
Harvest Time Christian School Homeschool Umbrella Program

Parent/Teacher Handbook 2020-2021



Homeschool Umbrella

Harvest Time Christian School offers a Homeschool Umbrella Program as a ministry of Harvest Time Family Worship Center.

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Enrolling with Harvest Time

At Harvest Time Homeschool Umbrella Program we try to keep our enrollment process as simple and as easy as possible. It is our hope that this program will support your family as school choice is enjoyed, while providing documentation and accountability.

Enrollment procedure:

1. Request information and enrollment forms via email or by telephone to be mailed to you. Complete, sign and return the student information sheet and enrollment application.
2. Enrollment fees can be paid by check or money order, or use our convenient online option at <https://htcsfl.com/online-payments>

Harvest Time will not process any enrollment forms without the appropriate fees. Please do not send your enrollment forms without the payment. After receiving your enrollment forms and fees, HTCS will send you a receipt of payment, along with our curriculum list form, report card, and school credit report form if applicable for listing previous credits earned.

Please provide the enrolling student's Birth Certificate, Immunization Records, and a School-Entry Physical. Transcripts will be requested from one's school if student is transferring from another school.

Enrollment forms should be completed and signed by both parents or as specified, and emailed as a .PDF to homeschool@htcsfl.com or mailed to the following address:

Harvest Time Homeschool Umbrella Program
1511 U.S. 301 South
Tampa, FL 33619

Harvest Time Homeschool Umbrella Program admits children of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally made available to children of Harvest Time. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin.

Harvest Time Christian School welcomes all international students who wish to enroll.

About Us

As a confession of faith and testimony to the world, the leadership of Harvest Time Family Worship Center wishes to express its heartfelt and Biblically-based belief that the ultimate responsibility for the education of our children depends on parents, whether such education takes place in a homeschool, a private school, or a public school.

Man was created in God's likeness and for God's glory to study, subdue, and develop the world in which God has placed him. (Gen. 1:26-28) From the very beginning it was a task, which belonged to parents to instill this perspective in their children within the prospective power of God's revelation and grace.

Through the cooperation of the home, school, church, and representative communities, we believe that each child must develop the spiritual insight, the academic integrity, and the emotional and physical strength needed for living his or her life as a responsible person and effective Christian, putting God first in all things; and willingly submitting to those in authority.

**"Train up a child in the way he should go: and
when he is old, he will not depart from it."**

Proverbs 22:6

From the creation of man until now it has been a parental duty to educate and train their own children, regardless of the subject matter, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and the light of His revelation. (Ephesians 6:4, Proverbs 5:1-2, Psalms 119:105,130)

Therefore, the efforts children make to learn disciplines from Math, Science, History, Social Studies, Literature and the Arts should be from the perspective of the Christian world view as derived from God's revelation. It is the policy of Harvest Time Christian School's Homeschool Umbrella Program to reinforce this educational responsibility in parents, ever mindful that we exist to support them in their effort to obey God.

Harvest Time Christian School was founded in 1978 and continues to operate today offering childcare, preschool, kindergarten, and elementary classes. Harvest Time Christian School is a K-12 private school, registered and fully recognized by the State of Florida.

Harvest Time offers an umbrella program to those who chose to home-educate their children. Harvest Time provides this service throughout the United States and overseas. For Florida residents, we do provide full legal coverage to all counties in the State.

We believe the choice to educate in the home is every parent's God given right. Harvest Time is dedicated to parents who have made this choice, by assisting and equipping them in the educational process.

When enrolling your child at Harvest Time you are accepting the responsibility and duties of the teacher in your home. This is not a responsibility to be taken lightly. There is, however the reward of seeing your children educated in the safe and secure environment of your home school.

For more information about our program, please review our FAQ's page included in this handbook.

***"Together, we can make a real and lasting impact
on your child's educational journey!"***

Suggested Subjects

READING:

Phonics	K - 1
Reading	1 - 6
Literature	6 - 12

MATHEMATICS:

Arithmetic	K - 6
Higher Math	7 - 12
<i>(Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus)</i>	

GRAMMAR:

English	1 - 12
Foreign Language	7 - 12

HANDWRITING COMPOSITION:

Handwriting	1 - 6
Spelling	1 - 6
Composition	4 - 12

SCIENCE:

General Science	1 - 8
Applied Sciences	9 - 12
<i>(Biology, Chemistry, Physics and so on)</i>	

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Social Studies	1 - 6
History, Geography, Economics, Government	7 - 12

HEALTH:

4 - 12

ARTS:

Art, Music	K - 8
Fine Arts	9 - 12

The list above is a suggested curriculum. It is not intended to be a comprehensive list.

Frequently Asked Questions

For specific information on High School credits, please contact a Team Member or download a copy of our High School Handbook.

Q: How do Harvest Time's requirements differ from Florida's Home School law requirements?

A: We differ because Harvest Time is a 617 private school; in the State of Florida you do not have to register with or report to the Public School Superintendent. If your family resides in another state, the laws do vary.

Q: How much time each day does it usually take to homeschool?

A: There are no hour-per-day requirements in our school. The hours you will spend per day will depend on your student's grade level, curriculum used and the individual needs of the student. Instruction time may take two hours or six hours per day, given the variables.

Q: What about Curriculum?

A: You may choose your own curriculum. If you need help in selecting a curriculum that best fits your child's learning style we are here to offer suggestions and guidance. Our team members have experience with a variety of curriculum. Websites and contact information for many curriculum companies are conveniently available on our website.

Q: What about Music, Electives and Sports Programs?

A: Music Lessons and Elective classes are offered at our facility through out the week. Elective choices change each semester. Email or call for a schedule and required fees. You may also try Facebook community Homeschool groups, Village Learner groups, and Co-Ops. Tampa Bay H.E.A.T. is a highly organized homeschool group whose sports teams compete against public school teams. Languages, arts, and math classes are among their offerings.

Florida law allows Homeschool students to play on public school sports teams & join public school clubs. Contact your county's school district for access information.

Your local library will offer classes for languages and special skills like sewing or knitting. Churches, the YMCA, businesses like local artists and coaches of gymnastics and varying sports offer classes and programming to homeschoolers.

Q: How can I teach advanced subjects, such as Trigonometry or Biology?

A: For teaching advanced subjects, videos, DVDs or CDs are available from some publishers, as well as solution keys for some Math Programs. YouTube is a resource, and libraries offer many tools. Tutors are easily accessible via co-ops or Facebook groups as

mentioned above. In high school, dual enrollment in your local community college is typically available. Some parents may also want to "team teach" if one is more proficient in one subject over another.

Q: Is sending my child back to public school going to be a problem?

A: Harvest Time Christian School keeps, and will transfer, all necessary records to any school or college, public or private.

If your student is in High School and wishes to transfer to a public High School to complete his or her secondary education, credit for courses taken, such as P.E., Music, Fine Arts, and various electives, which cannot be confirmed by written test, may not be credited to your High School transcript. Upon transfer to public school, extra course work may be required.

Recording dates, times and activities for electives can benefit your student. For P.E., many will record activities with coaches, etc., by signing in with times and dates at gyms.

Q: What about a diploma and what will it say?

A: Diplomas are issued to all high school students who successfully complete the high school graduation credit requirements as listed in the High School Handbook. Harvest Time Christian School will issue a diploma resembling those given by other public and private schools. The diploma does not stipulate "home school" or "correspondence" program. It does state that you graduated from HTCS. Our diplomas are sent to you (or awarded at our ceremony, if local) in a padded leatherette diploma cover.

Q: Are there problems with getting into a college?

A: No. Harvest Time offers "college acceptable" high school transcripts and guidelines for the appropriate testing for college admission. Moreover, homeschooled students often adapt to college courses and its education "style," better than those students who have been through the program of "social promotion" offered by the public school system. Students have dually-enrolled with Hillsborough Community College and others have been admitted in HCC's "Early Admission" option as a Senior in High School.

Q: Do I need to follow the grading system as listed in the Harvest Time Report Card?

A: No, you may design your own system as long as you let us know what it is. Keep in mind that by using our report card and grading system you will have high school transcripts better acceptable to the College Admissions Board. Please note, if you wish to obtain a diploma through Harvest Time, you **MUST** use our grading system, so that we can calculate your GPA for graduation.

Program Requirements

Please read the following carefully before enrolling with Harvest Time.

1. Harvest Time requires that you provide 180 days of instruction, per student, or provide proof of curriculum completion for each school year at hand. The total number of days may vary depending on curricula used.

2. Provide Curriculum List form (provided by HTCS), Report Card and Attendance Records to Harvest Time twice a year: at the end of your first 90 days of teaching and at the end of your academic year (the following 90 days of teaching).

3. Parent educators are required by State statute to maintain a personal portfolio for each student, consisting of (1) a list of courses and instruction, and (2) samples of students own work (at least 2 pages per subject); or

4. Proof of Annual Standardized Testing. Harvest Time Christian School offers testing at our facility twice a year for an additional fee. Parents can arrange testing in their own state and communities and have the results forwarded to us. Parents can purchase a test from the following curriculum companies: Abeka Testing, Bob Jones Press, School of Tomorrow, and Bayside School Services. Students can be tested by a certified teacher/instructor in the home, and should include certification documentation on the instructor/teacher. Parents may also call local private schools in their area to ask if their child may sit in on testing days. Harvest Time will assist you any way we can regarding your annual testing needs.

For enrollees outside of the State of Florida, parents must assume responsibility for compliance with any special or unique home State requirements for homeschoolers.

SYSTEM OF GRADING:

A =	B =	C =	D =	F =
100 - 94	93 - 85	84 - 76	75 - 70	69 - 00

Grade Point Average is determined by averaging the following point values for each letter grade.

	A	B	C	D	F
Honors:	4.08	3.08	2.08	n/a	n/a
Basic:	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	0