

GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY *of* MARYLAND

Home School Student
Application Packet
2010-2011



"We commit ourselves in love to train parents and children to obey God, instructing them through academic excellence to be salt and light in the world."

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Registration Fee per Student: \$250 – **Registration deadline is October 1st.**

(Fee includes application costs, two visits with the Home School Coordinator & Stanford Achievement Test which is given in the spring. You need to contact the home school coordinator to make arrangements).

Cost per course: Middle School: \$1,350.00
(This course fee **does not** include Seven Star Courses) High School: \$1,400.00

Accelerated Reader Fee: \$20.00 per student/per year

Class Materials: Fee Determined by Course

Activity Fee: \$75.00

The Activity fee is for any extracurricular activity sponsored by GCA including sports. This fee is per activity, per student with no maximum. Students not enrolled in our program with oversight by the Coordinator, are not eligible to play sports or be involved in our extracurricular activities.

RESPONSIBILITY OF HOMESCHOOL COORDINATOR

1. At the initial meeting, the Coordinator will discuss the program, review curriculum and set a tentative schedule for future meetings;
2. Meetings will be held mid-term and at the end of the year.
3. At the end-of-year meeting, the Coordinator will review the student's portfolio and certify the completion of the curriculum. The Coordinator will also discuss test results with the parents if the parent has registered to take the school standardized testing.

PROVISIONS FOR THE STUDENT

1. All students may participate in Accelerated Reader at the cost listed above. Registration is required and must be completed prior to beginning the AR program. Please let the Registrar know if you are interested in participating in the AR program so that your student is registered for the program. The school library is available every afternoon, Monday through Friday from 3:15-3:45. Books may be checked out of the Library.
2. At this time, only middle and high school courses are available and they include electives on a space available basis. Home school students must wear the proper school uniform when attending classes.
3. Students may participate in any classes which have openings.
4. Students may participate in any sports that have openings on the team with first priority going to full-time students at GCA. In order to try out for any sport, you Sports Physical Form signed by a doctor and complete an Athletic Participation Form.
5. Stanford Achievement Testing is included in the registration fee. You must register for the test with the Home School Coordinator if you want to participate in this testing. SAT's are held in the Spring.
6. High School students may register to take the PSAT as long as there is space availability. The cost for the PSAT will be determined.
7. Online course through Seven Star are also available for a student to take at home. The fee for Seven Star course is determined by the course.

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HOME SCHOOL UMBRELLA PROGRAM

The State of Maryland recognizes the Oversight Program at Grace Christian Academy as a Home School Umbrella Program. Our primary responsibility is to ensure that home school parents are providing “regular, thorough instruction during the school year in the studies usually taught in the public schools to children of the same age...” to their children. We offer two portfolio reviews.

For a fee, students may take courses on campus, and participate in after-school activities (\$75 per sport or activity), such as sports and drama productions, all on a space-available basis.

We believe that parents want their children to have the best possible education, and that parents involved in homeschooling are no exception. Parents enrolling their children under the Grace Christian Academy Home School Umbrella Program must keep a portfolio of their child’s work, and meet with their advisor as scheduled to cover objectives and review their child’s work.

For each child, parents must maintain a portfolio that demonstrates regular and thorough instruction in the subjects usually taught at that grade level. Portfolios should contain samples of the student’s work from each subject, test results and evaluations.

- Complete the Assurance of Consent form and return it to Grace Christian Academy along with this application. This form can be obtained from the Robert D. Stethem Educational Center at 301-932-1003. This form is your protection against truancy charges.
- Parents choose their own curriculum and teaching methods that work with their children.
- One parent/guardian must be available at home to supervise the home school program and the progress of the child.
- Parents must consistently meet educational objectives, including submitting portfolios and grades, in order to continue in the program. A portfolio must be kept for each student that demonstrates regular, thorough instruction in the subjects usually taught at that grade level. Portfolios should contain samples of the student’s work from each subject, test results, and evaluations and should be updated monthly. This portfolio is required by law; it is the parent’s proof of compliance with the law and it is helpful to the parent and student to see gradual progress.
- In January, parents schedule a portfolio meeting with their advisor. They should bring a portfolio for each child, documenting the progress that child has made so far.
- In May, parents schedule an end-of-the-year portfolio review with their advisor.
- Maryland High School students are required to complete service hours in order to graduate. Please check with your Board of Education as to the home school criteria regarding service hours.

Non-compliance with the requirements will result in a written warning. A probationary period of 30 days will follow the warning, at the end of which the parent will be required to meet with the academic advisor to show that instruction is meeting the state requirements.

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Home School Registration Deadline: October 1st

ALL STUDENTS: The following items are required for all new and returning students to complete registration:

- ___ **Complete Application Packet** (Parent signatures required)
 - ~ Complete Assurance of Consent Form
 - ~ Complete Objectives and Methods Form
 - ~ Application completed and signed
 - ~ Signed Parental Agreement
 - ~ Signed Emergency Form
 - ~ Signed permission form to post pictures on website or for advertising
 - ~ Sports Physical Form signed by parent and physician (completed yearly)
 - ~ Registration Fee enclosed - \$250

Other Optional Services:

- ___ Sports/Activity Fee - \$75 per sport/activity and must be paid prior to the beginning of the season/activity.
List sport or activity- _____
- ___ On Campus Course Fee- see attached
List class/classes _____
- ___ Accelerated Reader Fee - \$20
- ___ School of Art/Music (please circle) – Fee determined by course
- ___ Standardized Testing (Stanford Achievement Test) – register with the Home School Coordinator (fee included in Registration fee)

STUDENT _____ **GRADE :** _____ (2010/2011)

Registrar/Finance Office Use Only

Registration Fee:	\$ _____	Testing Fee:	\$ _____
Sports/Activity Fee:	\$ _____	AR Program Fee:	\$ _____
School of Art/Music Fee	\$ _____	Course Fee:	\$ _____

**GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY *of* MARYLAND
HOME SCHOOL APPLICATION**

Date: _____

Student's name _____

Birth date _____ Gender: _____ S.S.# _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ County: _____ Zip _____

STUDENT'S HISTORY

School last attended _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Reason for leaving _____

Has student ever been suspended or expelled from school? Yes No

If yes, state circumstances _____

Grade (New School Year) _____

PARENT INFORMATION

Father's name _____

Employer _____ Work phone _____

Email Address: _____

Mother's name _____

Employer _____ Work phone _____

Email Address: _____

Primary parent who will supervise the homeschooling _____

HOME SCHOOL PARENTS' AGREEMENT

In signing this application, I/we acknowledge the following:

- I/We accept all of the regulations of the school in the applicant's behalf, including the dress code when on campus.
- I/We accept all responsibility for the fees and other expenses for my/our child/ren and payment of all such bills when due.
- I/We accept our responsibility to notify Grace Christian Academy and the county superintendent of schools in the event that I/we withdraw my/our child/ren from the Grace Brethren Home School Oversight Program.
- I/We agree to maintain a portfolio for each child including current goals/objectives, samples of daily work for each subject, test/quiz results and a reading list.
- I/We will schedule and attend the required regular portfolio reviews with our academic advisor.
- At least one parent/guardian will be available at home to supervise the home school program and the progress of the child(ren).

Grace Christian Academy reserves the right to dismiss a student who does not respect the school's rules of conduct, dress, spiritual standards, or cooperate in the educational process.

SIGNATURE OF COMMITMENT:

I/we have read and agree to the terms stated in this application.

Father _____ Date _____

Mother _____ Date _____

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HOME SCHOOL UMBRELLA PROGRAM

Curriculum Plan

Objectives and methods need to be filled out for each subject that is being taught during the school year. The objectives are the goals you have set for the student in each subject area. They include the knowledge and skills that will be achieved during that school year. The methods are the instructional methods used to achieve the learning objectives during the school year. List the frequency of testing and methods used along with textbooks used for instruction and any other learning resource materials (science experiments, research papers, list of books read).

Sample Below

Student: Sarah Anybody

Grade: 8th

Subject: History

Objective-Sarah will study U.S. History beginning with the formation of the First English Colonies, Building American Character and Times through the Civil War and the Twentieth Century events. She will also memorize the 50 U. S. states and capitals as well as the 43 Presidents.

Method –Sarah will read the textbook and do Check Up questions three times each week for 1 ½ hours. She will have a written test bi-weekly to measure her progress. She will memorize one President and one state and capital each week. She will do map skills during each lesson.

Curriculum Used - ABeka Books, 8th grade textbook – *America Land I Love*, tests and quizzes, Geography/Map skill check flashcards.

OBJECTIVE AND METHODS

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Date: _____

1. Subject _____

Objective _____

Method _____

Curriculum Used _____

2 Subject _____

Objective _____

Method _____

Curriculum Used _____

3. Subject _____

Objective _____

Method _____

Curriculum Used _____

4. Subject _____
Objective _____

Method _____

Curriculum Used _____

5. Subject _____
Objective _____

Method _____

Curriculum Used _____

6. Subject _____

Objective _____

Method _____

Curriculum Used _____

7. Subject _____

Objective _____

Method _____

Curriculum Used _____

8. Subject _____

Objective _____

Method _____

Curriculum Used _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION – 2010-2011

Home School Student

GRADE (2010-11): _____ BIRTHDATE: _____ GENDER ___ Male ___ Female

CHILD'S NAME: _____
Last First Middle Home PhoneHOME ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip

FATHER'S NAME: _____ PHONE: H: _____

W: _____ CELL PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

HOME ADDRESS: : _____
(If different from child) Street City State Zip

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ PHONE: H: _____

W: _____ CELL PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____
(If different from child) Street City State Zip**AUTHORIZED PERSONS** to assume responsibility for school dismissal and provision of care when parent or guardian cannot be reached. **PLEASE NOTE: STUDENT WILL ONLY BE RELEASED TO PERSONS AUTHORIZED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN.**

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Relationship: _____

Family Physician or Pediatrician: _____ Phone: _____

Family Dentist _____ Phone: _____

Local Hospital Preference: _____

Insurance which applies to the child _____ Policy ID: _____ Group #: _____

Relevant medical factors including allergies (food, drug & seasonal), medications and physical impairments:

_____**CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AND MEDICAL TREATMENT:** In the event my child needs to be transported by ambulance or emergency vehicle, I authorize transportation. In the event reasonable attempts to contact me/us have been unsuccessful, I/we hereby give my/our consent for administration of any treatment deemed necessary by Dr. _____ (preferred doctor) or Dr. _____ (preferred dentist); or, in the event the designated practitioner is not available, by another doctor or dentist; and the transfer of the child to the above-stated hospital or any hospital reasonably accessible. This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two (2) other-licensed physicians or dentists, concurring in the necessity for such surgery, are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery._____
Signature of Parent or Guardian_____
Date

(If you need additional space, please use the reverse side)

Grace Christian Academy

Web Address: www.graceknights.org
2010-2011

Dear Parents:

We have begun publicizing our programs with pictures and/or video on our website and in televised and print advertising/promotion. During the year, we may take photographs and/or video of your son or daughter engaging in one of the many exciting activities at Grace. All pictures and/or video will focus on the students performing school activities, most often in groups, and always representing the school's mission and beliefs. Because your child is a minor, we are required to obtain your permission to use any pictures of your child on the website or in advertising.

Please complete the form below. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school office. Thank you for your help.

Student's Name: _____

I give my permission for photographs and/or video of my child to be posted on the GCA website or used in advertising/promotion. I understand that if I, for any reason, change my mind, I can inform the GCA Director, preferably in writing, to ask that the photos and/or video be removed from the website or advertising.

I do not give my permission for photographs and/or video of my child to be placed on the GCA website or used in advertising/promotion.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

HOME SCHOOL RESOURCES

For your information, here is a list of websites that might be helpful to you.

Home School Legal Defense

<http://www.hslda.org>

CHEN – Christian Home Educators Network

<http://www.chenmd.org>

Maryland Home Education Association

www.mhea.com

Other programs available:

Grace Christian Academy also offers a School of Music and a School of Art.

School of Music: This program offers private musical lessons on the following instruments:

Piano	Flute	Trumpet	Baritone
Guitar	Clarinet	French Horn	Snare Drum/Bells
Drum set	Saxophone	Trombone	

Students are accepted into the piano program beginning in first grade; guitar students may enroll in the third grade; and band instrument students in the fourth grade. Music lessons are a learning experience for your child that can lead to a lifetime of personal enrichment and blessing to others.

Fill out a Registration form for lessons and for the middle school band. Our studio policies are also in a downloadable format. We look forward to working with your child. The registration form and studio policies can be found at <http://www.graceknights.org/SOM.htm>

School of Art: This is an after school program available to our elementary students. This program is run based on interest and teacher availability. Contact the school office at 301-645-0406 for more information.