

Potter's Clay Co-op Application

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*But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter;
And all of us are the work of Your hand. - Isaiah 64:8*

Considering PCC?

As you prayerfully consider if Potter's Clay is right for your family, here are three components that we have found helpful in the decision making process:

We would recommend that all three of these components be agreed upon and consistent with your homeschool philosophy, your family dynamic, and your ability to commit the expected time and energy required to fulfill your co-op responsibilities.

Academically, does the PCC curriculum match the academic goals of your homeschool?

A big bonus to joining PCC is that we have established a scope & sequence and have already selected quality curriculum for each class that you can count on from year to year. Although some modifications on assignments can be made, overall the chosen curriculum needs to be a fit for your family and for your children's abilities. Much of our curriculum would be considered classical in style which may or may not work for your family. Weekly homework is assigned and expected to be completed and returned on-time. Please carefully look at our curriculum (which can be viewed on our website) and assess if academically our program would work for you.

Assess your student(s) ability to learn in a classroom environment and submit to the authority of multiple adults throughout the day.

Our students are expected to submit and respect various authorities over them each week. Each level has six facilitators (two for each class) who your child will be under the care and authority of each session. This also applies to other adults your children will come in contact with throughout the day. Level appropriate classroom expectations will be communicated and enforced, as well as overall co-op policies and procedures. Please carefully consider if these expectations would be a challenge to your student.

Are you able to fulfill the service expectations and effort needed to join PCC?

Everyone fulfilling their duties with a heart to serve is what makes the co-op work each week. Please carefully consider the time commitment and the support needed in relation to your own availability and personal philosophies. PCC is a true co-op and it is expected that once placed on a facilitator team, you will:

- work with your partner to create your class lesson plans over the summer and meet the completion deadline
- split the facilitating & preparation duties with your partner equitably
- come ready each week prepared for your class
- come with a heart to serve where needed
- have a desire to have your students succeed

We ask that if you join PCC that you will commit to the full school year. In addition, we ask that each person serve in a coordinator role based on your talents and gifts (i.e. website, social, facility, administrative, financial). Finally, it is vital that, as parents, we support the facilitators when it comes to upholding classroom expectations by proactively checking in with facilitators in regard to your student and actively supporting and enforcing the policies and procedures of the co-op.

We ask that parents prayerfully take the full commitment of the co-op into careful consideration before applying.