

Homeschooling Coop (Microschool) **Parent Guide**

We know there are a lot of questions about homeschooling coops (microschools). Here is some information about homeschooling coops that every parent should know.

What is a homeschooling coop?

Homeschool co-ops are multifamily learning arrangements where families have filed a Notice of Intent to Homeschool in accordance with Nevada's education laws. By doing so, the parent/guardian takes responsibility for their child's education and can therefore choose from various nationally recognized content providers to educate their child, meeting the state standard for educational benchmarks.

Some of the benefits of a homeschooling coop include:

- A smaller, more personalized learning environment built to meet the specific education needs of the learners it serves;
- Ability to convene in various settings (*e.g.*, home, community center, business); and,
- In-room assistance and supervision by a trained Guide or Learning Assistant.

Homeschooling coop models vary and their particular appeal depends on the diverse needs of different learners. Small, intimate learning environments are a strong attractor for some children who struggle in large schools and crowded classrooms, providing core academic content while also offering rich emphasis on specialty areas like Montessori, project-based learning, or arts-infused models.

This is how Southern Nevada Urban Micro Academy (SNUMA) is organized. The academic content provided is aligned with Nevada Academic Content Standards, so that if families choose to return to the public school system, their children will have been advancing along the same learning trajectory as their peers in other schools.

Please note that SNUMA is not a public school, a private school, or charter school.

What does my child get out of going to SNUMA?

The children, assisted by Guides or Learning Assistants, will follow a structured curriculum and learning sequence, so it is crucial that children participate every day, just like they do in a public school, private school, or charter school. The children experience a broad curriculum, that includes not only English language arts and math, but social studies, science, and high-quality enrichment offerings like movement and mindfulness as well as other activities.

How much does it cost for my child to attend?

The cost is \$2/day for each student to attend SNUMA's homeschooling coop program. Need-based scholarships are available. You can apply at NLVCares.com on the Southern Nevada Urban Micro Academy page.

How do I enroll my child in the SNUMA homeschooling coop option?

Parents can enroll their students via the [application form on NLVCares.com](#), by calling (702) 202-3490 or by [email](#).

Homeschooling coop participants have to file a completed Declaration of Intent to Homeschool form pursuant to NRS 388D.020. In doing so, the parent/guardian officially un-enrolls their child from their prior school and declares that the parent/guardian has control or charge of the child and the legal right to direct the education of the child and ***assumes full responsibility for the education of the child while the child attends the homeschooling coop.*** It is important to understand that if your prior school was a magnet school or a charter school, your child might lose their place in that school and have to enter the lottery to re-enroll. You should also include an education plan with your completed Intent to Homeschool form. Here is a sample you can consider using:

Educational Plan:

The educational plan for my child will include sending my child to participate in the Southern Nevada Urban Micro Academy every weekday, where my child will use NSSI curriculum (for grades 3-8) or Prenda curriculum (grades 1-2) for the core subjects of math and ELA, which will include reading, writing, and composition. The Southern Nevada Micro Academy will also provide social studies, science and other curricula as well.

Mail the form and plan to:

Office of Homeschool
Clark County School District
4204 Channel 10 Drive, Building B
Las Vegas, NV 89119
702-799-8630 ext. 5214

You will likely not receive any confirmation or acknowledgement from the CCSD office. Once they have been notified, you are official and clear to attend SNUMA's homeschooling coop program.