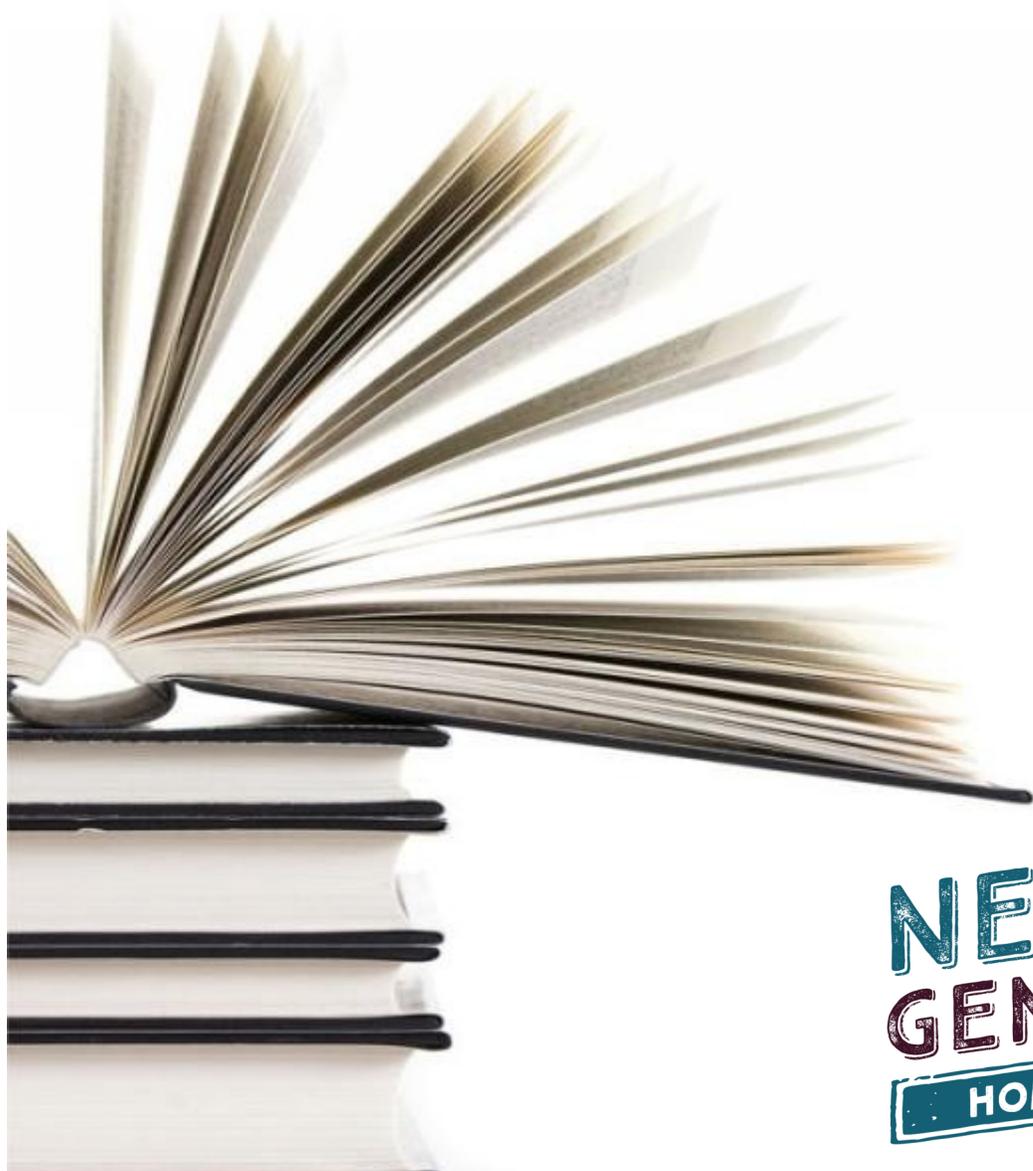


# Member Handbook



**NEXT**   
**GENERATION**  
HOMESCHOOL CO-OP

**T**he Next Generation Homeschool Co-op is an educational and social network for homeschooling families, providing opportunity for parents to come together and share their talents and resources for the mutual benefit of all participants.



## ***Mission Statement***

The Next Generation Homeschool Co-op seeks to provide a place for Christian relationships with like-minded families as we endeavor to homeschool our children. We commit to serve each other in humility, patience, and unity, extending grace to one another to the glory of Jesus Christ.

## ***Statement of Purpose***

- To serve God as we serve and encourage each other.
- To provide educational opportunities as a group.
- To provide social involvement through activities.
- To share educational successes and failures with each other.
- To teach our children responsibility, respect, and cooperation.

## ***Statement of Faith***

**Please note: The Next Generation Homeschool Co-op has been established on and will operate by the following statements. Participating members are required to sign and remain in compliance with this statement of faith.**

We believe:

- In the right of every parent to determine the educational path of their children.
- We yield to the Lord Jesus Christ and the infallible Word of God (the Bible) as our guide and final authority for life.
- Children are a heritage of the Lord (Psalm 127:3) and that God has commanded Christian parents to train their children according to the Word of God (Proverbs 22:6, [Ephesians 6:4](#)).
- That God created man and woman after His own Image, and that God has ordained marriage, consisting of one man and one woman, to be the foundation of the family and to be the only legitimate and Godly expression of sexuality.

## ***How does the co-op work?***

Next Generation Homeschool Co-op (Next Gen) is open to homeschool families in this area of south Georgia. Membership is established when the registration fee is paid and the membership/registration packet including all required forms with signatures are submitted and approved.

**Please carefully read this document and discuss it with your children. It is important that all members fully comply with Next Gen's policies and procedures.**

This is a co-op. That means that everyone works together to make the program work. We need one parent from each family helping in our classrooms. Whether you feel comfortable in a teaching role or in a helping role, it is important that we all do our part by signing up to volunteer for two classes. Since we are a co-op we **DO NOT** assume legal responsibility for you children. **Every child must have one responsible parent or guardian on premises throughout the co-op day. No student can attend co-op without their own parent or guardian present.**

For those students who are dual enrolled and attending college classes, you may be considered a Next Gen co-op student and take advantage of all opportunities and events that happen through the co-op as long as you are in attendance at co-op when your schedule allows **AND** your parent or guardian is still actively volunteering each week in co-op classes .

**All parents are required to stay on premises for during the duration of the co-op. Co-op hours are to be viewed as a family participation event and not a mother's morning out situation. We realize things happen from time to time which would require attention during co-op. If that does happen you must sign out at the check-in desk and have someone else in place to be a "fill in" parent for your child.** Leaving the premises during co-op hours can happen no more than two times per semester.

We try very hard to have good, quality classes that are affordable to our homeschooling families. Our classes are taught by Moms or Dads who have children in the co-op. We, on occasion, use people from the community (known by the leadership team) who have volunteered their services. The fee paid for the classes that your children participate in goes towards class supplies, curriculum, administrative costs and any other semester events.

The Next Generation Homeschool Coop meets on Tuesdays from 9am - 12:05pm. We meet for two semesters per year in the fall from August through November and in the winter/spring from January through April. The day's schedule is:

9:00am - 9:15am check-in

9:25am - 10:15am first period class

10:20am - 11:10am second period class

11:15am -12:05pm third period class

## ***Communication***

Pertinent information will be added to the co-op's Facebook page each week. It is important to be a part of this Facebook page once you have joined the co-op. Announcements, newsletters and other details will be relayed to you on the Facebook page by the leadership team. Information important to the classes each week will be emailed to you from your child's teacher.

## ***Parent Responsibilities:***

1. **Parental participation is mandatory.** A parent for each family is asked to lead or assist in two class periods, leaving one on-call period in which we can reach out to you for help if need be.
2. **Students will not be allowed at Next Gen without a parent in the building at all times.** If a parent must leave the building during the coop day, they must sign out at the welcome desk when leaving and then sign back in upon return. Leaving during co-op hours may be done a maximum of two times per semester.
3. By registering your child with Next Gen, you agree to complete your assigned jobs every school week. **It is imperative that you be on time for your class and remain in the room for the duration of the class period.** We depend on one another for a successful day.
4. If a parent must be absent for the day, children are expected to stay home with their parent unless an approved substitute "parent" attends with them. This substitute parent would not be a parent already attending co-op. Our sub parents would need to be willing and prepared to cover any holes left in the classroom by your absence.
5. **DO NOT** send your child to class during the contagious stages (i.e fever, nausea or diarrhea within the last 24 hours) of an illness.

6. Parents, please help us by not socializing in the classrooms during class time. It is distracting and you are being relied upon to help facilitate classes.
7. Check your emails on a regular basis as this is the primary method of communication from your child's teacher. Check the Next Gen Facebook page for any announcements or information, being relayed by the leadership team, regarding the classes.
8. PLEASE do not post on Facebook if you are going to miss co-op. Communicate directly with the other parents you work with. It is so important that we communicate with each other in order to make each class the best it can be.
9. Once co-op has ended for the day, be prompt in gathering up your children, belongings, and relocate outside to socialize. This will allow the clean up crew to complete their duties.

### ***Student Responsibilities:***

1. Respect and obey those in authority and follow directions in the classroom.
2. Respect their peers, which means no pushing, hitting, shoving, horseplay or inappropriate language.
3. Respect church property.
4. Conduct oneself in a safe and orderly manner.
5. Be prepared for class (reading, homework, etc.)
6. Set any cell phones to vibrate and keep phones in a pocket.
7. No texting or disruptive behavior will be tolerated during class.
8. Do not bring personal video games to class.

### ***Homework Expectations:***

Some classes at co-op may require work to be done at home. **Teachers will advise students and parents what will be expected of the student. If your child will be unable to take on extra work at home PLEASE do not sign them up for a class that would have homework.**

## ***Student Supplies:***

Required textbooks and supplies are listed with the class descriptions. Students are responsible for bringing supplies requested by the teachers for each class each week. Parents, remember to periodically check supplies to ensure your children are prepared for their classes. Back packs are recommended. All supplies should be marked with your child's name.

## ***Baby Care and Nursery:***

Babies and young children are NOT allowed in the classrooms. Diaper changing, feeding or nursing should be done in the nursery area only. Please do not use First Baptist Church's nursery supplies or snacks. Please bring LABELED snacks and supplies for your child. There will be a nursery available for any children who are ages three and under, who have an older sibling participating in co-op classes. For babies, children age 1 year or under, the nursery is to be used only during the period that you are teaching or helping in a room.

Helpers for the nursery should be at least 16 years of age. Children under the age of 16 wishing to help in the nursery may do so only if they are working alongside their parent in the same room.

## ***Illness Policy***

For the consideration and well being of others, please do not bring a child to co-op who is experiencing the following symptoms:

1. Fever over 100 (within the last 24 hours)
2. Colored mucus (yellow or green snotty nose)
3. Diarrhea, vomiting or nausea (within the last 24 hours)
4. Eye drainage or crusty eyelids
5. Virus or infection known to be contagious
6. Rashes or ring worm
7. Head lice

As far as it relates to COVID, do not attend if:

1. Awaiting test results for yourself or anyone in your household.
2. Any positive or active COVID cases in your household with the last 10 days. (The 10 day "clock" restarts with new active cases in your house.)
3. You have not been fever free without fever reducing medicine for 48 hours

## ***Discipline Procedure***

If a child is being uncooperative, disruptive or disrespectful, the following steps will be taken:

1. The child will be spoken to by the adult that is in charge.
2. If unacceptable behavior continues, the child will be asked to sit out of the activity and brought to their parent for the remainder of class.
3. If the child repeats the unacceptable behavior the following week, the parent will be required to stay in the class with their child.
4. If the child repeats the unacceptable behavior the following week, the child will be removed from the class until a meeting can take place between the teacher, parent, child, and at least two members of the Leadership Team to discuss whether the child can return to class, or will need to sit out the remainder of the semester.

**Please note that if a parent feels the need to discipline THEIR OWN CHILD, they should not do so in front of other children, but rather do this in private.**

## ***Next Generation Student Council***

### **Guidelines**

Next Gen student council is parent/advisor supervised but a student led government group. The student council is a Christian organization under Next Generation Homeschool Co-op. The student council is comprised of 7th - 12th grade student members of Next Generation Homeschool Co-op (and their parents), this also includes students who do on-line homeschool or are dual-enrolled IF the parents are active members serving in the co-op on Tuesday mornings and missing only 2 - 3 co-op days per semester. We are dedicated to glorifying and honoring God through all we do and strive to be a Christ-like example. Our mission is to organize fun, safe events and activities for the student members of Next Gen Student Council, as well as, coordinate and participate in community service opportunities.

### **Statement of Faith**

The Next Generation Homeschool Co-op and Next Gen Student Council has been established on and will operate by the following statements. Participating members are required to sign and remain in compliance with this statement of faith. We believe:

In the right of every parent to determine the educational path of their children.

## *Code of Conduct*

Next Gen Student Council is a group effort that needs and requires the full participation of those who choose to be a part of the council. As a representative of this council there are certain responsibilities. As a Next Gen Student Council Representative you need to:

- Be a 7th-12th grade student enrolled in Next Generation Homeschool Co-op. To participate in fun night activities you must be a part of the student council. To attend the Winter Social or Prom you must be a member of the student council or an approved guest of a student council member, in the appropriate grade of the event.
- **Conduct** - Be a positive leader and demonstrate good character. Behave appropriately at all times, especially at Next Gen Student Council events and activities. Promote unity and show kindness among our homeschool group. Always use appropriate language whether in face-to-face conversation or on social media.
- **Encourage** - Your actions, your words, your social media accounts, etc. should reflect an attitude and desire to uplift others. Maintain a positive attitude in your co-op classes and put forth your best effort.
- **Participate** - Attend Next Gen Student Council meetings. If you are an officer, committee chair or committee member you will be required to meet on other days to plan events. Participate in fundraisers and community service projects. Be organized, dependable, and follow through with your responsibilities to Next Gen Student Council.
- **Communicate** - Keep up with events, information and communicate those events with your parents. We will be putting out a monthly newsletter and utilizing our Facebook page for information. Report to committee chair or officers as needed.

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### *Next Generation Leadership Team*

The Next Generation Homeschool Co-op consists of volunteer moms who are dedicated to promoting friendship and knowledge in the homeschool community. We are continually preparing for the next semesters and are always happy to receive input and suggestions about classes that would interest your children. The members of the leadership team are:

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