



## Goals and Requirements

### Our Goals:

- Promote homeschooling to like-minded Christian families
- Prepare children for the next grade level
- “Train up a child in the way he should go, (so that) when he is old he will not depart from it.” -Proverbs 22:6
- Purposefully vet potential members in order to protect the Co-op environment
- Provide our children with challenging opportunities that advance academic excellence and Christ-like living
- Promote a humble, unified culture in keeping with **The Culture of Genesis**

**Genesis STEAM Co-op is not designed to replace parental/supervisor involvement and responsibility, but to enhance the child's academic experience and growth**

In addition to the above Goals, we teach – and want all teachers and supervisors to respectfully and enthusiastically teach – the following:

**📖 CREATION:** We endorse and teach the “Young Earth” Creationism philosophy which holds that God created heaven and earth, and everything in them, in six twenty-four-hour periods between 6,000 and 7,000 years ago, as described in Genesis 1-11\*

**📖 HISTORY:** We strive to teach our students history as it actually happened. In keeping with that, we avoid curriculums that teach sensationalism or revisionist history

**📖 MARRIAGE:** We believe God defines marriage in the Bible as the loving commitment between one man and one woman for a lifetime, as long as both parties are alive.

**📖 VALUE OF LIFE:** Human life begins at the moment of conception, must be protected, and has value in every stage.

\*We realize that good people may disagree with the age of the Earth and that such disagreement is not an indication in itself of one's spiritual maturity or saving faith. However, the purpose of STEAM is to shape and educate young minds at a very impressionable time in their lives. Central to this is helping them establish healthy attitudes about the Bible and its reliability, consistent means of biblical interpretation, the historical validity of the Bible, and the nature and character of God. In order to preserve and protect the integrity of STEAM Co-op, we require that all teachers and supervisors agree to enthusiastically teach and promote Young Earth Creationism within Co-op environments and where teaching and promotion outside the Co-op could find its way into the Co-op environment.

**To preserve the integrity of STEAM, all those involved in the Co-op must adhere to and sign in agreement with The Culture of Genesis, a document describing Genesis Church's culture and expectations.**

I/We believe and agree with the preceding list of STEAM'S Goals and Core Beliefs.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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