

## **CHEF Co-op Guidelines and Expectations for Admission**

The admissions policy is very important for the protection of the families involved, the teachers, and the administration of the CHEF Co-op. If we accept students and families without a commitment to the communicated expectations, our teachers, steering committee and volunteer coordinators will likely burn out quickly dealing with problems that arise. We strive to maintain a positive environment for all families in our co-operative. Though we do have students who represent a wide continuum of maturity, our goal is to maintain an atmosphere of relative peace and joy. Therefore, these are the guidelines and expectations of the CHEF Co-op.

1. We expect the participants to be self-governing. In other words, we don't want to put a lot of rules in place to control student behavior, nor do we want to have a lot of punishments to deter kids from bad behavior.
2. We expect that the students and their families are motivated by the grace of God already evident in their lives, to be responsible, considerate, appreciative, thoughtful, and committed. These character qualities should arise from a desire to please the Lord in what they say and do.
3. We expect our students to be faithful to class attendance. Students are expected to fulfill their responsibilities by being present, on time, and prepared for class.
4. Parents are ultimately responsible for their child's education. Part of this is ensuring that student work is completed in a timely manner, that kids arrive on time for classes, and that student behavior problems are addressed quickly when necessary. We are not equipped nor do we have the desire to replace

homeschooling authority and responsibility given to parents by God and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

5. While acknowledging that parents are their child's chief disciplinarian, we believe it is appropriate for all co-op children to receive proper verbal rebuke and correction from any adult present in the co-op when necessary.

6. We expect CHEF CO-OP parents to take an active role in supporting the co-op. This means that all parents will faithfully fulfill their participation requirements.

7. A parent will either be present in the building themselves or provide for alternate supervision of their children by a responsible adult. We desire that you prayerfully evaluate your level of commitment to the CHEF CO-OP before you register.