

### Passion Oriented Education™ Guild Overview

**Description:** POE™ is a passion-oriented education. A POE™ Guild is a co-operative activity group for parents & children designed to execute and support the philosophies and methodology of a Passion Oriented Education™.

**PHILOSOPHY:** All children are born with the seeds of their own brilliance and will thrive in an environment that helps them find, nurture and sustain the passion that leads to that brilliance.

**WHY PASSION:** Passion propels us forward, summoning our innate drive to explore, discover hidden interests, talents, gifts, and create. A passionate environment is supportive, contagious and engaging, sweeping up adults and children alike.

**STRUCTURE:** A POE™ Guild consists of a motivated director and a group of enthusiastic, hands-on parents. While the director organizes and facilitates the group, it is everyone's job to work together to implement the ideas, methodologies and activities of a Passion Oriented Education™. Families meet twice a month for official meetings. Children meet weekly for activities and sub-groups meet as needed.

**SUPPORT:** The Institute for POE™ provides education, training, and community through:

- **Tele/web/seminars**
- **Online forums**
- **Local workshops/presentations**
- **Regional and national workshops and conventions.**

**METHODOLOGY:** POE™ facilitates the development of the whole child. How a child learns, grows and discovers a sense of self is largely influenced by his/ her surroundings. By providing a strong community base, Guild members are giving their children an alternative culture within which to interact. These parents seek, find and support each child's individual passion and creativity. Thus, the POE™ process addresses not only the child, but the Guild community, parents and family culture as well.

#### POE™ PROCESS OVERVIEW: EMAP

	<b>Identify Interest→</b>	<b>Fuel Interest into Passion→</b>	<b>Ignite Passion into Brilliance</b>
<b>Expose</b>	To a Wide Range of Experiences	To a Specialized Set of Experiences and Activities	To Appropriate Mentors and a Larger Community
<b>Monitor</b>	To Identify Interest	To Identify and Facilitate Passionate Absorption	To Identify More Specific Types of Passion.
<b>Assess</b>	How to Fuel That Interest	How to Fuel That Passion Into Tangible Results	How to Reach Sustained Passion and Bring Brilliance Out into the World
<b>Provide</b>	The Next Step towards Passion	The Next Step to Brilliance: Booster Activities	Expansive Set of Opportunities

#### POE™ Guild-parent generated activities include:

- **Workshop Classes:** designed to help children find their interests, talents and passions.
- **Guest speakers:** role models ( for children and adults alike) who are living their passions.
- **Fieldtrips:** to broaden a wide range of experiences.
- **Playgroups, social groups and events:** to help children who are finding their passions connect to each other and interact with other families who have similar values, goals and experiences.

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