



## Home School Co-op

### What is the difference between homeschooling and homeschooling with a co-op program?

Homeschooling leaves the parent 100% in charge of their child's education. (It sounds scarier than it is!) A co-op program is where like-minded families work and bring their children together. There are many different types of co-ops. Play-based, music, science, Thomas Jefferson Education, hybrid, and SO MANY more!

Our hybrid co-op gives families flexibility to work with a teacher in the co-op, sharing the responsibility of their child's education with other enrolled families. Helping in a co-op can look different for every family depending on their unique situation.

### What does the "home" schooling part look like? Hours? Work demand? Etc.

These are choices that are completely up to you. The law specifically states that "parents who are causing their children to receive home-based instruction shall be subject only to those minimum state laws and regulations which are necessary in ensuring that a sufficient basic educational opportunity is provided to the children receiving such instruction. Therefore, all decisions relating to philosophy or doctrine, selection of books, teaching materials and curriculum, and methods, timing and place in the provision or evaluation of home-based instruction shall be the responsibility of the parent. The homeschool law also states that the legislature recognizes that home-based instruction is less structured and more experiential than the instruction normally provided in a public or private school classroom. Therefore, the provisions relating to the nature and quantity of instructional and related educational activities shall be liberally construed."

There are eleven subjects' homeschoolers are required to cover over the course of their homeschooling. These include reading, writing, spelling, language, math, science, social studies, history, health, occupational education, and art and music appreciation.

Although this may seem daunting, many subjects overlap and are taught at the same time and not every subject needs to be taught daily. (Think "specialists" in the public-school system)

We are helping first year families navigate the waters of homeschooling by having a specific curriculum used at our co-op and a set time for instruction.

### We both need to work is it even feasible for us to home school our children?

There are many families that choose to homeschool even with both parents working full time. Home schooling takes significantly less time than traditional public schools because you are only working with your child(ren) and not a classroom of 20 plus students.

A few examples of this could look like:

1. Finishing a weeks' worth of work in 2-3 days or completing the school work on the weekend.
2. Only working 2 hours a day on schoolwork and having the rest of the day for other activities.
3. Having your child do their schoolwork when it's best for them and you. (ex. Some kids are night owls, and some are early birds)
4. Some children do one or two subjects a day. (Some children only want to do one subject for a month, and that is okay!)
5. Some finish all their work and want more!

The beauty of homeschooling is giving your children (and you) the flexibility to learn and develop as you see fit There is no wrong way to homeschool!