

WVHC

West Village Homeschool Cooperative

Signature Forms and Policy Review

Mission Vision & Values

Mission:

To connect homeschool families with passionate teachers and exceptional classes in a supportive community where learning happens joyfully and lasting friendships develop.

Vision:

We envision a vibrant tight-knit community, where homeschooled children and families gather to learn within real-world contexts that foster curiosity and support the quest of life-long learning.

Values:

- **Community:** We build a strong, supportive network of families and educators.
- **Quality Mentorship:** We value enthusiastic teachers who prioritize hands-on learning, asking questions, and contextual storytelling- all of which make learning memorable and relevant.
- **Kindness:** We create a welcoming environment where respect, tolerance and compassion are emphasized.
- **Support:** We support parents, students, and educators: Parents, by offering a quality drop off opportunity and organizing family field trips. Students, by fostering a friendly educational environment. Educators, by providing a meeting place and community to offer their classes to.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS AND AGREEMENTS

STUDENTS:

I understand the rules of respect that I am expected to follow.

- I will participate respectfully in classes each week
- I will develop my character by doing my best to:
 - Treat others with kindness, patience and forgiveness.
 - Respect the people I interact with at co-op and co-op events
 - Respect the building (walls, bathrooms, etc.) and property.

During my time with West Village Co-op, I agree that I will:

- Walk (Running, wrestling, jumping only when appropriate)
- Stay inside the building with my assigned class (unless my teacher or parent is with me) and enter/exit through assigned doors. I will not enter rooms that are not assigned to our group
- Clean up my messes and follow classroom etiquette (speak when appropriate)
- Participate cheerfully and speak positively about and towards others. Bullying, aggression, talking disrespectfully and excessive negativity will not be tolerated.
- Be inclusive and make efforts to grow in friendship with all students.
- Positively represent the homeschool community while at off-site field trips and during interactions with location staff/patrons.

I agree to NOT use a cell phone (or other electronic device) during co-op or co-op events as this detracts from the educational and social climate this community is seeking to foster

I Understand the Behavior/Intervention Policy:

- 1- Teacher and/or leadership will respectfully address the child directly
- 2- Alert the parent of the issue
- 3- Parent must attend class with child, or child must skip a week of classes
- 4- Discussion of withdrawal or action plan takes place.

_____ Student Signature _____ Student Signature

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PARENT EXPECTATIONS AND AGREEMENTS

PARENTS:

I understand the above expectations of my student, as well as the following expectations of membership in WVHC (WV)

- My child(ren) want(s) to be here and is/are expected to participate respectfully.
- I will participate in parent and morning meetings (Thursday families only)
- I am interested in supporting the community when/where I can.
- I support the value of “no cell phones” for my child(ren) during co-op classes or sponsored activities and my child will comply. (Parents are expected to enforce this)
- I will review this handbook with my child(ren) and hold them accountable
- CULTURAL AWARENESS:** I understand that WV aims to be a wholesome space where families feel at ease dropping their kids off for the day. As such, require parents to:
 1. Ensure that their kids understand that co-op is *not* the space to discuss topics that are best introduced and discussed in a family setting. This includes sexual content and highly charged political or religious topics.
 2. Understand that children will be asked to choose their words carefully if leadership hears harsh words that may hurt feelings or make others uncomfortable. Name calling, putdowns, negativity etc. are in conflict with the uplifting vibe and joyful community we’re seeking to create
- VOLUNTEERING:** I understand that WV values the homey feeling of having parents volunteer, usually twice/semester/family. Volunteering also helps our co-op keep costs down. On my assigned days, I will help with student check in/ check out, clean up, classroom assistance, basic first aid and any other reasonable parent volunteer responsibilities as needed.
 - WV knows it doesn’t always work for families to volunteer, and that some would prefer not to. Families who “opt out” or do not show up for their assigned days will receive a \$100/day fee, applied to their account. No hard feelings, just please let us know in advance so other arrangements can be made.

_____ Parent (sign, date)

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WEST VILLAGE LIABILITY RELEASE WAIVER

I, _____, (printed name of parent/guardian) assume all the risks of membership and participation in West Village Homeschool Co-op ("WVHC"). I understand that the possibility of an unforeseen hazard does exist and that there are inherent risks with taking part in a homeschool cooperative. I agree NOT to hold First Presbyterian Church of Maple Plain and/or WVHC, including without limitation their respective administrators, agents, board members, contracted instructors, congregants, contractors, Deacons, directors, employees, invitees, ministers, officers, Session members, workers, and volunteers, liable for any personal harm or injury or any property damage or loss incurred by me or any other individual for whom I am responsible, unless caused by the gross negligence of First Presbyterian Church of Maple Plain and/or WVHC. I have read this document, and I fully understand its content. I am aware that this is a contract, and that it is a release and waiver of liability for WVHC, First Presbyterian Church of Maple Plain and the people referred to above, to the extent permitted by law, and I sign it of my own free will.

1. _____ Print Minor Participant's Name/ Age

_____ Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

2. _____ Print Minor Participant's Name/ Age

_____ Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

3. _____ Print Minor Participant's Name/ Age

_____ Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

4. _____ Print Minor Participant's Name/ Age

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WEST VILLAGE SICK POLICY

To prevent the spread of germs, the Minnesota Health Department sets these guidelines as a reason to keep your child at home. Please review if you're unsure.

- Vomiting or Diarrhea
- Contagious rashes
- Persistent and/or croup cough
- Fever (no fever for 24 hours without taking fever reducing medicine within that time frame)
- Obvious contagious conditions, such as head lice or pink eye
- Heavy, greenish or yellow nasal discharge
- Strep Throat
- Flu/Bronchitis/Pneumonia
- Ear Infection
- Covid

Children must be symptom free and feeling well before attending the West Village Homeschool Co-op classes and activities. We appreciate your consideration and help with keeping everyone feeling their best within our West Village Homeschool Community!

Please note: While it's not a requirement, teachers and co-op leaders appreciate knowing in advance if your child(ren) will not be attending on a co-op day. Please email westvillagehc@gmail.com if you plan to miss a day (or series of days) and the message will be relayed to the teachers so they can adjust their plans/ supplies accordingly. THANK YOU!

PHOTO POLICY

1. Children may have their photo taken during co-op classes and events. These photos are NOT to be displayed publicly without express permission.
2. If you (the parent) *take a photo* during co-op classes and events that include identifiable features of a non-relative child, you are NOT to post or display these photos publicly without the express permission of that child's parent.
3. Photos may be posted privately on the BAND app for our group, and may be used in the yearbook (Thursday Only)