

Policy Handbook

Sanford Homeschoolers, Inc.
Sanford, North Carolina

Sanford Homeschoolers Mission Statement

We are a non-profit, secular and inclusive organization, established in 2019, and located in Sanford, North Carolina. Sanford Homeschooler's mission is to facilitate and maintain a secular, inclusive and self-directed learning environment by allowing our children to deeply engage with the world through their passions and interests. We embrace choice & freedom along with collaboration between peers, parents, instructors, and the local community. We pride ourselves on being a diverse, and collaborative group that provides an affordable, accessible, and non-coercive space for learning experiences and building community.

Group Membership

Sanford Homeschoolers, inc. is open to families that are actively engaged in homeschooling, with at least one child, and are in compliance with North Carolina homeschooling laws.

Mission Statement

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Group Activity Volunteering

Our group is run completely by parent volunteers and would not be successful without everyone's collaborative hard work to bring fun educational opportunities to life for our children. There are several ways to volunteer and you are welcome to choose what works best for you. All members are required to volunteer in some way throughout the year. If you are not able to attend an event/class you have volunteered for please notify one of the group leaders as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

1. Hosting and supervising middle & high school hangouts
2. Signing up to bring supplies to a class or party
3. Community Outreach Committee
4. Newsletter and Yearbook Committee
5. Helping with cleanup and/or setup at any SH event

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Group Conduct Policy

We are an inclusive group where all families are welcome. Absolutely no bullying, hate speech or aggressive behavior towards other group members will be tolerated.

- Parents are responsible for the behavior and safety of their children during all Sanford Homeschooler activities and events.
- Parents must supervise their children at all Sanford Homeschooler events. You may not drop off your child unsupervised at any time.
- Members of the group are expected to be kind and courteous to other group members at all times.
- No promotions or spam
- Respect everyone's privacy
- No blocking fellow members
- Pursue conflict resolution

Group Sick Policy

Please stay home if anyone in your home experiences the following:

1. Fever over 100 (within the last 24 hours)
2. Diarrhea, vomiting or nausea (within the last 48 hours)
3. Eye discharge
4. Severe coughing
5. Green nasal mucus
6. Head lice
7. Virus or infection known to be contagious such as chicken pox, covid-19, measles, hand foot and mouth etc.

We understand that allergies exist. If you know that your child's symptoms are allergy related, they are welcome to attend.

Group Covid Policy

If you test positive for Covid-19 please do not return to SH group activities until 10 days after your positive test, and 72 hours after symptoms have resolved.

Group Privacy Policy

Sanford Homeschoolers will always respect the privacy of its members to the highest degree possible. Sanford Homeschoolers uses the information we collect from you to better plan activities and events and we will never share your information with any outside parties, or agencies, without your permission.

Group Weapons Policy

Students are prohibited from carrying any weapons (knives, guns, hatchets, swords, bows, ninja stars etc.) of any size at any Sanford Homeschoolers event or activity. Please leave them at home or in the car.

Parents who legally carry concealed weapons are to do so with additional caution. Weapons must be on their person at all times. At no time should a concealed firearm be left in a purse or bag at any point unattended.

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Group Member Removal

We are an inclusive group where all families are welcome. Members who violate a rule listed will be given a warning by an administrator. Members who knowingly continue to violate the same rule will be removed from the group. Absolutely no bullying, hate speech or aggressive behavior towards other group members will be tolerated and will result in immediate removal.

Group Multimedia/Photo Policy

Please use courtesy when taking pictures or videos at Sanford Homeschoolers events. Our group includes several families who choose not to share photos of their children for various reasons. Please only share photos and videos on our private website.

Group Field Trip/Special Event Guidelines

All students participating in field trips /special events must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. You may not drop your child(ren) off.

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the designated start time of the event to ensure that the activity can begin on time for all participants.

Group Payment Policy

Sanford Homeschoolers occasionally collects payments for field trips and activities. The specific details will be listed under each event and fees will be collected by debit or credit card when you RSVP to the event. When purchasing tickets to an event you will be charged a small processing fee.

Group Refund Policy

Sanford Homeschoolers does not offer refunds unless the event is canceled by Sanford Homeschoolers or the venue where the event is being held cancels.

SH Co-op Enrollment

SH Co-op is open to families that are actively engaged in homeschooling, with at least one child that is age 5 by September 1, 2023. You must be a member of Sanford Homeschoolers to enroll in SH Co-op.

If you leave the co-op at any time, during any semester, you will no longer be considered a "member" and your privileges will be revoked. Certain conditions for leaving for an extended period of time and then returning will be considered on a case by case basis.

SH Co-op Teachers & Volunteers

SH Co-op is run completely by parent volunteers and would not be successful without everyone's collaborative hard work to bring fun educational opportunities to life for our children. There are several ways to volunteer and you are welcome to choose what works best for you. All members are required to sign up to be a teacher, assistant teacher, setup, cleanup or supervisor. If you are not able to perform your volunteer duties please notify the SH Co-op Administrator 24-48 hours in advance so that arrangements can be made.

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SH Co-op Attendance Policy

SH Co-op has an ongoing waitlist of families wanting to attend. Please be mindful of your commitment to attend co-op throughout the school year so that teachers and volunteers can plan accordingly for the correct number of students in each class.

Planned Absence: More than 2 planned absences each semester (planned absence is an absence for something other than an illness or emergency) will result in a review of your membership by our group administrators and may result in the termination of membership. If you are unsure about your absence, please speak with the SH Co-op Coordinator.

Unplanned Absence: We understand that sickness and emergencies can't be controlled and they will not be held against you. Please notify the SH Co-op Coordinator as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made for any positions you are volunteering for.

Dropping your children off unsupervised is not acceptable. Adult attendance is expected unless there is an illness or unforeseen circumstance. If a parent cannot attend co-op due to an emergency, your children may attend co-op if you have made arrangements for supervision with another responsible adult.

SH Co-op Nursery: Ages 0-3

Nursery drop off care is for children of volunteers only. If you are not volunteering, and you have children in this age group, you are welcome to hangout in this classroom with your little ones.

SH Co-op Member Removal

Members who violate a rule listed, or the attendance policy, will be given a warning by an administrator. Members who knowingly continue to violate the same rule will be removed from the SH Co-op roster. You may continue attending any other SH group activities such as Forest Wildlings, field trips, park day etc. You may reapply for SH Co-op the following school year with administrative approval.

Sanford Homeschoolers, Inc. Waiver of Liability

In order to provide protection for all parties involved, Sanford Homeschoolers has created a Waiver of Liability. This waiver states that you will release, indemnify, and hold harmless Sanford Homeschoolers, its administrators, event hosts, teachers, volunteers, associates and independent instructors from and against any claim(s) for damages and/or injury of any nature arising from, during or pertaining to participation of yourself and your family in any activity sponsored or sanctioned by Sanford Homeschoolers. The indemnification and hold harmless includes any claim(s) by any visitors whom you request be allowed to participate in and/or observe any activity sponsored or sanctioned by Sanford Homeschoolers.

If you, your family, your children, or guests, cause damage to Sanford Homeschoolers property or a building associated with a Sanford Homeschoolers activity, or other's personal property, during the use of, or as a result of such use, you agree to accept responsibility for any damage occurring and will bear the full cost of the repair, including replacement, if necessary.