

Purpose Statement

JBC Homeschool Electives is a **ministry** of Jefferson Baptist Church. In Matthew 28:19, 20 Christ commissions the Church to make disciples, i.e., learners who will observe the way of the Lord. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 is God's commission to parents to teach their children to love and serve Him with their whole heart.

It is, therefore, the purpose of **JBC Homeschool Electives Ministry** as an arm of the Church to **assist** parents in accomplishing their responsibility under God to train their children to please God.

Doctrinal Statement

JBC Homeschool Electives Ministry was founded and functions upon the basic fundamental principles of the Word of God, and it agrees with the historic Christian view of life as presented in the Bible. **JBC Homeschool Electives Ministry** holds the following statements of faith and practice:

- We believe the Bible to be the only written, implied Word of God. As such, it is infallible and authoritative. (2 Tim. 3:16)
- We believe that there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 8:6)
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. (Matt. 1:18-25)
- We believe that for salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential. (Eph. 2:8-9)
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. (John 14:16-17)
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in the church, which is the body of Christ. (Eph. 3:1-6)
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: those who are saved unto the resurrection of life, and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (Rev. 20:5-6)
- We affirm God created humanity in his own image, as male and female (distinct, yet equal in essence), as the centerpiece of his creation (Gen. 1:26-27, 2:7, 18-23; Matt. 19:4; 1 Cor. 11:3, 8-11; Tit. 2:4-8).
- We affirm God is clear regarding the parameters of sexuality, including gender identity, and these have been deeply distorted by sin. This distortion of identity leads to many sexual deviations from God's design (Gen. 1:27, 2:18-23, 5:2; Matt. 19:4; Mark 10:6; Rom. 1:26-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-11, 10:8, 11:11-12; Gal. 5:19, Jude 1:7).

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General Information and Policies

Class Hours: The ministry day runs from **9:00 am - 2:00 pm each Monday**. **The parent or a designated responsible adult is expected to stay on campus while the children are in classes.** If the need should arise when a parent must leave campus, ministry administration must be notified of a responsible adult in charge of his/her children, in case of emergency.

Closures: JBC Homeschool Electives ministry follows the same school closures due to weather conditions as the Jefferson Public School. Tune into the school closure reports on radio or TV for updates. (Make sure it is the Jefferson 14 J School district, not the Jefferson school in Portland)

Transportation: Parents are responsible to provide transportation to and from school. **Parents of licensed and driving 16 or 17-year-olds must still notify ministry administration of a responsible adult in case of emergency.**

Absences: Parents are responsible to report their student's absence to the class teacher(s). Teachers must notify administration of their absence **and arrange for a substitute (if at all possible)**.

Medical Guidelines: No student is allowed in classes with a contagious condition; a temperature at or above 100°, or if they have involuntarily vomited within 24 hours. Masks or face coverings are the choice of the parent. We have a "nit free" head lice policy. Children with head lice will be sent home and not allowed in class until cleared by ministry administration.

Discipline Policy: Our expectations are that children will be respectful, responsible & safe. If a student has difficulty maintaining these expectations, teachers/administrators will work directly with parents to develop a reasonable plan for behavioral change. We strive to be consistent with Biblical principles of discipline.

Teachers: Adults (18 yrs or older) who are interested in teaching must complete a background check and be a regular JBC attender **or** must have participated in JBC Homeschool Electives for a minimum of one quarter prior to teaching **or** be approved by ministry administration. Per JBC policy, there must be a minimum of two adults in a classroom with minors. Teachers may request tuition and/or material fees paid by enrolled students; material fees may be reimbursed upon submission of a completed request for reimbursement form with receipts attached for an amount up to the number of enrolled students times the amount of the fee.

Student-Teacher: Young adults who lead a class must be a student of JBC Homeschool Electives and must have an adult (18 yrs or older) as a supervisor in the classroom. Student-teachers are on a volunteer basis.

Special needs: Students with special needs -- mental, academic, emotional, or physical – must be accompanied by a parent to all classes. Our teachers are not formally trained in this specific area.

Parental/Volunteer help in classroom: We encourage parents (or grandparents) to help in any classroom whenever possible. Arrangements must be made directly with the teacher. Jefferson Baptist Church has a formal policy that states **any adult working with minors is to pass a criminal background check first.** We ask that **all parents** complete a background check. Forms for the background check may be obtained from ministry administration. (This must be completed through JBC's background check process not through other agencies.)

Public Displays of Affection (PDA): While on campus, it is expected that students will be responsible and show respect to one another by refraining from displays of affection by physical contact to another person (i.e., hugging, holding of hands, kissing). Parents are expected to help guide his/her student to follow the expectations of this ministry while on campus. If, after correction, students continue to disregard the ministry expectation, a parent conference with ministry administration will be set to work out a solution.

Lunch: Lunch time is 12:10pm (after 3rd period) until 12:50pm in DC 202. Bring your own lunch. On occasion there may be some special dishes offered for lunch. Because we have a formal lunch time, eating and drinking (other than water), is not allowed in class unless it is part of the teacher's class activity. We ask that students keep the food in the lunch room DC 202 and not roam around the classrooms or gym while eating. The staff kitchen near the pastors' offices is **not** available for homeschool family use.

Playground Use: Children are allowed on the playground if an adult (18 yrs. or older) is supervising them.

Field trips: Classes may take field trips during the year. We ask that parents attend these trips with their child as extra supervision is needed in outings. Parents must transport their own children if the children require car/booster seats. If a parent is not available, a grandparent or other adult may substitute with prior notification. **Parents interested in driving other students in addition to their own need to fill out a DMV form and give a copy of their current car insurance to administration 1 week prior to trip.**

Dress code: We require neatness and modesty in student appearance. NO offensive language or graphic is allowed on clothing; shorts must be mid-thigh length. Midriff, cleavage, and underclothes must be covered. Appropriate gym clothes and shoes are **required** for PE classes. Parents are responsible for ensuring their students' dress is appropriate while on campus.

Tools: Keep all tools (including knives, pocket knives, Leatherman tool kits, etc.) in their proper sheath or storage place, unless it is to be used for a specified class as specified or requested by the instructor. It is the responsibility of the parent to instruct his/her student in the proper handling of sharp-edged tools. Confiscation of the tool may take place if the student is using the tool in an unsafe manner and the teacher deems it necessary. All tools **MUST** be taken off for any PE class for safety reasons. Confiscated tools will be returned to the parent.

Housekeeping: As guests of JBC and participants of this ministry, each family will be expected to help maintain the cleanliness of the facilities. A list of cleaning jobs will be coordinated. If a parent is not teaching, this is a practical opportunity to serve JBC in return for use of the campus.

Animals: Pets are not allowed inside any of the campus buildings without prior arrangement with administration. If a pet is brought and on outside grounds, we expect the owner to clean up anything the pet leaves behind.