

HEA HANDBOOK

For your family to know what we do, who we are and what we are about

Love the Lord your
God with all your
HEART - your SOUL -
and your MIND

OUR HISTORY

We began in the 1980's. The privilege of homeschooling in this area was won through the sacrifice of two families who went to court and were awarded the "right" for those of us who followed. In the 90's our group was loosely organized into A and B groups according to student's ages. Our classes have been held in many places, such as the Newton Rec. Center, the 200 block of South Main and Hillcrest Community Church before moving to Meridian Baptist Church in 2007. In 2012, another group formed offering support for public/charter school members. Until that time HEA was the only Co-op in this area.

Our Purpose

We want to encourage and support you and your children as you lead and teach your children at home. We strive to do that through group classes, field trips, athletics, Bible studies, a lending library, service projects and picnics.

The highlighted areas you must agree with in order to join HEA.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Members can express full acknowledgement and agreement with our Statement of Faith. (see pgs. 2 & 3)
2. Members have read and agree to abide by our Code of Conduct. (see pg. 3)
3. Members are actively homeschooling and doing 50% or more of the work themselves. Your child/ren cannot be enrolled as member of a public, private or charter school. (Dual credit/college classes, taking supplemental classes at the public school and DVD/video-based classes don't count as enrollment in a school.)

Dues: Paying a membership fee helps us to pay insurance, have parties and such. Currently they are \$60/year and can be prorated per semester. They are nonrefundable.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Bible to be the only fully inspired, infallible, inerrant and authoritative written Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the full deity and full humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in his virgin birth, in his sinless life, in his miracles, in his vicarious, substitutionary atonement through his shed blood, in his bodily resurrection, in his ascension to the right hand of God the Father and in his personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe in that the human race is fallen in Adam and that salvation comes only through Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection. It is by faith alone and not dependent upon our good works.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit who enable us to live a godly life by dwelling in us.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost. The saved to eternal glory with God; the lost to eternal damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that all disciples are called to attend, worship and serve Him in a local congregation or fellowship that is part of His Body, the Church.
8. We believe that man was created in the image of God, and that, from the moment of conception, has the right to live that life to the glory of God.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Everyone should show respect to other people and property at all HEA sponsored activities.
2. The parent (or adult designated in charge) are to take responsibility for the child/ren's behavior and whereabouts at all times.
3. Children are expected to honor any authority figure who corrects them for inappropriate behavior.
4. Parental discipline should be administered in private.
5. Parents and children shall show respect and consideration to teachers with attentive eyes and ears.
6. Those actively participating in HEA functions will not be involved in any activity that would reflect poorly on the reputation of Christ or the testimony of HEA.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. You must have a valid email address. Most information is given out through email. You are encouraged to join the FB pages HEA has, one is for members only the other is public. Members also communicate through a private Band app.
2. We have a lending library for members. There are a lot of books and curriculum in it. Currently it is in the basement of Meridian Baptist. Please only access this during hours when HEA is using the building.
3. We have approximately 4 meetings each year. Attending them gives you a chance to be a part of what is going on behind the scenes and give your input!

SPORTS

Currently we offer for grades 5 and up:

Volleyball – Girls

Cross Country – Girls and Boys

Basketball – Girls and Boys

You must be a member of HEA in order to participate in any sport. There is a separate fee for each sport that is not included in the HEA dues. This helps us with rental fees and paying for officiating. You can be a part of just sports and not participate in the weekly classes. If you are interested in sports you can contact Ken Cook at: cookken68@icloud.com.

CLASSES

We offer a smattering of classes for all age groups. Much depends upon who volunteers to teach and what they want to teach 😊. In past years we have offered choir, foreign language, science, history, government, art, photography and PE. The teachers usually charge a fee for their classes to help pay for items they buy to make the class happen. This is in addition to HEA dues.

Website: <https://newtonhea.org/>

Email: info@newtonhea.org

We are on Facebook at Home Educators Association (HEA) one site is public the other is private (for members only). Members also communicate through a private Band app.

If all this sounds like a good fit for you, we might be the group you're interested in! Please contact one of the people on the board (listed below), or you can write the HEA email directly.*

BOARD MEMBERS

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Please feel free to contact any of us with questions you may have!