# 2026-2027 Parent & Student Handbook

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# Welcome from Pastor Chris Clontz

Seventeen 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 di\erence in your family and our community.

*CHRIS*

# 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 Christ centered 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, on the Band app, and on WXII.

# Spring 2027 Key Dates

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| Spring Evening Orientation | Tuesday, January 5th |
| Spring 2027 First Day of Classes | Tuesday, January 12th |
| Easter Holiday Break | Tuesday, March 30th |
| Spring 2027 Last Day of Classes | Tuesday, May 4th |
| Snow Make-up Day (if needed) | Tuesday, May 11th |

*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.

# Spring Monthly Field Trips

**January-** Discovery Place in Charlotte

February- Sea Life Charlotte- Concord Aquarium

March- Old Salem

April- Picnic in the park at Dan Nicholas Park

# 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 co-op 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 Co-op for each instruction day to run smoothly and safely.

In addition, parents of K-5$^{th}$ students are expected to always be on-campus or to have a responsible proxy adult available on campus if an emergency arises. Parents of 6$^{th}$-12$^{th}$ students can drop off as needed. The allowance of 6$^{th}$-12$^{th}$ 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 keep in mind that volunteer responsibilities will still need to be fulfilled.

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 clean up after you and your child(ren).

# Code of Conduct

**W**isdom
**O**bedience
**R**esponsibility
**K**indness
**S**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 that 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, Photography and Device 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 office@mtpleasant.church each new academic calendar semester or year.

This policy is also part of the registration form.

**Device Free Campus**

This current semester we are device free, meaning students shouldn't have cell phones or laptops or other devices in class. Cell phones should be given to the director to be placed in a lockbox at the start of each co-op day and will be returned when classes are over. Laptops aren't needed in any classes this semester, so we are asking that students leave those at home.

*If a student fails to abide by the cell phone policy, the teacher will notify the director and the cell phone will be given and placed in a lockbox until the parent comes to collect it.*

# Weapons Policy

For the safety of all students, teachers, volunteers, and families, **weapons of any kind are strictly prohibited during co-op activities.**

Students may not bring, possess, carry, or use any weapon or item intended to cause harm while participating in co-op. This includes, but is not limited to, firearms, knives of any kind, pocket knives (including folding or multi-purpose knives), blades, box cutters, tasers, pepper spray, and other weapons or items that could reasonably be used to cause injury.

Knives and pocket knives are not permitted on church premises during co-op hours or on any co-op-sponsored field trip or activity, regardless of size, purpose, or intended use. Weapons may not be kept in backpacks, lunchboxes, or other personal belongings during co-op activities.

Teachers and adult volunteers are authorized to confiscate any prohibited item brought into the church building or to a co-op activity. Parents/guardians will be notified of violations, and additional disciplinary action may be taken as determined by co-op leadership.

Parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring that students arrive at co-op and co-op-sponsored activities without prohibited weapons or items. When in doubt, please leave the item at home and contact co-op leadership before bringing it.

# The Band App

The Band is an app we use to communicate weekly announcements in our community. It is a private base where we can share photographs and information with each other. You are required to download the app once you have registered for the semester. A link will be sent to you with details on how to create an account.

# Volunteer Expectations

Our co-op is built on the values of community, collaboration, and mutual support. We are not a drop-off program, but rather a cooperative environment where every family contributes to creating a positive and engaging experience for our children.

Beginning with the Spring 2026 semester, each family will be required to volunteer for one class a week. This number is subject to change after Spring registration deadlines have passed, and overall volunteer availability has been assessed. A volunteer survey will be sent out prior to the semester starting to give volunteers preference and some choice in where they may be placed. In addition, you may be asked to fulfill up to five "back-up" volunteer spots for the semester that may or may not be needed, depending on absences.

We will also implement clear guidelines regarding volunteer expectations and the process for addressing unmet commitments. Routine reviews of volunteer roles will be conducted to ensure that all families are fulfilling their responsibilities.

If a family is consistently not fulfilling their volunteer duties, they will be contacted privately to discuss the situation and given opportunities to make up the difference through additional volunteer roles.

Continued lack of participation will result in a formal written warning from the director and/or board. If, after two additional weeks, volunteer requirements remain unfulfilled, the family membership in the co-op will be discontinued, and their children will be withdrawn from classes.

Our goal with these measures is to maintain fairness and uphold the spirit of teamwork that makes our co-op thrive.

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. <u>Background checks must be completed before first day of classes in the spring.</u>

If you are unable to volunteer due to extenuating circumstances, a volunteer opt-out fee may be discussed. This fee will be collected prior to the semester starting in a sum of $150. Please contact the directors prior to enrollment to discuss.

**Examples of Weekly Volunteer Spots:**

- You will be assigned one specific class each week, so you are a consistent assistant in that classroom. We strive to have two adults in each room for safety and logistical reasons.
- Nursery (provided for teachers and volunteers) for all four periods, sign-up for one period per week
- Pre-k or kindergarten (one period each week)
- Free play for Pre-K during fourth period (two volunteers needed per week)

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.

2. **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.

4. **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.

5. **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.

# 2026-2027 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** $130 for first child

$25 each additional child

$180 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.15).

# 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:

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| Registration-Orientation | 50% refund |
| Orientation-First Day of Class | 25% refund,<br>*Class Material Fees still applicable* |
| After the First Day of Class | 0% refund,<br>*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:

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| 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 **