded for Junior Volunteer service.

Complaint Resolution

From time to time, situations arise that cause disagreements within the body of the Co-op. The following complaint resolution process should be used:

- 1. **First Step** In accordance with instructions in Matthew 18:15, the first attempt to handle conflict should be within the two parties.
- Second Step If the conflict is not resolved in accordance with Matthew 18:15, a complaint should be made in writing and brought to the Co-op Director.
- 3. **Third Step** Complaints will be reviewed by the Co-op Director and addressed via phone call or email.
- Fourth Step If a resolution is not achieved, the complaint will be presented to the Homeschool Co-op Committee in an attempt to address the concerns. The Pastors, Deacon, and Elders will be notified.
- Fifth Step The Homeschool Co-op Committee will meet with the Co-op Director and the person rendering the complaint with the goal of resolution.
- 6. **Sixth Step** If a resolution is not achieved, the complaint will be referred to the Pastors, Deacon, and Elders to help address it.

2025-2026 Tuition and Fees

Registration fees will be due each semester, Fall and Spring, and are payable upon registration. Individual class tuition and/or fees are due to the teacher directly and are to be paid before the first class.

Registration

\$110 for first child

\$25 each additional child

\$160 family maximum**++

^Per family fee - Volunteer requirement (see p.10)

**Parents wishing to teach receive a \$50 discount on registration fee

++Financial aid may be available on a case-by-case basis

Late Registration \$25

(Depending on availability) 🛛

Tuition and Material costs depend on the course and are due directly to the teacher.

Schedule Additions are \$10-20, depending on date completed according to Handbook policy (see Pg.11).

Add/Drop Policy

When you register your child(ren), The Point holds a spot for your child(ren), estimates costs according to your child(ren)'s attendance, and accepts this as your commitment to the Co-op.

We understand that extenuating circumstances require a class to be dropped or enrollment to be withdrawn at times. For this, the following refund tier should be followed:

Registration-Orientation	50% refund
Orientation-First Day of Class	25% refund,
	Class Material Fees still applicable
After the First Day of Class	0% refund,
	Class Material Fees still applicable

A withdrawal form should be used to complete this process. Please email the Co-op Director for this form.

Additions to the schedule may be made on a first-come, first-served, and space availability basis. The following rate tier should be followed:

Registration-Orientation	No Fee
Orientation-First Day of Class	\$10 fee per class
After First Day of Class	\$20 fee per class

** No additions to schedule may be made after the first week of classes **