

# **The P.L.A.C.E. Co-op**

**(Preparing Lives As Christian Educators)**

## High School

Tuesday & Friday, 8:30-12:30  
Eastwood Baptist Church  
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# The PLACE Co-op

## Mission Statement

*The purpose of The PLACE Co-Op is:*

- To provide an educational atmosphere that encourages a Biblical worldview
- To organize classes which supplement students' home curriculum and allow group participation
- To provide a place for students to interact
- To assist parents in their efforts to home educate their children
- To provide a support network for students and their families

## Statement of Faith

*We believe:*

- In a holy, uncreated God who exists in the trinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- The Bible alone is God's only written revelation of Himself to humanity.
- All men have sinned and are therefore separated from God.
- The only means of reconciliation to the Father is through the sacrifice of His perfect son, Jesus, who took our punishment upon Himself.
- That through faith in Jesus' death and resurrection, we become partakers of God's grace and are given access to the Father. No action on our part earns this grace; it is a free gift of God.

# THE PLACE CO-OP SCHEDULE OF CLASSES 2019-2020

*“With God, all things are possible!” (Matthew 19:26)*

**Suggested freshman classes**  
**Suggested sophomore classes**

**Suggested junior classes**  
**Suggested senior classes**

<b>1st Hour</b> <b>&amp;</b> 8:30-9:25	<b>Algebra 1</b>	<b>Introduction to</b> <b>Public Speaking</b>	<b>Geometry</b>	<b>Worldviews</b> <b>Apologetics</b>
<b>2nd HR</b> <b>Physics</b> 9:30-10:25	<b>Biology</b>	<b>Algebra 2</b>	<b>Anatomy &amp;</b> <b>Physiology</b>	
<b>3rd HR</b> 10:30-11:25 <b>Literature</b>	<b>Computer Essentials/</b> <b>Health</b>	<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>Spanish 2 /</b> <b>ASL 2</b>	<b>Composition &amp;</b> <b>Classical</b>
<b>4th HR</b> 11:30-12:25	<b>Grammar &amp;</b> <b>Composition</b>	<b>Spanish 1 /</b> <b>ASL 1 /</b> <b>Chinese 1</b>	<b>American Govt/</b> <b>Economics</b>	<b>Pre-Calculus</b>

- \* One study hall room open all four hours.
- \* Class times are subject to change before August 1.
- \* Computers, Health, Government, and Economics all one semester classes with one semester enrollment option. All other enrollments are for entire academic year.
- \* Classes with less than 10 students enrolled are not guaranteed to be offered. Please don't delay your registration.
- \* Enrollment is for the entire year. No refunds can be issued at any time throughout the year.

**\*\*\* NEW THIS YEAR: ACT PREP / REVIEW CLASS!!**

Tuesdays 1:00-3:00

Twice a month

Instruction by teachers skilled in each section

Practice Exams

Attend one or all sessions - it's up to you!

**Registration for all classes begins March 29th, 2019 for current families; April 5th for new families.**

**Come and see us in action!! Open House April 9th, 2019, 9:00 am, Eastwood Baptist Church.**

**RSVP: [thelacecoop@gmail.com](mailto:thelacecoop@gmail.com)**

# ACT Review Classes

## Fall 2019

*Official ACT Test Dates: September 14, October 26,  
December 14*

Classes taught by instructors specializing in each particular area!  
Not necessary to attend all sessions - only the ones you need!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>
August 27	1:00-3:00	Test tips / Reading
September 10	1:00-3:00	Science
September 24	1:00-3:00	English
October 8	1:00-3:00	Math
November 5	1:00-3:00	Science
November 19	1:00-3:00	English
December 3	1:00-3:00	Math

- \$25.00 per session. Must register at least 2 weeks in advance (brhsa.aforumfree.com.)
- Each session will require a minimum of 5 students enrolled.
- Review textbook not included.
- Classes held at Eastwood Baptist Church

**Why The PLACE Co-op is “worth it” for your student**

## I. The PLACE Co-op offers...

- *A four-year plan of study that covers most of the core classes that a student needs to graduate from high school.*
- *Enhanced class offerings that will prepare your student for college entrance exams and future dual credit classes.*
- *Class selections that are integral to the successful development of a high school student but are not typically available as dual credit.*
- *Two days a week of classroom instruction provides a more beneficial learning environment, as opposed to a one day/hr per week tutor model.*
- *Official report cards to enhance your student's transcript.*
- *A separate high school location to encourage a more independent confidence in your student.*

## II. Cost of one class = \$225.00 for the year.

\* Does not include textbooks, or additional lab fees that may be necessary for laboratory classes. Students are not required to take courses all 4 hours. There will be a study hall available free of charge each hour. Fees are only charged for courses taken.

## III. Interesting Financial Comparisons

- \* \$225 per class/yr x 66 classes = \$3.40 /class hour of instruction
- \* Private tutor - \$25-30/hr x 32 weeks = \$960/yr/class
- \* Other co-ops comparable to ours across the country- avg \$360 per class/yr
- \* Other homeschool co-op in BG - \$240 /class/year, *one day a week.*
- \* BGCA - approx. \$7,110 per year
- \* CC Challenge - avg. \$1175 per year
- \* SKYCTC - approx. \$230 per class per semester

*We feel that The PLACE Co-op has a tremendous amount to offer your high school student, and hope that you will also see it as a “worthy” investment in your child's future!*

## ***The PLACE High School Class Descriptions***

**Algebra I** - Covers all components of Algebra I: linear functions, exponents, factoring, polynomials, and quadratic functions. Successful completion of pre-algebra is required.  
Recommended for grade 9.

**Algebra II** - Refines and strengthens the mathematical skills that the student has begun in Algebra I. New topics such as the quadratic, exponential, and logarithmic function will be presented, and their graphs and application will be a major emphasis.  
Recommended for grade 10.

**Geometry** - Provides an incremental approach to proofs in various formats and systematically promotes the review and retention of algebraic skills with an introduction to trigonometry.  
Recommended for grade 11.

**Pre-Calculus** - Focuses on building a strong foundation of mathematical knowledge to prepare the student for calculus. Suggested pre-requisites include Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.  
Recommended for grade 12.

**Biology** - Explores God's creation of life with a focus on the animal and plant kingdoms, cell structure and life processes.  
Recommended for grade 9.

**Chemistry** - Focuses on learning the basics of chemistry through at home reading and classroom discussions and experiments. A solid foundation in algebra and reading comprehension is necessary.  
Recommended for grade 10.

**Anatomy and Physiology** - An advanced biology course that covers the anatomy and physiology of each of the human body's organ systems, while giving God the glory for His creation. A prior knowledge of biology and chemistry is necessary.  
Recommended for grade 11.

**Physics** - Provides a detailed introduction to the methods and concepts of general physics. A thorough understanding of algebraic concepts is necessary.  
Recommended for grade 12.

**Spanish I, Chinese I, American Sign Language I** - Introductory courses to each language. Concepts will include vocabulary, everyday conversation, and grammar. Recommended for grade 10.

**Spanish II, Chinese II, American Sign Language II** - Focuses on progressive conversation skills, increased vocabulary, and advanced grammar. Recommended for grades 11 & 12.

**Grammar and Composition I** - Begins with a thorough review of basic, necessary grammar, and will continue to focus on the proper structure of paragraphs, outlines, essays, and short compositions. Recommended for grade 9

**Composition and Classical Literature** - Involves reading several pieces of classic literature and will include learning about the usual elements of literature (setting, plot, etc.), in addition to discussions that will focus on the lessons that can be learned and applied to our lives. The writing portion will involve literary analysis - type and research-based assignments. A weekly grammar lesson will be included to keep skills sharp. Recommended for grades 11 & 12.

**Introduction to Public Speaking** - Students will learn how to write and deliver speeches, gain public speaking confidence, and grow in their leadership abilities. The aim of the class is to help students overcome their fear of public speaking in order to become stronger ambassadors for Christ. Recommended for grade 10.

**Keyboarding and Computer Essentials** - Will focus on computer terminology, fundamental skills in touch typing, creating word processing documents, generating simple spreadsheets, producing slide show presentations, email etiquette, and using search engines to find helpful information pertaining to careers, such as creating resumes, taking career assessments, etc. A laptop computer will be required. Recommended for grade 9.

**Health** - A semester course that will discuss how to obtain and achieve a balance between the components of physical, mental, spiritual, and social health. Will cover topics such as nutrition, exercise, peer relations, substance abuse, stress management, and the influence of social media. Recommended for grade 9.

**Worldview and Apologetics** - A course in developing a strong Christian worldview as a foundation and learning about other worldviews that invade our thoughts and lifestyles in ways we aren't aware. Will discuss ways to respond to the culture and remain strong when our faith is challenged. A very beneficial course for every Christian young person.  
Recommended for grades 11 & 12.

**American Government** - This course will offer an in-depth examination of the American system of government, including the manner in which it has shaped our nation's history and how it affects us as citizens. A detailed look at the US Constitution - studying its origins, the compromises which shaped its final form, competing theories of interpretation, and the manner in which courts have addressed numerous issues since the document's creation in 1787 will be included. In addition, certain aspects of Kentucky government and how governmental powers are divided at the local, state, and national levels will be addressed.  
Recommended for grades 11 & 12.

**Economics** - A semester course that will provide an introduction to some of the basic ideas, concepts, and theories of the discipline. Will discuss how the decisions of governments, businesses, and consumers affect both our professional and personal lives.  
Recommended for grades 11 & 12.

***The PLACE High School Teachers, 2019-2020***

**ALGEBRA I and Physics- Amanda Krutza.**

**Curriculum: Bob Jones University**

Mrs. Krutza returns to our co-op with 8 years of teaching experience in a local private school, and 3 years at The PLACE. She is a WKU graduate and thoroughly enjoys helping students comprehend and appreciate their math and science courses. We are thrilled that she will continue to be a part of our team.

**ALGEBRA II and Geometry - Linda Jenkins**

**Curriculum: Bob Jones University**

Mrs. Jenkins comes to our co-op this year with over 30 years experience in teaching math at every level in the public school system. She has been a private tutor to many homeschool students over the past few years, and has a tremendous love for math and is passionate about sharing that joy with her students. We are extremely grateful that she will be continuing at The PLACE.

**BIOLOGY - Dr. Debbie Shoulders          Curriculum: Apologia**

Dr. Shoulders has been a well-known veterinarian in our community for 24 years. She is a graduate of Auburn University Veterinary School and has taught students Veterinary Science through 4H for many years, in addition to training veterinary students. She has a love for medicine and teaching and we are excited that she is part of our co-op team.

**CHEMISTRY and PRE-CALCULUS - Tonya Mann          Curriculum:**

**Apologia**

Mrs. Mann comes to The PLACE with a vast knowledge and educational experience. A former aerospace engineer to the US Air Force, she also has over 12 years teaching experience in various Christian high schools across our country - including The PLACE, as her son is a recent homeschool graduate. Mrs. Mann is excited to return to the classroom and stresses that her focus will always be on learning, with help readily available. We are grateful Mrs. Mann will be joining our team again.

**ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY - Tammy Bergamini**

**Curriculum: Apologia**

Mrs. Bergamini is an Adult Nurse Practitioner and a homeschool mother. She holds nursing degrees from both the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville, and has taught in the nursing program at WKU. She has a passion for helping students understand their amazing Creator through a better understanding of how He made the human body.

### **KEYBOARDING AND COMPUTER ESSENTIALS. - Margaret Sullivan**

#### **Curriculum: Assorted, Online**

Margaret joins The PLACE with over 20 years of experience in teaching business education. She is currently an instructor for SKYCTC, teaching computer skills and advising students in career exploration, in addition to serving as the coordinator for the Warren County Skills U Program. Margaret has a fondness for our co-op as her son is also a homeschool graduate. We are happy to welcome Margaret back to The PLACE.

### **AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I & II- Nancy Perry**

#### **Curriculum: Master ASL**

Ms. Perry comes to us with a lifetime familiarity of sign language, as ASL is her first language. She has over 20 years of experience in teaching ASL in various settings, including WKU students and multiple community education classes. She is well known throughout our community as a respected teacher. We are very pleased she will be continuing at The PLACE.

### **SPANISH I & II - Hannah Bergamini**

#### **Curriculum: ABeka Spanish**

Ms. Bergamini is a former PLACE homeschool graduate who has completed her Spanish major at WKU. She has studied abroad in Spain and has completed numerous competency exams while doing so for her additional medicine major and internship while there. She is currently employed at Western Kentucky University as a Spanish tutor for students of all ages and has privately tutored high school students for the past four years. We are confident that her enthusiasm for studying foreign languages will be contagious for her students and are grateful she is part of our team.

**BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW / CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS - Justin McClure**  
**Curriculum: Understanding the Times, Summit Ministries**

Mr. McClure has been a pastor for approximately 20 years and currently serves as the minister to youth at Eastwood Baptist Church. He has a degree in Christian Ministry and Business Management from the Christian Bible College and Seminary and Liberty University respectively. He has extensive teaching experience with high school students and has a passion to help students become informed thinkers who love Jesus and honor Him with their lives. We are very blessed that Mr. McClure is part of our team.

**WRITING I WITH GRAMMAR FOCUS and CLASSICAL LITERATURE & COMPOSITION - Ashlie Kirby**

**Curriculum: A Beka Grammar & Composition III / Combination of British & American Literature**

Ashlie Kirby, mother of four, has just completed 22 years of homeschooling. She holds both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in English from Western Kentucky University. Ashlie is looking forward to helping young people improve their writing and grammar skills so that they may more clearly communicate the Truth that our world so desperately needs to hear. We are very fortunate that she is part of our team.

**HEALTH** - We are currently recruiting a teacher for this course.  
Curriculum: TBD

**INTRODUCTON TO PUBLIC SPEAKING - Mollie Wade**  
**Curriculum: teacher assembled, no text necessary**

Mrs. Wade returns to our co-op with 25 years of teaching experience in public speaking, English, and literature courses. She has both a

Bachelor's and a Master's degree from WKU and has taught at local public schools, WKU and SKYCTC. She loves to work with young people and is especially passionate about helping them build confidence in their communication skills. We are very thankful to have her at our co-op.

**U.S. GOVERNMENT and ECONOMICS - David Sparks Curriculum:**  
**TBD**

Mr. Sparks comes to The PLACE with a wealth of knowledge and experience in our country's government system. A civil trial lawyer, with degrees from WKU and UK, Mr. Sparks has also been an adjunct professor at Western Ky University for the past 20 years, teaching a wide variety of business law courses. He has received numerous academic and community awards, many of which are a result of his involvement in helping young people become stellar citizens of our country. We are very blessed to welcome Mr. Sparks to our co-op team.

**You are invited**  
**to attend an**

# **Open House of The PLACE Co-op!**

**Come see us in action!**

**Elementary & Middle School Grades K – 8: Friday, April 5, 9:30 a.m.  
Richpond Baptist Church**

**High School Grades 9-12: Tuesday, April 9, 9:00 a.m.  
Eastwood Baptist Church, Entrance D**

**An RSVP is requested, but not required : [theplacecoop@gmail.com](mailto:theplacecoop@gmail.com)  
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