

Welcome to Covenant Light Co-op (CLC)

We are excited to welcome you to the 2025–2026 academic year at Covenant Light Co-op! This document outlines the shared expectations, values, and responsibilities that guide our community and ensure a safe, respectful, and God-honoring environment for all participating families.

The Family Covenant, Code of Conduct, and Statement of Faith together form the foundation of our co-op's purpose and operation. These three sections provide clarity on what it means to be part of CLC—what we believe, how we behave, and how we work together in unity for the benefit of our students and families.

- The **Family Covenant** explains the purpose of the co-op, family responsibilities—including communication, volunteering, attendance, important dates, and financial commitments—as well as key policies and the structure of our program.
- The **Code of Conduct** outlines the behavioral expectations for students and adults, promoting a respectful and orderly environment conducive to learning and fellowship.
- The **Statement of Faith** affirms the biblical truths that shape our mission and guide all aspects of our decision-making and instruction.

Please read each section carefully. By signing at the end of this document (or submitting the online acknowledgment form), you affirm your family's agreement to uphold the values, rules, beliefs, and financial obligations of Covenant Light Co-op.

Thank you for joining us. We look forward to a joyful and enriching year together!

Family Covenant 2025-2026

In order to preserve the function and integrity of CLC and to provide a biblical role model to our members and the community, it is imperative that all members, adults and children, agree to and abide by the CLC Family Covenant.

CLC Provides:

Covenant Light Co-op (CLC) is an activity of Covenant Light School. We seek to provide a whole-group experience for students in a positive environment of respect, diligence, and high standards. We rely on each family to contribute to the success of the co-op on a weekly basis. We hold all participants to a standard of behavior consistent with conservative family values.

CLC Mission Statement

CLC exists to honor the Lord by providing support and encouragement to homeschooling families; through group classes, extracurricular events, and social opportunities.

Covenant Light Co-op (CLC) classes will be held at First Baptist Church of Mt. Dora each Thursday, beginning August 14, 2025, through May 7, 2026. Please check the co-op calendar found on the website for days off for holidays and breaks.

CLC Requirements:

- Co-op requires the commitment to attend co-op each week. Teachers must be notified of absences with as much prior notice as possible. As a courtesy, please contact teachers via the class forum and/or via text or phone call.
- Families should make every effort to be at co-op on time and leave promptly at the end of the day when volunteer duties are completed.
- When attending co-op, children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.
- Nursery and Pre-k classes are a service provided for CLC teachers and/or teacher assistants only.
- Each family is required to contribute in some capacity during co-op. Board members will assign duties based on families' schedules and with fairness. Duties include but are not limited to: Teaching, Teacher's Assistant, Nursery/Pre-k, and Team Facility Duties.
 - Excessive absences, failure to consistently fulfill responsibilities, or a failure to otherwise contribute fully to the success of co-op will be considered to be a breach of the Family Covenant and will impact continued and future participation in CLC.

Our Commitment to Peace and Unity:

As members of Covenant Light Co-op, we commit to handling disagreements in a biblical and loving manner. We believe that conflicts should be addressed directly, honestly, and with humility, seeking reconciliation and unity.

We agree to:

- Speak directly to one another in love when disagreements arise (Matthew 18:15–17).
- Avoid Gossip or involving uninvolved parties is discouraged and may be considered a violation of the code of conduct.
- Seek the guidance of the board if a conflict cannot be resolved privately.
- Model grace and forgiveness to our children as we pursue peace within our co-op community.

The board reserves the right to mediate or make final decisions in unresolved cases.

Inclement Weather Policy:

- The Board will follow Lake County Schools and First Baptist Church of Mt. Dora decisions regarding weather closings. Updates will be sent via GroupMe.
- In case of weather-related cancellations, there will be no refunds, and make-up classes will not be scheduled.
 - Alternative arrangements may be made for high school classes.

Medical and Emergency Policy:

- Parents must notify the Board of any student medical conditions or allergies.
- In case of illness or injury, parents will be contacted immediately.
- If necessary, emergency services will be contacted.

Media and Photography:

• Photographs may be taken during co-op events for internal use or promotional materials.

2025-26 Important Dates

Enrollment w/ Deposit

• Re-enrollment: 4/15/25

• General Enrollment: 4/22/25

Class Registration

• Priority Class Registration (Lead Teachers): 5/20/25

• General Class Registration: 5/27

All Fees Due

• 7/1/25

2025-26 Academic Calendar				
Academic Year: 8/14/25 – 5/7/26				
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		
First Day of Co-op	8/14/25	No Co-op	2/5/26	
Fall Break	10/925	No Co-op	2/12/26	
Thanksgiving Break	11/27/25	Spring Break	3/19/26	
Christmas Break	12/11/25-1/1/26	Last Day of Co-op	5/7/26	

Financial Information

Co-op fees will be used to pay for the facility, general liability insurance, cleaning supplies, printing costs, minor supplies for co-op classes, and any other operational expenses deemed necessary. I also understand that my registration form and fees are my commitment to participate in the co-op. These fees are not refundable, since dues to the church, insurance, books and supplies are all purchased at the beginning of the school year.

These fees are not adjusted if you join in the middle of the year due to the fact that the costs to operate do not change.

Therefore, I understand that I must pay co-op fees that are nonrefundable and that all fees are due in full by 7/1/25.

Covenant Light Co-op Fees - 2025-26

Enrollment Fee

All fees are non-refundable. They are put right to work!

Payments may be made on the CLC website, or checks may be made out to Covenant Light.

Any payment received after 7/1/25 will incur a \$50 late fee.

^{*}All fees may be subject to change.*

Discounts

Lead Teacher Discount	Discount Varies
Lead teachers also receive priority class registration, allowing early access to	course enrollment.

H.S./M.S. Science Teachers	\$50 /per semester	\$100 /full year
H.S./M.S. Teachers (Non-Science)	\$40 /per semester	\$80 /full year
Elementary Science Teachers	\$40 /per semester	\$80 /full year
Other Elementary Teachers (Non-Science)	\$30/ per semester	\$60/ full year

^{*}Discounts are capped at \$100 /per teacher each academic year

Step Up for Students Scholarship Recipients

Tuition is eligible for reimbursement through Step Up For Students. Families must submit receipts for reimbursement via their scholarship account for approval. Refer to Step Up Parent/Guardian Handbook and Purchasing Guide for details.

Code of Conduct 2025-2026

In order to preserve the function and integrity of CLC and to provide a biblical role model to our members and the community, it is imperative that all members, adults and children, agree to and abide by the CLC Code of Conduct.

Definition of Board:

The "Board" refers to the Covenant Light Co-op volunteer leadership team responsible for oversight, decision-making, and enforcement of co-op policies.

Classroom Behavior:

- All students must be in their assigned classes at all times. Students are not permitted to wander the halls or outside spaces.
- Cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off or on silent during class. Teachers are permitted to collect cell phones at their discretion and return them to the parent at the end of class.
- Students are expected to come to class prepared with all necessary personal supplies, books, and any required classwork.
- All students, teachers, and teacher assistants must arrive on time to class.
- Students must follow the teacher's instructions, obey the co-op rules, and acknowledge the teacher's authority in the classroom.
- If a child disrupts class and refuses to follow the teacher's instructions, a teacher or assistant will take them aside to discuss the misconduct.
 - Continued disruptions may result in the child being removed from class and sent to their parent until the student is ready to adhere to classroom behavior standards.
 - If a student is removed from class more than three times, they may be dropped from the class.

Academic Expectations:

- Parents must monitor their child's progress on homework and ensure readiness for classroom activities.
- Parents are the primary teachers and must take responsibility for directing their child's work at home.
- Academic dishonesty, including cheating, will result in disciplinary measures as determined by the board.
- The use of AI tools to generate, revise, or edit academic assignments is strictly prohibited unless authorized by the teacher for a specific assignment.
 - **First violation**: Zero on the assignment.
 - Second violation: Failing grade for the class and possible expulsion from the co-op.
- All academic work must originate from the student's individual thought processes and ideas.
- Proper attribution is required for any borrowed ideas or materials.

Campus Behavior:

- Students and parents are prohibited from accessing buildings on church property not designated for co-op use.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for the supervision of their children at all times, including before, during, and after co-op sessions.
- Bullying or threatening behavior in any form is prohibited may result in immediate expulsion.
- All members are responsible for maintaining cleanliness by disposing of food and drinks, tidying up areas, and promptly cleaning spills.
- Public displays of affection between students are prohibited on campus and during co-op-sponsored events.
- All members are accountable for their actions and behaviors.
- No outside sales are permitted at co-op unless they are directly related to a CLC function.
- Intentional destruction, vandalism, or defacement of church property will result in disciplinary action, including possible expulsion, and the family will be financially responsible for repairs or replacements.
- Members must maintain the unity and peace of the co-op through their conduct and interactions...

Dress Code:

- Students and adults are expected to adhere to the CLC dress code:
 - Shorts or skirts must be fingertip length when arms hang at the sides.
 - Tank top straps must be a minimum of two finger widths wide (no spaghetti straps).
 - Shirts must not reveal cleavage or midriff, and pants should fit properly without sagging to expose undergarments.
 - Clothing and accessories with inappropriate graphics, slogans, or logos are prohibited.
 - Proper hygiene should be maintained at all times.
- Violations of the dress code may result in the student being asked to leave campus for the day or go home and change clothing before returning.

Social Media and Texting:

- All social media interactions and texts among co-op members must be respectful and free from offensive, inappropriate, threatening, or illegal behavior.
- Conversations, posts, or pictures shared on social media or other platforms among co-op members must not contain offensive, inappropriate, threatening, bullying, or degrading content.
- Any improper content or conversation among co-op members, may result in expulsion from the co-op program.
- Parents are responsible for monitoring their student's social media, text messages, and online activity, particularly in relation to the co-op.

Safety Measures:

- All adults present in the classroom must have a completed background check on file and must wear a CLC nametag.
 - All on-campus visitors, such as guest speakers and family members, must obtain approval
 from the board in advance, with ample notice for consideration and remain with the
 sponsoring adult at all times during their visit.
 - Children whose families are not members of CLC may not be enrolled, attend classes, or be left in the nursery.
- Tampering with fire alarms, safety systems, or blocking emergency exits may result in immediate dismissal from co-op.
- Possession of alcohol, tobacco products, illegal drugs, or paraphernalia on campus or at co-op events is subject to immediate expulsion and reporting to law enforcement, if appropriate.
- Possession of firearms, knives, lighters, or weapons of any kind is subject to immediate expulsion and reporting to law enforcement, if appropriate.

Transportation and Parking:

- Parking:
 - Park only in designated spaces. Do not block fire lanes or reserved spots.
 - o Ensure vehicles are parked legally and safely, with respect for others.
 - Children should not be left unsupervised in vehicles.
 - Children should be supervised at all times in parking lots.

Disciplinary Process:

Disciplinary matters involving students or parents will be addressed at the discretion of the Board, with appropriate parental involvement.

Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct may result in the following consequences:

- o **First offense**: Parent(s) and/or student will meet with the Board.
- **Second offense**: Family will be required to leave co-op for the day.
- Third offense: Board discretion may lead to expulsion from the co-op.

Immediate expulsion may be necessary in certain circumstances, subject to the discretion of the Board.

Appropriate documentation will be maintained by the Board.

No refunds will be issued in the event of expulsion.

Statement of Faith 2025-2026

In order to preserve the function and integrity of CLC and to provide a biblical role model to our members and the community, it is imperative that all members, adults and children, agree to and abide by the CLC Statement of Faith.

Statement of Faith

The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God, the final authority of faith, truth, morality, conduct and life, without error in its original writing both in doctrine and historical details. All true knowledge is consistent with its revelation.

There is one self-existent, sovereign God who is eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent. Knowing God is the foundation of all knowledge, wisdom, understanding, and truth.

There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

God created the world in 6 literal 24 hour days and rested on the 7th day. (Gen. 1) Man was created by God in the image of God, but fell into sin and therefore is lost, and can only be saved by faith in Jesus Christ alone (John 14:16, Acts 4:12). God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11).

Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, is the incarnation and supreme revelation of God. Jesus alone is the Promised Messiah, the Savior of mankind through His death on the cross, burial, resurrection from the dead and ascension to God the Father. He will return again and reunite with those who believe in Him, to reign with Him in power and glory throughout all eternity.

Every believer of Jesus Christ has been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. God's Holy Spirit, "...lives with you and will be in you...." (John 14:17). The Holy Spirit is the inspiration behind the writings of scripture, administrator of the church, the believer's counselor, the source of a believer's spiritual and physical strength, the believer's teacher, and the believer's confirmer of salvation.

There exists a community of believers who, through faith in Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, covenants with God and with other believers to live out faithfully the beliefs, practices, and mission of the church. As a community of believers, we are to carry out the work of Christ in the world and to love one another. Every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31).

Statement on Gender & Marriage

- a. God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.
- b. The term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one biological man and one biological woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen 2:18-25).
- c. God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a biological man and a biological woman who are married to each other (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4).

The Board's Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct

The Statement of Faith and Statement on Gender, Marriage and Sexuality does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself is the sole and final source and authority for all that we believe.

The Board of Covenant Light Co-op reserves the right to deny or revoke membership to any individual (or family), if it is determined by the Board, that to allow such an individual (or family) as participants would be detrimental to the group, or there have been clear violations of Christian principles, which are reflected in the Statement of Faith and/or in the Bible. These decisions will be made at the sole discretion of the board.

By signing this document or online via electronic signature, I confirm that I have read and understand the Family Agreement, which includes the Covenant Light Co-op Family Covenant, Code of Conduct, Statement of Faith, and financial responsibilities. I agree that all members of my family and I will adhere to the expectations, responsibilities, behavioral standards, beliefs, and financial commitments outlined in these documents.

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Parent Signature:	Date:	