



HCS Academy
PACKET

CHAPEL EXEMPTION FORM

Dear Pastor,

You are receiving this form because you have a student who is doing Independent Study through Heritage Christian School. As part of our mission statement to not only make disciples but to educate our students in mind and spirit, we ask that each student attend weekly chapel here on campus. Sometimes, however, homeschooled students may not be able to attend chapel due to scheduling conflicts. As an alternative, we ask families to be serving in a local church or to be involved in a weekly youth group.

Would you please take a minute to verify that you know the student listed below and that he/she is indeed in weekly service at your church or in regular attendance in your youth group? Thanks so much! We appreciate all you are doing to sow into the lives of these students.

David R Williamson
Heritage Christian School Academy Coordinator

School year: 2022-2023

Student _____

Your Church _____ Your Name _____

Position/Title _____ Group student is involved in _____

Signature _____

HCS ACADEMY GUIDELINES

Things to know:

1. You and your student will be meeting with the Academy Coordinator three times during the school year. Once at the beginning of the year you will turn in forms and make sure the curriculum is ordered, once at mid-term to review progress, and once at the end of the year to finalize progress.
2. For students in traditional homeschool, during the two semester progress meetings, a portfolio for each student enrolled will be presented that includes graded tests, any major written works or projects such as reports, projects, creative writing assignments, and samples of daily work. Students must be present.
3. Parents will turn in grades with documentation of the grades along with attendance six times during the year. Parents will record these on the Home School Reporting Website: www.homeschoolreporting.com. A minimal yearly fee is required for each family to access the website.
4. All curriculum is subject to Coordinator approval. Each course requires a Course Description, which will be entered into the Home School Reporting Website. **Any changes in courses made during the year need prior approval.**
5. Chapel is a weekly school requirement for all Heritage students. Some exemptions are made for Academy families who cannot be on campus every week and regularly attend youth group or church service. A Pastor's signature on the Chapel Exemption form will be required to qualify for the exception. (Bible grade will be dropped one full grade per semester for more than three absences.) While Chapel is usually held Monday mornings, the Chapel schedule can change from week to week. It is important to check the Heritage Calendar every week to verify the time and day.
6. Uniforms are required for all campus events during school, including standardized testing, AP testing, and Chapel (khaki pants/shorts and a school polo). Please see the Heritage Parent/Student Handbook for more specifics. Ordering information is on our website.
7. It is the responsibility of the family to check the Heritage Calendar weekly for any schedule changes.

HCS ACADEMY CONTRACT

I have read the Academy Guidelines and understand:

1. I will meet with the Academy Coordinator three times during the school year. Once at the beginning of the year I will turn in forms and make sure the curriculum is ordered, once at mid-term to review progress, and once at the end of the year to finalize progress.
2. For students in traditional homeschool, during the semester progress meetings, a portfolio for each student enrolled will be presented that includes graded tests, any major written works or projects such as reports, projects, creative writing assignments, and samples of daily work.
3. As a parent, I will turn in grades with documentation of the grades along with attendance six times during the year. I will record these on the Home School Reporting Website: www.homeschoolreporting.com. I will keep up to date with the yearly fee that is required to access the website.
4. All curriculum is subject to Coordinator approval. Each course requires a Course Description, which will be entered into the Home School Reporting Website. **If I make any changes in courses during the year, I will ask the Coordinator for approval.**
5. I acknowledge that Chapel is a weekly school requirement for all Heritage students. Some exemptions are made for Academy families who cannot be on campus every week and regularly attend youth group or church service. A Pastor's signature on the Chapel Exemption form will be required to qualify for the exception. (Bible grade will be dropped one full grade per semester for more than three absences.) While Chapel is usually held Monday mornings, the Chapel schedule can change from week to week. It is important to check the Heritage Calendar every week to verify the time and day. I will either attend on-campus chapel or will attend the services at church.
6. When attending on-campus events during the school day, I will wear a uniform as stipulated in the Parent/Student Handbook. Examples of such events are on-campus classes, standardized testing, AP testing, and Chapel (khaki pants/shorts and a school polo).
7. It is our responsibility to check the Heritage Calendar weekly for any schedule changes.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____