



The Connection

2021-2022 Goals & Objectives

The Connection is an independent, Christian, college preparatory educational program, working to develop young people emotionally and intellectually for the glory of God: “ *But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it*” 2 Timothy 3:14.

Mission Statement: The Connection exists as a network of independent, qualified academic tutors contracted to assist parents at both the junior & senior high school levels. We partner with parents to provide college-bound students with rigorous, challenging instruction in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment.

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY: Foremost, we are committed to the educational philosophy that defines the homeschooling movement: parents are a student’s primary source of learning. Our classes are designed to extend home education by offering a challenging course of study and providing support for parents seeking an alternative to public school. We are a resource for the homeschooling family, not a substitute for instruction at home. Therefore, we have outlined a few commitments of responsibility:

1. **Parents are still the primary teachers and ultimately responsible** for the education of their own children. For families residing in Tennessee, parents are required to register their children with an umbrella school. In addition, it is the parent’s responsibility to be aware of material covered in class, weekly assignments and due dates, and to work with their child(ren) to prepare them for each week’s class. ***Most classes will require 1-1 ½ hours of work per weekday per class at home per class.*** Parents are expected to oversee their child’s progress, so they may be prepared to turn in all assignments and have the maximum benefit of instruction time.
2. **Students have educational and behavioral expectations to meet.** Students do not need to be a believer of Christ in order to participate at The Connection; however, they need to respect Christian values and morals in behavior, dress, and conduct. If absent from class, it is the responsibility of the student, with the support of the parent, to contact the tutor and request information and assignments missed. It is the responsibility of the student to complete all assignments, and/ or contact the tutor for additional clarification when confusion arises during the week. Finally, if an email response has been assigned or a web tutorial has been provided, it is the responsibility of the student to access this technology and use it effectively to complete the assignment given.
3. **Tutors are responsible for class preparation, communication of expectations, classroom discipline, and evaluation.** The Connection adheres to the morals and values as displayed by Jesus Christ, operating from a distinctly Biblical worldview. As such, we have a responsibility to provide an excellent educational experience for your child (Col. 3:23). Our tutors are highly qualified in their area of academics, with each holding education and experience within their specific disciplines. Tutors regularly provide homework structure (assignment sheets/ assignment calendar), so students and parents understand teacher expectations. Tutors will maintain an orderly classroom environment conducive to learning. Tutors are always available for a phone call, email, or conference to provide additional feedback or answer questions.

GRADING

Tutors provide a semester evaluation in the form of a numeric score as well as letter grades; averages are also available by request if your homeschooling organization works on the quarter system. Course tests and grades will be assigned by the tutor for work completed in class; however, the final grades given to the student are ultimately under the discretion of the parent-teacher. In addition, it is the parent's responsibility to report their child's final grade(s) to their umbrella school.

ATTENDANCE

We offer year-long courses designed in two semesters each consisting of 16-to-17 weeks depending on the class/ curriculum. Classes will meet for 32-35 weeks. Attendance is vital to performance; therefore, unexcused absences are discouraged. If an attendance problem arises, it will be addressed first by the tutor before involving the director.

REGISTRATION FEES

There is a required registration fee, which covers the administrative costs necessary to run this program. For every child registered, there is one \$75 fee to The Connection. For families with 3 or more children, the total fee is capped at \$200.

MATERIALS/ SUPPLIES

Unless otherwise stated by the individual tutor, all textbooks, materials and supplies are the responsibility of the parent. Any curriculum chosen by a tutor at The Connection is for use within the course and each parent-teacher may choose to supplement these materials at home with curriculum of their choice. Each tutor may choose to add a lab/materials fee which is not to exceed \$150 for the year. These fees are considered part of the curriculum and the responsibility of the parent. Due upon registration, these fees are NOT subject to a refund if the student/ parent chooses to drop a class.

RULES AND REGULATIONS *"Show respect to everyone" 1 Peter 2:17*

While in the classroom on CFBC campus and between classes, all students are expected to handle themselves in a Christ-like manner. Students are required to treat their tutors, classmates, and the CFBC facility with respect. A few rules have been established:

- Students are to remain in their classroom until the period ends.
 - All school supplies are to be secured in a book bag.
 - All cell phones must be turned onto vibrate or silent mode.
- Students are to remain in The Connection's designated area only.
- Bathrooms and hallways are to be left clean after use.
- Students are not to leave building or grounds unless picked up by a parent.
- Students will not sit in their car unless accompanied by an adult.
- Students who are on site but are not taking a class that period must be picked up by adult or scheduled for study hall.
- Students are not to deface or damage any part of Collierville First Baptist Church. If an accident results in damage of any kind, **payment to replace or repair will be the responsibility of the student(s) and their parents.**

DRESS CODE

The Connection dress code allows pants, knee-length short/ skirts, sleeved shirts for girls, and (preferably) collared shirts for boys. Cleanliness and modesty, which display Christian character, is expected at all times. No tank tops, hats, T-shirts with inappropriate sayings, flip-flops, or Crocs are allowed on campus.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

In rare cases a more assertive disciplinary approach may be necessary due to violations in behavior, tutor/church guidelines, or dress code. In these situations the following procedures have been established:

1. One warning from the tutor for any violation.
2. Upon a second violation, the student may be asked to leave the classroom, and the tutor will contact the parent.
3. Upon third violation, a conference will be scheduled between tutor, parent, and director before the student is allowed back in class.

The Connection reserves the right to suspend or expel any student for behavioral reasons.

REFUND POLICY

Courses dropped before the drop date of July 15, 2021 will be eligible for a refund of 80% of the class cost. Connection registration fees, processing fees, class deposits, and material fees are **NOT** subject to this refund since most tutors use these monies to purchase needed supplies over the summer months. Likewise, **classes dropped any time after the drop date are NOT subject to a refund and full payment of the balance is expected.** Parents enter this agreement with the understanding that our tutors are contracted for the amount of time the course indicates and full payment is expected for services.

RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT

We seek to follow the conflict resolution principles as given in Matthew 18:15-20. If the parent has a problem with a tutor, we ask that it first remain a private matter between the parent and the tutor. If no agreement can be made between the parties, then the director will become involved to arbitrate.

SCHOOL CALENDAR/MAKEUP DAYS

All notices and/or closures for inclement weather or other similar school issues will be placed on The Connection website (www.theconnectiontutorial.com) as needed. Please check the website frequently. If a tutor is sick, it is at his/her discretion to make up the class. Parents and students will be notified as soon as possible if a class will be canceled due to illness. An optional makeup day in the schedule may be utilized by tutors for canceled school days.

REMOTE LEARNING

In the event of a global crisis, classes may need to be moved online. The Connection operates as an LLC and will comply with government mandates and ordinances put forth by Shelby County for private businesses. Additionally, The Connection will follow guidelines set by our host location Collierville First Baptist Church.

STUDY HALL

Students who are not enrolled in a class and remain on campus must sign up for a Study Hall. This small, quiet area will be staffed by our Hall Monitor Coordinator. There is a nominal fee for this service. Students must arrive at Study Hall with materials and coursework to work on and remain in Study Hall the whole period. Parents may sign up students for Study Hall at Registration or any time during the year as the need arises. Study Hall payment will be made out to 'The Connection' and will not be prorated or subjected to payment options.

THE LUNCH PERIOD

Students are encouraged to bring a sack lunch to eat at tables in the lunch area. Please note: there is NO refrigerator available on campus. However, we do have a microwave for students to use. For a small fee The Connection will offer a variety of prepackaged snacks and bottled water for purchase each day during the lunch period.

PHOTO RELEASE

Throughout the year your child may be photographed by his or her teacher or yearbook staff. By signing below you grant The Connection the right to publish your child(ren.)'s photograph(s) in publications or on The Connection's website. You understand that this photo may be used in the agency's publications or on a website designed to promote the agency's services as well as offer information and resources. By agreeing to this form, you acknowledge your understanding of the above and grant your permission for the use of the photograph(s).

SUPPORT FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

We encourage families to join our local support organization. Memphis-area Home Educators Association(www.mymhea.org) provides support, encouragement, and activities for homeschool families. On the national level, Homeschool Legal Defense Association (www.hslda.org) provides personalized guidance and legal protection for homeschool families.

The Goals and Objectives written herein are yearly reviewed and approved by all tutors, and we reserve the right to:

1. Decline a family from registering or participating in any class.
2. Suspend or expel a student based on behavioral issues.



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Parent/ Student signatures: By initializing & each items specified below, you, the parent and student(s), are agreeing to abide by the procedures and expectations outlined in the 2021-2022 Goals & Objectives and work in conjunction with the tutors of The Connection to provide the best educational experience possible.

Parent	Student	Goal
_____	_____	EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY: I understand I am responsible for my child’s own education and agree to meet the responsibilities outlined.
_____	_____	MATERIALS/ SUPPLIES: I understand that I am responsible for acquiring my own materials before classes begin, unless otherwise specified, and have them with me for each class.
_____	_____	REFUND POLICY: I understand that after the drop date my tuition is <u>Not</u> subject to a partial or full refund even if I drop the class after that date.
_____	_____	SICK DAY POLICY: I understand it is my responsibility to contact each tutor if I miss a regularly scheduled class. Furthermore, it is the student’s responsibility to email and request the missed homework/ work from their tutor.
_____	_____	SCHOOL CALENDAR: I understand that The Connection will post all closings, weather related and other, on the website or by email.
_____	_____	PHOTO RELEASE: I understand that my child’s photo may be taken in and outside of a Connection class, and I agree to allow The Connection to use such photos on their website, yearbook, and school related publications.
_____	_____	DISCIPLINE: I understand I will be held to a high standard in communication, classroom participation, and personal responsibility. I will follow the guidelines set forth by CFBC, the Connection, and individual tutors. Cell phones will be turned on silent and dress code will be followed. I further understand my parents can and will be called for any infractions to this policy.
_____	_____	RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT: I agree to bring any issues or problems first to the tutor involved before involving anyone else in any disagreement. I understand the director’s role is that of a mediator, to assist in resolving any conflict between the two parties.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit this signed form by both parent & student(s) to complete registration.