

# Mission & Vision

## Mission Statement

Auburn Christian Co-Op exists to provide homeschool families with a Christ centered community and enrich their home based learning. We seek to encourage and edify the family unit, and give glory to God in all that we do!

## Vision Statement

The vision of Auburn Christian Co-Op is to fulfill our mission through:

- Co-op days on Fridays from 8:50 - 12:15
- Offering Supplemental co-op classes that support students and families with a Christian Worldview pointing children to their creator.

## Statement of Faith

Auburn Christian Co-Op presents all curricula from a Christian worldview, believing and teaching that Christ is the center of our lives and the Bible is the absolute authority.

- We believe in the authority of **scripture**. The Bible is the inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word of God.
- We believe that there is one **God**, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord **Jesus Christ**.
- We believe the fullness of the **Holy Spirit** is available to all believers.
- We believe that **man** was created in God's image, male and female, is born a sinner by nature because of the fall of Adam, and must be born again by the Spirit of God to be saved.
- We believe that **salvation** is a gift of God and is received by man through personal faith in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for sin.
- We believe we are members of one body in Christ, and we should bear with one another in love, eager to maintain the **unity of the Spirit**.
- We believe that **marriage** is the union of one man with one woman as defined in the scriptures.

# Policies & Procedures

## Code of Conduct

We seek to uphold biblical values in our conduct. Conduct policies are designed to support families in advancing Christian maturity and to promote walking in a manner worthy of the calling of Christ (Ephesians 4:1).

1. We will show respect to each other.
  - a. We will use respectful language.
    - i. Luke 6:45 provides a model for our language. We desire to store up good in our hearts so that good words will be spoken.
    - ii. Making fun of others, bullying, using inappropriate language, and making physical threats or actions are strictly prohibited. Gossip and slander are damaging to the community.
  - b. We will respect our community by fostering healthy relationships.
    - i. At times, this can mean discussing grievances or disappointments.
    - ii. We will use Matthew 18:15-17 as a model for reconciliation and restoration.
  - c. We will demonstrate respect with our dress.
    - i. We desire to glorify God with our actions, including our dress. 1 Corinthians 10:31 urges us to do all to the glory of God.
    - ii. Co-op members must dress appropriately. Shoes must be worn at all times
  - d. We will demonstrate respect with our correction.
    - i. Adults respect youth by being observant and willing to move towards situations with gentleness and wisdom. Romans 2:3-4 teaches us that God's kindness leads us to repentance.
    - ii. In conflict, we want children to feel seen, heard, and guided toward truth and righteousness.
2. We will honor each other by keeping each other safe and looking after the interests of others (Philippians 2:4).
  - a. Running or horseplay is not permitted.
  - b. Bullying, gossip, slander, stealing, or any other harmful behavior may result in termination of membership.
  - c. Auburn Christian Co-op is not responsible for accidents or injuries at any co-op event.
3. We will respect property (Luke 16:1-13).
  - a. We will come prepared and with appropriate materials.
  - b. We will respect the property of the church.

- c. We will respect the property of the places we visit. If damage to property occurs, notify the appropriate leader (teacher, director, field trip host) so we can work to repair or replace damaged materials.

## Co-op Expectations

### During Class times:

- Cell phones and texting are not to be used in the classroom. Wireless earbuds should not be worn during class, even if they are not being used.
- Teachers will communicate age appropriate classroom rules and expectations.
- If a student is not following the expectations set by the teacher, the teacher will review the expectations with the child to ensure clarity.
- If misbehavior persists, the teacher may reach out to the director or other hallway monitor. The student will be given time to deescalate and return resettled to class.
- The teacher will communicate with the parent either in person or in writing.

### During Co-op times:

- Be on time.
- Pick up after you eat.
- Students may not roam.
- All students should be in class while at Co-op.
- Cell phone use is generally discouraged. Appropriate cell phone use may include taking pictures for the yearbook and recording teaching for later use. Students should generally not use cell phones.

## Communication Methods

Auburn Co-op communication is handled primarily through email, [homeschool-life.com](http://homeschool-life.com) and text alerts. Please get in the habit of checking your email.

## Fees

Fees are to be paid in full at time of registration. Not paying fees by the deadline may result in your spot going to a waitlist family.

## Student Discipline

Parents are encouraged to make sure their children understand the policies and behavior that is expected in a classroom setting, including the necessity of respect for the authority of the teacher, other classmates at Auburn Christian Co-op.

Attending the Auburn Co-op is a privilege. If a student is not willing to follow guidelines, s/he will be asked to leave and a refund may not be given. Teachers are responsible for discipline in their classes. If a problem persists, the student's parents will be contacted. If a student breaks something belonging to the Co-op or the Church, the family will need to make restitution.

## Illness

If you or your child(ren) are experiencing a fever (>99.0°F), vomiting, diarrhea, rash, severe cough or other contagious symptoms within 24 hours before class, stay home.

You may come to Co-op when you or your child(ren) are fever free for 24 hours and when you feel ready to participate in normal activities. Coughs can last up to 3 weeks, and families may return to Co-op with coughs.

## Inclement Weather

Cancellations will be sent by the director via email and will follow the Auburn City School schedule.

## Teacher Lounge

There will be a Teacher Lounge Food sign-up for co-op. This sign-up is designed to allow moms to take turns bringing snacks for adults to share on co-op days. Label homemade items.

## Parents on campus:

Parents, your presence on community day is vital to the success of our co-op's mission and vision. When not in a teacher role, you are welcome to grab coffee and food in the teacher lounge, enjoy connecting with Co-op parents, or attend to personal responsibilities remotely.

\*An adult is not permitted to be isolated with a student that is not their own child, for the safety of all involved.

## Reporting Absences

Family Absence: A family absence is defined as the absence of an entire family from a co-op day. Parents communicate with the Elementary Director via email if more than 24 hours before co-op day or by text and email if less than 24 hours before co-op day. This is to ensure that all teaching roles are covered.

## Cleaning

A cleaning checklist will be provided for each Team Lead at the beginning of each school year.