

# ***Homeschool Umbrella Program***

## *Opportunities for Homeschool Students at CBCA*

### Introduction

Calvary Baptist Church Academy (CBCA) is registered with the state of Maryland to oversee home instruction and verify compliance with the county. Our primary responsibility as an "umbrella" program is to verify that homeschool parents registered with us are providing regular, thorough instruction to their children according to COMAR 13A.10.01. Registration with CBCA Homeschool Umbrella allows students access to individual classes, field trips, sports, and fine arts opportunities.

### Mission Statement

The mission and purpose of the Calvary Baptist Church Academy Homeschool Umbrella Program is to assist parents who have chosen homeschooling as an alternative to public, private or Christian school education. We will assist parents by:

- Helping parents to comply with state regulations regarding homeschooling
- Offering support with respect to choosing curriculum, managing their child's portfolio, assessment, and overall progress
- Providing additional services, classes and opportunities

### Services and Fees (per child or per class)

Registration .....	\$75
Stanford Achievement Testing (K5 - 11th grades) .....	\$35
PSAT Testing (10th and 11th grades) .....	\$20
Diploma and Graduation Participation .....	\$28
Traditional Middle/High School Academic Classes .....	\$320
Dual Credit Classes (as available).....	\$400 (\$200 paid to CCU)
Co-op Classes (online, once or twice per week) .....	\$250
Fine Arts Classes (Band, Choir, Drama).....	\$45
Sports Teams .....	\$45/sport
Field Trips .....	Cost of admission
School Events .....	Cost of event
Transcript and Record Keeping.....	Included with registration
Fine Arts Competitions .....	Included with registration

### Enrollment Procedure

Parents enroll by bringing the completed registration form and the appropriate fee to a pre-enrollment conference. The conference allows us to meet you, explain the process, and answer your questions. Parents must notify their county school superintendent via a "Home School Notification" form when they join the umbrella group.

A CBCA staff member or representative will meet with parents semi-annually in January and June to review student progress. To facilitate an accurate evaluation, parents must maintain a portfolio for each child which demonstrates clear evidence of instruction. A curriculum list, reading list and monthly samples of student work for each subject should be included. Work should be clearly labeled with name, date and subject. Parents must contact the office to schedule portfolio reviews in January and June.

### Support Services

**Assistance** - As a member of the CBCA Homeschool family, parents are entitled to 2 teacher help sessions per semester. These consultations are optional opportunities for parents to receive assistance from experienced teachers at the academy. Parents may schedule phone or personal conferences.

**Testing** - Students may take the Stanford Achievement Test in the spring with the full time students. Students in 10th and 11th grades may take the PSAT at Calvary in October. Additional fees apply.

## Opportunities for Umbrella Students in Grades 6 -12

**Courses** - Students in grades 6 - 12 may register for 2 academic courses (Bible, English, math, science, history, speech, etc.) per semester at a per class charge as listed in the fee schedule. Books for each course are required at an additional fee. Fine arts classes in band, choir, art and drama are also available.

**Dual Credit Classes** - Some courses for students in grades 11 and 12, such as English Language and Composition, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus, are available for dual credit with Colorado Christian University. Successful completion of these courses allows students to earn college credit which they can then take to the college of their choice. Other dual credit courses (based on availability) include History, Science and Speech. Please note that dual enrollment requires online registration with Colorado Christian University (\$200 fee to CCU).

**Co-op Classes** - Co-op classes offer families the convenience of tutorial instruction from home through the use of a virtual classroom online. Students log on once or twice per week at a set time when the instructor will discuss new material and answer questions. Classes such as Algebra 1, Geometry, Accounting and Composition are offered based on interest and availability of instructors.

**Sports** - Students in grades 6 - 12 are eligible to try out for our sports teams. CBCA participates in an interscholastic sports program (MACSAC). Typically, we offer boys' soccer and girls' volleyball in the fall; boys' basketball, girls' basketball, and girls' cheerleading in the winter; and girls' soccer in the spring. Practices and games are scheduled after school on most Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Each sport features a local tournament as well. All students must obtain a physical before beginning practice and must abide by CBCA dress and behavioral standards at all functions.

## Opportunities for Umbrella Students in Grades 1 -12

**Fine Arts** - CBCA participates in the Maryland Association of Christian Schools Fine Arts Competitions in the spring each year. Winners at the secondary state level can earn the opportunity to compete at the national level at Bob Jones University. These competitions offer students the opportunity to refine their music, speech, art, preaching, Bible teaching and academic skills.

**Field Trips** - Individual academy classes schedule field trips periodically throughout the year. Parents who wish to include their homeschool students in the field trips must submit a signed permission slip and appropriate trip fee in advance to reserve a spot. Parents of elementary students must attend the trip as a chaperone. Students must abide by CBCA dress code and behavioral policies at all times.

## Other Services

**Transcript and Record Keeping** - CBCA will maintain records based on parent submissions at the portfolio reviews. High school courses for which credit has been granted will be recorded on a transcript.

**Diploma and Graduation Ceremony Participation** - Students who have earned sufficient credits may participate in the academy graduation ceremony at the end of May. Transcript review is subject to administrative approval.

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