



FAITH
HOME SCHOOL
TUTORIAL

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Academic Year at Faith Home School Tutorial

We are delighted to welcome you to Faith Home School Tutorial for the upcoming academic year. This handbook is designed to guide you through our expectations at Faith Tutorial. Please take a moment to review its contents, and feel free to reach out with any questions. As part of the registration process, you'll need to confirm your commitment to adhere to all student policies outlined in this document.

Notice of Non-discriminatory Policy to Students

At Faith Home School Tutorial, we celebrate diversity and do not discriminate based on race, gender, national or ethnic origin, or religion. This policy extends to educational policies, admissions, scholarships, loans, and extracurricular programs. While there may be limitations on participation in specific religious activities, we are dedicated to maintaining an inclusive environment.

Admission/Readmission/Continuing Enrollment

Aligned with our non-discriminatory policy, Faith Home School Tutorial retains the right to make admission, readmission, and continuing enrollment decisions on a case-by-case basis. By agreeing to the policies in this handbook, both students and parents/guardians acknowledge that Faith Tutorial can deny admission, readmission, or expel a student when deemed in the best interest of the student or the school.

Mission & Value Statements

Mission Statement:

We exist to encourage, support, and build up a community of Christian homeschool families. Twice a week, your child can foster friendships, collaborate with peers of varying ages and abilities, enjoy group activities, and learn.

Vision Statement:

We aim to support and encourage homeschoolers in educating their children, providing academic and social support in a creative and fun Christian environment. Our program is designed to complement your efforts at home. We commit to genuinely loving God, intentionally loving others, and joyfully serving our students.

Core Beliefs

We affirm our faith in the One True and Living God, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. He is infinitely wise, omnipresent, and omnipotent, reigning over all and guiding the course of humanity according to His eternal plan.

We declare our belief in Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son, who, being of divine nature, actively participated in creation. Born of a virgin, He walked among us, imparting the path to salvation and offering Himself on the cross for our redemption. Rising from the grave on the third day, He ascended to sit at the right hand of God, interceding on our behalf. We anticipate His return, the ultimate triumph over evil, and His eternal Sovereignty.

Our faith extends to the Holy Spirit, coexisting with the Father and the Son, dwelling within the church, guiding, empowering, and affirming our identity as God's children. The Spirit intercedes for us and guides our hearts and minds.

We firmly believe that salvation is solely through Jesus Christ. Recognizing our inherent sinfulness, we are reconciled to God through Christ's sacrifice, leading us to repentance, confession of Jesus as Lord, and obedient baptism.

The Bible stands as the inspired, written Word of God, revealing His nature and desire for a covenant relationship with His people. It is our authoritative guide for righteous living, outlining God's plan for the redemption of mankind through Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ established His church, desiring a unified community of believers to spread the message of salvation and serve in His name. The church exists to encourage, worship, and act as ambassadors for Christ.

We anticipate the return of Jesus Christ and the final judgment, where those faithful to Him will, by His grace, enjoy eternity in Heaven, living in His presence.

Benefits

Faith Home School Tutorial offers families supplemental instruction, allowing them to navigate homeschooling with support. Our Christian instructors bring expertise to their specific fields, providing an excellent classroom setting twice a week. This setting fosters important socialization among peers and encourages positive peer pressure for students to excel in their Tutorial class assignments.

Parent and Student Orientation

General Guidelines:

- Parents bear the primary responsibility for their child's education.
- Our day begins promptly at 8:30 a.m., and students should go directly to the classroom upon arrival. Please do not drop off your child before 8:15 a.m. to allow staff time for preparations.
- Parents should promptly pick up children by 12:15 p.m.; we will not leave until all children have left the premises.
- Faith Tutorial and West Jackson Baptist Church are not responsible for the loss or damage of a student's personal property, including electronics, dental appliances, and jewelry.
- If a child has a fever, keep them home until they are fever-free for 24 hours.
- Students should bring all necessary supplies from home, including curriculum and snacks.

Financial Policies:

- Tuition is due by the 15th of each month, with a \$25 late fee after the 25th.
- Outstanding balances older than 60 days may result in withdrawal until payment is made.
- Tuition by semester is accepted with no prepayment discount.
- The returned check fee is \$25.
- Student absences, vacation days, and unforeseen Tutorial closures are not deducted from tuition.

Communication:

- The direct line to the Tutorial office is 731-225-8172. Please refrain from calling the church office for Tutorial matters.
- Cell phones should be turned off during Tutorial hours. Students are not allowed to make calls, text, play games, or check the time on their cell phones during class. Parents needing to contact their child during Tutorial hours may call the Tutorial office at 731-225-8172.
- All communication, including billing, is conducted via email. The Tutorial office email address is faithhomeschooltutorial@gmail.com.
- Notify the Tutorial office of any changes to emergency contact numbers during the year.
- Inform the Tutorial office and all teachers of any child's specific health situation.
- In case of inclement weather or natural disasters, check our website and emails for cancellation information.
- Progress reports are sent home every 6 weeks, with prompt parental signature and comments requested.

Withdrawal Policy:

- A written notice of intent is required for withdrawal with tuition charged through the end of the semester.

Behavior Guidelines

As a community, Faith Home School Tutorial is committed to aligning our actions with Biblical principles. This commitment extends to defining appropriate and inappropriate behavior, actively promoting positive conduct, and discouraging behaviors that are inconsistent with our values. We aim to cultivate an environment marked by forgiveness, grace, and accountability, fostering collective learning and growth.

In instances where a student exhibits inappropriate behavior, our approach emphasizes teaching and correction as integral components of the broader learning process. The overarching objective of school discipline is to guide our students in acquiring essential life lessons. These lessons include developing personal responsibility, cultivating self-discipline, and understanding the significance of making choices in alignment with godly principles. Together, we strive to create a nurturing educational environment that reflects our shared commitment to these values.

Departure and Building Access:

- Students are expected to leave the premises with their parent or designated guardian after their scheduled class time.
- Secondary student drivers or secondary students attending half-day sessions should not linger in the building or parking lot. There is no designated study hall, so students without a class must exit the premises promptly.
- Entrance and exit from the building should occur only through Tutorial-designated doors and entrances. Students must be accompanied by Tutorial staff while in the building and are not permitted to roam unsupervised.

Class Attendance:

- Skipping class is not tolerated. If a student is found to be skipping class and remains on the church premises, they may face dismissal from the Tutorial.

Actions Requiring Discipline:

- Unacceptable conduct including public display of affection, harassment, abuse, profanity, or disrespect.
- Possession or use of items that could be used as a weapon (knives, guns, pepper spray, etc).
- Possession or use of alcohol, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape, or similar products.
- If a student fathers a child or becomes pregnant while enrolled at FHST, he/she will be dismissed from the Tutorial.
- Damage or theft to personal or Tutorial or church property.

Attire/Appearance:

- Clothing and accessories should not exhibit any words, slogans, or pictures offensive in a Christian environment.
- Clothing that is too short, too tight, or too low-cut is prohibited.
- No spaghetti straps, mid-drift shirts, or any top that shows cleavage or undergarments.
- Shorts should reach the ends of the fingertips when arms hang relaxed at students' sides.
- All hairstyles should be in good taste and neatly groomed. Unnatural coloring of hair is prohibited

Academic Guidelines:

Conduct deemed unacceptable includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Cheating and plagiarism
- Excessive and consistent absenteeism and/or tardiness
- Skipping class(es)
- Deliberately choosing to not complete required assignments/ projects as instructed by the teacher

Technology Guidelines:

- Use of electronic devices (phone, iPad, computers, etc,) requires teacher approval.
- Encourage respectful online behavior, as inappropriate posts or comments may result in dismissal.

Sexual Harassment Policy:

- Sexual harassment at Faith Tutorial is defined as unwanted sexual attention, solicitation, or other sexually-oriented remarks or behaviors. Such actions are considered harassment when it is known or should be reasonably known that it is offensive

We appreciate your commitment to Faith Home School Tutorial and look forward to a successful academic year together. Please print and sign the acknowledgement on the following page.



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I have read the Faith Home School Tutorial Student and Parent Handbook for the 2024-25 academic year. I understand that this handbook contains important information about policies, procedures, and expectations for students and parents within the Tutorial program.

I agree to abide by the guidelines outlined in the handbook and understand that failure to comply may result in consequences, including possible dismissal from the Tutorial.

Student Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Signature (7th grade and older): _____

We appreciate your commitment to creating a positive and productive learning environment at Faith Home School Tutorial. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Tutorial office by calling or texting 731-225-8172 or emailing faithhomeschooltutorial@gmail.com.