Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op

2026–2027 Parent Handbook

Building a Christ-Centered Homeschool Village Together

Welcome to Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op

Welcome to Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op (MOCC)! We are honored that your family has chosen to be part of our community for the 2026–2027 school year.

Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op is more than a place to attend classes. We are a Christ-centered homeschool village where families come together to support, encourage, equip, and serve alongside one another. We believe homeschooling was never meant to be done alone, and we are committed to building a strong community rooted in faith, accountability, relationships, and shared responsibility.

As our co-op continues to grow, we are taking intentional steps to strengthen our structure, improve operations, and create a sustainable foundation for future families. This handbook exists to clearly communicate the expectations, procedures, policies, and values that help our co-op function smoothly and successfully.

Our goal is not simply to create rules, but to create an environment where:

- Families feel supported
- Students grow in faith and character
- Teachers are encouraged
- Community thrives together

We are grateful you are here and excited for the year ahead.

Welcome to the Village.

Why We Exist

Homeschooling was never meant to be done alone.

God designed families to disciple their children, but also to live in community with one another. Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op exists to bring families together to support, encourage, and walk alongside one another in both education and faith.

We are more than classes.
We are more than a schedule.
We are more than a program.

We are a Christ-centered homeschool village.

A Village With Purpose

At Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op, you will find:

- Families who are known and supported
- Students growing in faith, knowledge, and character
- Relationships that extend beyond the classroom
- Opportunities to serve and build community together

Strong communities do not happen by accident. They are built intentionally through participation, consistency, accountability, and relationships.

Mission Statement

Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op exists to partner with families by providing Christ-centered education, intentional community, and opportunities for shared service, equipping students to grow in faith, knowledge, and character.

Vision Statement

To be a thriving, Christ-centered homeschool village united as one to educate, encourage, and equip the next generation to grow in faith, knowledge, and character.

Our Core Values

At Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op, we value:

- Christ-centered education
- Family discipleship
- Community and fellowship
- Service and shared responsibility
- Accountability and integrity
- Respect and encouragement
- Partnership with parents
- Building up rather than tearing down

Everything we do is grounded in our faith in Jesus Christ.

Statement of Faith

Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op believes the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God and the final authority for faith and life.

We believe:

- There is one God eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to earth fully God and fully man.
- Salvation is found through Jesus Christ alone by grace through faith.
- The Holy Spirit works in the lives of believers to guide, convict, equip, and transform.
- Jesus Christ will return again in power and glory.

All teaching, leadership, and operations of Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op are grounded in Biblical truth and Christian principles.

Statement on Marriage, Gender & Sexuality

We believe God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God.

We believe marriage is ordained by God as the union of one man and one woman and that sexual intimacy is reserved exclusively for marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe God calls all people to purity, holiness, and Biblical conduct.

Statement on Life

We believe all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all dimensions, including pre-born babies, children, adults, the aging, and every stage of life from conception through natural death.

We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life.

Final Authority

The Bible shall be the final source of authority for all matters of faith, doctrine, interpretation, policy, discipline, and conduct within Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op.

The Board of Directors retains final authority regarding the interpretation and application of all policies, procedures, and Biblical standards within the co-op.

Membership & Participation

Membership at Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op is a privilege, not an entitlement.

Families are expected to:

- Uphold co-op policies and bylaws
- Participate consistently and responsibly
- Support the health and unity of the community
- Communicate respectfully
- Contribute through service and involvement

Healthy communities require accountability.

Repeated policy violations, non-participation, safety concerns, or conduct issues may result in:

- A reminder,
- review of your support plan,
- probationary restrictions
- or dismissal/non-renewal of membership.

Our goal is always restoration, support, and healthy community participation.

This Is Not a Drop-Off Program

Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op is a family-centered cooperative.

Parents or guardians are expected to remain on-site while their children are participating in co-op activities unless specifically approved otherwise by leadership.

Parents are responsible for:

- Knowing where their children are at all times
- Supervising students outside of class
- Assisting younger students between classes
- Ensuring appropriate student behavior
- Participating in assigned service responsibilities

No child may be left unsupervised inside or outside the building.

Family Participation Philosophy

A thriving co-op requires participation from every family.

Our co-op functions successfully because families:

- teach,
- serve,
- help maintain the building,
- support events,
- monitor safety,
- and work together.

We are building a culture where:

- everyone contributes,
- everyone serves,
- and everyone helps carry the workload.

We are here to contribute—not just consume.

Service & Volunteer Expectations

Service is essential to the operation of Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op.

Every family participates through one or more of the following areas:

- Teaching
- Service Hour Roles
- Operations Committee
- Event Support Team

Service schedules are assigned before the semester begins.

Reliability matters because other families depend on you.

Teaching

Teachers play a vital role in the co-op community.

Teaching responsibilities include:

- Preparing lessons and materials
- Leading classroom instruction
- Managing classroom expectations
- Communicating with families
- Taking attendance
- Preparing substitute plans if absent
- Resetting classrooms after use

Teachers are volunteers serving the community through their time, preparation, and leadership.

Families are expected to respect classroom procedures and teacher authority.

Service Hour Roles

Service Hour roles may include:

- Classroom Helpers
- Check-In Desk
- Service Hour Desk
- Hall Monitors
- Nursery Workers
- Floaters
- Recess Support
- Hospitality Support

These roles provide ongoing operational support throughout the co-op day.

Operations Committee

Operations Committee responsibilities are completed hourly throughout co-op day and help maintain a smooth and organized environment.

Examples include:

- Opening Setup
- Hallway Checks
- Classroom Reset
- Lunch Breakdown
- Recess Monitoring
- Trash Removal
- Closing Cleanup

Families assigned to Operations complete the checklist for their assigned hour.

Once the checklist is completed, that hour's responsibility is fulfilled.

Event Support Team

Every family is expected to support at least one event or program outside normal co-op operations.

Examples may include:

- Field Trips
- Fellowship Events
- Graduation
- Student Showcase
- Fundraisers
- Knights Bites Café
- Hospitality Support
- Teen/Tween Events
- Athletics

Community happens beyond the classroom.

Participation Requirements

Participation requirements are based on the number of hours your family attends co-op each week.

Hours Attending	Participation Requirement
1 Hour	● 1 Hour of Teaching ● 1 Hour of Service Hours
2 Hours	● 1 Hour of Teaching & 1 Hour Operations Committee ● 2 Hours of Teaching ● 1 Hour of Service Hours & 1 Hour Operations Committee
3 Hours	● 1 Hour of Teaching & 1 Hour of Service Hours & 1 Hour Operations Committee ● 2 Hours of Teaching & 1 Operations Committee ● 3 Hours of Teaching ● 2 Hours of Service Hours & 1 Hour Operations Committee
4–5 Hours	● 1 Hour of Teaching & 2 Hour of Service Hours & 1 Hour Operations Committee ● 2 Hours of Teaching & 1 Hour of Service Hours & 1 Hour Operations Committee ● 3 Hours of Teaching & 1 Hour Operations Committee ● 4 Hours of Service Hours
6 Hours	● 1 Hour of Teaching & 3 Hour of Service Hours & 1 Hour Operations Committee ● 2 Hours of Teaching & 2 Hour of Service Hours & 1 Hour Operations Committee ● 3 Hours of Teaching & 1 Hour Operations Committee ● 4 Hours of Teaching ● 4 Hours of Service Hours & 1 Hour Operations Committee

Specific assignments are determined by leadership based on co-op needs.

Missed Service & Make-Up Procedures

If you miss an assigned role:

- Notify leadership as soon as possible by completing the online absentee form
- Contact the Service Hour Desk for reassignment opportunities

- Arrange substitute coverage when applicable
- Complete make-up responsibilities as assigned

Repeated missed responsibilities may result in accountability review.

Communication Expectations

Clear communication is essential for smooth operations.

Families are expected to:

- Read emails and text regularly
- Stay informed on announcements and schedule changes
- Respond when necessary
- Use official communication channels appropriately

Official communication methods may include:

- Web-site
- Email
- Text alerts
- Official Facebook groups
- Board communications

Conflict Resolution & Community Standards

We are committed to handling conflict Biblically, respectfully, and maturely.

Parents are expected to:

- Speak respectfully to students, parents, teachers, and leadership
- Encourage unity rather than division
- Avoid gossip and social media conflict
- Handle disagreements with grace and Biblical communication
- Represent MOCC positively both in person and online

If concerns arise:

1. Speak directly with the appropriate individual when possible
2. Contact the appropriate board member if additional support is needed
3. Use official communication channels
4. Address concerns promptly and respectfully

We value encouraging over criticizing and building up rather than tearing down.

Student Behavior & Conduct

Students are expected to:

- Show respect to peers and adults
- Follow classroom expectations
- Arrive to class on time
- Use appropriate language and behavior
- Represent Christ in their actions

Unsafe, disruptive, disrespectful, or inappropriate behavior may result in disciplinary action.

Health & Illness Policy

To protect our community:

- Do not attend co-op if sick
- Follow all health and safety procedures
- Respect emergency protocols

Students or parents with contagious illness, fever, vomiting, or other significant symptoms should remain home until symptom-free for at least 24 hours without medication.

Safety Procedures

Each classroom contains a red emergency folder with:

- Class rosters
- Emergency procedures
- Evacuation routes
- Important student information

During emergencies:

- Follow leadership instructions immediately
- Teachers/helpers should take emergency folders during evacuation
- Families should remain at designated meeting areas until cleared

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Campus Security Procedures

For safety purposes:

- Exterior doors remain locked during co-op hours
- Families must use designated entrances
- Families must wear ID Badges
- Visitors must check in and wear visitor badge
- The storage unit door remains locked and is not for general access
- Doors may never be propped open or left unattended

Security procedures are in place to protect our students and families.

Attendance & Check-In

Attendance is part of our safety system.

Families are expected to:

- Check in upon arrival
- Ensure all students are accounted for
- Wear name badges
- Check out when leaving

Accurate attendance supports:

- emergency accountability,
- student safety,
- and smooth operations.

Building Expectations

We are guests in our shared facility.

Families are expected to:

- Respect church property
- Help maintain classrooms and hallways
- Clean and reset spaces after use
- Report spills or concerns
- Follow all building policies

NO FOOD OR DRINKS ARE PERMITTED IN CARPETED AREAS.

Cleanup Expectations

Before leaving an area:

- Throw away trash
- Wipe tables if needed
- Return chairs and tables properly
- Remove personal belongings
- Leave rooms ready for the next group

Everyone helps maintain the facility.

Lunch & Food Guidelines

Lunch may be eaten in designated dining or outdoor areas.

Families are expected to:

- Clean up after themselves
- Follow food and drink restrictions
- Respect facility rules
- Clean up your surrounding area

NO FOOD OR DRINKS ON THE CARPETED AREAS

Only spill-proof drinks are allowed on carpeted area.

Recess Guidelines

Parents remain responsible for supervising their children during recess.

Students:

- Must remain within designated recess areas
- May not enter parking lots without a parent
- Should follow all safety expectations

Unsafe behavior may result in temporary removal from recess activities.

Financial Policies

Families are expected to:

- Pay membership and class fees on time
- Remain current on accounts
- Honor financial commitments

Membership fees and class registration fees are non-refundable unless otherwise approved by the board.

Failure to remain current on financial obligations may result in parking from the system, registration restrictions and possible legal collection efforts.

Registration & Enrollment

Before participating:

- Families must complete registration
- Attend orientation
- Read and agree to handbook policies
- Pay required fees
- Complete all required forms

Class enrollment is based on availability and age/grade requirements.

Orientation Acknowledgement & Handbook Agreement

Thank you for attending the Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op 2026–2027 Parent Orientation.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have:

- Attended the required Parent Orientation
- Received and reviewed the 2026–2027 Parent Handbook
- Reviewed the Statement of Faith and Membership Expectations
- Read and understand the co-op's participation and service requirements
- Understand that Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op is a parent-led, family-centered cooperative and not a drop-off program
- Agree to support the policies, procedures, and Biblical standards outlined by Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op
- Understand that participation in the co-op requires service, communication, accountability, and respectful conduct
- Agree to follow all safety, supervision, and facility expectations
- Understand that failure to comply with handbook policies or bylaws may result in review, restrictions, suspension, or dismissal from membership

I understand that Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op exists to build a Christ-centered homeschool community where families work together to support, encourage, and serve alongside one another.

Family Information

Family Last Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Children/Student Name(s):

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Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Agreement

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please Return This Signed Page Before Leaving Orientation

Thank you for being part of Mid-Ohio Christian Co-op.
We are excited to partner with your family this school year.