

COACH is organized exclusively for educational purposes. The mission of COACH is to provide support and encouragement to home educators in northeast Michigan.

COACH is a Christian group, though unaffiliated with any denomination or sect. As the Bible is the foundational authority for the Christian faith, the teaching and use of Holy Writ is encouraged in all class and activity settings.

Teachers may be Christian or non-Christian, but teachings which conflict with the Bible or orthodox Christianity are not permitted. There will be two teachers in every class.

Due to broadening and overuse of the term homeschooling, COACH has clarified what homeschooling means for our group. For the purpose of COACH, homeschooling is defined as "The parent is the primary teacher, as defined by Michigan Law MCL 380.1561; summarized as parents who are teaching core subjects to their own children, at home, with the exception of those homeschooled until the point of dual enrollment in college courses."



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**A K-12 CHRISTIAN
HOMESCHOOL
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ABOUT COACH

We are a K-12 Christian homeschool cooperative. We offer classes, which are held weekly during fall and winter terms, field trips and group activities. As a cooperative, all parents are required to be actively involved in co-teaching during classes and serving on a committee. Nursery and Preschool are provided during classes for siblings of K-12 students only, as a convenience and benefit to our COACH families.

MEMBERSHIP

The qualification for membership in this organization is that the parent(s) and their child(ren) commit to participating actively and regularly in COACH sponsored activities throughout the academic year. Participation is characterized by cooperation, disciplined and respectful behavior and attendance of at least one parent at all COACH activities where at least one child from the home is present.

Membership in the organization is fee-based, requiring annual dues to offset costs, which shall be determined by the Board. Any class, course, activity or other function hosted or sponsored by COACH may require a fee for reasonable costs associated with such class, course, activity or other function.

Members of the organization shall have the right to one vote per family on matters submitted to a vote of the membership including election of officers.

WHAT DOES A THURSDAY AT COACH LOOK LIKE?

10:00 am Greeting, Announcements & Pledge to the Flag and Prayer
10:15-11:05 am First Hour Class
11:10-12:00 pm Second Hour Class
12:00-12:45 pm Lunch Time

We request that all families not participating in the 7th and up gym hour exit the building promptly at 12:30. This extra hour is to offer an optional gym class for our older students while also allowing our cleaning team time to clean the facility.

Families staying for 7th and up gym are asked to remove their belongings from the building and remain in designated areas only.

12:30-1:20 pm 7th and up Gym
1:30 pm Building Closes

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Attendance of at least one parent (or approved adult) is required at all COACH events where your child(ren) is/are present, including but not limited to the majority of weekly classes, parents' and committee meetings and other events.

You are responsible for your child(ren). If a child, of any age, is not in class, they are the sole responsibility of the parent and must remain with them. If a child is disruptive, uses inappropriate speech, or refuses to cooperate with the teachers, the child will be brought to the parent. If the child becomes a continual disruption to the class, he/she may be asked to permanently leave the class. It is not the responsibility of COACH teachers or board members to handle disciplinary issues.

WEATHER POLICY

COACH classes are cancelled if Alpena Public Schools (APS) are closed due to inclement weather. If we need to cancel when APS is open, we will contact you via text, email and a notification to our private Facebook group by 9:00 am. If there is sufficient reason to close after 9:00 am, we will contact everyone by phone.

It is always the choice of the parent to do what is safest and best for their family. Should we have classes and your roads are unsafe, please contact the teacher liaison to let them know you will be unable to attend classes.

SICK POLICY

Our parents and teachers reserve the right to refuse a child they feel is ill. Teachers cannot administer any medications.

Please do not bring a child if he or she has:

- A temperature of 100 degrees or higher
- Had diarrhea or vomited within the last 24 hours
- Runny nose with green or yellow mucus
- Been exposed to a contagious condition (chicken pox, measles, flu, etc.) (i.e. if one child has been vomiting or has a fever, all of your family has been exposed and should remain home)
- Unexplained or contagious rashes