



2026-27 HANDBOOK

One Room, One Hope

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We are delighted that you are considering joining the One Room, One Hope (OROH) community!

Our desire is to create a Christ-centered environment where homeschooling families can learn, serve, and grow together. We believe every family has something valuable to contribute, and each member plays an important role in making our co-op a place of encouragement, fellowship, and meaningful learning.

Whether you are new to homeschooling or have been on this journey for years, we hope you will find lasting friendships, enriching educational opportunities, and a community that supports and encourages your family.

This handbook is designed to introduce you to One Room, One Hope and provide helpful information about how our co-op operates. We hope it answers many of your questions and helps you feel at home in our community.

Our Story

One Room, One Hope was founded in 2021 by a group of homeschooling mothers who shared a desire to provide Christ-centered learning opportunities in a supportive community. What began with a vision for families learning together has grown into a co-op where children and parents alike are encouraged, equipped, and strengthened in their homeschool journey.

As we partner together, our desire is to help raise children who know and love the Lord, developing both academically and spiritually. Above all, we seek to glorify Christ in everything we do.

Our Christian Foundation

One Room, One Hope is a Christ-centered homeschool co-op. Our faith shapes our teaching, our relationships, and the way we serve one another.

We seek to cultivate a community marked by kindness, grace, humility, and mutual encouragement. While our members come from different backgrounds and experiences, we are united by our shared desire to honor Christ and support one another in the homeschooling journey.

Our classes are taught from a biblical Christian worldview that is consistent with our Statement of Faith, helping to provide a consistent spiritual foundation for our students.

Our Mission

Our mission is to establish, engage, and enrich children of all ages through dynamic learning experiences and intentional fellowship in a Christ-centered environment.

Our Vision

We envision a thriving community of homeschooling families who encourage one another, serve together, and pursue excellence in education while growing in faith, wisdom, and Christlike character.

Our Philosophy

We believe homeschooling is a unique calling and that families flourish when they learn, serve, and grow together in Christian community.

Our co-op exists to support parents by providing enriching educational opportunities, meaningful friendships, and a welcoming environment where children and families are encouraged throughout their homeschool journey.

We believe God has uniquely gifted every family. As members teach, assist, volunteer, and serve one another, those gifts strengthen our entire community.

Together, we strive to create a place where learning is joyful, service is valued, friendships flourish, and Christ is glorified in all we do.

Statement of Faith

We believe:

1. The Bible to be the inspired, infallible, divinely preserved Word of God, the supreme and final authority for all faith and life.
2. God has existed from all eternity in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Jesus Christ is God in human flesh being fully God and fully man, except without sin.

4. All men are in violation of God's righteous requirements and His holy character both by nature and act, and are therefore under His just condemnation.
5. We acknowledge that we do not have all the answers to life's questions and challenges, but surrender our will to God's, believing that He will guide us to the truth.
6. We believe that each home is a Domestic Church and, in conjunction with our church communities, we are committed to living the discipleship of our Lord Jesus Christ and inviting others to join us in this way of life.
7. The central purpose of the coming of Jesus Christ was to pay the penalty for man's sin through His substitutionary atoning death on the cross, which was attested to by His visible, bodily resurrection.
8. We are committed to preserving the eternal treasure of our children's souls by accepting the parental responsibility of being the first teachers of our children in the ways of the Christian Faith.
9. Salvation is offered as a gift to the sinner. This gift must be responded to by individual faith at the prompting of the Holy Spirit, not trusting in any personal works whatsoever, but in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ alone.
10. Genesis 1:27: "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." All of us, men and women alike, are created equally "in His image" (see Galatians 3:28). But amongst ourselves we are differentiated by sex as a race, we are divided into two groups, halves, or component parts – male and female. One Room, One Hope will not accept the use of any other pronouns, aside from your God-given ones.
11. The only legitimate marriage sanctioned by God is the joining between one naturally born man and one naturally born woman in a single, exclusive union.
12. All human life is sacred and begins at conception. The unborn child is a living human being, created in the image of God, and must be respected and protected before and after birth. The abortion of an unborn child or the taking of human life through euthanasia constitutes a violation of the sanctity of human life and is a crime against God and man.

How Our Coop Works

Yearly Schedule

Our schedule for the 2026-27 school year is Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, from September until the end of May. Key dates are below:

- September 16, 2026: First day of Co-op
- December 9, 2026: Last day of Co-op before Christmas Break
- December 16 - January 6, 2027: Christmas Break
- January 13, 2027: Return to Co-op following Christmas Break
- May 19, 2027: Last day of Co-op classes
- June 2, 2027: Outdoor year end celebration

Weekly Schedule

- 9:00 - 9:10 am: Arrival and classroom prep
- 9:10 - 9:15 am: Welcome, Pledge and prayer, brief announcements
- 9:20 - 10:20am: First class
- 10:20 - 11:20 am: Second class
- 11:20 - 12:20 pm: Third class
- 12:20 - 12:30 pm: Clean up and dismissal

Our nursery, Prek and 5 - 7 year olds follow a slightly different schedule to accommodate for snack, recess and free play.

Curriculum

Our curriculum choices are steered by the co-op families and the ages of our children. We benefit greatly by the involvement and teaching of retired school teachers who also love Jesus, who often volunteer their time. Moms also help choose and implement the curriculum by age and class theme (ie, art, music, stem, foreign language, etc.).

Staffing and class size

Moms and some volunteers, and on occasion, paid teachers, make up the staffing for One Room, One Hope Co-op. We are required by law to have two adults in each classroom and aim to keep the classes to a maximum of 10 - 12 children per class.

2026-27 Classes

- Nursery and PreK
- Science, Art, and beginning Stem for 5 -7 yr olds
- Science, Art or Robotics and Geography for 8+
- Civics, Finance, Literature, Art or Robotics for HS

Communication

The primary form of communication for co-op is email. We send out weekly recap and reminder emails on Monday ahead of Wednesday's co-op. The email covers what was covered the past Wednesday in classes and includes any important reminders for the upcoming Wednesday. Please make sure that you receive emails from oneromonehope@gmail.com. Let the Director know if you do not.

Inclement Weather Procedure

One Room, One Hope will go by the Skaneateles School district's cancellations for inclement weather, however the Director makes the final decision and will do so by 8:00 am. The Director may also make calls on canceling based on attendance or inclement weather.

Arrival and Announcements

- Please arrive by 9:00 am to ensure you and your children have time to greet and chat with friends before announcements and the start of class. Class time will start promptly at 9:15pm.
- If you are the lead teacher for a class, please arrive early to prepare your classroom with enough time to collect your students ahead of 9:15 am. Please read the section related to teacher and co-teacher responsibilities in the Membership Guidelines & Agreement.

Please note that Grace Chapel automatically locks the doors at 9:15 am as a safety precaution. If you are later than 9:15, please let the Director of Operations know and she will let you in.

Parking

Please park your vehicle in the strip of parking lot on the south side. It is the smallest of the three lots. The co-op then has full use of the parking lot on the southeast side (considered the back lot) for play.

Dismissal

Teachers are responsible for dressing the children in their classroom with the clothing provided by the parents and escorting their classroom outside and waiting with them as they play until all classes and parents are outside. All classes and parents must be outside by 12:30pm to pick up their children. Parents “pick up” their children by alerting the child's teacher that the mom is now outside and responsible for their own children.

Please note, that during the winter days, families are encouraged to pack appropriate winter clothing for their children. For 3-7 yr olds, please pack the clothing each child will need and send it in a backpack, bag, etc. Teachers and co - teachers will dress the children in their classroom, and then depart outside as a group. For the 8+ kids, families can have a bin of clothing for their children in the

foyer. The upper classes will come together to the foyer where the children will dress themselves, and then the classes will depart as a group to the outside.

Outside fellowship and play

Families are encouraged to stay and play in the Grace Church back parking lot and lower grassy area. Please feel free to bring scooters, chalk, balls, bubbles etc. to play outside. Kids need to stay in an area where they can be seen by an adult at all times. We are not allowed up into the farming fields or trees and we strongly discourage letting kids play with devices or in the cars. We do not allow any throwing of sticks or rocks while outside.

In the case that a mom needs to use the restroom or leave the outside parking lot, please ask a buddy mom to take responsibility for your children while you are unavailable.

In the case of inclement weather, teachers will escort their classroom to the foyer of Grace and wait for the moms to gather their children before departing.

Cleaning and Classroom Care

Each class is responsible for returning all classroom items to the designated storage space at the end of class.

Families are expected to help care for the facility. Detailed cleaning responsibilities are outlined in the Membership Guidelines & Agreement.

Appendix A: Emergency procedure

- In the event of a fire, utility failure, or other non-person emergency in the building, all classrooms will evacuate the building immediately to the far back

of the back parking lot.

- In the case of a fire, call 911.
- If the emergency is gas related, once outside call National-Grid: 800-892-2345.
- If there is an electrical issue, call National Grid: 800-867-5222.
- If unsure, call 911.
- In the event of an intruder/active shooter:
 - Make all efforts to escape with the children outside and as far away as possible.
 - If an escape is not possible, stay with your classroom, lock the deadbolt on the door, close all windows and blinds, stay away from the doors and call 911.
- In the event of a medical emergency, call 911 if immediate help is needed.
 - Alert the Operations Director immediately.
 - If a child is injured, one teacher stay with the child.
 - The child's parent should be notified immediately. Please escort other children to the worship room, or away from the child if outside.
 - Treat minor injuries from supplies in the first aid kits. The kits are located in the Sunday school hallway and the kitchen.
- There are Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) on our campus located here:
 - 1st Floor Carriage House
 - Main Foyer near Sunday School Room doors

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"For from him and through him and to him are all things." — Romans 11:36

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