



GRACE BRETHREN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
HOME SCHOOL APPLICATION
2008 - 2009

Student's name _____

Birth date _____ Sex _____ S.S.# _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Grade _____

Entering in the Fall

County _____

School last attended _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Reason for leaving _____

Has the student ever been suspended or expelled from school? Yes or No

If yes, state circumstances _____

PARENTS' INFORMATION

Father's name _____

Employer _____ Work Phone _____

Mother's name _____

Employer _____ Work Phone _____

Child lives with (circle one): Both parents Mother Father Other

Other school aged children in the family who will not be enrolled in our Program:

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INFORMATION REGARDING STUDENT

1. Does your child profess Jesus Christ as Savior? _____
2. What church is the student presently attending? _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Pastor's name _____ Phone _____
3. Describe the child's involvement in Sunday School and/or Youth Group.
4. If this child is not living with his natural mother and father, please briefly explain the home conditions.
5. How long has this child been home schooled? _____
6. Why have you chosen to home school instead of using traditional classes?
7. Has the student ever failed any class/subject? _____
If yes, which one/s?
8. Are you involved in a local home schooling support group? _____
Name of group _____
Contact person _____
Phone number _____
Are they open to other home schooling families joining if interested? _____



The Grace Brethren Christian School Oversight Program is recognized by the State of Maryland as a bona fide Home School Umbrella Program. Our primary responsibility is to assure that you, the home school parent/s, are providing “regular, thorough instruction...” to your children.

Our services depend in part on your needs as a teacher. We offer minimal support for the more experienced home school family or a more intensive supervisory program if required.

Minimum Requirements and Services

- Fill out an Application Form and return it to Grace Brethren’s Education Office. Be sure to include the \$40 non-refundable Application Fee. If this Fee is not submitted with your application, we cannot initiate enrollment for your student.
- Complete the Assurance of Consent form provided by your county’s Board of Education. This is your protection against truancy charges. Should you choose not to file this form, Grace Brethren will not be held responsible.
- Maintain a portfolio for each child containing Objectives and Methods, a Curriculum List, a Reading List, test results, and a weekly sample of each student’s work per subject, **dated and in order**. There are several important reasons for this requirement. This portfolio is required by law; it is the parents’ proof of compliance with the law; and it is helpful to the parent and student to see gradual progress. Parents should keep the portfolios updated **weekly**. High School students are also required to complete service hours each year.
- Participate in the required Testing as determined by Grace Brethren Christian School. Testing of students in 6-8th grade is optional, though strongly recommended. Students in 9th-11th grades must be tested to be certain they are meeting the required standards in order to receive a diploma from Grace Brethren Christian School. The actual test dates are listed in the school calendar, which will be handed out at the **August 21st Orientation Meeting**. **YOU MUST REGISTER EARLY**. The fees vary:

Achievement Test	\$40 (all grades)
PLAN Test/10th	\$11 or Actual Cost
PSAT Test/11th	\$12 or Actual Cost

- Provide grades for our records at the end of each quarter. The quarter breaks run parallel with those of GBCS. **Grades** are **due** within **7 days** and can be mailed to the Home School Coordinator or dropped off in the Education Office. Failure to submit grades in a timely manner could result in being dropped from the Umbrella Program. **Please note:** If a quarter’s worth of work has not been completed in any subject, please use an “**I**” (for Incomplete) until such a time as the work has been finished. You may call me with the grade or make the correction on the next report card. Incomplete work should not receive a grade.
- High school students are required to take certain classes on campus in order to graduate. They include Speech/Composition (10th and up) and POD (Worldviews) in 12th grade.

- Grace Brethren Christian School Oversight Program is required to review your curriculum/portfolio a minimum of two times each academic year. **Call** the GBCS Home School Coordinator at 301-868-1600, ext. 365, **to schedule** your appointments at the beginning and the end of the school year.
- Pay the following **REGISTRATION FEES**:
 - \$ 185.00 for each SENIOR (12th grade)
 - \$ 135.00 for each student in 7th to 11th grades or the 1st Elementary student
 - \$ 75.00 for each additional Elementary child in the same family

OPTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

- Students may take up to two courses per semester on campus on a space available basis. The **semester cost** per class is as follows:
 - \$225.00 per student for grades 1-4 (\$425 per year if paid up front)
 - \$375.00 per student for grades 5-8 (\$725 per year if paid up front)
 - \$400.00 per student for grades 9-12 (\$775/year up front for a 1 credit class)
- Payment is due **BEFORE** the beginning of each semester, or a **\$35 late fee** will apply and will be added each month there is still a balance on the account. Consumable workbooks and/or lab supplies will incur an additional fee. Any student wanting to take more than 2 courses should enroll as a full time student and pay the normal Tuition and Fees. **School behavior and dress codes apply at all times.** The student may only be on campus for the actual class s/he is taking, may **NOT** roam the halls during class, and must be picked up promptly afterwards. CD players or electronic devices of any kind are not permitted on campus; phones must be turned off and out of sight. Inappropriate pictures, magazines, lyrics, drawings, etc., are also not allowed.
- After school **SPORTS** are available to your child at a cost of **\$140.00** per sport (maximum of \$260 per child per year). Participation is based on available space and/or a successful tryout. All students are required to get a physical first. The forms are available from the school. Some of the extracurricular activities include: Soccer, Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Track, Golf, and Cheerleading. A release must be signed by the Home School Coordinator indicating that the child is a bona fide home schooler, enrolled in the GBCS Umbrella Program, having passed the required physical and paid all the necessary fees, **before** the child may participate in any practices or games. A student who is enrolled full-time at another school, whether public or private, does not qualify as a bona fide home schooler in the GBCS Umbrella Program.
- **Field Trips:** Available information is posted on updates that are sent out by email. Elementary field trips are limited and the cost varies. A signed Permission Slip must be handed in. Parents of Elementary children must go along as chaperone, unless the student is already taking a class at GBCS, and you will have to drive your own vehicle. Middle and High School trips are course related, so only students taking that specific class would be able to attend the field trip. School behavior and dress codes apply at all times when on campus or participating in any GBCS activity. There is a school-wide **“NO GUM”** rule.

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writing, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.

We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned, and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, become sinners in thought, word, and deed and consequently need redemption.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as our representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are justified through His shed blood.

We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into heaven, and in His present life there for us as High Priest and Advocate.

We believe in "that blessed hope," the personal imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit, and thereby become children of God.

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Grace Brethren Christian School is to provide an environment of academic excellence conducive to developing educated citizens with a Biblical World-View who are prepared to represent our Lord Jesus Christ in all walks of life.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Grace Brethren Christian School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students of the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, tuition assistance programs, athletic and other school administered programs nor in the hiring of faculty and administrative staff.

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ADMISSIONS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. Parents must subscribe to the Grace Brethren Christian School Statement of Faith and desire to cooperate with GBCS in the development of their child so he/she will become a maturing Christian.
2. One parent must be available at home to supervise the home school program and the progress of the child.
3. Both parents must view the home schooling of their children as a spiritual commitment
4. Parents must consistently meet educational objectives - including testing, submitting quarterly grades, and keeping an up-dated portfolio - in order to continue in the program. Financial obligations must be paid in full.
5. At least one parent must be a born-again Christian.
6. At least one parent must faithfully attend a Bible-teaching church. Students are to be involved in church group activities such as Sunday School, Awana, Youth Group, etc.

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

1. Complete the “Home School Application” and “Information Regarding Student” pages in your Application Packet for **each child** enrolling. Read and sign the “Home School Parents’ Agreement” and “Enrollment Requirements” forms. Return these forms to the Home School Coordinator with the non-refundable Application Fee of \$40.00 per student.
2. Upon completion of your admission file (application, required forms, and \$40.00 fee), you will be scheduled for an interview by the Home School Coordinator.

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HOME SCHOOL PARENTS' AGREEMENT

In signing this application, I/we acknowledge the following:

Our commitment to participate in the Christian education of our child with regular attendance at a Bible-believing Church as a family and by exemplifying Christian principles of life in our home.

I/We hereby agree to accept all regulations of the school in the applicant's behalf, including the dress code when on campus.

I/We accept responsibility for the fees and other expenses for my/our child/ren and will pay all such bills when due. I/We understand that, in the event I/we withdraw my/our child/ren from the Grace Brethren Home School Oversight Program, GBCS reserves the right to withhold academic and health records for non-payment of fees.

I/We understand that if my/our student receives a detention for any reason while on campus, the student will be on Behavioral Probation for the next quarter. A second detention will result in suspension from participating in sports or classes and possible dismissal from the program.

The school also reserves the right to dismiss a student who does not respect the school's rules of conduct, language, and spiritual standards, or who fails to cooperate in the educational process.

I/We have read the terms stated in this application and agree thereto.

Signature of Commitment:

Father _____ Date _____

Mother _____ Date _____

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ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

- | | Date Completed |
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| 1. Complete the Assurance of Consent form provided by your County's Board of Education. | _____ |
| 2. Fill out the Application Form and return to the GBCS Education Office. Be sure to include the \$40.00 Non-Refundable Application Fee . | _____ |
| 3. Attend a Pre-Enrollment interview. | _____ |
| 4. Attend the mandatory Orientation Meeting in August. | _____ |
| 5. Submit the Registration Fee/s (\$185 - \$135 - \$75). | _____ |
| 6. Maintain for each child a portfolio of current goals and objectives, curriculum list, samples of daily work for each subject, test results, and a reading list. You are required to bring this portfolio to your end of year review. | _____ |
| 7. Participate in required testing as determined by GBCS. Students in 6 th -8 th grades may test if space permits. | _____ |
| 8. Provide Quarterly Grades for each child you are teaching. 6 th -12 th grades must use a numeric grading system. | _____ |
| 9. Attend a minimum of two Academic Reviews as determined by the Home School Coordinator. | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| Review 1 | Review 2 |
| _____ | _____ |
| Review 3 | Review 4 |

By signing this form, I understand the above requirements and agree to fulfill them.

Name of parent or guardian _____

Signature _____ Date _____