**Disclaimer & Legal Status V1.1**

**Legal Structure**

SofCon (School of Consciousness) is a **501(c)(3) nonprofit educational co-op**. We are not a private school, charter school, or public school. We are also not a home school as defined by Missouri Revised Statutes Section 167.012. Instead, SofCon operates as a **collaborative learning environment** where families who are homeschooling their children come together to share resources, facilitators, and educational experiences.

Each child enrolled at SofCon remains **legally homeschooled by their parent or guardian**, who is solely responsible for meeting all Missouri state requirements for homeschoolers. SofCon does not issue transcripts, report cards, or diplomas. We do not represent ourselves as a replacement for parental instruction but rather as a **supplemental community resource**.

**Tuition and Financial Contribution**

As a cooperative nonprofit, SofCon charges **tuition** to support the costs of operation, including facilitator stipends, materials, space use, technology, and field experiences. These contributions are not considered payment for formal schooling but rather shared support for a collective educational environment. Tuition supports the experience—not the legal responsibility for your child’s education.

We also offer scholarships and work-trade opportunities to ensure accessibility and inclusion.

**Instructional Model**

SofCon offers a unique blend of guided learning inspired by Waldorf, Montessori, nature-based mindfulness, and emerging technology. Instruction is designed to support, not replace, the home education each family provides. Activities include:

* Group lessons and projects
* Nature-based exploration
* Arts, storytelling, and movement
* Mindfulness and emotional development
* Access to technology as a creative and supportive tool

All instruction is **age-appropriate, non-sectarian, and non-compulsory**. Participation is voluntary, and parents are encouraged to be involved in their child’s learning both at home and at SofCon.

**Parent Responsibility & Recordkeeping**

By enrolling in SofCon, you acknowledge that you are the primary educator of your child and retain full legal responsibility for their education under Missouri homeschool law.

SofCon provides a year-round, full-time educational experience that exceeds the state’s required 1,000 instructional hours. As part of our co-educational model, families are required to document at least 100 hours of at-home learning each school year. This supports legal compliance and strengthens the connection between home and co-op learning.

To support this, SofCon:

* Maintains daily records of attendance, learning activities, and instructional hours
* Documents project work and student progress through photos, facilitator notes, and portfolios
* Provides a simple home learning log template for families to track their required at-home enrichment hours

These records are available to parents upon request and are intended to help you meet the state's requirements for homeschooling, including logs, portfolios, and evaluations.

While SofCon provides robust documentation and support, parents remain ultimately responsible for ensuring full compliance with Missouri homeschool regulations, including maintaining a copy of their child’s home learning log and any backup records as needed.

**Questions?**

If you have any questions about our structure, your role as a parent-educator, or how we fit within the legal landscape of Missouri homeschooling, please reach out. We’re happy to clarify and help you feel confident in your child’s experience at SofCon.