



“They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.” Isaiah 61:3

Handbook
2026-2027

Solid Oaks Academic Resource

School Year 2026-2027

SOAR Classes Meet on Mondays.

9:00AM - Noon

Location of Classes

Isle Evangelical Free Church

2100 Oak Street East

Isle, MN 56342

Leadership

Administrators: Mary Gray & Annie Stein

Board of Directors: President- Mary Gray, Vice President- Annie Stein, Secretary- Teresa Feltman, Treasurer, Linda Dahlen, Don Dahlen, Cameo Skogen, Brianna Teigen, Pastoral Support- Pastor Mark Lee

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Mission Statement

We are a Christ-centered, non-denominational organization whose mission is to encourage and support families who step out in faith to homeschool their children. SOAR provides supplemental educational classes and opportunities for friendships with other homeschool families.

Isaiah 61:3

Statement of Faith

Our core values concern the Person and Work of Jesus Christ (the Gospel) revealed in Scripture. There are many precious truths taught in the Bible over which godly men have differed in understanding. Therefore, it is not a comprehensive list of all that is important to believe but what Solid Oaks Academic Resource values and holds deeply to for our Christian fellowship and unity at our homeschool resource organization. (Romans 15:5-6)

- The Bible is the inerrant Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and final authority for Christian faith and life. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:21, John 1:1-5)
- There is one God, the creator of all things, who exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 4:4-6, Matthew 3, Matthew 28:18-20)
- Salvation comes through the free gift of God, made evident in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Eph. 2:8-10, Romans 6:23, John 3:16)
- God created the earth in six literal days, and the earth is about 6000 years old. (Gen. 1 & 2)
- The role of a Christian is to glorify God and to be Christ's example on earth. (Eph. 2:10, 1 Corinthians 10:31)
- We believe mankind was created by God and in the image of God. He established our identity before we were born to be male or female and we hold on to that identity our whole life. We also believe in the sanctity of life, born or unborn. (Gen. 1:27, Gen. 5:2, Psalm 139:13)
- God has established the Sanctity of marriage, clearly providing us with specific roles in both areas of relationships and marriages between one man and one woman, parenting, and as members of the body of Christ. He has blessed our SOAR community, our individual families, and the larger body of Christ of which we belong, with His goodness and grace. God gives mothers and fathers the responsibility to train up children in the ways of the Christian faith as proclaimed in the Scriptures. (Eph. 5:22-6:4, Gen. 2:23-24, Prov. 22:6, Joshua 21:15, Prov. 6:20, Deut. 6:7-9)

By signing Solid Oaks Academic Resource's Statement of Faith, all families are acknowledging that we are an openly and unapologetic Christian group by design, and as such, we will be mentioning God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit and other Biblical Christian principles that are supported by our Statement of Faith.

Family Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ (Due with registration)

SOAR Family

Waiver and Release of Liability Form

I, the undersigned, do hereby agree to assume all responsibility for my child(ren) while he/she/they are participating in any and all SOAR classes or activities. I also agree to accept any and all financial responsibility for any medical and/or legal expenses that may occur due to taking part in any SOAR activity. SOAR, all its members, leadership team, and teachers, as well as the Isle Evangelical Free Church facilities, their staff and members shall be exempt from any/all legal action or financial responsibility due to any injury, etc. that may occur during SOAR hours or during any SOAR activity.

I understand that participation in SOAR activities is strictly voluntary. I also understand that SOAR is run mostly by volunteers, and that I will be expected to fulfill my duties and responsibilities as a member as spelled out in the SOAR handbook. Failure to do so may result in the loss of member privileges. I understand that the Isle Evangelical Free Church building is being made available for our use during SOAR hours and we agree to do our part to leave the building as good as or better than we found it. My child(ren) and I will treat the building, staff, teachers, and leadership team with respect at all times. Any damage, costs or extra cleaning fees charged by the church as a result of member negligence will be passed onto SOAR members.

____ I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the SOAR Rules/Guidelines as stated in the SOAR handbook.

____ I give SOAR permission to take pictures of my child(ren) on SOAR class days and events and use said pictures for the SOAR yearbook and website's private pages.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

SOAR Class or Event Closing

All closings will be announced on the SOAR website. The rule for SOAR school closing is: If Isle public schools are closed due to excessive weather conditions, SOAR will also be closed. Check our website for updates: SOAR-MN.ORG

If we have to close due to weather, your child's instructor will email the lesson plan for the week for you to work on at home. If we have to close a second date, we will have a makeup date and figure out with the instructors in terms of their availability or find another option.

Communication

- Our main mode of communication is via email: SoarMN123@gmail.com
- SOAR website: Soar-MN.org

Safety Plan

1. There will be a Welcome Desk attendant at the table near the doors throughout the school day.
2. The board and administrators will work with the instructors at the beginning of the year to ensure that they understand their roles in keeping students safe.
3. Planned safety precautions will be taken and procedures followed by instructors, the SOAR board, and administrators to ensure children are safe in the event of an emergency.

Lost and Found

SOAR is not responsible for any items left by students at any time.

Please remind your students not to leave items lying around in common areas, classrooms, or restrooms. Students are asked to keep track of their own stuff and put it in a safe place if they are not carrying it to class.

Please label all backpacks, books, coats, etc. with your family's name. Any items left at the end of each SOAR day will be placed in the SOAR lost and found box.

Any lost and found items at the end of the semester will be donated to One More Time in Isle.

Code of Conduct

This Code of conduct is based on seven premises:

1. Treatment of other people (fellow students/families, tutors, and staff) must always be respectful.
2. This facility and all property will not be abused.

3. Each student is responsible for attending class as SOAR is an open campus.
4. Each student is responsible for his/her own personal possessions.
5. Each student is accountable for his/her own actions.
6. Each student must use the restroom associated with their biological sex.
7. Each student's dress and actions should encourage others to Godliness.

Our expectation is that all actions, lifestyle, conversations, classroom references/discussion within the context of SOAR meetings and activities, be in accordance with the values supported by SOAR's Statement of Faith. While our hope is that these values are present in each home, we recognize that this may not always be the case. Thank you for being respectful of all SOAR families by adhering to these expectations.

Parent Expectations

1. All families must affirm the Statement of Faith and sign the Waiver & Release of Liability upon Membership Registration.
2. SOAR is an open campus and therefore, students and parents hold responsibility for the students' attendance on class days.
3. Parents are responsible for the safety of their children. SOAR is not responsible if students leave the SOAR premises without their parent or legal guardian.
4. Families are expected to arrive promptly so classes may start on time.
5. Prompt pick-up of your children after their classes have ended for the day is essential. SOAR is not a day care center.
6. Parents need to take full responsibility and have complete control of their children's behavior and safety.
7. All outside playtime must be supervised by the child's parent(s) if there is not a volunteer supervisor scheduled for the outside play area.
8. Your child must be scheduled in classes if they are at SOAR. Children cannot be at SOAR for more than 90 total minutes without a class (not counting lunch which is from 12:00 – 1:00). If your child has more than 90 minutes of unscheduled time during the SOAR day, you must be present and supervising them while in the building as we do not have someone to specifically watch children when they are not in class.
9. Parents must pay tuition on time as designated on the website and in the handbook.
10. Parents are required to be present with children in the Co-op group. Elective classes do not require a parent to be present.
11. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure students complete and turn in the required homework assignments.
12. It is the responsibility of each family to ensure that they are in compliance with all Minnesota homeschooling laws. SOAR is just a supplementary resource to your at-home education.
13. Parents are to be respectful of teachers in the way teachers respect you and your children. We all love Jesus but need to retain a level of discipline and security for you and your children.

General Expectations

As a Christ-centered organization, SOAR is committed to respect the Bible and its teachings as the inerrant Word of God.

SOAR is committed to respect Isle Evangelical Free Church, whose facility we are renting. Staff, students, and families agree not to engage in any activities or promote any teachings that would bring scandal to God and His Word, SOAR and/or the Isle Evangelical Free Church.

Verbal Expectations

1. Bathroom humor and crude language (swearing/cussing) is not permitted.
2. Sexually or ethnically orientated jokes and comments or name-calling is prohibited.
3. Inappropriate gestures will not be tolerated.
4. Calling other people names other than their legal name is prohibited.

Classroom Expectations

Each instructor has the responsibility and authority to set behavioral expectations in order to maintain an educational setting that provides for effective learning without inappropriate disruption. In these individual settings, each student is to comply with each tutor's requirements with the understanding that there will be variances between classes. Students are expected to attend class. If absent, students/parents are asked to communicate with instructor/SOAR.

Lunchroom Expectations

1. Good Stewardship: Parents/Students/Families will clean up messes, throw away trash/recyclables in appropriate receptacles, and accept responsibility for their own personal possessions.
2. Tables should be wiped clean of any crumbs or liquid.
3. Food allergies may be present at SOAR. Parents will take responsibility for managing their child's allergies.
4. SOAR is an open campus. Students are free to eat lunch in the SOAR building or off campus at another establishment.
5. Gambling, with or without the use of money, is not allowed on the premises.

Dress Code

1. No spaghetti strap tank tops or strapless shirts. Shoulder straps should be at least 1 ½ inches wide.
2. Tops and bottoms must overlap so midriff skin is not exposed, even when sitting or raising arms.
3. Girls must wear bras; no straps showing.
4. Necklines should not be revealing.
5. Dress must be appropriate to the biological sex of student.
6. Clothing advertising tobacco, alcohol, or containing inappropriate sayings or graphics will not be allowed.
7. All lower body apparel must be no higher than mid-thigh.
8. No underwear showing. This includes, but is not limited to, boxers and bras.
9. No rips or tears in clothing that exposes underwear.
10. Make sure to bring weather appropriate clothing.
11. No yoga pants or leggings can be worn without a long top, dress or skirt that covers the backside. This does not apply to ages 8 years or under.

Bodily Contact

SOAR's goal is to keep all the students free from physical harassment of any kind.

1. No inappropriate physical display of affection
2. No inappropriate sexual touch
3. No rough housing wrestling, lifting, punching, kicking, bumping, tickling, etc.

Cell Phones/Technology

Cell phone use is not permitted during class time. If it is necessary for a child to carry a cell phone at SOAR, it needs to be out of sight at all times, except when on a break or during lunch.

Having a phone is a privilege. If rules are not adhered to, further action will be taken.

Physical Surroundings

Students will respect the physical surroundings of the Isle Evangelical Free Church building and landscape (tables, chairs, walls, carpet, grass, trees, parking lot, etc.)

Inside the Building

1. Students/families in the building must stay within the rented space.
2. Only the front door entrance is to be used by SOAR members. Side entrances are not to be used.
3. SOAR staff and instructors do not have the authority to give students permission to leave campus and neither will we keep track of whether or not your child is permitted by you to leave the campus and/or ride with another student. Parents are responsible for this.

Parents who are concerned about their student's whereabouts, safety, and behavior on campus are welcome to wait at SOAR.

Beverages

Water and clear liquids only in the building, except in lunch area.

Pets

No pets allowed.

Open Campus

SOAR is similar to a college experience with students arriving and departing for different classes during the day.

Parking Lot

1. No sitting in cars in the parking lot without adult supervision.
2. Only family groups are allowed in vehicles, no friend groups.
3. Be watchful of pedestrians when in parking lot.
4. There are student drivers arriving and departing from the SOAR open campus, so please be mindful.

Sports Equipment

No skateboards, rollerblades, rip sticks, scooters, or similar recreational toys allowed in the building or on the property.

Prohibited Substances and Weapons

1. Tobacco, drugs, alcohol, weapons, and fireworks are not allowed in the building or parking areas.
 - a. Weapon list includes, but is not limited to, jackknives, box-cutters, blades of any lengths, and any weapon that could or simulates the firing of a projectile including guns of any type and bow and arrows.
 - b. Any firearms/weapons required for extra-curricular activities outside of SOAR must be unloaded, cased, and locked inside of vehicle, preferably the trunk.
2. Anyone discovered with possession of any of these items during SOAR's hours of operation is subjected to immediate expulsion from SOAR for one semester without refund.

Discipline

God knows and SOAR knows that no one is perfect. SOAR students are not characterized by disobedience. The basis for discipline at SOAR is that we are all working towards a behavior that honors God, other people, and their possessions.

- There will be no tolerance for behavior, clothing, or possession that does not contribute to the seven premises on which this Code of Conduct is based.

- SOAR retains the right to discipline a person for involvement in a situation or possession of an item that has not been previously mentioned.
- The discipline procedure will depend on the perceived severity of the offense. While our goal and intention is to use the disciplinary policy for all situations, we recognize that a situation may arise that requires immediate expulsion of a student.
- In that event, SOAR reserves the right to expel a student immediately or on short notice with or without explanation or refund.

Process for Resolving Issues and Conduct Violations

First, an attempt to resolve an issue or code violation should be made between families before consulting the administrator. Email or text is not recommended. SOAR administration will ask if you first attempted to resolve the issue with the family and what steps were taken before intervening. If the administrator decides that there is a code violation, the following steps will ordinarily be taken:

1st Offense- Administrator will talk with families to see if the issue is resolved and mediate if necessary. If the 1st offense is violent in nature (either verbally or physically), it will be treated as a 2nd offense.

2nd Offense- Offending student and student’s family will meet with the administrator- may include a suspension from SOAR for a period of time.

3rd Offense- Students will be expelled from SOAR. The offending student may be readmitted after a period of time at the discretion of the SOAR board.

Student Searches

As part of its commitment to fostering a safe and healthy learning environment at SOAR, students are prohibited from possessing weapons or contraband (such as but not limited to alcohol, illegal drugs, and smoking materials) on SOAR premises. All of the facilities, furniture, fixtures, computers, technology or other resources provided by SOAR for use by students while at SOAR, are not private, and may be searched by SOAR officials at any time without advance notice to a student. In addition, when SOAR has reasonable suspicion that a search may uncover a violation of law or of SOAR rules, SOAR reserves the right to search a student’s person or personal possessions, including but not limited to a student’s clothing, purse, backpack, book bags, electronic devices, packages, and vehicles on SOAR property.

Student Searches contd.

IN THE RARE EVENT that SOAR must do a search, SOAR will strive to ensure that any search is reasonable in scope and intrusiveness. In addition, where it is necessary to search a student’s person, SOAR will consider the sex assigned at birth of the student when determining who will conduct the search and will arrange to have an observer present during the search. In some circumstances, SOAR may decide to contact law enforcement to conduct or assist in a search. If a search yields evidence that a student has violated a law or a SOAR rule, the student

may be subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal from SOAR, and the evidence may be seized and, if appropriate, turned over to the police.

Scripture references in our Statement of Faith Scripture printed below is in the English Standard Version

Romans 15:5-6 ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:21 ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

John 1:1-5 ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Ephesians 4:4-6 ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Matthew 3:13-17 ¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 28:18-20 ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Genesis 1:27 ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 5:2 ² Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created.

Psalms 139:13 ¹³ For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

Ephesians 2:8-10 ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Romans 6:23 ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:10 ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

1 Corinthians 10:31 ³¹ So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Ephesians 5:22-6:4 ²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Genesis 2:23-24 ²³ Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” ²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Proverbs 22:6 ⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Joshua 24:15 ¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

Proverbs 6:20 ²⁰ My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching.

Deuteronomy 6:7-9 ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.