

## **Aletheia Academy Co-op Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Q: What are the eligibility requirements for this co-op?**

A: Families must have at least one child who is at least in third grade for the school year. As a parent lead co-op, all parents need to be willing and excited to work in classes as a lead or assistant teacher as well as hall monitor and help with cleaning. Bring a willing heart and training and encouragement will be provided.

### **Q: When and where does the co-op meet?**

A: Kempsville Baptist Church  
5204 Princess Anne Rd  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462  
Days are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM-3:30PM

### **Q: How much does the co-op cost?**

A: The building fee is \$170 per family per year. Supply fees will be per class and be determined by the teacher. Each family is responsible to purchase their own books as determined by the teacher. There is also a \$15 fee for a background check for all adults. The building fee is non-refundable and once paid holds the spaces for your family. This fee is not paid until the application has been processed and accepted. Fee helps offset the cost of use of the building-wear and tear, electricity, heat, and utilities. It will also help with homeschool website, Biblical Worldview teaching material and supplies for teachers.

### **Q: How do I apply for membership?**

A: Please fill out an application.

### **Q: Can I drop off my children for classes?**

A: No. This is not a drop-off program. A parent must stay on campus and teach or help in classes they are assigned to. Being a part of a cooperative organization means everyone pulls their own weight to maintain a successful program. Parents may ask another parent to parent in their stead on occasion and the Co-op leadership must be made aware and correct release form filled out. Drop off situations can be approved on a case-by-case basis.

### **Q: Are classes lead by certified teachers?**

A: Although, some of our parents may have worked as teachers and/or have college degrees, this is a parent lead and taught co op and teachers are not required to have any special certification to lead classes.

### **Q: Do you have insurance and are background checks required?**

A: This is a ministry of Kempsville Baptist Church and all insurance is through the church. Since all adults will be working with students in some capacity, all adults will need to receive and pay for a background check.

**Q: Can I enroll students that are not my children in the case that I am homeschooling or babysitting children from other families?**

A: No. Parents (or guardians or homeschooling grandparents) are only allowed to enroll their own children for co-op.

**Q: Does the co-op have programs for children who are not of school age yet?**

A: Yes. A nursery and classes appropriate for younger siblings will be planned. However, members must have at least one child in third grade or above to join the co-op. Depending on the needs of the families and availability of volunteers, there may be fees for nursery care.

**Q: Is this a religious organization?**

A: Yes, although families from different denominations are welcome, we are a group of likeminded Christian families seeking to give our children a Biblical Worldview. Please see our statement of faith.

**Q: What grades and ages are the classes for?**

A: As long as at least one child is in third grade and eight years old, younger siblings are welcome. Currently, there are classes planned for students through 10th/11th grade.

**Q: Can a mother stay with her young children all day?**

A: Parents with babies are welcome and can be assigned some time in the nursery, but in most cases parents will need to be able to fulfill other duties within our group. If a child has separation anxiety or a mother is not comfortable leaving her child in the nursery or preschool, the family should wait to join co-op until this is no longer an issue.

**Q: Does the co-op accommodate special needs children?**

A: This is a parent lead and run co-op and not a school. Please discuss any special needs or accommodations to see if our group will be a good fit for all involved.

**Q: Does the co-op offer a complete curriculum?**

A: Because we are a homeschool group and each family's idea of complete will differ, we ask that each family decide the best curriculum for their children each year.

**Q: What kinds of classes does the co-op conduct?**

A: This list is not set and can change at the discretion of the teacher and leadership committee. A classical focus will be present. Classes will be added as the need comes up. Some classes may be video driven if there is a need for a class, video available and no parent willing to lead. An adult will still be in charge, but the teaching may come from video. For instance, if we don't have a teacher for Apologia General Science or a certain Latin level, there still could be a class offered using video. Our morning classes planned are more core academic classes and afternoon classes are more electives.

**Q: What does a typical co-op day look like?**

A: Currently, two days a week are planned. Some classes may only run one day per week. Earliest class or study hall will begin at 9AM and last class end at 3-3:30 PM. Many breaks to burn energy and refresh for the next class. Our prayer is that you and your children will find likeminded fellowship and accountability for your homeschooling. Leaving you feeling refreshed and equipped to take on the rest of your day and week!

**Q: Are there other activities outside of class days?**

A: This will depend on parental involvement and willingness of parents to plan activities. We live in a great area for field trips and park days. We have enjoyed many field trips and parties this past year.

**Q: Is this considered an academically rigorous co-op or more for fun?**

A: As Christians we should do all things for the glory of God and to the best of our abilities, we can love God with all our mind by studying and working with excellence. All students will be expected to complete all work with excellence. We acknowledge each child's unique giftings and struggles and seek to come along side the parent and child. We also desire to provide our young ones and even our big ones enough time for breaks for physical activity and fellowship through out our co-op day.

**Q: What commitment must I make? Do my children have to take every class?**

A: You may pick and choose the classes to be involved in. There are four blocks, two each day. The 1<sup>st</sup> block of the day is from 9AM-1PM and the second block is from 12PM-3:30PM. Families must commit to at least one block. For instance, if the only class you are interested in taking meets at 10AM on Tuesdays, you will commit to be there at 9AM and stay through lunch. This gives us the ability to plug in the parent into classes that need leading or assisting and give your family time to get to know and have fellowship with other moms and students.