

Branch Christian Academy

Building relationships and nurturing children's hearts

Mission Statement

We are a group of families that seek to educate our families at home and in a community together, leading and guiding them in the way they should go. We desire to do life together and support each other in this journey. We all have something to offer and we see the value of everyone in the co-op. We are one body with many parts, all essential to the co-op family.

We desire to not only teach our own children, but to disciple the children and lead them toward their own individual callings in life. We will do whatever we can to support each child. In addition to the children, we want to create an environment that supports the whole family.

Statement of faith

We believe that God is the one true God, and there is no one above Him.

We believe in the Trinity; The Father, Son and Holy Spirit

We believe in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and that He is present with us in the same way now that He was in the New Testament.

We believe that the Bible is God's holy word, it is living and active, and we believe every word to be true.

John 15:5 (NLT)

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“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

Details:

We meet corporately, Monday through Friday. Our day starts at 8:15 with worship. This is daily until 8:45.

At this time, students are released to class. Lunch time is 11:45 till 1:00. The lunch period is divided into two groups. Lunch time is followed up by recess.

Each day, students can bring their own lunch. But, we will offer lunch for purchase. The lunch menu will be posted before the school year begins. OUR SCHOOL IS NUT FREE!

After recess, the students go back to class, to be dismissed at 2:55. Parent pick up will be from 3:00 until 3:15. Pickup will consist of a pickup line, divided into 3 lines to expedite this time. If you are going to be later than 3:15, we need to know.

Students will each have a login on www.homeschoolminder.com

The students login will be their first name and last initial, all lowercase, and the password will be branch.

This home school work is a requirement for our school to be successful.

We will take field trips throughout the year, on days off of school. These days will not be required, but will be fun!! Field trips are paid for by the families, and not the co-op.

Our goal for co-op is to have a fun-filled learning experience. We are a close knit group that does a lot of life together! We will have things that we have to work through together, and we want to honor God in all that we do. We will not tolerate gossiping, bullying and complaining. We expect this from the parents, also! We want to teach them about mutual honor and respect. We ask that you, as the parents, help us teach the kids to turn problems over to the Lord first, and then work it through with the person, in love. If this does not work, we ask that you bring the problem to leadership. Remember, we can't deal with issues that we don't know about! Help us help you! This is a learning process for all of us, and we appreciate your willingness to walk with us through this.

We have a zero tolerance for bullying, name calling and physical altercations. We also do not tolerate students disrupting the learning environment. It is possible that you will be called to pick up your student if one of these situations come up.

What are the expectations for each family?

Pay the book fees: We are purchasing all curriculum for the students. The book fee will cover all books needed to start the school year. The book fees are NON-REFUNDABLE, but you will own the books.

Volunteer: We are doing this together and need volunteers in all areas. We will make you aware of areas that are available for you to work in. This is not required on a daily basis, but will just be as needed. \$7 per hour that you volunteer will be deducted from your monthly tuition fees. You must keep track of hours worked, if you want the credit for them. Volunteer jobs must be approved ahead of time, and a background check must be completed.

Clean up: We are required to clean up each week that we have co-op and each person will have to help complete the daily clean-up. We don't want to have one person doing all or most of the work. You will be provided with a schedule at the beginning of the year and your family will be on that schedule about 3 times during the school year. You can opt out of this commitment by paying a \$25 cleaning fee, per scheduled day.

Work at home: The only way this co-op will work is if each family makes sure they do the assigned work for home days. We need to keep the work at a certain pace to get through the curriculum, and if work from home is not complete, students will be behind.

Attendance: Good attendance is vital to the health of our co-op. Students and volunteers need to be on time and come prepared for the task at hand. If you must miss, please contact us ASAP to let us know, and all work must be completed for credit.

Have a registered homeschool: You must be registered with the state of North Carolina as a individual home school. Your family is the "school", we are just walking with you in this journey.

Supplies: You will be provided with a list of needed supplies for your student and their classroom.

Your commitment: We plan our budget for the school year. We pay our teachers based on that budget.

When you sign up for our co-op, we expect you to pay for the whole school year. We know that things come up. We are willing to release you based on something that you cannot control. But, if the reason is not some kind of life changing circumstance, please know that you need to finish paying for the year.

Amendment to Branch registration 2019-2020

Due to an enormous amount of growth within our community, we have made the exciting decision to open a second branch of our school. This is going to give us a lot more opportunities to grow together as a community. This is also going to increase our ability to help you homeschool your kids. Here are some of the changes that will happen next school year.

1. We will be maintaining two separate campuses. The grade levels that will be at each campus will be decided based on enrollment. Some combinations we have thought of are preschool through 12th grade at one school and preschool through sixth grade at the other. Another option might be preschool through sixth grade at one school and third grade through high school at another, with more classrooms of each grade at both schools. Whatever we decide, we will let you know immediately our decision
2. We will have two options for your school week. The first one is Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in school, Thursday and Friday at home. The second option would be all five days at school. Here is the tuition breakdown for those two options. Three-day-a-week school, \$1650 a year for the first sibling in the family, \$950 for each additional. Five-day a week school, \$2750 for the first sibling in the family and \$1600 for each additional. For each of these options, the payments will be broken into 10 equal payments, from August 1st until May 1st. Parents with students coming 5 days a week will be required to work 4 hours a month. On Thursday and Friday, we will be completing the work for the week, as well as lots of other activities. This will be more of a study hall setting, with many teachers available to assist with homework questions. Will will be offering other activities as well. Some of these might be; playground construction, home ec classes, music lessons and more. These options can grow as we find more people willing to teach the different skills. These options will count for credit.
3. We are going to have a lot more opportunities for you to volunteer for your tuition. This is how the volunteering will be broken down. Basically, for every hour that you work you will

earn \$8 of your tuition. This will not come in the form of actual money, just reducing your tuition. So, for example on a 3-day schedule, for the first student you'll have to work about 5 hours a week, second and additional students about 3 hours each per week.

4. You will be placed at one of our two campuses, based on enrollment. You can request a certain campus, but it's not guaranteed you will get it. We will do our best. The 5-day classes will be at our secondary campus in Concord. If you go to our Broadus campus for your 3-day classes, on Thursday and Friday you will go to the secondary campus. Each campus and their corresponding grade will have the same assignments for each week.

Curriculum for 2019-2020 School year

History

K-6th grade NC State history www.statehistory.net

7th-12th grade will be studying books in the "Heroes of the Faith" series,

http://www.prayerfoundation.org/books/book_review_heroes_0_of_the_faith_index.htm .

English

The Good and the Beautiful

Pre-k \$40

Kindergarten \$35

1-2 grade \$60

3-4 grade \$70

5-6 grade \$70

7-8 grade \$70

9-12 grade \$80

Science

k-2nd grade The Good and the Beautiful courses \$60, will be completing multiple units

4-6 grade Apologia Astronomy \$70

7th grade Science in the Beginning

8th grade Apologia General Science \$90

9-10 grade Physical Science \$90

11th-12th grade Biology or Chemistry \$90, The Good and the Beautiful,

[https://www.thegoodandthebeautiful.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Earth-and-Space-Science_Webs](https://www.thegoodandthebeautiful.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Earth-and-Space-Science_Website-Outline_1.0-1.pdf)

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Math

K-2nd grade, The Good and the Beautiful

3rd-12th grade, Teaching Textbooks. We will be doing the textbooks in class. We strongly encourage families to get the monthly, online subscription to assist with the home work days.

<https://www.teachingtextbooks.com/>

Spanish

Spanish 1 and 2, curriculum TBD

Extra Curriculum

K-12 Handwriting <http://www.jennyphillips.com/handwriting/> \$14

We will also offer extra classes, such as art, PE, life skills, drama. These will be decided on before the school year begins

Pre-k through 2nd book fee \$200

3-12 grade book fee \$300, per student

2019-20 School Calendar

January 1- March 31 Open enrollment for returning families, and non attending siblings, \$100 non refundable registration fee per family + 25% of curriculum fee due to hold spots. Curriculum fees are as follows: preschool through 2nd grade, \$200 per student, 3rd through 12th, \$300 per student

April 1st Open enrollment for new families. First come/ first served. \$100 registration fee + 25% of curriculum fees due to hold spot. Fees are non-refundable.

July 15 Family day at the park, Village Park in Kannapolis. Remainder of curriculum fees due.

August 1st Tuition due. Tuition for the school year is \$1650 for the first student in the family, \$900 for each additional student, to be paid in ten equal payments, August 1st-May 1st. This is \$165 for the first student and \$90 for each additional in a household, per month.

August 15 Orientation

August 26 First day of school

September 2 Labor Day, no school

October 7 One week break

November 25 One week break

December 23- January 5 Christmas break

February 17 One week break

April 6 One week break

May 20 Last day of school

Tuition is due the first of each month, and is late after that. A \$25 fee will be assessed.

Family Application

Family Name:

Names of parents:

Names, ages, grades of students:

Address:

Email:

Phone numbers:

Any custody issues? Please describe:

Any medical issues? Please describe:

Any issues we need to know about? Please describe:

For high school and middle school, what levels have been completed in math, spanish and science?:

What special talents do you have that you would like to offer the co-op?

Do you plan on volunteering? If so, we need to have a meeting to discuss:

Which campus do you hope to attend, Broadus or our second campus?

Are you signing up for our 3 day or 5 day program?

Family Agreement for the 2019-2020 School Year

We agree to abide by the rules, expectations and fee schedule as listed in all paperwork. _____ We agree to respect the facility and know that if anyone in our family willingly damages or breaks something in the facility, that we will be financially responsible for the damage. _____ We agree not to hold anyone in the group responsible for any accident that may occur, whether to our physical bodies, or anything that belongs to us personally, if we know that there was no ill intent _____

We agree to communicate openly and be willing to work through problems with each other in a way that honors all _____

We understand that all monies paid are non-refundable _____

We understand that this is a one year commitment. The co-op plans teachers salaries and budgets based on enrollment. The only way to break your commit is a major family change that would not allow your student to continue, or if we can fill your student's spot _____

I understand that I am committing to paying for the whole school year 2019-2020 _____

I have read all of the paperwork and understand everything I have read

_____ **Dad**

_____ **Mom**

_____ **Student**

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When turning in this application, please include end-of-grade test results from the previous school year.