

# 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 agree and are 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. Our program is comprised of rich reading from multiple sources and strong academic and skill-building content. Weekly homework is assigned and expected to be completed and returned on-time. Please carefully look at the curriculum we use (which can be viewed on our website) and assess if academically our program works for your homeschool.

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

Your child will be under the care and authority of multiple facilitators and other adults providing supervision and care. Our students are expected to submit and respect these various authorities over them each week. Level appropriate classroom expectations will be communicated and enforced, as well as overall co-op policies and procedures. While providing a fun and engaging learning environment, it is expected that our students can sit in a structured classroom environment, not be disruptive in class, follow directions, and be respectful of their teachers and fellow classmates. This type of structured environment doesn't meet the needs of all children. 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(s) to create your class lesson plans and class budget by the established deadline; split the facilitating & preparation duties with your partner equitably; come ready each week prepared for your class; have a desire to help your students succeed
- come with a heart to serve where needed
- fulfill your assigned coordinator duties

***In addition:*** We ask that if you join PCC that you will commit to the full school year. It is understood that by signing the doctrine statement you agree with its contents and will conduct yourself and your class in a way that honors the Lord and invests in shining His light to your students. It is also 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.***