

# Welcome to The Nest: A Learning Collective

At The Nest: A Learning Collective, we believe that learning is a journey that is better when taken together. We believe in a structured yet dynamic approach to education, where dedicated teachers provide thoughtful guidance while fostering curiosity, creativity, critical thinking, and a love for lifelong learning. Whether we're diving into science experiments, creating music and art, or exploring the world around us, we do it as a community – supporting, inspiring, and growing together.

We are committed to:

- **Teacher-Guided, Purposeful Learning**  
Our educators provide structured lessons designed to build strong foundational skills in all areas of education. Lessons are engaging, hands-on, developmentally appropriate, and designed to spark curiosity while ensuring mastery of key concepts.
- **Community and Collaboration**  
Education is best when it is a shared experience. Our collective fosters a supportive learning environment where teachers, students, and families work together to inspire growth and character development.
- **Character and Leadership Development**  
We prioritize the development of strong character, responsibility, and leadership skills. Through mentorship, service projects, and cooperative learning, students cultivate integrity, empathy, and resilience.
- **Experiential and Hands-On Learning**  
We believe that children learn best by doing. Our approach includes real-world experiences, hands-on projects, exploration, and practical skill-building to foster deep understanding.
- **Traditional Structure with Flexibility**  
While our teachers lead instruction, we recognize that each child is unique. Our approach allows for differentiation, accommodating various learning styles and pacing while maintaining an organized and intentional educational framework.
- **Nature, Play, and Physical Education**  
Time outdoors is an essential part of a healthy and balanced education. Nature play will be integrated into the end of our day at a local playground or nature preserve.
- **A Love for Lifelong Learning**  
Education does not stop at childhood. We model and encourage a mindset of continuous learning, curiosity, and adaptability, preparing children to thrive in an ever-changing world.

## Community Expectations

To foster a positive and productive collective, we ask all students to:

- **Engage Respectfully:** Listen actively, communicate openly, and honor diverse perspectives.

- **Collaborate Thoughtfully:** Contribute to group activities with intention and support peers in their learning journeys.
- **Reflect Continuously:** Regularly assess personal growth and seek feedback to enhance the learning experience.

## **Support and Resources**

We are dedicated to providing resources that support each student's unique learning path. Should you have questions or require assistance, please reach out to any of our teachers.

## **Communication**

Open and transparent communication is vital to The Nest's success. We encourage students and guardians to maintain regular contact with facilitators to discuss progress, concerns, or suggestions. If your child will be absent from class, please let us know ahead of time.

## **Liability Release**

I acknowledge that participation in activities at *The Nest: A Homeschool Collective* is voluntary and involves inherent risks, including but not limited to accidents, injuries, and illnesses. I agree to assume full responsibility for any risks, injuries, or damages that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with participation in any activities or events associated with The Nest.

I hereby release, waive, discharge, and hold harmless *The Nest: A Homeschool Collective*, its organizers, instructors, volunteers, and affiliates from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action arising out of or related to any loss, damage, injury, or harm that may occur during participation in activities, whether caused by negligence or otherwise.

I acknowledge that my child(ren) will be under the supervision of designated teachers and instructors while participating in activities. In the event of a medical emergency, I authorize The Nest to obtain medical treatment for my child(ren) and agree to be financially responsible for any associated costs.

Additionally, I accept full responsibility for any damage caused by myself or my child(ren) to the facilities, property, or equipment of *Wake Forest Academy of Fine Arts* and *The Nest: A Homeschool Collective*. I agree to reimburse WFAFA and The Nest for any necessary repairs or replacements resulting from such damage.

## **Automatic Payment Enrollment**

To ensure a smooth and consistent enrollment experience, *The Nest: A Homeschool Collective* requires all families to enroll in automatic payments for tuition and fees. By enrolling in *The Nest*, you agree to the following automatic payment policies:

- **Payment Authorization:** You authorize *The Nest* to automatically withdraw tuition and applicable fees from your designated payment method on the 1st day of each month, unless otherwise specified.
- **Insufficient Funds & Failed Payments:** If a payment is declined due to insufficient funds or other payment failures, a late fee may be applied. The Nest reserves the right to suspend participation in activities until payment is received.
- **Cancellation & Withdrawal:** To cancel enrollment and discontinue automatic payments, written notice must be provided at least 30 days in advance. No refunds will be issued for partial months of attendance.
- **Billing Disputes:** Please contact us in writing with any questions regarding billing. The Nest will review and respond promptly to all concerns.
- **Updating Payment Information:** Families are responsible for maintaining up-to-date payment information. Any changes to billing details must be updated at least 7 days before the next scheduled payment.

**\*\*NOTE:** After you register, our staff will manually add the \$50.00 registration fee (upon registration) & materials fee (due August 1st). Monthly class withdrawals will be auto drafted from this account for 9 months beginning on September 1, 2025 and ending May 1, 2026.

### **Termination Agreement**

- **Notice of Termination:** Students must provide written notice of termination at least 30 days in advance. Tuition and fees will continue to be charged during this period, and participation in activities will remain available until the termination date.
- **No Refund Policy:** The Nest does not provide refunds for partial months of attendance. Any prepaid fees are non-refundable unless otherwise stated in a separate written agreement.
- **Return of Property:** All borrowed materials, equipment, or other property belonging to The Nest must be returned in good condition before the termination date. Students will be responsible for any damages or missing items.
- **Re-Enrollment Policy:** Former students may reapply for enrollment but will be subject to space availability, re-enrollment fees, and a review of prior account standing.

### **Participation & Enrollment**

As a collective we strive to meet the needs of our students however, enrollment at The Nest is offered on a conditional basis to ensure alignment with our community values and the well-being of all students.

All students are provisionally enrolled in the program. Should The Nest determine, at its sole discretion, that it cannot adequately meet a student's needs or that the student's involvement adversely affects the program's environment or other students, parents or guardians may be requested to withdraw the participant.

This approach allows us to maintain a nurturing and effective learning environment for everyone involved.

## **Photo & Video Release**

I grant permission to *The Nest: A Homeschool Collective* and its representatives to take and use photographs and/or video recordings of me and/or my child(ren) for promotional, educational, and informational purposes. This includes, but is not limited to, use on The Nest's website, social media pages, newsletters, printed materials, and other promotional outlets.

I understand that:

- These images may be used in various media formats without further notice to me.
- I will not receive any compensation for the use of these images.
- My child's full name and any other personal information will not be disclosed in any published materials.

If you do not want pictures taken of your child/children please inform The Nest by emailing [thenestlearningcollective@gmail.com](mailto:thenestlearningcollective@gmail.com)

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