



Our Story

3:17 Hybrid was born out of our collective experience as classroom teachers and homeschoolers—but especially shaped by what we learned during the 2021–22 school year. In the summer of 2021, three of our founding moms came together to create a small co-op built on simplicity, strong core subjects, and active, joyful learning.

In our past experiences, co-ops often added extra work, extra subjects our children didn't truly need, or simply didn't lighten the load of homeschooling. Some semesters were fun, but many times we felt overwhelmed—busy moms trying to juggle even more. We longed for something different: a co-op that genuinely supported us, helped us accomplish more together than we could alone, and gave us meaningful breaks instead of adding to our responsibilities.

We envisioned a place where:

- **Core subjects** were taught well and moved us forward in educating our children.
- **Curriculum choices** made it possible to teach multiple ages and grades efficiently.
- **Learning was active**, engaging, hands-on, and joyful—with movement, meaningful tasks, and space to release energy.
- **Children loved coming**, looked forward to co-op day, and felt part of something special.

By God's grace, that vision became a reality. Our co-op year was a tremendous success. We moms were refreshed, supported, and able to teach more effectively. And our children? Co-op day quickly became the favorite day of the week.

As the year went on, we began asking new questions:

Could this model serve more families? Could we help other moms experience the joy and relief we were experiencing? How could we share our combined experience and bless our community?

Through many informal conversations—often while the kids played after lunch—the idea of **3:17 Hybrid School** began to take shape. We spent countless hours planning, writing, researching, and shaping the vision. We invited a fourth homeschool mom to join us for her strengths and expertise, formed an official Board of Directors, and asked Karen Hanley to serve as the Director of 3:17 Hybrid. Karen had been at the forefront of dreaming up this model and had a deep desire to see it serve our community well.

In March of 2022, we opened enrollment for our first school year (2022–23) and were overwhelmed by the response—every seat filled within just three weeks. We were able to open and fill an additional 20 slots shortly after. Since then, God has continued to grow our school. We now serve more than 140 students and now are seeking to open a second campus.

We have loved growing alongside our teachers, students, and families. It is our prayer that 3:17 Hybrid continues to meet a real need and serves many families for years to come.