

Q: What is a PSP?

A: PSP stands for Private Satellite Program. It is a homeschooling program that can offer an “umbrella” school to homeschooling parents who would like a little extra help with curriculum choices, documentation keeping, and provide a community aspect to the homeschooling journey. Parents who enroll in a PSP are expected to oversee at least 51% of homeschooling for their children, which is why we only offer classes 2 days a week.

Q: What are your classes like?

A: I think of our classes in 3 stages or levels. The K-5 stage/level classes are meant to be “enrichment” to whatever parents are teaching at home. Our 6-8 classes may require work outside of the classroom, and depending on the class can be seen as enrichment or a stand alone class. Our High School courses are designed to be “stand alone” classes - our HS students will be assigned work throughout the week and teachers will communicate with our students through Google Classroom and/or another similar program. HS students will be responsible for turning in their work in a timely manner and completing all the reading and activities for each assignment throughout the week. Even on days when they do not meet with the teacher. More information on classes is given at our mandatory parent meeting at the beginning of the year.

Q: Does my family have to attend church to attend CVCA?

A: While we understand that some families have to work on Sunday or it is just not convenient to attend church, we do strongly encourage our families to have a “home church” and attend as frequently as possible. Children in the school are required to be taught Bible on a daily basis as part of the homeschool day. Parents must sign and agree to our school’s Statement-of-Faith as outlined in our Academic Handbook. Students may be in different parts of their christian walk, but parents of the school should be strong christians and bring their children up in a christian home. All families should take our Statement of Faith very seriously.

Q: What sort of discipline system does CVCA have?

A: CVCA has a Code of Conduct that should be followed at all school events including park days, field trips, classes, and graduation. Students who cannot follow the Code of Conduct may be dismissed from the school. (Please see Academy Handbook for details).

Q: I've never homeschooled before! What help do you provide to us new homeschooling families?

A: It is ultimately the parent's responsibility to take charge of their children's education. Our school is not responsible for your student's study habits, progress, grades, curriculum, or any other things that should fall on the parent's shoulders. That being said, we have a number of experienced homeschooling parents who are willing to share their knowledge when it comes to choosing a good curriculum and getting started on the homeschooling journey. Our Mentor Program pairs a new homeschooling parent with an experienced, godly homeschooling parent to provide someone to walk you through some of the details!

Q: You just said that I have to be responsible for my student's grades? I thought the classes covered that!

A: For our High School classes, yes, the teachers will be responsible for providing a final grade at the end of each semester so that you may submit the grade on the report card. For other grade levels, we use the W.I.S.E. system of grading for grades K-6, and the A-F system of grading for grades 7-12. Most curriculum will provide answer keys to help you grade student work and most student work can be graded according to percentages. For example a score of 90% out of a 100% would be an A- if you were using the grading scale of 90-100 equals an "A". To figure out the percentage of a score, divide the number scored correctly by the number possible. That will give you a percentage. If a student received a score of 18 out of 20, the percentage would be 18 divided by 20, which equals about .9 or 90%. More help on grading can be found through our Mentor Program.

Q: Do we get funds to spend on curriculum and activities?

A: No. We are not a state funded school, but rather a private institution. So, no funds from the state.

Q: Do I have to turn in samples to anyone?

A: No. If a student is taking a class that requires assignments, then the student will be responsible for turning in those assignments by the due date, but the school does not require the parent to turn in work samples for documentation purposes.

Q: How does accountability work then?

A: Glad you asked! Our parents must (by law) complete a form at the beginning of the year stating their homeschooling plans for the year. Elementary parents complete a course of study, while HS completes a Description of Course for each class. The school keeps this on file for the state. If plans change over the course of the year, don't worry, you can always fill out a new form.

Parents are also asked to complete a quarterly report and a semester report card and attendance.

Q: How do I leave my old school to come to the new school?

A: Depending on what sort of school you are leaving, the most common procedure is to write a letter saying that you are withdrawing your child from the school. Include the date of birth and the child's name in the letter. By law, you do not have to tell the old school the new school, you can simply say that you are going with a private option for schooling. If you do want to share the name of the new school with your old school, that is fine. It is suggested that you request your student files and transcripts (if they were in High School) from their old school and obtain a copy before leaving.

Q: What are your enrollment dates?

A: We usually open enrollment for families in April. Early enrollment and new family enrollment ends August 1st. After August 1st, returning families can still return with an increase in tuition.

Q: What is the cost of enrollment?

A: For new families it is \$325 and for returning families it is \$250 (before August 1st). If a student is entering High School for the first time, or elementary school, a fee will be charged.

Q: Can I pay for my classes ahead of time, all at once?

A: No. Please wait for the invoice and pay for your classes through the invoice when the invoice is sent via email.

Q: If I feel like I am not getting any information from the school, what do I do?

A: First check your email. Much communication is done through email. Next, check the website. New information is often posted on the website. Very rarely does the school communicate through text messaging.

Q: Can I teach to my own schedule during the year?

A: Of course, but you may not want to take any of our classes, or participate in helping with a class if you know you will be busy or absent quite a bit. Also, when you complete the attendance, make sure to go according to the school calendar on the form. Please do not create your own school calendar, as it will raise red flags.

Q: Do I have to keep High School transcripts?

A: No. We do that for you. A High School guidance meeting is mandatory for any new HS students or HS students new to CVCA. This meeting helps us create a “map” of your High School plan based on state requirements and intent on goals after High School.

Q: Do I have to enroll with CVCA to attend classes?

A: Our classes are not open to the public and are meant for CVCA students, or students on a 1 year Fellowship plan. The Fellowships for this year are filled and we are only accepting fully enrolled students.

Q: Can I attend a charter school or other school and attend CVCA?

A: No. We are a fully functioning school and therefore students who are attending other schools may not attend our school.

Q: Can High School students take college classes for dual credit?

A: Yes. Any student age 16 and older who is achieving good grades, can take college courses for dual credit. This is limited to 11 units of dual credit.

Q: Can I keep to my own school schedule and dates, or do I have to go by the school's schedule?

A: The beauty of a program like ours is that you can hold school whenever you want and go on vacation, or take breaks, whenever you want! Legally, you must have school 175-180 days a year. Whatever schedule you have, we do ask that you turn your paperwork in to us according to the due dates, and mark the attendance calendar according to our school schedule. This is not because we are being dishonest with the state, we trust you are doing the required amount of school days, but because it is easier on the state and us to keep everything "streamlined" and to not raise any red flags. If you have further questions regarding this, please let me know. Thanks!