

Wynfield Christian Academy Accredited Home Study Programs

Wynfield Christian Academy's Home Study Program (HSP) offers courses for students in grades K-12. These courses are perfect for students in many different situations such as:

- High school students who want to take courses for credit or earn a diploma at their own pace.
- Students who are unable to attend traditional settings due to specific scheduling or health concerns.
- Existing Homeschoolers looking for recognized approval of their exemplary programs.

By enrolling in the Home Study Program, students are provided with appropriate curriculum materials and assignments. Upon proper completion of the course(s), they receive documentation such as report cards or transcripts, portfolios of work completed, etc.

Wynfield Christian Academy operates twelve months of the year, except for Federal holidays and two weeks during Christmas. In this way, students can work at their own pace to complete six–twelve units per year. Our course offerings cover varied ability levels: college preparatory and vocational. We also have lab courses for biology and chemistry.

The Program Overview

The Wynfield Christian Academy Home Study Program develops and/or evaluates a K-12 course of study for each student and their family. Upon approval, the staff monitors your program, conducts semester course tests, provides standardized testing, and maintains records and documentation including report cards and **accredited** transcripts and diplomas.

The Home Study Program can provide students and their families with educational materials that have been specifically designed for independent implementation. The curriculum includes teacher guides, easy-to-understand directions, self-tests, and final tests. Students may take just one course or a complete grade level. By enrolling in and completing courses in this program, students receive documentation of their coursework.

A Quality Program

The Wynfield Staff is headed by a Georgia state-certified teacher with an Ed.S degree and T-6 certification with 25 years of public and private school teaching and supervision experience. Other staff members also have Bachelor's degrees. The school itself began in 1972 as a franchise of the accredited Hallie Turner Private Schools, Inc. with headquarters in Columbus, Georgia since 1937. There is a long, rich heritage of providing quality independent and distance learning education.

Accreditation

The Georgia Accrediting Commission accredits Wynfield Christian Academy. This commission exists for the purpose of making a professional evaluation and giving professional recognition to agencies that offer study by the myriad ways in which education is disseminated today, such as home study, individualized directed study; distance learning; tutorials, parent-centered schools, etc. Sensing that many of these agencies are abundantly able to demonstrate educational effectiveness but with no accrediting outlet available, a group of educators joined together to form this voluntary, non-profit, non-government, endeavor to give professional distinction to those agencies that earn it. (www.coe.uga.edu/gac/members/non_trad_educ_cntrs.pdf)

High School Graduation Requirements For College Prep with Honors diploma

Minimum of 24 credits to include (most Homeschool students graduate with more than the required due to the ability to give credit for many church, scouting, and community activities):

English	4
Math	4
Science	4
Social Studies	4
Physical Education	.5
Health	.5
Foreign Language	2
Electives	5

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

Wynfield Christian Academy 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 at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Read these questions for additional information:

➤ Who implements the program?

The Mentor/Teacher- This individual serves as the teacher who actually instructs the student using the provided materials. A parent with a high school diploma and some academic credit beyond high school may be the Mentor. Individuals other than a parent may serve as the Mentor provided they hold a college degree.

➤ How do we get started?

Determine who will serve as the Mentor and Test Proctor. Then simply print out and complete the application packet, and Request for School Records forms. You must be able to answer any questions with a “yes” on the application in order to begin the program. The Mentor must also certify that the school program will be operated for a minimum of 4.5 hours per school day for 180 school days with a minimum of 120 contact hours per credit. The mentor must obtain the required documentation as listed and mail the application packet, Mentor/Teacher documentation, and tuition check to the address shown.

➤ What does the program provide?

Upon receipt of a completed application packet and check, Wynfield Christian Academy will send you a diagnostic test, WRAT-Extended, for your student to complete which will help us develop your student’s curriculum. Once the WRAT test has been returned and scored, Wynfield Christian Academy will work with you to develop a

curriculum. Then, Wynfield Christian Academy will order and ship to you all the required materials for the course(s) you have selected, or you may obtain the curriculum through other sources. Upon full enrollment when all required entry information is complete, your local school district will be notified that your student has enrolled in Wynfield Christian Academy. You will also receive the login information for our documentation sites that will allow you to submit all required documentation electronically (not required for the supervised programs). The Online site, WCA Online, also has online courses, multimedia resources, chat rooms, school information, Hope information, Dual enrollment to college information, etc. available to all WCA students. An end-of-course test for each course must be completed in the presence of a Wynfield Staff member. Upon satisfactory review of the end-of-course test (students must finish with a test average of at least 80%) and have a test average of 80% documented in TeacherEase, our online grade book, Wynfield Christian Academy will record and e-mail or mail grades back to the parent. This program is designed to operate as an independent study. Wynfield Christian Academy does not provide instructors for these courses. An ongoing transcript for each student will be maintained and sent to other K-12 schools or colleges as needed. Official Report cards will be mailed to a student by requesting in writing for use with insurance programs and other similar needs.

➤ What resources are used in the HSP program?

Each course is designed for the individual student based on previous standardized test scores, report cards, and parental input on the student's strengths and weaknesses. The materials used come from recognized Christian and secular educational curriculum publishers. Some contain Christian religious elements that students may or may not agree with completely. Wynfield Christian Academy is a Christian education provider; however, we will try to work with the student and parents regarding religious issues during the curriculum development phase.

➤ What are the requirements?

Parents may administer the Home Study Program provided they have a high school diploma. On the application, Wynfield Christian Academy must receive documentation indicating who will be mentoring the student and what credentials that person holds. To receive a diploma from the Home Study Program, students must provide Wynfield Christian

Academy with one set of nationally standardized test scores from their high school years, such as the ITBS, CAT, or Stanford for every year enrolled in the HSP. A minimum of one SAT or ACT score is also required before graduation from Wynfield Christian Academy. A contact attendance form showing a minimum of 120 contact hours must be received with the complete materials and tests at the end of a course before credit can be awarded. All test copies must be on file with WCA staff. A sample writing selection, reading list, and extracurricular activity list must be given at the end of each semester, as well. A detailed list of all requirements for each available program is provided at the time of enrollment and kept online at WCA Online. Credit earned prior to being enrolled in Wynfield's HSP will be verified after one complete school year is satisfactorily achieved through Wynfield's HSP.

➤ What is the cost of the Distance Learning Program?

The **Fully Supervised Online Curriculum** is \$1,400 per student per year. It includes all testing, curriculum materials, etc. Graduation fees are separate. Tuition may be paid monthly from Aug to May for \$140.00 per month. Individual courses are available online \$300.00 per course.

The **Fully Supervised Offline Curriculum** is \$1000.00 for a complete grade level per student for high school students and \$800.00 per student for K-8 students. Tuition may be paid monthly. Each semester course (1/2 credit) is \$100.00 per student. These prices include materials, documentation and shipping.

Guided Curriculum program: For those parents who qualify and feel confident developing their own curriculum and educational plan with less guidance, you may opt for a less supervised plan. Wynfield staff must approve the curriculum before starting the curriculum; and an End of Course test must be administered, scored, and recorded through our program. Wynfield Christian Academy staff will conduct yearly standardized testing; or the parent/teacher may opt to use the local homeschool association's yearly testing program and give Wynfield Staff a copy of the results. We also must keep copies of contact hours per course, all tests including the End of Course tests, and copies of a minimum of one SAT or ACT score. The cost for this program for each grade level is \$500.00 per year. The monthly payment is \$50.00 per month for the months of August to May. There is also a \$35.00 technology fee per family per year.

The **Documentation-Only program** involves almost no supervision from school staff. This program is for experienced home educators and families who are members of a homeschool association or co-op. Curriculum and IEP must be prior approved by school staff. Initial entry documentation from Mentor and diagnostic testing is still required, as well as, standardized testing once per year and a copy of SAT/ACT scores. The Standardized testing can be done by the WCA staff or a homeschool association providing the school is given a copy. Wynfield staff must monitor the end-of-course tests. All required documentation is submitted electronically. Families must be active members of a homeschool association or co-op to document socialization requirements for the accreditation commission. The cost is \$350.00 per year or \$35.00 per month. There is also a \$ 35.00 per family per year technology fee. Wynfield staff must give approval for this program.

There is an additional level of the Documentation Only program. The Administratively Supervised Documentation Only program for high school students is for parents who cannot submit the required documentation electronically. The required documentation would be mailed to staff as a student finishes a test or an activity with a certificate or award or other activities as needed. Staff must receive other requirements due at the end of the semester at least one week before the semester deadlines. The cost of the program is \$450.00 per year or \$45.00 per month plus the \$35.00 tech fee per family per year.

On-site Accredited Program is through our partner program, Achieve Academy-Warner Robins. Contact Tara Pvel (tarapvel@gmail.com) directly for costs and details of that program.

- Each program requires a contract at enrollment stating that for each year of enrollment, one full year of tuition is payable regardless of withdrawal, early termination from the program by WCA staff, or successful or unsuccessful completion of the program.