

# Glory Alliance Christian Home Educators

## Policies 2024-2025

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*Proverbs 22:6* – “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

*Ephesians 4:2-6* – “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the **unity** of the Spirit through the bond of peace...

*I Cor. 10:31*– “Whatsoever you do, do all to the **glory** of God”.

Glory Alliance Christian Home Educators is a Homeschool Group. We are a support group providing support for families choosing to homeschool. We are not a school and do not offer academic credit for classes. We do have the opportunity for classes that can be used for transcript credit such as music, speech, or home economics.

- I. We (the GACHE instructors, directors, and board members) would like to honor God by being good stewards as we carry out the duties entrusted to us while diligently caring for the facilities provided for our use. We also want to teach our students reverence for what the Lord has provided for us. In this spirit, please note the following:
  - A. Families must be registered with GACHE and 4-H in order to attend any and all activities with our co-op. No student may be enrolled in any co-op activity or class without completing the GACHE registration. All Registration links are available on the webpage [Christian Homeschool Co-op in San Antonio, Universal City, Schertz, Cibolo, New Braunfels \(gache.org\)](http://ChristianHomeschoolCo-opinSanAntonio,UniversalCity,Schertz,Cibolo,NewBraunfels(gache.org))
    1. **To join GACHE there is a \$150 yearly family membership fee.** This fee will include membership and invitation to all GACHE events. Some events such as field trips, dances, classes, etc. may require additional fees. We are able to keep this fee low by being a 4-H Club.
    2. **To join GACHE every participating family member must join Texas 4-H. Fees for 4-H Students 3rd-12th grade are required to pay a \$25.00 per student,** participation fee if enrolled by October 31st, and a \$30.00 fee from November 1st to the completion of the 4-H year. **Adults pay a \$10.00 volunteer applicant fee.** Students K-2nd are **Clover kids and have a \$10 fee.** Adults and youth will need to enroll on 4HOnline and be active to be considered an official member of Texas 4-H.
    3. By submitting an application for membership to GACHE, members agree to abide by all standards and policies of GACHE as established by the Board of Directors. Members shall refrain from engaging in any activity that may bring reproach on GACHE or parent-directed education. All GACHE members agree that while at GACHE functions they will not teach nor act against the stated core beliefs.
  - B. Parental involvement is MANDATORY in order for your student to attend and participate with GACHE. We are a true cooperative and will only work if there is a cooperative effort from every parent regularly.

- C. In order to join GACHE, each family will be required to serve at two calendar events per year as your service requirement. If you are unable to meet this requirement, you will not be able to continue with membership. By serving in this capacity, it allows us to be able to have multiple events per month by having adequate adult supervision per our legal requirements.
- D. In addition during co-op classes parents will need to monitor the building, assist in setup/cleanup, and help in numerous other ways.
- E. Members may terminate membership at any time with no notification necessary without expectation of a refund.
- F. Membership of any member may be involuntarily terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of GACHE will be served thereby, without refund of dues or class fees.
- G. Co-op is a separate cost of class fees as determined by the teacher for class materials only. All teachers are volunteers, parents participating in the co-op or alumni.
  - 1. Co-op will consist of Educational Enrichment classes determined by the Educational Enrichment Director and other Board members.
  - 2. Teachers will determine the class fees per student for class materials. Teachers are volunteers and will not be paid for teaching. Teachers will have the benefit of registering early for classes.
  - 3. **Co-op Attendance Policy:**
    - a) Only 1 unexcused absence will be permitted per semester.
    - b) Only 2 excused absences per semester.
    - c) 2 tardies will equal 1 unexcused absence.
    - d) More than 1 Unexcused absence will result in the member being fined \$25.00.
    - e) If not paid the member will be parked, which means they will not be able to log on to the website or participate in Glory activities until paid.
    - f) An Unexcused absence is an absence with no call or notification of any kind, before or after the absence.
  - 4. Families who have not been homeschooling for at least one year will need to meet with us briefly prior to enrolling.
  - 5. It is the parents' responsibility to inform the Educational Enrichment Director if the child will be absent.
  - 6. Please do not bring your child/children to Co-op if they have had fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or any contagious conditions in the previous 24 hours. Parents will be required to administer any medications to your child/children.
  - 7. It is the parents' responsibility to inform GACHE of any allergies or conditions that could put your child at risk while attending classes or participating in events.
  - 8. It is the parents' responsibility to provide for their own children's lunches if needed. The Snack Bar only offers drinks, candy, chips, and muffins, unless otherwise determined by the student council.
  - 9. To withdraw from a class or from Co-op or GACHE you must follow our withdrawal process and turn in the appropriate forms. Failure to do so will jeopardize the possibility of returning to classes at GACHE in the future.
  - 10. Only students 16 years old or older (and with parental permission) are allowed to leave campus. No student under 16 years old may leave campus without a parent or an adult guardian. All students and parents must check in AND out at the front desk so GACHE knows at all times who is on campus.

11. Students are to assist in maintaining the cleanliness of the church facility by helping the student leadership set up or break down classrooms and picking up after themselves and others throughout the day.
12. GACHE is not responsible for students while on the grounds of the church; parents bear the ultimate responsibility for their children and their children's actions. The church is not liable for any accidents or mishaps that may occur on church premises. Likewise, Glory Alliance Christian Home Educators is not liable for any accidents or mishaps that may occur on the premises.
13. Texas 4-H does provide insurance for members but only if reported in a timely manner.
14. If an incident occurs, physical or material, it must be reported so an incident report is made.
15. No student may stay later than 3pm. If you are not able to pick up your student on time, you need to make alternative arrangements so the directors and administrators may also go home by 3pm.
16. If weather conditions prevent us from meeting on any given Friday, an email will be sent out by 7:30am that morning. Please check your email before leaving your home when questionable weather conditions exist in our area. If notification can occur sooner, it will. We will also post it to our website at <https://gache.org/> as soon as the information is available.
17. If you need to reach us, please do not call the church office. Randolph Church of Christ is gracious to host Glory Alliance Christian Home Educators. However, the church's staff does not answer questions concerning GACHE or homeschooling. Please email us at [gloryallianceceche@gmail.com](mailto:gloryallianceceche@gmail.com) . That email goes directly to our Board of Directors and someone will call or email you as soon as possible.
18. If there is an emergency, please call your child's mobile number first. If your child does not have one, you may call the facility at (210)653-1372 and ask for Cyndi Solis.

H. GACHE members in good standing have certain rights and privileges.

1. Members shall be entitled to involvement and participation in all of GACHE's events and activities throughout the fiscal year (June-May). All GACHE events are for members only unless prior consent has been made by the Board for extenuating circumstances.
  2. Members will receive a Teacher Card that will make them eligible for a discount when joining THSC, as well as teacher discounts at many retail stores.
  3. Members will be given priority for membership renewal the next year. D. Members are entitled to GACHE's members' only Facebook group and membership directory.
  4. Members shall have a voice through polls and nominations of leaders as positions become available.
  5. Students shall have a voice through their representatives in the student council.
- I. We have been blessed as a group to be able to fundraise a major part of our budget through our dances and outings like The Pumpkin Patch. Because we are a true cooperative, everyone needs to volunteer to "work" at least two of these events as well as working together to make all other events, parties, dinners, etc, happen.
1. Failure to serve and cooperate may result in a monetary penalty.

- J. All members must be aware of the photo release policy for the group, as photos will be displayed on the webpage [gache.org](http://gache.org). If parents do not want their students photographed, the Academic Director must be notified.