



SHEKINAH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Homeschool Connection Program
2016-2017

The Shekinah Christian School board of directors and administration recognize that ultimately God has given parents the responsibility for training their child (Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4). Our school operates as a ministry extension of the church and in partnership with Bible-believing parents. We understand that some families prefer to entrust their children to the academic and spiritual training offered at a Christian school. Shekinah exists to provide a family-like God-honoring atmosphere where students can be trained through programs that develop their intellect while challenging and encouraging them to dedicate their entire lives to Jesus Christ.

However, we also recognize that some parents desire to have their children at home at least part of the day. We desire to provide support and assistance to all Christian families who desire a quality education from a Biblical worldview. We believe there is tremendous value in allowing children of any age to interact with other students from other Christian homes.

- I. Requirements to enroll in the Homeschool Connection Program
 - A. There must be a current application on file
 - B. The family must agree to pay a registration fee for first-time students and those returning to Shekinah after a one year absence. Registration fees are currently \$100 for the first child and \$50 per additional child
 - C. Family must pay separate activities fee for participation in fine arts & technology (music, art, drama, computer usage)
 - D. Family must pay separate activities fee for participation in athletics.
 - E. Student and parent must participate separately in an annual interview with the school administrator and guidance counselor
 - F. Students and parents must willingly participate in school activities such as Shekinah Festival, ACSI Student Activities, and spiritual emphasis events (at least 1 per quarter)
 - G. Parents and student must agree to abide by all rules, guidelines and expectations of Shekinah Christian School as set forth in the Student Handbook
 - H. The family must provide written proof that they have contacted the local school superintendent and are approved to home school in their county
 - I. All forms that are required for full-time registration are also required to be on-file for part-time students (permission slips, medical forms, liability release and consent, etc).

- II. Services Provided
High School/Middle School
1-credit course \$936
.5 credit course \$468

Elementary
One Class/Week \$816
Two Classes/Week \$1,632

Textbook Rental Program
30% of student textbook cost from publisher (used)
40% of student textbook cost from publisher (new)
50% of cost for Teacher's Edition (all)

10% of textbook cost from publisher is refunded to families if textbooks are maintained in the same condition upon check-in as they were when checked-out as recorded on the Textbook Rental Record. All decisions of school administration regarding book condition are final.

Textbooks Rating Scale

New – never been used

Like New – used, but no wear is visible

Good – textbook can be used for at least 3 more school years with no more than 5 markings and no major rips, stains, tears, or other damage

Fair – textbook can be used for 1 more school year, but has more than 5 markings and at least 1 major rip, stain, tear or other damage affecting the readability of academic content

Poor – textbook contains more than 10 markings and more than one major rip, stain, tear, or other damage affecting readability of more than 10 pages of academic content

Unusable/Lost/Stolen – textbook has not been returned by the Late Return Deadline or is in such condition that the administration cannot reissue the text. If more than 25 markings or more than 10% of the textbook are damaged, the textbook is automatically classified as unusable. All other determinations are at the discretion of school administration.

Fine Arts & Technology Participation
\$150

Athletics Participation (per student, per sport)
\$75 with parental volunteer hours
\$150 without parental volunteer hours

Achievement Testing

\$40 Each Student

ACT Aspire & PSAT Testing

\$40 Each Student

College Visit Participation

\$20

Career Interest & Skills Inventories (various)

\$25 - \$125 per test (only if not included in classroom curriculum)

- III. Extra Services Available at No Charge (*fundraising may be required for select activities)
- A. **Library Resources** -- students are welcome to use any of the Shekinah Christian School library resources
 - B. **Technology Access** -- students are welcome to use the Shekinah computers for internet access and use of software programs they may not have at home
 - C. **College & Career Counseling** – school can schedule career interest and skills inventories and grant access to College Credit Plus programs by providing assistance with meeting Ohio Department of Education requirements
 - D. **Opportunity to participate on Student Light Teams*** to use their God-given talents both in school chapel services and in planned tours to other churches and/or schools
 - E. **Participation in annual Junior/Senior Banquet tradition*** (juniors/seniors only)
 - F. **Opportunity to try out/audition for other extracurricular activities***
 - G. **Opportunity to develop student leadership skills on Student Council*** (must be taking at least 3 classes to be eligible)
 - H. **Opportunity to participate in weekly student discussion groups** focused on spiritual growth and practical application of the Bible to daily living
- IV. Graduation Requirements
- A. Students must meet at least the minimum requirement for all SCS graduates of 25 credits. In order to receive a diploma from Shekinah Christian School, a student must be enrolled as a regular full-time student his or her last full academic year. In order to receive a diploma from Shekinah Christian School, students are encouraged to take at least 3 classes from SCS their junior year whenever possible.