



DACC



Dekalb Area Christian Co-Op

Family Handbook | 2022-2023

FIRST BAPTIST

CHURCH OF SYCAMORE

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of DeKalb Area Christian Co-op is to provide high-quality educational options in partnership with the Gospel of Christ, providing opportunities for students and families to develop meaningful relationships within a Christian community. We seek to assist the parents in the task of educating their children, not replace them in their role.

DACC Fall Calendar 2022

13 Co-op Thursdays

September – Tuesday the 13th Parent Informational Meeting

September 15th, 22rd, 29th

October – 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

November – 3rd, 10th, 17th (off on the 24th for Thanksgiving)

December – 1st, 8th, 15th

FALL 2022 – THURSDAY SCHEDULE

Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Early Learning Experiences Grades: Pre-K Sarah Ray	Assembly Lunch Recess	Water and the World Grades: 1-6 th Sarah Gustafson	Music & Movement Ages: 0-3 Sarah Gustafson
Fun & Fitness Grades: K-5 th Janell Ray		Drawing Grades: All Sarah Jacobson	Super Heroes of the Bible Grades: 1-5 th Valerie Garrison
Expository Writing Grades: 6-12 th Mary Keating		Giftable Crafts Grades K-5 th Sarah Ray	Inner Beauty Ages: 8 and up Sarah Jacobson
Biology Grades: 7-12 th Valerie Garrison		Create! Grades: 6-12 th Janell Ray	Math Skills Grades: 6-12 th Mary Keating and Janell Ray

SEMESTER FEES AND REGISTRATION

Registration Fee: \$10 per student, per semester

Building Fee: WAIVED

Mask Policy: DACC is in partnership First Baptist Church of Sycamore and will defer to its mask policy as outlined by the church's leadership. At this time masks are optional.

Member Responsibility Sign Ups – In order to function as an organization, DACC relies on the service of its members to help our meeting dates run smoothly.

Service Expectations: to ensure our co-op runs smoothly, each family's help is **vital**. Although the specific needs of the group vary from semester to semester, the following is a list of possible needs:

-Gym/bathroom monitors

-Teacher assistance

-Party Planning

Teachers' Fees

Supply Fees: Parents must pay the Supply Fee directly to the teacher at the beginning of the semester for the classes for which their students are registered. The supply fee is in addition to the cost of the class and is nonrefundable.

Cost of Classes: Payments for classes are to be given directly to the teacher. Teachers are required to offer a receipt for classes as a way of recording what has been paid and what is still owed. Payment plans are available, please talk directly to your child's teachers for options.

Parents are asked to pay teachers whether or not their children attend their registered classes each week, with the exception of an Excused Absence. Excused Absences are absences that a teacher is made aware of at least a month ahead of time.

DACC STATEMENT OF FAITH

Please review the DACC Statement of Faith below to ensure that you understand it and the basic foundations that DACC is built upon.

God – We believe that there is one God, Creator and Sustainer of all things, He alone is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. The One God is eternally divine, existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe that these three are equal in every distinct perfection, and they execute distinct, but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence, and redemption.

God the Father – We believe in God the Father: an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

God the Son – Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He is truly and fully human as well as truly and fully divine, co-equal with the Father and the Spirit in Godhead. We believe in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, and in His ascension to the right hand of the Father.

God the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and empowered to perform God's ministry on earth.

The Word of God – We believe the sixty-six canonical books of the Old and New Testaments are the divinely inspired, inerrant Word of God, without error in the original manuscripts, and God's complete, written revelation to humankind. We believe the Bible to be understandable and coherent in its primary purposes to disclose salvation, God's will for godly faith and living, and its thorough-going testimony of Christ; when interpreted in light of its divine authorship through human agency, and according to principles of grammatico-historical interpretation.

Mankind – We believe God originally created persons, male and female, in the image of God and free from sin. We believe all people are sinners by nature and choice and are spiritually dead. We also believe that those who repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit. We believe God established marriage to be a lifelong covenant relationship between one man and one woman. Marriage so defined is the only permissible context for intimate sexual expression and is the foundation for the human family. We further believe that human life is precious and should be protected from the beginning, at fertilization, until death.

Salvation – We believe in salvation by grace through faith in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ alone, according to the authority of the Word of God alone, and to the glory of God alone. We further believe that this salvation is based upon the sovereign grace of God, was purchased by Jesus Christ on the cross, is eternally secured by the Holy Spirit, and is received by faith, apart from any human merit, works, or ritual. We further believe salvation results in ever-growing love for God, righteous living, good works, and proper social concern. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end.

PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

It is the parent's responsibility to enforce the DACC rules and guidelines within their family.

Supervision:

We understand that the supervision needs of toddlers, elementary, middle school, and high school kids vary. Writing policy for every possible supervision scenario is impossible. Below you will find some basic guidelines. The board is available for questions regarding supervision and reserves the right to review, revise and clarify guidelines throughout the year to maintain safety, order, and a positive environment for families. Changes to guidelines will be given to the group in writing.

Parents need to watch their children when those children are not in class.

Please do not allow them to go into unsupervised areas in the building. Students are to be in their classroom supervised by teachers and/o parents. Students may not congregate in the foyer or outside, wander the halls or go into the closets except by request of a teacher to get something or put something away. There should be no unsupervised children in the Sanctuary. The church courtyard and the church parking lot is available for supervised play.

PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

Supervision (Continued)

Do not assume that an adult located in a certain area will automatically supervise your younger children. Communicate that need to each other. You are allowed to share the responsibility of taking care of each other's children. If a parent deems their high school aged child mature enough to watch over their younger siblings, this student may be left in charge of their siblings only. In the event that sibling supervision causes any issues within the organization, the board reserves the right to revoke the privilege to individual families or to the group at large.

If you need to leave the building, please sign out your kids at the board table to another adult who has agreed to take charge of your kids while you are gone. Parents may not "sign out" younger children to high school siblings with the intent to leave the building. Please do not habitually leave the building.

Parents are asked not to bring children from other families with them who are not part of the program. If family circumstances require extra children to join your family on an occasional Friday, please register them at the sign-in table. An accurate account of who is with us for a Friday is necessary. If you have an extra child joining you for a consistent basis, permission for this must be obtained and additional fees may apply.

Doing your Part: Parents are asked to fulfill their **volunteer responsibilities**. At the beginning of the semester, a volunteer sign-up will be available. Parents need to clean up after themselves in whichever areas they are occupying by 2:55 so rooms may be cleaned.

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BUILDING INFORMATION & EXPECTATIONS

We are so thankful for the use of this facility. First Baptist Church of Sycamore has been very gracious to us in partnering with us and allowing us to use their building. Out of respect for them and to meet their requests for the care of this building, we ask:

- Out of respect for the church and its staff, students and parents are asked not to congregate near the office as church business is being handled. We may use the bathrooms in the building. There may be additional rooms available for congregating or as a workspace, along with privileges of using the church's equipment.
- The Nursery and Family Room in the foyer are available for family use. Parent supervision is necessary at all times.
- Coffee, hot chocolate, and tea is available in Café for parents.
- Please keep children from opening the cabinets in the kitchen.
- Any outdoor play must be supervised by a willing parent.
- Help us keep the facilities neat! Please pick up after yourself and family. Check the table, chairs and under/around the table before you leave DACC for trash, food, class projects, clothing, etc. Watch your shoes for mud--leave them by the front door, if necessary.
- If a toilet looks clogged, please do not flush it! Stop at the registration table to alert someone.
- No chewing gum is allowed!
- Please keep your children away from the sanctuary area of the church unless they are there for a class.
- Absolutely no one should go into the sound booth located in the Sanctuary.
- Please report any damage to a board member or teacher so DACC can take appropriate steps for repair or replacement.
- **The building is to be vacated of all parents and students by 3:15 at the latest for building insurance purposes.**