

ARLINGTON BAPTIST H.O.M.E.

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REGISTRATION PACKET



2011-2012

**A Support Ministry
Of
Arlington Baptist Church**

Welcome to Our H.O.M.E.



Home Oversight Ministry in Education

A Home School Umbrella Program

We, as parents, have both a great freedom and an even greater responsibility to give our children the best education possible. In the surrounding Baltimore area, thousands have chosen to home school. It is certainly not the easiest or cheapest school alternative, but for many, home education is the right choice. Parents with the time, organizational skills and commitment, can legally and effectively home school their children.

The H.O.M.E. Program at Arlington

The name of this program is *H.O.M.E.* (Home Oversight Ministry in Education)
H.O.M.E. is a ministry of Arlington Baptist Church, located in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mission Statement

The mission of H.O.M.E., as a ministry of Arlington Baptist Church, is to assist parents who are seeking to train their children in the wisdom of God through home education, by providing an oversight for accountability, assistance and encouragement.

Purpose

The purpose of H.O.M.E. is to provide a *Christ-centered oversight* that will assist the home schooling family.

- To assist parents in providing an appropriate education for their children, that is in compliance with Maryland law.
- To serve parents by offering counseling for academic issues.
- To assist parents with curriculum selection.
- To provide legal oversight and accountability.
- To ensure that each families educational program is properly documented.
- To advise, serve, support, and encourage the home schooling parent in their role as educator and in their pursuit for academic excellence.

Our Vision

To support the home schooling family by offering an oversight ministry that will provide encouragement, guidance and assistance to families, whose desire is to make Christ and the Bible the central part of their children's education.

H.O.M.E. Introduction

For seventeen years, Arlington Baptist Church and School has extended its ministry to include home schooling families who are seeking to train their children in the wisdom of God. *H.O.M.E.* (Home Oversight Ministry in Education) is an umbrella program offering assistance and encouragement by experienced home schooling parents. The program began in 1994, and through the years has supported hundreds of families throughout the state of Maryland, who have been active in local Bible-believing churches.

Since 2005, H.O.M.E. has been under the direction of Mrs. Eileen Allen. A graduate of Villa Julie College, Towson University and Prairie Bible College, Mrs. Allen has a diverse educational background. Before starting a family she had years of experience teaching in private schools. Having a heart for children, she has served with her husband, Peter, in children's ministries for thirty two years. Being a mother of eleven and choosing to home educate all her children has been an awesome responsibility but one of her greatest blessings! She has taught from kindergarten through twelfth grade and eight of her children have graduated and gone onto college. Six girls are married, two boys are in college, and three are still being home schooled for high school. Thankful for the opportunity to work with the home schooling families, Mrs. Allen desires to encourage, support and assist each family as they strive to train their children in the wisdom of God through home education.

The Arlington Baptist School **H.O.M.E.** Umbrella Program wishes to welcome those who are interested in our program, as well as our new families, and those who have previously been a part of H.O.M.E. to the 2011-2012 school year. Included in this H.O.M.E. Registration Packet is information about our program, registration procedures and the necessary enrollment forms.

The H.O.M.E. office is usually open on Monday and Wednesday from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. You can reach Mrs. Allen at: 410-655-9300, Ext. 138 or email at: ecallen@arlingtonbaptist.org

Registration for Arlington Baptist School H.O.M.E. Umbrella Program

Fees are based on the grade of the *oldest* child and are due with the registration form.

Grades K-8	\$350 / Family
Grades 9-11	\$400 / Family
Grade 12	\$465 / Family with Graduating Senior

High School Graduation fee of \$65 is included in registration for 12th grade

*Includes: cap, gown, tassel, four invitations, transcripts, diploma and case

*If you have more than one child graduating, please include an extra graduation fee.

H.O.M.E. Provisions

- ▶ Academic oversight (conferences, usually twice a year)
- ▶ Assistance with curriculum choices
- ▶ Standardized testing
- ▶ Traditional graduation ceremony
- ▶ High school diploma (general or college preparatory)
- ▶ Opportunities for socialization
- ▶ Transcripts for college
- ▶ Letters of recommendation
- ▶ Membership in MACHE (Maryland Association of Christian Home Educators)
- ▶ Discounts to HSLDA (Home School Legal Defense Association)
- ▶ Fine Arts Competitions (Art, speech, Bible preaching, Bible quiz team, spelling bee, history & science projects, vocal & instrumental music... participate or just observe!)
- ▶ Work permits
- ▶ Notarization for college classes
- ▶ New and used book sale
- ▶ Opportunities for classes
- ▶ An understanding shoulder to lean on

H.O.M.E. Options

- ▶ Academic and Special Area classes in the day school or through the H.O.M.E. Tutorial
- ▶ Virtual School classes
- ▶ Team sports for middle and high school students (soccer, volleyball, basketball & baseball)
- ▶ Bands (beginners and experienced players)
- ▶ Private music lessons
- ▶ Choirs
- ▶ Field trips
- ▶ College fair
- ▶ Trips to visit Christian colleges
- ▶ PSAT testing
- ▶ ASVAB testing
- ▶ School pictures (individual & group)
- ▶ Sports pictures
- ▶ Senior portraits
- ▶ Senior Trip
- ▶ School rings
- ▶ Junior/Senior Banquet
- ▶ Sports Banquet
- ▶ Sports camps/clinics

Registration for Arlington Baptist School Classes for H.O.M.E. Students

Class Details

Enrolling in the ABS H.O.M.E. umbrella has many benefits for your children.

- The opportunity to take classes in the ABS day school
- The opportunity to play on the ABS sports teams.

I. Academic Classes (grades 7th-12th only)

(English, Math, Science, History, Bible, Speech, Foreign Language)

- Held **5 days a week** for the school year
- Class fee is \$800.00 per student/per year/per class
- Book fee is \$50.00 per student/per class

II. Academic Classes (grades 3rd-12th)

(English, Math, Science, History, Bible, Speech, Foreign Language)

- Held **LESS than 5 days a week** for the school year
- Fee is 190.00 per class day/per student/per year
(If class meets 2 days a week, the total would be \$190.00 x 2 = \$380.00/year)
- Book fee is \$50.00 per student/per class

III. Special Area Classes (Grades 2nd -12th)

(Computer, Music, Band, Art, Physical Education)

- Typically held **2-3 days a week** for the school year
- Fee is 170.00 per class day/per student/per year
(If class meets 2 days a week, the total would be \$170.00 x 2 = \$340.00/year)
- Book fees may apply, depending on the class

IV. Sports (Middle and High School Athletics - grades 5-12)

(Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Middle School Sports)

- Held throughout the school year
- Family fee is \$340.00 (entire family can play sports every season)
- Individual fee is \$75.00/per sport/per season

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Fall	Soccer	Volleyball
Winter	Basketball	Basketball
Spring	Baseball	Soccer

Requirements for Arlington Baptist School H.O.M.E. Umbrella Program

All H.O.M.E. Families Must:

- **NOTIFY THEIR COUNTY** of their intent to home school.
- **SUBMIT PROFILE SHEETS** listing the texts, publishers, locations of classes for each child.
- **ATTEND THE “BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT” MEETING** in August.
- **MEET TWICE YEARLY** with the H.O.M.E. Director to evaluate each students progress in order to verify that “regular and thorough instruction” is taking place.
- **MAINTAIN CURRENT ORGANIZED RECORDS** to remain in the program.

These records include:

Grade book (red ink for tests)
Daily lesson plans
Report card filled in quarterly per child
Graded book report/research paper (see below)
Student work samples for each subject per student
Graded final exams (high school)

Book Reports

Required from children in grades 3-8
Grades 3-6 (1-2 pages) (An optional book report form is available.)
Grades 7-8 (2-3 pages) (Computer generated, double-spaced)

Research Papers

Required from children in grades 9-12
Grades 9-10 (6-9 pages) (Computer generated, double-spaced) (**Due by END OF YEAR** visit)
Grades 11-12 (10-12 pages) (Computer generated, double-spaced) (**Due by MID-YEAR** visit)
Topics may be chosen by the student, but approved by parents.
Note cards should be from 5 - 7 sources.
Final Draft must include:
(Title page, thesis statement, outline, body of paper, works cited / bibliography page)
Grading criteria is available.
Parents are strongly encouraged to assist in editing the paper.
See *Research Paper Guidelines* for more details.

Final Exams

Must include work from the entire year, not just the last quarter.
Must be administered for all high school level academic subjects, including Bible.
Parent generated final exams should last about 90 minutes or have 150-200 questions.
Many publishers include final exams that can be used.

Registration Procedures for Arlington Baptist School H.O.M.E. Umbrella Program

Registration Process

1. Pray and seek God's leading before committing to a home education program.
2. Meet with the H.O.M.E. Director and obtain a 'New Family' packet of information.
3. Before registering, pray to make sure H.O.M.E. is the best choice for your family.
4. Research and obtain advice pertaining to curriculum choices.
5. It is often advisable to check with the H.O.M.E. Director before purchasing curriculum.
6. Purchase curriculum.
7. Fill out student profile form for each child.
8. File an Assurance of Consent Form with your county school board.
(If needed, you can obtain this form and address from the H.O.M.E. Director.)
9. Fill out a Records Request Form, if transferring from another school.
10. A Student Conduct Form needs to be signed by MS and HS students.
11. If interested in sports or classes, contact the H.O.M.E. Director.
12. Complete the registration application (ABS HOME student information sheet)
13. Mail the registration application with fee, student profile and student conduct forms to:

Arlington Baptist School
3030 North Rolling Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21244
Attention: H.O.M.E. Director
14. An acceptance letter will be sent after your application is received and processed.
15. Attend the "Back to School Night" meeting on August 18th @ 7:00 p.m.

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Student Profile

Student Name: _____ Grade: ____ Academic Year: _____

Which parent will be overseeing the homeschooling? _____

Does this parent have another full time job? _____

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>TEXT/CLASS TITLE</u>	<u>PUBLISHER/CLASS LOCATION</u>
Bible	_____	_____
Math	_____	_____
Science	_____	_____
History	_____	_____
English		
Literature/Reading	_____	_____
Grammar/Comp.	_____	_____
Vocabulary/Spelling	_____	_____
Foreign Language	_____	_____
Fine Arts	_____	_____
Physical Education	_____	_____
Elective	_____	_____
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Extracurricular Activities

Christian/Community Service

Arlington Baptist School H.O.M.E. Umbrella Program

Standard of Conduct

I agree that as a student of the Arlington Baptist School H.O.M.E. program I will totally abstain from the use of all tobacco products; the use of alcoholic beverages; any involvement in of immorality of any form; and the possession or use of illegal narcotic and “look-alike” drugs.

I understand that the practice, use, or possession of any of the above items or paraphernalia related to such items, either on or off school grounds, will result in suspension and/or expulsion.

With God's help, I will strive to abide by the above written Standard of Conduct.

Student's Signature

Date

Print Student's Name

Refusal to sign this statement will result in the student being withdrawn from the Arlington Baptist School H.O.M.E. program.

To the best of my ability I agree to ensure that my child will adhere to the above written Standard of Conduct.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Print Parent/Guardian's Name