

Solon Early Childhood PTA (SECPTA) Homeschool Co-Op

2025-2026 Handbook

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Our Community: SECPTA Homeschool Cooperative (“co-op”) is a group of homeschooling families that work together to offer structured, educational, and enrichment classes as well as family-oriented activities, interest clubs, and fun activities for community building and learning. **We are a secular group that is an inclusive community that welcomes families of all backgrounds, faiths, and belief systems.** Our members represent various homeschooling styles and diverse learning environments for our families. **We welcome every child with open hearts and open minds, embracing all abilities, learning styles and milestones. Our community is built on kindness, patience, and understanding and we celebrate the unique strengths each child brings. Intellectual differences are not just accepted-they are valued. Here, every child is included, supported, and encouraged to grow at their own pace, in their own way, surrounded by people who truly care.** Members of the homeschool cooperative are also part of SECPTA.

Our Enrichment Co-op Location: Twinsburg, Ohio

Our Field Trip & Activities Location: Northeast Ohio

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** There are two options available for homeschooled children. All options do require a parent to be with their child unless it is noted in the description.*

Option #1 - Homeschool Co-op Activities

Do you prefer activities that are once a month, interest-based, or field trips? Join our homeschool co-op activities group, where parents participate by hosting and/or planning monthly clubs, playgroups, field trips, outings, and activities for families to participate in. We are always interested in new ideas! We also would love to hear from any adults who are willing to volunteer to organize the activities. Please email elana.koh@secpta.net with what you’d be willing to organize. There may be additional fees for field trips, special events, and certain classes and activities.

Holiday Celebrations: We will participate in a few holiday celebrations as a group. Dates and times depend on the homeschool parent wishing to host the celebration. Some of the holidays we have celebrated include:

- Grandparents Day (Sept 10th): We had a photo frame craft and ice cream social.
- World Card Making Day (Oct 1st): We will have card-making supplies and the opportunity to make a card(s) for friends and family. We also tie this to a service project, encouraging children to create cards for others.
- World Kindness Day (Nov. 12th): We will paint kindness rocks and leave them around the community to spread a little joy.

Open Play: multi-age, learning-through-play opportunities that include all SECPTA families. Participation is optional and encouraged to help grow friendships and community. We sometimes have theme days such as:

- Tie Dye Day (Oct 8th): Bring something white to tie dye! Please register for the open play date on the SECPTA website to ensure we have the correct number of supplies.

Field Trips: Families will meet at a specific date, time, and location to participate in a planned activity. If there is an opportunity to divide up according to age once at the field trip location, we will do so. A homeschooling parent hosts the activities marked in red on the SECPTA calendar. You are welcome to attend any event on the SECPTA calendar, not just the red ones.

Interest-Based Activities/Clubs: A schedule of clubs and interest-based activities will be sent out once each month. Parents are encouraged to help host, plan, and/or organize interest-based activities and clubs. Current clubs are (as of 9/2025):

1. Lego Building Club
2. Explorer Hiking Club
3. Book Club

Option #2 - SECPTA Homeschool Enrichment Co-op

Love the idea of meeting weekly with other homeschooling families during the school year? Join the SECPTA Homeschool Enrichment Co-op, led by parents.

The enrichment co-op meets on Wednesdays in Twinsburg from 10am to 12:30pm for 5-week sessions, 5-6 times a year. We offer an option to bring your own lunch and play after enrichment classes until 2 p.m. There is an additional fee per session to participate in the enrichment co-op that covers the cost of building use, insurance, and classroom materials. As a reminder, a parent must always be on-site.

Please note that the enrichment co-op is for children ages 5+. We have a nursery and preschool class available for families with siblings in the 5+ years old group. If we have spots available in the 3- and 4-year-old classroom, we will open it to families who do not have children in the 5+ age range.

Enrichment Co-op

SECPTA Homeschooling Cooperative meets on Wednesdays. Students participate in structured enrichment classes based on age, followed by **optional** time to socialize with all ages and learn as a family during Open Play.

Schedule

9:30am	Setup Begins
9:45am	Arrival & Announcements
10:00am	First Class
10:50am	Second Class
11:40am	Third Class
12:30pm	Lunch & Take Down Begins
1:00pm	Open Play
2pm	Clean Up

2025-2026 Calendar

Session 1: Sept 10, 17, 24 & Oct 1, 8

Break Oct 15th

Session 2: Oct 22, 29, Nov 5, 12, 19

Break until January

Session 3: Jan 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb 4

Break Feb 11, 18

Session 4: Feb 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25

Break Apr 1, 8

Session 5: Apr 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13

Done for this SECPTA year

Class Groupings

Enrichment Classes: Students in these structured classes participate in hands-on learning activities, experiences, projects, and discussions. Students are divided into the following age groups based on their age at the start of the session. (Note: Age groups may change depending on enrollment numbers.)

SECPTA homeschool co-op reserves the right to limit the number of spaces available in each age range.

0 - 2	Nursery (only available for the siblings of older students)
3 - 4	Preschool
5 - 7	Early Elementary
8 - 10	Middle Elementary

Member Expectations

New enrollment opens 3–4 weeks before the start of the new session. Families are strongly encouraged to participate in all sessions to best foster friendships and build relationships within the community.

Each student commits to attending all three class periods for the length of a session.

Each family strives to attend all dates of a given session and informs guides of expected absences so that they can plan accordingly.

SECPTA has no paid staff. All members contribute to creating educational activities for the co-op. Each family commits to support our co-op by teaching one class each session as well as filling one of the following roles:

- **Helper:** The person in this role will help the Lead Guide during the class by assisting all students. This may include passing materials out, guiding a student to the bathroom, minimizing disruptions, helping students one-on-one with an activity, etc.
- **Setup (9:30am-10am):** Arrival is at 9:30am. This role entails setting up the building, ensuring the bathrooms are ready for use, and preparing any items needed for the first class. This may include setting up tables and chairs.
- **Floater:** This role is usually not assigned to a specific area but can be shifted to a classroom to help with an activity as needed. They can help with setting up and taking down classrooms. Or if a class goes outside, they can be assigned to that class for the specific time to help ensure the safety of all children.

- **Co-op Take Down (12:30pm-1pm):** Any rooms not being used for open play can be packed up, and items should be stored away in our storage closet. (Note: This overlaps with lunch, but it is about 12:30pm-1pm.)
- **Closer (1:45pm-2pm):** The person in this role is responsible for the closing of the studio. It requires vacuuming the floors, ensuring all our items are put away properly, and placing toys back in their original place. You will turn off studio lights and lock up the studio upon departure.
- **Activity Organizer:** The person in this role assists with organizing enjoyable activities for children to participate in before class begins (9:30-10) *or* after lunch during open play (12:30-2). This could include birthday celebrations, “fun holidays” such as World Kindness Day, a structured activity such as Tie Dye Day, or free play using our collection of toys, puzzles, and games.

Newcomers

New students are required to submit the following forms:

1. SECPTA Homeschool Co-Op Membership Agreement & Photo Release
2. Emergency Contact and Authorization for Medical Treatment
3. Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risks, and Indemnity Agreement

Fees and Enrollment Information

A non-refundable annual SECPTA membership (\$35 or \$41, not alumni membership) is required two weeks prior to the start of a family’s first session. This fee follows the SECPTA year, which is July 1st–June 30th. This fee is per family, not per person. The fee is not dependent on the number of sessions the family participates in. This fee supports SECPTA as a whole and helps subsidize SECPTA programs. With a SECPTA membership, you can participate in SECPTA activities.

- Participation in Enrichment Dues for each session are \$70 per child for 3 years old and up.
- **Payment:** Payment must be made two weeks prior to the start of a session and can be made online through the [SECPTA Homeschooling](#) website.

Community Expectations (Behavior Code)

Food Allergy Policy

- Do not bring food containing peanuts into the facility.
- Do not share food or leave out open containers of food.
- Eat only in the designated eating areas.
- Clean up all surfaces, hands, and faces when finished eating.
- Notify the board members if your child has an allergy and include that information on their paperwork.

General Guidelines

- Communicate with others respectfully.
- Leave the building and grounds in the condition you found them in.
- Seek permission prior to using materials, and ensure they are returned to their designated place in the same condition you found them.
- Weapons of any kind are prohibited (including knives and multi-tools *unless* used under the direction of an instructor for a class activity).
- All students are to remain under the supervision of a responsible adult.
- No outside toys, games, or electronic devices should be brought to class unless they are part of the class.

Adult Responsibilities (*general*)

- Offer support and encouragement to all community members. All communication (verbal and written) should show respect, tolerance, and consideration of the diversity of our members. Political and faith-based messages should be saved for private communication outside of SECPTA Homeschool Co-op.
- Ensure that my children and the children under my care follow the behavior code.
- By providing the necessary supplies and encouraging them to complete outside work when asked by their guides, I will ensure my children are ready for their classes.
- Report any accidents or severe behavioral incidents to a board member.
- Notify the co-op as soon as possible when I will not be attending classes.

Adult Responsibilities (*when teaching or assisting a class*)

- Be on time.

- Be prepared for the roles for which I have volunteered or been assigned.
- Remain with the class to which I am assigned unless another adult is available to monitor the students.
- Limit the use of electronic devices.
- Limit side conversations with other adults.
- Arrange care for younger children during class time if they are not participating in the co-op.
- If you are unable to attend, please make sure that materials and lesson plans are accessible for the substitute teacher.

Student Responsibilities

- Treat all people with kindness and respect. Use appropriate language and refrain from foul language, bullying, harassment, and violence.
- Use communication skills to solve problems. Ask an adult for assistance if necessary (physical & verbal altercations are not permitted).
- Treat the building respectfully—walk inside, don't climb on furniture, don't write on walls or cause any damage, etc.
- Use soft voices indoors—also known as inside voices.
- Keep all food in the designated areas (including gum, candy, and drinks other than water).
- Stay within the safe boundaries of our space – both inside and outside.
- Remain in class unless you leave with a responsible adult. Do not leave the building with anyone other than your adult.
- Please ensure you bring the necessary supplies to class and complete any outside work requested by your guides.
- Participate in class by listening attentively, waiting your turn to speak, asking questions, and engaging in discussion and activities.
- Only be in rooms where a responsible adult is present.
- Refrain from using electronic devices during class time unless under the direct supervision of a guide.

Family Name: _____ Phone #: _____
Email: _____

SECPTA Homeschool Co-op Membership Agreement

I have read, understand, and agree to follow all policies included in the SECPTA Homeschool Co-op Family Packet. I have reviewed the information and responsibilities regarding building use and maintenance, instructor expectations, and behavior guidelines with my children. I agree to be responsible for the behavior and safety of the children in my charge. I understand that if anyone in my family does not follow the SECPTA Homeschool Co-op policies, it may jeopardize our family's continued participation in the program. I understand that SECPTA Homeschool Co-op instructors reserve the right to deny participation to any student or family. I agree that by signing this agreement and submitting my non-refundable SECPTA Homeschool Co-op membership fees, I will establish my family's registration in the SECPTA Homeschool Co-op. I agree to fulfill my responsibilities to the best of my abilities.

By signing this document, I am stating that I have read, understood, and agree to follow all of the SECPTA Homeschool Co-op Policies and Procedures and agree to the conditions of the SECPTA Homeschool Co-op Waiver of Liability for myself and my family, as well as any other legal guardians of my child(ren).

Print Parent's Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Parent's Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

In order of preference, which co-op roles are you willing to perform?

(See "Member Expectations" for options)

Do you want your contact information to be included in our Member Directory? **Yes** **No**

Family Name: _____ Phone #: _____
Email: _____

Photo Release

Please be advised that your child(ren) may be photographed or videotaped at activities sponsored by SECPTA Homeschool Co-op. Please indicate your preference and sign below.

___ Yes, I hereby grant permission for SECPTA Homeschool Co-op to post photographs and videos of my child(ren) on the SECPTA website, social media page, and other media outlets.

___ Yes, I hereby grant permission for SECPTA Homeschool Co-op to post photographs and videos of my child(ren) in ONLY our **private** Facebook group.

___ No, my child(ren)'s photo or video may NOT be used by the SECPTA Homeschool Co-op.

Print Parent's Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Family Name: _____ Phone #: _____
Email: _____

Emergency Medical Authorization

Child's Name (first and last)	D.O.B.	Allergies / Medicines / Health Issues <i>*Any info that would be helpful for guides & support roles</i>

Address City State Zip

Child(ren)'s Primary Care Doctor Phone Number

Child(ren)'s Dentist Phone Number

Medical/Health Insurance Company Policy
#: _____

Family Name: _____ Phone #: _____
Email: _____

Emergency Contact Information

	Name & Relationship to Child(ren)	Phone # 1	Phone #2
Parent			
Parent			
Other Adult			

My child(ren) is attending and participating in SECPTA Homeschool Co-op. In the event of an emergency when we are unable to be reached at the phone numbers above, we hereby authorize SECPTA Homeschool Co-op and its officers, agents, volunteers, instructors, or supervising parents to seek emergency medical care and/or emergency dental care for my child(ren.) This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists, concurring in the necessity for such surgery, are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery.

Print Parent's Name

_____ Date Signature of Parent

Print Parent's Name

_____ Date Signature of Parent

Family Name: _____ Phone #: _____
Email: _____

Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risks, and Indemnity Agreement

WAIVER: In consideration of my child(ren) or ward(s) or me being permitted to participate in any way in any and all activities of SECPTA Homeschool Co-op at One Your Toes Dance Studio in Twinsburg, Ohio or at any and all locations where such SECPTA Homeschool Co-op activities take place (collectively, the “Activities”), I, for myself, my child(ren) and/or ward(s), my heirs, personal representatives or assigns, *do hereby covenant not to sue, and release, waive, and discharge*, SECPTA Homeschool Co-op, its directors, officers, staff members, volunteers, advisors, property owners, and/or agents, from liability *and of and from any and all claims including the negligence or default of SECPTA Homeschool Co-op, its directors, organizers, officers, staff members, member families, volunteers, advisors, property owners, and/or agents*, resulting in personal injury, accidents or illnesses (including death), and property loss arising from, but not limited to, participation in the Activities.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS: Participation in the Activities carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. The specific risks vary from one activity to another, but the risks range from (1) minor injuries such as scratches, bruises, and sprains; (2) major injuries such as eye injury or loss of sight, joint or back injuries, broken bones or teeth, asthma or heart attacks, and concussions; to (3) catastrophic injuries, including paralysis and death.

I have read the previous paragraphs, and I know, understand, and appreciate these and other risks that are inherent in the Activities, which may include, without limitation, parties, picnics, hiking, swimming, field trips, playgroups, parks, recitals, or practices. I hereby assert that my participation and/or the participation of my child(ren) or ward(s) is voluntary and that I knowingly assume and accept all risks. I also understand that I may participate in activities that are not sponsored or supported by SECPTA Homeschool Co-op but are private activities of members and that I assume all risks associated with such private activities (“Non-SECPTA Activities”).

INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS: I also agree to *INDEMNIFY AND HOLD SECPTA Homeschool Co-op, its directors, officers, staff members, volunteers, member families, advisors, property owners, On Your Toes Dance Studio in Twinsburg, Ohio and/or agents, HARMLESS* from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorneys’ fees, brought as a result of my involvement in the Activities

or Non-SECPTA activities or both, and/or the involvement of a minor child(ren) or ward(s) of mine in the Activities or Non-SECPTA Activities or both, in any location where Activities or Non-SECPTA Activities or both are conducted, and of and from all claims which may hereafter develop or accrue to them on account of injury, loss or damage, which may be suffered by said minor or to any property, because of any matter, thing, or condition, negligence or default whatsoever, and to reimburse them for any such expenses incurred.

SEVERABILITY: The undersigned further expressly agrees that the foregoing waiver, assumption of risks, indemnification, and hold harmless agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Ohio, and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Child(ren)'s / Ward(s) Name (list all in attendance regardless of age/member status)	Date of Birth

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF UNDERSTANDING: I have read this Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risks, and Indemnity Agreement, fully understand its terms, and *understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue*. I acknowledge that I am signing this agreement freely and voluntarily, and I *intend that my signature will be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law*.

Print Parent's Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Parent's Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____