



HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Heritage was founded with the purpose of providing non-denominational Christian academic instruction to support families pursuing home-based instruction.
- Heritage operates with a Statement of Faith.
- Agreement with the Statement of Faith is not a prerequisite for membership, however, all members commit not to contradict the Statement of Faith in word or deed.
- All teachers contracting with Heritage must teach consistent with the Statement of Faith.
- Heritage is a 100% volunteer run cooperative organization: run **by** homeschool families, **for** homeschool families.
- Heritage is not a school. Parents maintain responsibility for their children, their behavior and their education.
- A parent or guardian (On-Site Parent) must remain on campus with their children.
- The On-Site parent is making the Heritage community and their child's education their priority for Monday.
- The On-Site Parent must be available to help make Heritage happen by faithfully serving assigned positions during Heritage's operational hours.
- Heritage families receive a great Christian education and time to fellowship and develop community for the shared journey – both for the parent and for the child.

Foundational Principles

Purpose

Heritage Homeschool Co-op was established to provide access to non-denominational Christian academic instruction in accordance with New Testament Scriptures and to provide support to the local homeschool community. Thus, any class instruction must comply with the above statement and must fulfill this purpose.

This is how Heritage defines “in accordance with New Testament Scriptures”:

Statement of Faith

- We believe in one God, eternally existent in three persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Gen 1:1-2; Deut. 6:4; 1 Cor 8:6
- We believe the Holy Bible to be the divinely inspired, inerrant, and final authoritative word of God. 2 Tim 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:21; John 17:17
- We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ and that He was virgin born, sinless, died on the cross, atoned for the sins of the world, was physically raised from the dead on the third day, which ensures the resurrection of all believers who have personally received Him, and He is coming again. Luke 1:26-35; John 3:16; Rom 4:24-25; Rom 5:1-11
- We believe the Holy Spirit, whom every believer receives at conversion, leads, and guides us. John 16:4-15; Rom 8:9-11
- We believe all human life is sacred and created by God in His image, created male and female, and therefore any contrary expression of sexuality and gender is outside of His good design. Gen 1:26-27; Mark 10:6; Matt 19:4
- We believe man is by nature a sinner from birth, separate from God, and eternally lost until salvation. Gen 3:6,13; Rom 3:20-23; Jer 17:9
- We believe salvation is a free gift, bestowed by God’s grace, and received by faith in Jesus Christ alone. Eph 2:8-9; Rom 5:8,17; Rom 6:23; Rom 10:9-13
- We believe the church is the body of Christ and the bride of Christ. 1 Cor 12:27; Rev 19:7; Eph 5: 22-32
- We believe marriage, as a symbol of the relationship of Christ and the church, means the uniting of one man and one woman for a lifetime commitment. God created intimate sexual activity for mutual satisfaction and procreation within the security and commitment of this exclusive one-flesh bond. Eph 5:22-32; Gen 2:22-25
- We believe in the spiritual unity of all who believe in Jesus Christ and that believers are called to be in the world but separate from it. Eph 4:1-3; John 15:19; James 4:4
- We believe Christians are endowed with spiritual gifts which enable them to minister in the church. 1 Cor 12:1-11; Eph 4:7-13
- We believe the purpose of the church on earth is to fulfill the last command of Jesus, which is to make disciples of all men. Matt 28:19-20

Agreement with these statements is not required for participation in the co-op. However, all families must commit not to contradict these statements, in word or deed, while participating in Heritage activities or within Heritage venues.

Mission Statement

The mission of Heritage is to partner with families pursuing a home-based education to provide academic instruction and community in a Christ-centered environment.

Overview

Heritage is a faith-based, cooperative organization of families voluntarily united to assist one another in providing a home education. Class instruction is provided by independent instructors who determine the course content and agree to teach consistent with Heritage's Purpose, Statement of Faith, Mission Statement, and Handbook. Heritage is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors (the Board) and the Board maintains supervisory authority over the administration of all Heritage business. Heritage provides classes for kindergarten through 12th grade. To become a member, your oldest child must be at least 5 years old as of the first day of co-op classes of the current academic year.

Heritage is not a school, therefore policy requires that a parent or legal guardian remain on campus (the On-Site Parent), within the Heritage boundaries, while their children are at Heritage. Dropping off children is not an option. Parents assume full responsibility for their children at all times and will be contacted if disciplinary issues arise.

Heritage is a 100% volunteer run cooperative organization: run **by** homeschool families, **for** homeschool families. By joining Heritage you are making the community and your child's education your priority for Monday. You must be available to help make Heritage happen by serving assigned positions during Heritage's operational hours.

Positions are assigned by the Jobs Coordinator through meticulous attention to your stated skills, interests, disinterests, and needs. Members with special needs for which they would like to request grace be extended are requested to communicate with the Jobs Coordinator in advance of job assignments in late August. Once the jobs, all 380+ of them, have been assigned, they need to be honored by the membership.

A full Heritage Handbook with additional details on the running of Heritage is available to members as part of the pre-registration process. You will be expected to read the Handbook at that time. If you have questions about Heritage that arise from this summary, or were not answered in this summary, please contact the Welcome Team Coordinator.