

Greater Grace Christian Home School

GGCH is a home school umbrella program sponsored by the Greater Grace Church of Baltimore under the supervision of the Greater Grace Christian Academy administration. The mission is to provide oversight for local GGWO homeschooling families as required under Maryland State regulations. GGCH is registered with the Maryland State Department of Education to supervise home instruction.

Eligibility

As an umbrella organization for local families attending the Greater Grace Church in Baltimore, GGCH enrolls students from K-8th grade.

Enrollment

1. **NOTIFICATION:** The parent must obtain and file a homeschooling notification form with the county of residence at least 15 days prior to the start of homeschooling. This form is available upon request from the local public school system.
For Baltimore County residents, this form can be found on the BCPS webpage for homeschooling. http://www.bcps.org/offices/alted/home_schooling/staff_info.html
2. **ENROLLMENT:** You can find the **GGCH application** form on this website. Mail, fax, or drop off your application form (with \$25.00 check payable to GGCA) and we will schedule your intake consultation meeting. Please arrive for your consultation meeting with your **Course Material Plan** Form already completed. We will review the curriculum and materials you plan to use and explain the resources available to you and your student. Parents presenting sound academic plans may enroll their student immediately.

Your Responsibilities as a Greater Grace Homeschool parent:

The home instruction program must provide regular, thorough instruction in bible, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, art, music, health, and physical education. GGCH requires parents and students to keep a daily learning log (documenting time spent) as well as portfolios (containing work completed and assessments) on home instruction for each subject.

GGCH requires 2 meetings in addition to the intake consultation meeting: the mid-year review and the year-end evaluation. As required by the state of Maryland at least one of these meeting must take place in the home, or the “site of instruction.”

Mid-year review: This meeting is to verify progress and encourage both parent and student. This meeting should take place at the end of the first semester, and we request that student mid-year evaluation forms be completed by the parent prior to this meeting.

Year-end Evaluation/Portfolio Review: As required by the State of Maryland, an annual review will be completed with the education consultant and a parent during the last quarter. The portfolio should include dated examples of work done in each subject area, showing progress made: Check out this link from Oklahoma for some great information about how to create a great portfolio:

<http://www.oklahomahomeschool.com/portfolio.html>

Fees and Payment

Application Review	\$25.00/student (one time , non refundable)
Annual Enrollment	\$200.00/student Additional students in the family discounted 50%

Optional Fees

Band	\$150 per year
Fall and Spring Sports	\$100.00 per season
Winter Sports	\$165.00 per season

Special Events**	TBA
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*** Special Events are non-academic activities such as ice-skating excursions or amusement park trips: These optional trips are paid for by the participants.*

Withdrawal

If the parent chooses to withdraw their student from the covering of GGHS, a letter must be mailed to inform us of withdrawal. Letters received prior to

September 15 will entitle you to a full refund of the enrollment fee. Refunds after that date will be calculated quarterly. The local school superintendent will be notified of the change of status: Please note that Maryland Compulsory School Attendance Law requires that students between the ages of 5 and 16 be enrolled in school.

Probation and Dismissal

GGCH is both legally and ethically committed to ensuring that every student under its umbrella is receiving **regular** and **thorough** instruction during the school year in all the content areas stated above. If the mid-year review reveals that the instruction agreed upon at the pre-enrollment conference is not being delivered, a family may be put on probation and, in a very worst case scenario, dismissed. As an umbrella, we must notify the public school superintendent if a change occurs during the school year of the status of a student under our supervision. Please communicate any problems early: Both GGCA and GGWO are here to help, and there are many resources to receive help from within the homeschooling community. Continuing with the GGCH umbrella is contingent upon successful completion of the previous year.

Transferring into GGCA

Homeschooling students who wish to transfer into GGCA must follow the same protocols required of all new students.

Dispute Resolution

The board of directors for GGCH will resolve any disputes.

2010-2011 GGCH Board of Directors:

Mr. Daniel Dunbar, GGCA Principal, Pastor Brian Lange, GGCA Pastor, and Pastor Steve Scibelli, GGWO Elder.

Resources Available to the GGCH student

Education Consultation

After applying and prior to enrollment, the family is entitled to a one hour consultation meeting.

Field Trips

Students are encouraged to participate in field trips with his/her GGCA class, at no expense. Parents are expected to accompany their students on these occasions. We will make every attempt to give parents ample notice of these educational excursions. Note: Younger siblings may not accompany the class on these trips: older siblings may be allowed upon request.

Library

Students may visit the GGCA class libraries to borrow books. Please call the GGCA office to arrange your visit.

Sports and Band

Middle school students (5-8) enrolled in GGCH may participate in the GGCA band program and team sports. Contact the school office for try-out dates and details. Sport and Band fees (see above) will apply.

Drama/Musicals/Church Celebrations

Whenever possible, we encourage GGCH students to participate in any extra-curricular GGCA activities that occur after regular school hours. Parents are encouraged to communicate and collaborate with the band director/music teacher/play director/youth worker to incorporate your student into these special events.

Chapel Services and Outreach

Homeschooled students and parents are encouraged to attend the weekly GGCA chapel service whenever possible.

Special Events

Occasionally GGCA classes plan special events such as ice skating, picnics or amusement park visits. GGCH students and parents are welcome to accompany the class on such occasions, but must pay the same expenses required of GGCA students.