

SOAR FAQs

Below is a list of frequently asked questions to give you an overview of the mission and requirements of SOAR. If you find you have additional questions after reading it, please contact Laura Chinn (laurachinn39@gmail.com) or Jessica Hawkins (jessica.hawkins99@gmail.com) for SOAR-related questions, and Candy Smith (csmith@covlife.org) for FSP-related questions.

Q: What is SOAR?

A: SOAR is an established Christian co-op meeting under the FSP umbrella, a ministry of Covenant Life Church. SOAR has two main goals: 1) to offer high-quality educational classes that support homeschooling families, particularly in classes and activities that are best done in a group/classroom setting, and 2) to foster a genuine, supportive community for homeschooling families. Questions not addressed here may be answered in the [SOAR Guide](#).

Q: When and where does SOAR meet?

A: SOAR meets for 24 weeks throughout the school year (divided into two 12-week semesters) from 9:15am-12:30pm on Friday mornings at Covenant Life Church. View the [2024-25 calendar here](#).

Q: What grades does SOAR offer?

A: SOAR offers classes for K-8th grade, and also provides pre-k and nursery care for children of SOAR families. High school classes are sometimes offered on Friday mornings; a [technology course will be offered in 2024-25](#) with both full and ½ credit options (held 11-12:30 pm on Friday mornings that SOAR meets).

Q: What specific classes will SOAR offer for 2024-25?

A: [View the 2024-25 class schedule for SOAR here](#).

Q: What do I have to do to join SOAR?

A: You must be a member of the FSP umbrella program; in addition, a parent must commit to attending along with their child(ren) and serving within SOAR on a weekly basis. This includes teaching one 12-week class during the SOAR year OR team teaching for 24 weeks. There is mandatory training and paperwork that must be completed before parents can attend and serve in SOAR, and space often fills up early, so we recommend beginning the process in February for the following school year.

Q: What is FSP?

A: FSP ("Family Schools Program") is the homeschool umbrella program run through Covenant Life Church for homeschooled students K-12. FSP is recognized by MSDE as an institution responsible for reviewing homeschool students enrolled in its program. FSP also arranges various activities throughout the year for its members and provides support for homeschooling families. For more information about FSP, contact Candy Smith (email: csmith@covlife.org; website: familyschoolsprogram.org).