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Vision, Mission Statement, Roles & Responsibilities

Vision: “To God Alone be the Glory”

Mission Statement: Operating in the Body of Christ by

- Striving for excellence in godly character
- Mentoring families who are seeking to be lead learners in a home-directed education ●
- Committing to seek peace during adversity, and choosing Truth, Unity, and Love.

What we expect from our community members:

Parents

We ask that parents stay flexible and be willing to serve in more classes should that be the only way to ensure classes for all children. While it's our goal to place parents in their children's classes, we cannot guarantee it and sometimes need to place wherever the greatest need is.

1. A parent is expected to stay on campus during all of their children's enrolled classes
2. Expected to volunteer in committees as needed
3. Rotating Cleaning and Recess Duties
4. Be a Lead Tutor in at least one class
5. Be a Helper/Substitute in at least one class
6. Stay on track with the Master Schedule and complete any pre-work assigned by the Lead Tutor.

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Lead Tutors

1. Lead Tutor a minimum of 1-2 classes
2. Provide annual schedule to Directors prior to the start of the school year (schedules can be found in most Teachers Guides for each subject)
3. Order necessary supplies as laid out by Directors; expenses must be pre-approved by a Director and reimbursement requires receipts
4. Stay on track with the provided schedule and communicate with parents should there be a schedule change
5. Communicate weekly via SDG Website, Google Classrooms or another method of their choosing to briefly update parents with what occurred in class and to share any additional homework not already on the Master Schedule
6. Schedule a substitute (Classroom Helpers/Substitutes) and provide lesson plans as needed (absences should then be communicated to Directors)
7. Grade student work as is applicable (in many cases, the Helper can do this task)
8. For parents on campus for all 4 periods, they will receive one 1 Free Period (this is dependent on if there is enough Tutors for each class)

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Classroom Helpers/Substitutes

1. Stay in one of your child's assigned classrooms with the intent of learning alongside students so as to best support children at home
2. Help Lead Tutor and students during class time as needed
3. Substitute for Lead Tutor should there be an absence
4. Grade student work as is applicable

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Directors

Directors have a vast array of responsibilities including:

1. Determining class offerings and curriculum (with parent input)
2. Assigning Lead Tutors and all roles for each parent
3. Membership Interviews, scheduling presentations, testing, co-op visits, registering families, determining classroom placement, conflict resolution and more
4. Communicate with members regarding information, schedules, and documents
5. Collecting fees for building, insurance, supply, and background checks (for all adults on campus; staying or visiting).
6. Managing budget
7. Organizing training in preparation for the academic year
8. Support Lead Tutors in educational support, the redirection of misbehavior, and assisting in conflict resolution

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Students

1. Complete weekly assignments (homework, reading, watch videos, projects, tests and quizzes)
2. Come to class prepared
3. Appropriate classroom behavior

Initial: _____

All members Photo Release

By initialing here, you are giving permission for your child's photo to be posted on our Social Media and Website.

Initial: _____

Background

By initialing here, you agree to participate in a background check conducted through a third party. (Once every 2 years). All information is confidential.

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Statement on Marriage, Gender, & Sexuality

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen. 2:18-25). We believe that God intends for a sexual intimacy to occur only in marriage between a man and a woman.

Conflict Resolution

While we hope that conflict does not arise in the school year, we recognize that we are all fallible human beings that need grace. We ask that all members of Soli Deo Gloria agree to seek truth, unity, and peace to protect the body of Christ, and therefore, uphold the name of Christ.

First, in seeking truth, we must believe that we have all prayed and have been joined by God's sovereignty to serve at Soli Deo Gloria. If we believe in God's sovereignty and the intent of the body of Christ, then we will value each part of the body; every gift, every skill, and choose unity and peace when faced with adversity.

Second, we must assume the best with every member of Soli Deo Gloria. There are no parts of the body of Christ that are superior to others. We value every gift given from the Lord and desire unity.

Third, if you have discord with one member, you may choose to clarify with that member directly.

Lastly, may we always choose to follow the scripture and its direction of handling conflict above our own sinful reactions.

Matthew 18:15 "If your brother sins against you, go tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won your brother. But if he won't listen, take one or two others with you, so that by the testimony of two or three witnesses every fact may be established."



In the case that there is a conflict amongst members, we believe it is the role of the directors to mediate seeking peace and forgiveness only after the attempt of the brothers, seeking to resolve the conflict, has occurred.

Statement of Faith & Religious Purpose

We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, the final authority, without error, and that all true knowledge is consistent within its revelation.

We believe that the God of the Bible is one self-existent God who has always been, and will always be, manifested in three persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and that in knowing Him we truly have the foundation of all



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knowledge, wisdom, and understanding.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, Who manifested Himself on earth in the flesh. He was born of a virgin, lived a perfect life, died on the cross for sinful people, and rose from the dead 3 days later; just as He prophesied, and ascended to God. He will return again and will raise those from earth and grave who have believed in Him, to reign with Him in power and glory throughout all eternity.

We believe that the Holy Spirit of God reigns in every believer to glorify Christ by working to sanctify and lead His people in righteousness and truth.

We believe that children, from conception, are fearfully and wonderfully created by God, and it is He who has given the responsibility and authority for their education to their parents, and that it is their responsibility to do it faithfully, for the glory of God, as we are salt and light to the world around us.

Religious Purpose:

- 1) The Members of Soli Deo Gloria are followers of Christ desiring to be His disciples and giving Him glory through our daily actions; thus, the meaning of our co-op name "To God Alone be the Glory".
- 2) The Members believe that Jesus Christ requires all His followers to strive to live their lives in a manner that is consistent with the precepts and doctrines of their faith, which are grounded solely in the Bible.
- 3) The Members therefore seek to operate Soli Deo Gloria in accordance with the principle of their faith and strive to make all business decisions, including but not limited to:

- The Members will appoint Lead Tutors to use their gifts to serve the body of Christ while maintaining the same values and statement of faith of Soli Deo Gloria in order to lead the class in godly instruction and to strive for brotherly love. "From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." Eph. 4:16; "...a cord of three strands is not quickly broken." Ecc. 4:12;
- The Directors will serve the community by mentoring parents, who are seeking to be disciples of Christ, to do the lead learning in their home. We believe that we are all learners of the Lord through the instruction of scripture. "All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Tim. 3:16
- The Directors and Lead Tutors commit to directing the training of the children as it is in accordance with the scriptures.
- The Members commit to seeking peace during adversity. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace." Col. 3:15
- The Members will seek to speak truth in love to all members of Soli Deo Gloria, for God's glory. "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful, it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth, love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." 1 Cor. 13:4-8

All family members sign below stating they have read through and agree to the handbook (pages 1-5)
Please sign after the handbook has been read in its entirety:
