

LODI AREA HOME SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

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I, _____ (please print your first and last name) the undersigned parent or legal guardian, consent, and grant Lodi Area Home School Organization (LAHSO) and its members, permission to photograph and/or film, myself and/or any other member of my family, during LAHSO sponsored activities, for the purposes of yearbook design or otherwise.

I authorize LAHSO to copy, edit, enhance, crop, or otherwise alter any digital media used in their publications.

I agree to release any and all liability against LAHSO and its members, as a result of myself and/or any other member of my family having been photographed or filmed.

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MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Membership Policy for Leadership

The Lodi Area Home School Organization (LAHSO) will be led by a "Steering Committee". The Steering Committee consists of volunteer parents with a servant-leadership heart.

The Steering Committee will be responsible to uphold the following:

- Seek God first for wisdom in leadership: I Chronicles 16:11 "Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always."
- Lead in humility: Philippians 2:3-4 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

- Be the final decision maker on matters of the group. This group is a Co-op; however, leadership is required to make the group function. The Steering Committee will listen to concerns, pray for wisdom, and come to a conclusion. The Steering Committee has the authority to make final decisions that they feel are most profitable for the group as a whole.

Steering Committee Members:

Lisa Roth, Art Coordinator (608) 975-7007

Carri Dorr, Gym Coordinator (608) 643-2224

Jenni Kenney, Music Coordinator (608) 509-9069

Membership Policy for Members

LAHSO is a Co-op made up of families who wish to offer special subjects to our children. Members will be required to participate in some manner to contribute to the group.

Membership will be responsible to uphold the following:

- Honor and respect the leadership: I Thessalonians 5:12-13 "We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work." Be at peace among yourselves."
- Attend the following 3 mandatory classes: music, gym, and an enrichment class that will provide a variety of courses such as art, science, etc. Extenuating circumstances can be discussed with the Steering Committee.
- Adhere to the Membership Policy. Parents and children will be required to read and sign the Membership Policy so that all parties understand their commitment and responsibilities.
- Contribute to the operations of LAHSO. We understand all people are not gifted teachers, but there are many different opportunities for parental participation. All parents will be required to help in at least one class. Contact a Steering Committee member if unsure how to participate.
- Be present at group. Parental presence is required for members of LAHSO. If sickness or an appointment occurs, special arrangements can be made with another parent to take charge over your children. Communication must be made to the Steering Committee. Extenuating circumstances of parental absence can be discussed with the Steering Committee.

Membership Policy for Dress

Students and adults shall dress modestly at all LAHSO functions.

- Skirts, dresses, and shorts should not be short, but rather modest.
- Girls wearing skirts or dresses must consider modesty if a Phy. Ed. or similar activity is involved.

- Shirts should not contain profanity, vulgarity, or any questionable graphics.
- Outer garments should cover under garments easily and completely.
- Shoes or tennis shoes (not sandals or boots) should be worn for gym.

Failure to follow the Membership Policy for Dress will result in the teacher in charge having a discussion with the student and/or the parent, whichever seems more appropriate.

Membership Policy for Social Conduct

At any group function, adults and students will conduct themselves in keeping with Biblical values and the highest of personal character and virtue.

There should be no inappropriate or intimate conversations or physical contact between students and/or adults anywhere on the premises or at any LAHSO sponsored activity. The adults present will determine inappropriate or intimate.

Membership Policy for Teachers and Curriculum Selection

Any parent or guardian shall consistently attend the group for at least 4 months prior to teaching a class on a regular basis. This does not include assisting. If necessary, exceptions could be made by the LASHO Steering Committee to these stipulations.

New teachers or those teaching a different class or age level should provide a brief oral or written outline or sample of the curriculum prior to the start of classes for approval by the LAHSO Steering Committee. Teachers who are teaching a class they have previously taught need only provide an outline upon request of a parent and/or the LAHSO Steering Committee.

Membership Policy for Attendance

Since LAHSO is by definition a Co-op, it functions well only with commitment from its members. Therefore, regular attendance is extremely important. To this end, we will be taking and recording attendance every week. It is also important to arrive 5-10 minutes before the official start time so classes can begin on time.

If you have any planned absences, please contact the Steering Committee via lahsogroup@gmail.com, as soon as possible. It is your responsibility to find a substitute for all classes you are helping with.

We understand some absences, such as sick family members and emergencies cannot be predicted or prevented, but, if possible, please limit other absences to ones that cannot be avoided.

If you and/or your children will be absent last minute, please contact Jenny Kenney 608-509-9069.

Membership Policy for the Facility

The Lodi Community Center is the facility that LAHSO has been allowed to meet at. The group is blessed to have such a wonderful facility. We are expected to maintain proper, respectful behavior when at the facility.

The use of the gym requires clean gym shoes to protect the floor from scratches. No boots or non-athletic shoes are allowed on the gym floor. If gym shoes are not available, socks are acceptable, but not recommended.

The Concessions Area (the low semicircle desk), storage areas, and the upstairs bathrooms are off limits to parents and students. If you wish to purchase something from the Concessions Area, please see the main desk.

Be mindful of the other patrons of Lodi Community Center. We want to be a positive representation of homeschooling families.

Membership Policy for Illness

Since we want to maintain the healthiest possible environment, if you and/or your children are not feeling well, please stay home. We understand there may be more frequent absences than normal at certain times of the year.

It is your responsibility to find a substitute helper, if possible. If you are unable to find a substitute, please email the collective LAHSO Group as soon as possible, so other members are aware of what helper spot needs to be filled.

LAHSO Membership Policy Signature Page

In signing, I acknowledge that we as a family have read and agree to the LAHSO Membership Policy for the 2024-2025 school year.

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RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

I, _____ (please print your first and last name) the undersigned parent or legal guardian, release the Lodi Area Home School Organization (LAHSO) and the Lodi Community Center, from any and all liability, concerning any injury I or any member of my family receives as a result of participating in any LAHSO sponsored activity.

LAHSO includes, but is not limited to, the Steering Committee, teachers, volunteers, members, and their families.

Lodi Community Center includes, but is not limited to, owners, employees, volunteers, and gym members.

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