

The Community Page: A How-To Guide

The **Community** page is where homeschooling families connect: ask questions, swap curriculum ideas, plan local meetups, and pass along used materials in the marketplace. Posts are grouped by location (state or county) so you can find families near you, and everything you share is covered by a short set of community guidelines you agree to before you post.

This guide walks through every function on the page.

Search posts by keyword...

New post

State

County

State

Category

Sort by

Choose a state



All categories



Most recent



Choose a state to see its posts, or search by keyword above.

Opening the Community page

From the main menu on the left, click **Community** (the globe icon). On a phone, tap **More** in the bottom bar, then choose **Community** (it is not one of the four shortcuts pinned to the bottom bar, so it lives under **More**).

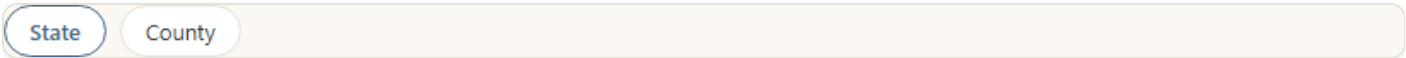
The page has, from top to bottom:

- A **search box** and a **New post** button.
- **State** and **County** tabs to choose how wide you want to look.
- A row of **filters** (State, County, Category, Sub-topic, Sort by).
- The **list of posts** that match.

Note: The first time you want to post or reply, you will be asked to agree to the community guidelines. See "Agreeing to the community guidelines" below.

Choosing where to look: State and County

Posts are tied to a place, so you pick a scope first. Use the two tabs near the top.



Tab	What it shows
State	All posts shared with a whole state. Choose the state in the State filter below the tabs.
County	Posts shared with a single county. Choose a State , then type a County name (for example, Travis).

Steps:

1. Click the **State** or **County** tab.
2. Under **State**, open the dropdown and choose a state (for example, **Texas**).
3. If you picked the **County** tab, also type the county name in the **County** box (for example, Travis).

Until you have chosen enough detail, the page shows a gentle prompt instead of posts:

- On the **State** tab with no state chosen: "Choose a state to see its posts, or search by keyword above."
- On the **County** tab without both a state and a county: "Choose a state and enter a county to see local posts, or search above."

Tip: With the sample **Demo Family** account, the seeded posts live in **Texas**. Choose **Texas** on the **State** tab to see the Welcome, marketplace microscope, and Texas history posts, or switch to the **County** tab and enter **Travis** to find the Zilker park day meetup.

Narrowing the list: filters and sorting

Below the tabs is a row of filters. They work together with the scope you chose.

State

Category

Sub-topic

Sort by

Texas

Marketplace

All sub-topics

Most recent

Filter	What it does
State	The state whose posts you are viewing (required on both tabs).
County	The county name to match (shown only on the County tab).
Category	Limit the list to one kind of post, or leave it on All categories .
Sub-topic	Appears only when Category is Marketplace . Narrows to one kind of item, or leave on All sub-topics .
Sort by	Reorders the list: Most recent , State , County , or Category .

The categories you can filter by (and post into) are:

Category	Use it for
Discussion	General questions and conversation.
Marketplace	Buying, selling, or giving away materials between families.
Curriculum Ideas	Recommendations and reviews of what to teach with.
Events & Field Trips	Local meetups, classes, and outings.

When **Category** is set to **Marketplace**, a **Sub-topic** dropdown appears with these choices:

- **Curriculum & textbooks**
- **Books & readers**
- **Manipulatives & games**
- **Technology & devices**
- **Supplies & materials**
- **Services & tutoring**
- **Other**

Note: If you switch the category away from **Marketplace**, the sub-topic clears itself so it does not keep hiding results in the background.

Searching by keyword

The search box at the top finds posts by words in the title or message, and it looks across **all states and categories** at once.

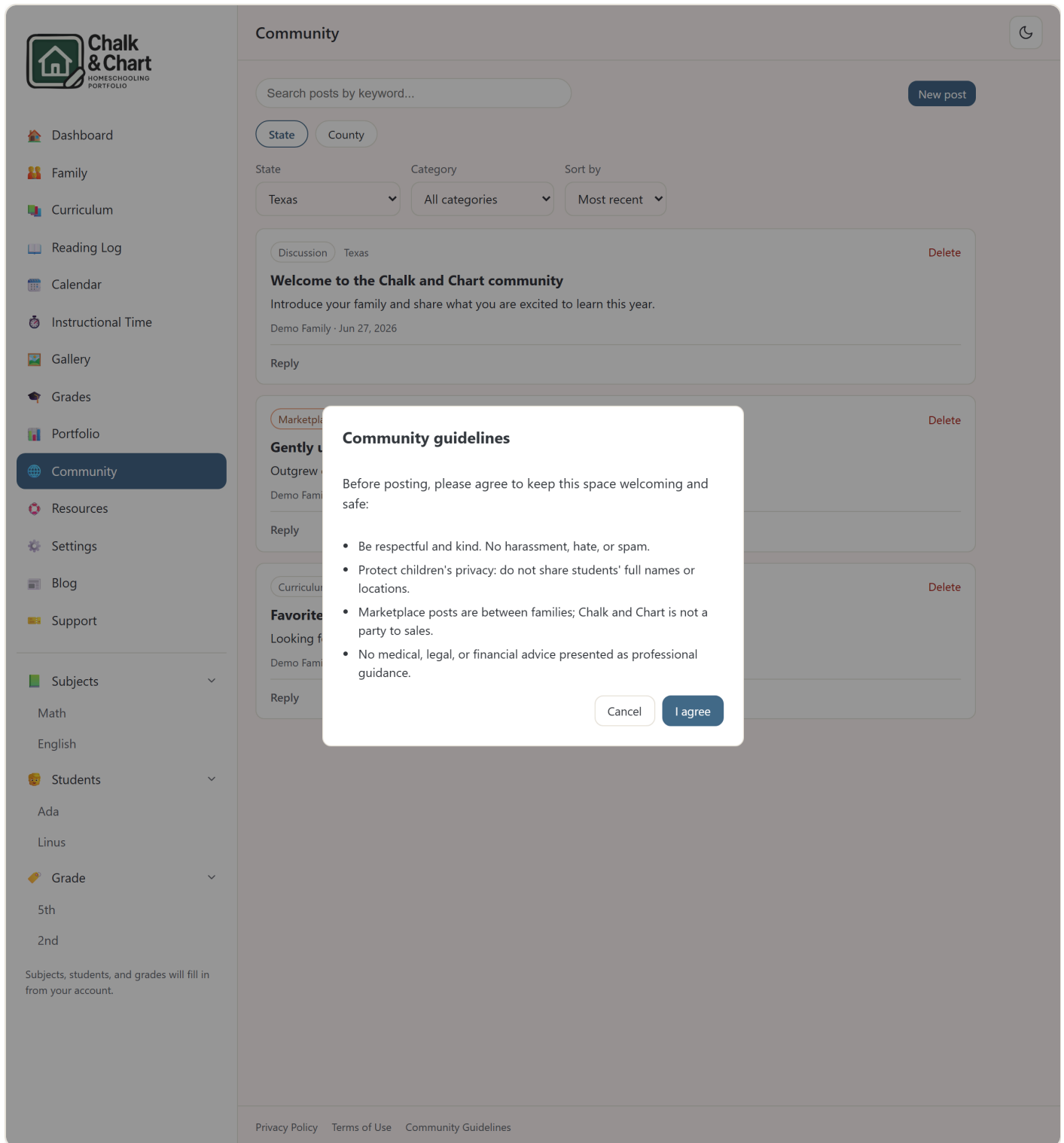
The screenshot displays the 'Community' section of the Chalk & Chart Homeschooling Portfolio. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options: Dashboard, Family, Curriculum, Reading Log, Calendar, Instructional Time, Gallery, Grades, Portfolio, Community (highlighted), Resources, Settings, Blog, and Support. Below these are expandable sections for Subjects (Math, English), Students (Ada, Linus), and Grade (5th, 2nd), with a note that they fill in from the user's account. The main content area is titled 'Community' and features a search bar containing 'microscope'. Below the search bar are filters for 'Category' (All categories) and 'Sort by' (Most recent). A 'New post' button is in the top right. A post titled 'Gently used microscope set' is displayed, with tags 'Marketplace', 'Technology & devices', and 'Texas'. The post text reads: 'Outgrew our beginner microscope. Happy to pass it along to another family.' It is dated 'Jun 27, 2026' and includes a 'Reply' button. A 'Delete' link is visible in the top right of the post area. At the bottom of the page are links for 'Privacy Policy', 'Terms of Use', and 'Community Guidelines'.

1. Type a word or phrase into **Search posts by keyword...** (for example, `microscope`).
2. The list updates as you type.
3. While a search is active, the **State** and **County** tabs and the location filters are hidden, because the search already spans every location.
4. Clear the box to return to the tabbed, location-based view.

If nothing matches, the page shows: No posts match "your words".

Agreeing to the community guidelines

Before your first post or reply, Chalk and Chart asks you to agree to a short set of guidelines. This happens automatically the first time you click **New post** or try to send a reply.



The guidelines ask you to:

- Be respectful and kind. No harassment, hate, or spam.
- Protect children's privacy: do not share students' full names or locations.
- Remember that marketplace posts are between families; Chalk and Chart is not a party to sales.
- Avoid presenting medical, legal, or financial advice as professional guidance.

Steps:

1. Read the guidelines.
 2. Click **I agree** to accept (the button briefly reads "Saving..."), or **Cancel** to back out.
 3. After you agree, the new-post form opens automatically, and you will not be asked again.
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Creating a post

1. Click **New post** (top-right of the page). If you have not yet agreed to the guidelines, the guidelines box appears first (see above); agree, and the form opens.
2. Fill in the form:



- Dashboard
- Family
- Curriculum
- Reading Log
- Calendar
- Instructional Time
- Gallery
- Grades
- Portfolio
- Community**
- Resources
- Settings
- Blog
- Support

- Subjects**
 - Math
 - English
 - Students**
 - Ada
 - Linus
 - Grade**
 - 5th
 - 2nd
- Subjects, students, and grades will fill in from your account.

Community



Search posts by keyword...

New post

State

County

State

Category

Sort by

Texas

All categories

Most recent

Discussion Texas

Delete

Welcome to the Chalk and Chart community

Introduce your family and share what you are excited to learn this year.

Demo Family - Jun 27, 2026

Reply

New post

Scope

State

State

Texas

Category

Sub-topic

Marketplace

Choose a sub-topic

Title

A short, clear title

Message

Share your question or offer

Photos (optional, up to 4)

Choose Files

No file chosen

Cancel

Post

Field	What to enter
Scope	State to share with a whole state, or County to keep it local.
State	The state your post belongs to (required).
County	The county name (shown and required only when Scope is County).
Category	Discussion , Marketplace , Curriculum Ideas , or Events & Field Trips .
Sub-topic	Appears and is required only when Category is Marketplace . Choose the kind of item.
Title	A short, clear title (required).
Message	Your question or offer (required).
Photos (optional, up to 4)	Attach up to four images (see "Attaching photos" below).

3. Click **Post**. The button reads "Posting..." while it saves.
4. The view jumps to where your new post lives (the scope, state, and county you chose, with the category filter cleared) so you can see it right away.

Note: The **Post** button stays disabled until the required fields are filled: a title, a message, a state (and a county for county posts), and a sub-topic for marketplace posts.

Attaching photos

Inside the **New post** form, under **Photos (optional, up to 4)**:

1. Click the file picker and choose one or more image files.
2. You can attach up to **4** photos; if you pick more, only the first four are kept.
3. A small note shows how many are selected (for example, "2 selected").
4. The photos upload when you click **Post**, and they appear as thumbnails on your published post. Clicking a thumbnail opens the full image in a new tab.

Viewing posts

Each post appears as a card in the list.

Marketplace

Technology & devices

Texas

Delete

Gently used microscope set

Outgrew our beginner microscope. Happy to pass it along to another family.

Demo Family · Jun 27, 2026

Reply

A post card shows, from top to bottom:

- A **category badge** (for example, **Marketplace**), and for marketplace posts a second badge with the **sub-topic** (for example, **Technology & devices**).
- The **location** the post is shared with (a state name, or "County, State").
- On other families' posts, a **Follow** control; on your own posts, a **Delete** link.
- The **title** and the **message**.
- Any **photo** thumbnails.
- The **author name** and the **date** (for example, "Demo Family").
- A **replies** control at the bottom.

Following a post

On a post that is not yours, click ★ **Follow** to keep an eye on it. The control changes to ★ **Following**. Click it again to stop following. (Your own posts show a **Delete** link here instead of a follow control.)

Replying to posts

No replies yet. Be the first.

Write a reply...

Reply

1. At the bottom of a post, click the replies control. It reads **Reply** when there are none, or shows the count (for example, "3 replies").
2. The replies panel opens and loads any existing replies. Each reply shows its text, the author, and the date. If there are none yet, it reads "No replies yet. Be the first."
3. Type your reply in the **Write a reply...** box.
4. Click **Reply** to send it (the button reads "Posting..." while it saves). If you have not yet agreed to the community guidelines, the guidelines box appears first; agree, then send.
5. To close the panel, click the control again (it now reads **Hide replies**).

Deleting your own reply

On a reply you wrote, click the **Delete** link next to the author and date. Your browser asks you to confirm because this cannot be undone. Click **OK** to remove it, or **Cancel** to keep it.

Deleting your own post

On a post you created, click the **Delete** link in the top-right of the card. Your browser asks you to confirm. Click **OK** to remove the post (and its replies and photos), or **Cancel** to keep it.

Note: You can only delete posts and replies that you wrote. Other families' posts show a **Follow** control, not a delete link.

Empty states

You may see one of these friendly messages instead of a list:

When	Message
On the State tab with no state chosen	"Choose a state to see its posts, or search by keyword above."
On the County tab without both a state and a county	"Choose a state and enter a county to see local posts, or search above."
A location or filter has no posts yet	"No posts here yet. Be the first to start a conversation."
A keyword search finds nothing	"No posts match "your words"."

Quick reference

I want to...	Do this
Open Community on mobile	More (bottom bar) → Community
See a whole state's posts	State tab → choose a State
See a county's posts	County tab → choose a State → type a County
Show only one kind of post	Category filter → pick a category
Narrow a marketplace search	Category → Marketplace → pick a Sub-topic
Reorder the list	Sort by → Most recent , State , County , or Category
Find a post by words	Type in the search box (searches all locations)
Agree to the guidelines	New post (or send a reply) → read → I agree
Write a post	New post → fill in the form → Post
Add photos to a post	In the New post form → Photos → pick up to 4 → Post
Follow someone's post	★ Follow on the post (becomes ★ Following)
Read or add replies	Click the replies control on a post → type → Reply
Delete your reply	Delete next to your reply → confirm
Delete your post	Delete on your post → confirm

Screenshots use the sample **Demo Family** account, whose seeded posts are in Texas (with a Travis County park day meetup).