

HOMESCHOOL MINISTRY

At Grace Church we recognize that some parents choose to educate their children in the home (i.e. outside of a conventional educational institution). Though not all parents have this conviction, in accordance with the diversity present in the body of Christ (Romans 12), we do offer a covering for home school parents that is referred to as Grace Christian School. If you desire more information about this ministry, please refer to the guidelines below and/or our Children's Ministry Director.

GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GUIDELINES

1. Enrollment in Grace Christian School is limited to Grace Church members
2. Membership in the Home School Legal Defense Association, Rutherford Institute or similar advocacy groups (as approved by the Grace Christian School Committee) is a prerequisite for enrollment in GCS each year. A copy of acceptance letter or membership card is required. Registration without this membership is recommended for kindergarten through first grade even if the child has not reached mandatory school age.
3. Parents must provide an organized course of study, using curriculum of their choice.
4. Parents are to maintain records of attendance (i.e. dates of actual teaching activities adding up to 180 days per year), to be submitted each semester to the GCS administrator. Forms will be provided or similar computer forms.
5. Parents are to submit a semester goal assessment form (to be provided) to GCS administrator.
6. All semester reports (items 4 and 5 above) are to be turned in to the GCS administrator by the last day in January and May.
7. Parents are to maintain a daily journal of instruction or lesson plans and a portfolio of materials and samples of student's work. These should be kept for a minimum of three years as legal documents to be used by HSLDA if needed.
8. All costs for curriculum, educational materials, and testing will be paid for by the parents.
9. Parents enrolling their children in GCS must complete and sign a Church School enrollment form. A copy of this form will be sent to the appropriate school board upon acceptance of application. The board will also be notified upon withdrawal of this child from GCS.
10. Enrollment information requirements are due 1 week prior to beginning of public school year so that notification of public school superintendent can be accomplished in a timely manner.
11. Any well-known and generally accepted standardized testing will be required at least every two years beginning in the fourth grade. Parents will be responsible for making arrangements and for any fees

involved. Based on observation and objective testing/assessment, other specific testing, evaluation or assistance may be recommended in order to encourage the success of the child. Parents are to supply a copy of the results.

Note: Grace Christian School operates as an integral ministry of Grace Church, recognizing that the Holy Spirit, in accordance with God's Word (Proverbs 22:6), impresses upon hearts of Christian parents their responsibility to educate their children. Grace Church recognizes that for some parents, home schooling is a deeply felt conviction with no viable alternative. Grace Church also recognizes that not all parents have this conviction, in accordance with the diversity of the Body of Christ (Romans 12). Thus, families in the Grace Church fellowship have the option to educate their children in a variety of ways, according to their personal convictions or preferences.