

ATLANTA ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION NETWORK

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

AAEN (Atlanta Alternative Education Network) is a not-for-profit cooperative group of homeschoolers and other educators interested in exploring alternatives to public/private schools. As an organization, we have no religious affiliation and welcome people of all belief systems, ethnic backgrounds, educational styles and ages. We seek diversity for the educational experience it is. AAEN is staffed entirely by volunteers. We welcome the involvement and participation of every family. This Participation Agreement explains the policies and expectations of our group.

FOR PARENTS:

- **You, or the adult you have designated in your absence, are solely responsible for your children at all AAEN events and activities, including field trips, classes, play days, and potlucks.**
- If an adult other than yourself has been placed in charge of your children at an AAEN event, please inform another AAEN member so that we know whom to contact in case of an emergency.
- For classes at UUMAN: children may not roam the building or the grounds unsupervised. Teachers are not responsible for children after class or between classes. No one will escort your child from one class to another. If your child needs to be escorted, you must do so. If you must leave while your child is in class, please make arrangements for another adult to be responsible for your child. Please make sure your child knows that you will be gone and which adult will be supervising them. We are not a drop-off service.
- Although some parents of older children may feel that their children do not require close supervision, our children are legally considered minors. If they are out of school and unsupervised during school hours, they may be considered truant. If your child were injured or have an emergency at a AAEN activity and you or another designated adult were not there, you could be considered negligent.
- Neither UUMAN nor AAEN accepts any liability for your children.
- Please leave the classroom, park, or field trip location (etc.) as you found them. Please instruct your children to do the same.
- The offices of UUMAN are open and there will be people working while we are conducting classes. Please do not disturb them. Please also respect the Sanctuary and do not enter without permission.
- It would be helpful if you could leave the parking spaces closest to the doors for the teachers. They have materials to bring in.
- **We are our own cleanup crew.** Our rent does not include UUMAN's janitorial services. During registration, we ask for volunteers to sign up to help clean up the grounds and classrooms after classes

- If you have a concern or question about a class, please discuss this with your child's teacher first. If you feel that your question has not been resolved by the teacher, please address your concern to the AAEN class coordinator.
- Your child is expected to behave appropriately at all times. (See below.)
- If your child's behavior becomes a problem during classes, the teacher is the sole authority. You may be asked to stay with your child in class, and/or supervise him or her more closely. Your child may also be asked to leave the class or activity. *There will be no refunds issued if your child is asked to leave the class.*

FOR CHILDREN:

- You are expected to behave appropriately at all times during AAEN classes, activities, park days and field trips.
- You will treat everyone with respect. This includes showing respect for the belongings, feelings and opinions of others. You will respect the places where we meet. You will not take or damage property. You will not use obscene or foul language and gestures.
- You will not engage in any activity that puts others at risk.
- If you do not follow these rules, your parent(s) will be notified. Your parent(s) may be asked to sit with you in class or be with you at all times during other activities or events. You may be asked to leave the class or activity.
- **The following behaviors are considered very serious, and may result in your being asked to leave a class or activity:**
 - Possession or use of weapons, illegal drugs or other controlled substances, tobacco products of any kind and alcoholic beverages.
 - Physical abuse of any kind, including hitting, kicking, biting, pushing another person.
 - Failure to follow instructions from an adult thereby putting another person or yourself in danger.
 - Leaving the class or activity without permission from the teacher or event organizer.
 - Verbal abuse of any other person.
 - Behavior that interferes with the quality of our programs.
 - Threatening to harm yourself or others.

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 I have read and I understand these policies and behavior expectations. I agree to abide by them at all times during all AAEN-sponsored activities.

I have also explained the policies of AAEN to my children, who fully understand and agree to abide by these policies when they participate in AAEN activities.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____