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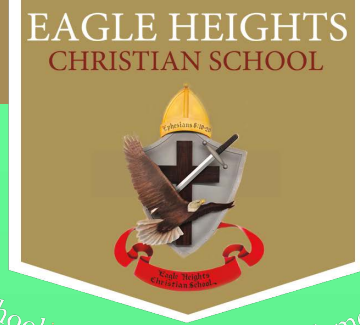
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Eagle Heights Christian School Homeschool Program

2018/2019



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Eagle Heights Christian School Homeschool Program

We have found that families can successfully educate their children at home if (1) they are committed to home schooling as a Biblical alternative, (2) they will be consistent and well organized in their program, (3) they have a sound biblical curriculum and (4) they desire to have accountability through a good biblically-based homeschool support group.

I. PHILOSOPHY of the HOME SCHOOL

The home has the primary responsibility for education (Genesis 18:19, Deuteronomy 6:6-7). The promise of God is that children trained in the way they should go will not depart from it when they reach the age of maturity (Proverbs 22:6). Parents then must educate or delegate that responsibility, but either way they will personally give an account to God for the training given (Romans 14:12). Training of children includes the Biblical method of discipline (Hebrews 12:6-11; Proverbs 22:15; 23:13-14). This discipline demonstrates genuine love, because the final result is to restore fellowship and harmony with God (Hebrews 12:11). To discipline without love is to provoke to anger (Ephesians 6:4). To love without discipline is to produce a rebel, as was David's son Adonijah (I Kings 1:6).

II. POLICIES

A. ENROLLMENT (4 steps)

1. Read enclosed information thoroughly.
2. Application Form (new students only).
Submit a completed "Application for Admission" form (one per child) and mail it to Eagle Heights. You can get this online at **EagleHeightsEagles.org**. Any student who has been a part of EHCS or this Homeschool Program does not need to fill out a new application. Applications should be in by July 30th for new families.
3. The Eagle Heights Homeschool Program is for believers of like precious faith that sign our Statement of Faith.
4. Personal Interview (for a family who has not been in EHCS before)

Once you have completed the previous steps and we have received

Homeschool Enrollment Re-Enrollment Form Return This Page Only

Family Name _____ Contact Phone _____
Address _____

Please enroll our child(ren) in the EHCS Homeschool Program.

Name	Grade for 2018/2019 school year
Student _____	Grade _____
Student _____	Grade _____
Student _____	Grade _____
Student _____	Grade _____

Enrollment number students _____ x 125 _____

Re-Enrollment number students _____ x 100 _____

We have been tithing members of EBC for at least one year -subtract \$25/student - _____

Subtotal _____

EHCS Alumni Discount \$50 from subtotal - _____

Enrollment Total accompanying this form _____

Electives Chosen

Student Name	Class/Activity	Cost

Private Music Enrollment

- Music tuition for 2018-2019 is \$20/half-hour lessons, billed monthly by your instructor and payable directly to your instructor.
- Auditions for lessons identify the student's level of ability as well as the student's desire for instruction.

EHCS may release a student from special services if the family account is not kept current.

Student's Name Type of Instruction
Mrs. Scherbenske (piano) _____
Mr.. Brian Irving (guitar) _____

Homeschool Choices

Enrollment Fee (Non refundable)	\$125/child
Yearly Re-enrollment Fee (Non-refundable)	\$100/child
Yearly Tuition Fee Elementary Electives	\$220/child
Art (1 day/week)	\$61/child
Choir (1day/ week)	\$61/child
Trajectory (1day/week)	\$61/child
Sports Team Fee (5th-6th) <i>Sports fees are a one-time fee paid to the office prior to re-ceiving uniform. (Not billed)</i>	\$150/child/sport
Private Lessons (payable weekly directly to teacher)	\$20/weekly lesson
Yearly 7th-12th Elective Tuition (attended at EHCS)	
Classes 1 day/week	
2 days/week	\$232.00
3 days/week	\$624.00
4 days/week	\$816.00
5 days/week	\$1010.00
Sports (7th-12th) <i>Sports fees are a one-time fee paid to the office prior to re-ceiving uniform. (Not billed)</i>	\$150/child/sport
Private Lessons (payable weekly directly to teacher)	\$20.00/weekly lesson

EXPENSES Please submit a completed Homeschool Enrollment Form with the appropriate fees. You may write one check per family, but do not include this payment with any other church or school fees.

If you have questions regarding our homeschool program, please contact our homeschool coordinator, Mrs. Karen Hammer at 816-454-7410 ext. 202.

the Pastor's Reference Form, we will call to set up a personal interview. Because of the importance of the meeting, it is vital that both parents and the prospective student(s) attend.

NOTE: You will be notified of the outcome of the interview. If accepted, each student must have the following:

- Medical immunization records in compliance with the Missouri Immunization Guidelines for the school year
- Parental authorization to request student records from previous school
- Each child's enrollment fee paid

B. HOW WE CAN SERVE YOU

1. Homeschool Coordinator

It is our desire for you to be a best teacher your children could have. Our Homeschool Coordinator can provide Lesson Plan and Record Keeping sheets for your Homeschool as well as helping you organize your school room, record keeping system, etc. For parents who are new to homeschooling or wish to get some advise, our coordinator will be a great ally.

The Homeschool Coordinator will schedule a meeting with each homeschool family the last week of each quarter. The purpose of this meeting is to check lesson plans, record keeping sheets, and to see samples of each student's work. This type of accountability has been invaluable for our homeschool parents.

2. Teacher Counsel

A skilled and experienced teacher will be available to assist you in answering teaching questions. They will be assigned to you based on the grade level of your children. They will be happy to help you in any way, on an appointment basis. Please do not ask them to copy any textbook or curriculum materials that are copyrighted. Note: Teacher's notes and tests are not available.

3. Field Trips

Your child is welcome and encouraged to attend scheduled field trips with his/her grade level in our Christian school. This will assist in his socialization process.

4. Interscholastic Sports (5th – 12th grades only)

Students may try out for sports teams as scheduled by the coaches. We participate in Boys Soccer and Basketball; Girls Volleyball and Basketball.

5. Letter Club gives the opportunity for your student to go above and beyond their academics to strive to "letter" in areas of their in-

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terest. They range from Bible, Academic and Fine Arts areas as well as Sports, Christian Leadership and Community Service.

The Information sheets are available from the school office. All **9th-12th graders are required** to earn a Letter. *All 10th-12th students who wish to play on an EHCS Sports team must have earned a letter and at least two pins the previous year.

6. Bible, Academic and Fine Arts Competition (4th-12th grades)

As members of the American Association of Christian Schools (AACS), we participate in the MidAmerican Association of Christian School's (MAACS) Bible, Academic and Fine Arts Competition each spring. The areas of competition are many and students can hone their skills and compete in this region.

If a high school student wins first place in the STATE of MO they qualify to go to the AACS National Competition.

Any students (grades 4 – 12) wishing to participate in the BAFA (Bible, Academics, Fine Arts) Competition with the music/speech groups must attend **all** rehearsals prior to the competition. **Home-school parents should notify the classroom teacher or appropriate 7-12th grade sponsor in writing in September if interested in having a student participate in the annual BAFA Competition.**

A list of competition categories and requirements is available from the school office.

7. Senior Trip

Each year we spend a week on a Senior Trip where our goal is to get the student “out of their comfort zone” and focusing on serving and ministry. If you request for your student to get an EHCS diploma the Senior Trip is required.

8. Chapel

A highlight in our Christian school is chapel. We frequently bring in guest speakers to admonish and exhort our students from the Word of God. We encourage you to invest this time in your child's spiritual growth. The school calendar will inform you of the dates and times of chapels. The students will be able to sit with their class. Pre-school children may attend with parents, but it is necessary that a parent be mindful of distractions to our student body.

9. Private Music Lessons

As openings are available, your child may enroll in private instruction. These lessons/instruction are billed monthly by the teacher and paid directly to him/her. See enrollment page.

10. Contests Programs

If you desire your children to participate in a school program or field trip or choir field trip, they must attend ALL practices during the weeks prior to the program.

Compulsory Attendance Ages: “between the ages of 7 and 16 years.” Missouri Annotated Statutes § 167.031. Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, St. Louis City has authorization to raise age to 17, but in that case the 1,000 hour requirement and the record requirements in paragraph 2 would not apply.

Required Days of Instruction: 1,000 hours of instruction. At least 600 hours must be in the five required subjects. At least 400 of the 600 must occur at “the regular home school location.” Mo. Ann. Stat. § 167.031.2(2)(b). These requirements must be met within the term (12 months or less) the parents establish.

Required Subjects: Reading, math, social studies, language arts, and science. Mo. Ann. Stat. § 167.031.2(2)(b).

Home School Statute: Mo. Ann. Stat. § 167.031.2. Home schools must meet the following additional requirements:

1. A home school is defined as a school that:
 - a. “has as its primary purpose the provision of private or religious-based instruction;
 - b. enrolls pupils between the ages of seven and sixteen years, of which no more than four are unre-lated” (no limit on number of related students); and
 - c. does not charge or receive tuition, fees or other remuneration. § 167.031.2(1)(a)-(c).”
2. Home schools must *maintain* the following records (there is no requirement to submit them):
 - a. a plan book, diary, or other record indicating subjects taught and activities engaged in;
 - b. and “a portfolio of samples of child’s academic work” or “other written credible evidence, etc.”;
 - c. and “a record of evaluations of the child’s academic progress”;
 - d. or “other written, credible evidence equivalent to subparagraphs a) b) and c)” § 167.031.2(2) (a). Parents have the option to follow: *a, b, and c*, or they can choose to follow only *d*) which permits more flexibility.
3. “For the purpose of minimizing unnecessary investigations” parents “*may* provide to the recorder of deeds of the county where the child legally resides, a signed, written declaration of enrollment stating their intent” to home school within thirty days after establishment of the home school and on Sept. 1 each year thereafter. § 167.042. Filing is strictly optional. Filing may compromise the family's privacy.
4. “Nothing in this section shall require a ... home school to include in its curriculum any concept, topic, or practice in conflict with the school’s religious doctrines...” § 167.031.3.
5. “The production by a parent of a daily log showing that a home school has a course of instruction which satisfies the requirements of this section (See 1 and 2 above) shall be a defense to any prosecution under this section and to any charge or action for educational neglect.” § 167.031 (5).
6. This statute was passed as a result of the federal court decision *Ellis v. O’Hara*, 612 F.Supp. 379 (D.C. Mo. 1985). The former law required home instruction to be “at least substantially equivalent” to instruction in the public schools. The court held: “This statute represents a prime example of legislation which yields an unacceptable amount of discretion to officials charged with enforcement. The statute, therefore, does not comply with due process requirements, and is unconstitutionally vague.” *Ellis* at 381. The court applied “stringent scrutiny” because this case involved “the constitutional right of parents to direct the upbringing of their children and inculcate religious and educational values in their offspring.” *Id.*

Teacher Qualifications: None.

Standardized Tests: None.

Religious Freedom Act: RSMo §§ 1.302 and 1.307

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), passed with the help of HSLDA members, gives religious home schoolers another legal means to protect their right to home school. If the parents’ free exercise of religion is substantially burdened by having to comply with the homeschool law, the parents may use the RFRA as a defense or file suit against the state. Under this statute, the burden is on the state to prove that its requirement “furthers a compelling state interest” and is the “least restrictive means” of fulfilling its interest that children be educated. This Act restores the highest protection of the individual's right to freely exercise his religious beliefs taken away by the U.S. Supreme Court in

the coordinator.

5. For those who wish to graduate from EHCS, the Senior Mission Trip is a required activity. Fundraising for that trip occurs during their junior year. If a student, due to schedule, wishes not to participate in the fundraising, they will be expected to pay their portion at the Open House & Orientation day of their Senior Year.
6. Dual-Enrollment
We do not provide Dual Credits with any other high school or college.

11. Visit Classroom

Our classrooms are open for homeschooling parents to visit. Many homeschool families have seen real benefit in observing classroom teachers. Please make an appointment with the classroom teacher prior to your visit.

12. When spending time at EHCS

Any time you bring a homeschooler to school during the academic week, he should do the following:

- a. Be dressed in classroom attire
- b. Have all textbooks and workbooks needed in order to be productive with their time.
- c. Have basic school supplies (see list) to do school work.
- d. If you want children here when not actually in a class, they can be a part of **Flexible Care** at the appropriate charge.

13. Communication

In all of the above items, we would request your assistance by weekly checking the Eagle Informer. It will be e-mailed weekly to each family and is available in the MORE section of our website: EagleHeightsEagles.org. If you do not have e-mail, you can pick one up a hard copy in the distribution center by the office. Please understand that special speakers and events come up or calendar changes are made out of necessity, during the year. For this reason, keeping in touch with our homeschool coordinator regarding changes is very important. Mrs. Hammer's extension is #202.

Note: Please realize that in addition to your schedule, each teacher has a class schedule to maintain; therefore, **we must ask that your homeschoolers only be at the school during the times mentioned above under the section "What We Can Do For You" or on a pre-arranged basis with the teacher and the homeschool coordinator. Students must be under specific supervision at all times.**

14. Graduation

Students who have been in our Home School program and utilizing our Coordinator for quarterly meetings and record keeping will be considered for graduation from E.H.C.S. upon completion of graduation requirements. They may participate in the EHCS graduation ceremony and receive a diploma.

C. HOW YOU CAN HELP US

1. Knowledge of Laws in Missouri about Homeschool

Read sections 167.031, 167.042 of the Revised Statute of Missouri, 2009-2010 (see page 8). You must structure your homeschool to meet these requirements. The law requires 1,000 hours of instruction per child per year.

A written log must be kept by each homeschool family and will be checked periodically throughout the year.

2. Quarterly Meetings and “In-Home” Visits

Our Homeschool Coordinator will make at least one “in-home” visit per school year for first time families by the end of first semester. All lesson plans and record keeping sheets will be checked once per quarter for each homeschool student.

3. Graduation Requirements

In high school the registrar will keep a Graduation Checklist current with accumulating credits each semester. All 9th-10th credits from homeschool must be turned into the registrar by the end of the sophomore year in order to be considered for graduation from EHCS.

4. Parent/School Meetings

Periodically throughout the year special school programs, open houses, and parent meetings will be held. While not all events are mandatory, we encourage you to be a part of as many as possible. The Open House and Orientation Meeting in August is a mandatory meeting.

5. Appearance Code

Students, when coming in the building during school hours should be in school attire.

6. Classroom Space

When bringing your child for a specific school function, we cannot guarantee space for you to work with your other children however, you're welcome to use the Reading Center (Rm. 16) as space permits.

7. Testing

EHCS administers the current edition of Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS). This method of testing is used to aid us in measuring the student's abilities and progress from the previous years. Check the school calendar for dates. Plan for the students to stay the entire school day (8:00—3:00 p.m.) for the 3-4 day testing period for his/her grade level. Testing week is usually in April. **This testing is required for K5-11th graders unless a**

student has a learning difficulty and is following an IEP.

All 12th graders are required to take the SAT or ACT College Entrance Exams.

8. Fundraising

As you benefit from the school, we expect our homeschool families to enthusiastically participate in our fundraisers. Each year we ask you to participate in the Scrip program. Each family is asked to rebate \$100.00 and then the rebates are split 50/50 to credit your school bill. Many families have their May school bills paid by their Scrip rebate. If as a family you do not rebate at least \$100.00 you will have a fundraising charge of \$150.00 on your May bill. Occasionally we will have other fundraisers. We are grateful for you taking this opportunity to reciprocate by helping us keep our costs to a minimum.

9. Sports All 9th-12th graders are required to earn a Letter. All 10th-12th students who wish to play on an EHCS Sports team must have earned a letter and at least two pins the previous year.

D. CURRICULUM AND COST

1. For consistency and expediency purposes, homeschoolers are required to use an acceptable curriculum and teacher guide as determined by EHCS Homeschool Coordinator. It is each homeschool family's responsibility to purchase all their own textbooks and teacher guides. BJU Press is www.bjupress.com or 1-800-845-573; ABeka Books is www.abeka.com or 1-800-874-2352. We advise ordering early as we have found that back orders and slow processing are more prevalent after August 1st.
2. We ask that you follow the in-school schedule for the combined class levels. In the event your child would become an in-school student we cannot make adjustments or offer additional staffing for off-schedule classes.
3. If accepted into our homeschool program, the tuition is as stated on the Homeschool Tuition Schedule. Early registration helps establish your homeschool and allows your children to anticipate the coming school year with their peers.
4. In May of each year all 8th—11th graders will receive a Course Selection Guide. This is a good time to update their graduation checklist which can be done when you meet with