



HANDBOOK 2024-2025



The Academy Purpose

Mission - The Academy is a Christian homeschool program dedicated to bolstering Christian families in the nurturing and education of their children and with a passion for learning, putting others ahead of self, and to the Glory of God.

Vision - The Academy strives to create a Christ-centered community where students can be challenged academically, build character and confidence, develop life-skills and deep friendships, and discover their unique purpose and calling that extends far beyond their time at The Academy.

Philosophy - The Academy provides a learning environment supported by the families and community, emphasizing the development of the student.

We seek to develop in each young person their God-given curiosity, a desire for learning, confidence in the effort, and an understanding of honor and personal ethics. The Academy promotes spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social growth. Through daily living, instruction, and fellowship, The Academy aims to create a homeschool community which exemplifies Christian values and demonstrates their implications for the individual and society.



Expectations of The Academy Student

Students are expected to:

- have a positive attitude
- follow classroom rules
- be considerate and respectful
- be prepared for class
- work cooperatively with others
- listen and follow directions
- complete assigned tasks
- take responsibility for their actions
- take initiative in seeking help

Students are expected to be active participants in class who are willing to try new things, take on new challenges, show curiosity, and express creativity.

By adhering to these expectations, the Academy expects that students will grow in their ability to think critically, communicate clearly, collaborate, connect with others, adapt to change, and evaluate information for relevance. It is also expected that students will grow in their understanding who they are in Christ and who Christ is in them.

Expectation of The Academy Parent

Our homeschool hybrid model requires strong involvement from parents outside of classroom hours. The Academy is partnering with the parents, and there is a responsibility for both to work together. Teachers will provide instructions on what is needed for each lesson, and the student will be required to complete coursework at home.



Statement of Faith

The Academy is a Christian homeschool hybrid community, therefore, as one of its first priorities, the leadership created and adopted a statement of faith.

GOD

We believe in the one sovereign and loving God. God exists in three persons, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

THE FATHER

We believe in God the Father, Creator and Ruler of all things in heaven and earth.

JESUS CHRIST

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus is both fully God and fully man. He was without sin. He died on the cross for our sins, was buried, and after three days He was resurrected from the dead, ascended into heaven, and now sits at the right hand of God. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who convicts us of our sins and our need for Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit comforts, teaches, and empowers us to live in righteousness.



Arrival and Dismissal

Classes will meet Monday - Wednesday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm. There will be a drop-off (8:15 am - 8:25 am) and pick-up (1:30 pm - 1:45 pm) window of time prior to the beginning of class and then immediately following the end of class. Your child's teacher will give you detailed instructions for drop-off and pickup at the open house. Please make every effort to be on time for drop-off and pick up. There will be a late charge of \$20 per 15 minutes incurred if a pattern of tardiness at pick up is established. We are certainly aware that circumstances beyond our control may cause you to be late picking up your child. If this is the case, please give your child's teacher a call.

Lunch

Students will be expected to bring a light lunch each day. Students will not have access to a microwave. Students may bring a water bottle to school.

Tuition

Parents agree to pay tuition for the student for the school year. Tuition is due on or before the 10th of each month. There will be a \$20.00 late fee added if not received by the 10th.

Your financial commitment is critical to planning for and meeting the costs of teachers' salaries and budget. We are asking you to make a financial commitment for the entire school year.

Discounted Annual Rate Full tuition paid by the September 10	Monthly Rate (Sept.-May)	Nonrefundable Fees
\$3,000 for 1st child \$2,700 for younger sibling(s)	\$350 per month for 1st child \$315 per month for younger sibling(s) *10% discount included above	<u>One time Registration Fee:</u> Prior to March 31 - \$50 April 1- July 14 - \$75 After July 14 - \$100 <u>One Time Curriculum Fee:</u> Prior to March 31 - \$300 April 1- July 14 - \$325 After July 14 - \$350



Discipline

Mild disciplinary methods will be used to insure the well-being of all children. Modifying undesirable behavior will be attempted through positive, non-belittling verbal communication. We direct the child's attention to constructive behavior or utilize time out from the group. Spanking or paddling is not allowed. Parents will be notified if the child's behavior continues to the detriment to themselves or others. Certain behaviors such as striking another student, causing disruptions, or being disrespectful to others will not be tolerated. We do take into consideration the "learning" curve that accompanies the start of school, and will make every effort possible to teach the correct classroom behavior. Corrections will be handled in a respectful, loving manner. We will treat each child the way we want our own children to be treated in school.

Security

In order to provide a safe, secure environment, all exterior doors at the church will be locked during the day. If at any time you need to enter the building while class is in session, please give your child's teacher a call or call the office at Chatsworth First Methodist.

Health

An immunization form or exemption form is required for each student and must be on file by Sept. 10. Information about any allergies and medical needs, if applicable, should also be given.

Declaration of Intent

Parents will submit a declaration of intent to homeschool with the Georgia Department of Education by September 1st for the registered school year. Parents accept full responsibility for their student's education.



Handbook Agreement

I have received a copy of the handbook and agree with all the terms presented.

Parent's Printed Name

Parent's Signature and Date

Student's Printed Name

Student's Signature and Date