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Thank you for your interest in Houston Home School Education Program.

Houston Home School Education Program is formerly known as Encourager Home School Enrichment Program. The Program began at Encourager Church in 1991 when a small group of families came together to offer each other encouragement and support in their home-schooling efforts. Since that time, it has grown into a ministry that serves over 65 families each year.

We are excited to offer our students and families a Christ-centered home school program. Because each staff member has a committed relationship with Jesus Christ, they're able to provide a warm and caring atmosphere for the students. The Program partners with parents to provide quality, Christian education for home schooled children.

Our Pre-Kindergarten thru 9th grade full-day program offers academic enrichment opportunities. Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade contained classes provide interactive lessons that complement the parents' home-schooling endeavors. Our program covers the following subjects: Math, Language Arts, Art, PE, Science, Spanish, and Social Studies.

New concepts are covered each week to equip the students for working at home with parents. Parents are provided with a homework calendar and syllabus.

The Program creates excellent opportunities for fellowship, both for the family and the student. Throughout the year, events are scheduled such as field trips, parties, get-togethers for moms, and more. The program has been instrumental for many families to connect with other home educators throughout the community, regardless of denominational background.

If you have any further questions after reviewing the enclosed information, please let us know. The staff and I look forward to serving you and your children.

In His Service,

Nancy Guidry
HHSEP Administrator

About Us

Our mission is to provide educational opportunities of academic excellence taught from a Christian perspective to aid parents in schooling their children in subjects that are difficult to teach in a single child setting. We are first and foremost a ministry. Prayer and godly morals are stressed for all teachers and employees of HHSEP. We employ teachers that have a love and gifting for teaching and make excellence in all they do a priority.

The outline of courses for Pre-K-9th grades currently offered is:

- Pre-K Enrichment
- Kindergarten Enrichment
- First Grade Enrichment
- Second – 9th
 1. Language Arts – Core curriculum
 2. Science – Core curriculum
 3. Math
 4. Art
 5. Physical Education
 6. Spanish

While our primary focus is to provide educational opportunities, there are also opportunities throughout the school year for fellowship, both for the family and the student. Extracurricular events offered by the program may include field trips, special Moms' get-togethers and more. The program has been instrumental to many families in connecting with other home educators throughout the community, regardless of denominational background.

Overview for New Students

HHSEP Classes for 2022-2023 will begin on **Tuesday, September 6th**, and will run through May 16th. We have breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Break. All classes meet on Tuesdays beginning at 9:00 AM and ending at 3:00 PM. We have a midday break for sack lunches.

Applications for new students will begin January 28, 2021. Space at each grade level is limited. Forms can be obtained by emailing/calling or visiting our office.

In order to begin the registration process, the following forms must be turned in:

- 1. New Student Profile Application**
- 2. Enrollment Forms**

The above forms must be accompanied by the Registration Fee. The Registration Fee is \$75, if paid before June 1st. (There is a sibling discount noted on the enrollment form.) After June 1st, the Registration Fee is \$80. **The Registration Fee is non-refundable.**

Textbook purchases: Parents are required to purchase all specified textbooks and supplies (please visit the website for a complete list). The majority of the classes require complete kits, including test packet and solutions manual. Keep in mind that many people will be ordering at the end of summer and suppliers may run short. Please order early.

Description of Grades

Preschool Children entering this class ***must be 4 by September 30th***.

The Program's Preschool class provides many hands-on activities and opportunities to work together as a group. Phonics-based pre-reading and number concepts are introduced (or reinforced) with an emphasis on developmental and social readiness. Other enrichment activities include singing, finger plays, Story Time, Bible, Science, Social Studies, Art, Spanish and playground fun. Motor skills are developed through fun-filled activities including cutting, pasting, painting, and coloring. This class has a yearly class fee of \$25.00.

Class limit is 12 students.

Kindergarten Children entering this class ***must be 5 by September 30th***.

The Kindergarten class will include a literature-based program that will *supplement* your home school reading curriculum. The class will also include Math, Science, Social Studies, Music, Spanish, Good Citizenship, Story Time, Center Time and playground fun. Students continue to develop both fine and large motor skills through the various activities and mediums utilized. This class has a yearly class fee of \$25.00.

Class limit is 12 students.

First Grade Students entering contained 1st grade *must be 6 by September 30th*.

The first-grade class follows an exciting and motivating classroom format. This class will include phonics-based reading practice intended to supplement the reading curriculum parents use at home. Additional instruction includes Writing practice, hands-on Science, Social Studies, and Art. Math skills are added to the curriculum based upon students' abilities. Some lessons are adjusted according to the individual level of students. This class has a yearly class fee of \$25.00.

Class limit is 12 students.

Second thru Ninth Grade

2nd-9th grade students rotate through six classes including Science, Spanish, Physical Education, Art, Math, and Language Arts. It is recommended that all students be placed into classes based on age rather than academic achievement. Exceptions will be made only after careful review of a student's academic records and personal references regarding social maturity. Class limit for second thru ninth grades is 15 students. At HHSEP, parents are respected as the students' primary teacher. Our classes are designed to enable parents to bring out the best in each student.

Description of Classes

Language Arts (1st – 9th grade) Writing is a core curriculum class at HHSEP, which means that parents do not need to purchase an additional writing curriculum. Classroom instruction includes fun learning activities meant to introduce writing skills and basic grammar to young writers. Homework assignments reinforce and encourage students to utilize the skills learned on Tuesdays. Time and practice are required for children to learn how to write well. We help parents by providing classroom instruction and homework assignments that build knowledge, skill, and confidence. **For students in 3rd – 9th grade, this class requires approximately 3-5 hours of homework. Time spent varies according to grade level and students' abilities. Daily work on Creative Writing assignments is encouraged. Parental oversight and assistance with assigned homework is required at all grade levels to ensure understanding of material and successful completion of work.**

Science (2nd – 9th grade) At HHSEP, we teach students from the Biblical creation viewpoint with God being glorified and exalted for His creation of the complex world in which we live! The 2nd grade class is a fun enrichment course. Science is taught as a “core curriculum” class for students in 3rd thru 9th grades. Parents only need to purchase the textbooks we use at the Program. Science class time will include instruction, coordinated activities, and hand-on labs at all levels. **The 2nd – 9th grade core classes will be assigned weekly homework, including**

reading assigned pages in the textbook and completing pages in the Journals. Science should be incorporated into the daily home school schedule. Chapter review led by the parent during the week is necessary for the student to grasp all the vocabulary and material, especially if the student will be tested. In addition, students may be asked to complete a minor science project outside of class.

MATH

Math-U-See textbooks move students from primary grades to algebra. Each course contains a series of daily lessons covering all areas of general math. Each lesson presents a small portion of math content (an increment) that builds on prior knowledge and understanding. Students are not required or expected to grasp a concept fully the first time it is presented. After an increment is introduced, it becomes a part of the student's daily work for the rest of the year. Students will have many opportunities to gain understanding and to achieve mastery.

This class requires at least 5 hours of homework per week. Time spent varies according to grade level and students' abilities. Daily work on Math assignments is encouraged. Parental oversight and assistance with assigned homework is required for all grade levels to ensure understanding of material and successful completion of work. This cumulative, continual practice ensures that students will retain what they have learned.

Spanish (2nd – 9th grade) Introduces students to a foreign language, building confidence to use vocabulary and grammar learned in class. Students will learn words, phrases, simple conversations, songs and Scripture in Spanish. Each year we focus on a different Spanish speaking country and learn about some of its history and culture. Parents should expect to spend about **20-30 minutes a day** reviewing vocabulary with the student. Review enables a student to retain vocabulary taught in class, to participate fully in each class, and to achieve good results on quizzes and tests.

Physical Education (2nd – 8th grade) Incorporates fun and interesting activities to encourage and reinforce physical fitness and well-being. Classes will consist of fitness time, health awareness, and skill development. Whenever age-appropriate, team sports will be introduced with the skills and rules that are taught and practiced.

Art (2nd – 9th grade) The Art instructor endeavors to bring each grade level many different opportunities to become familiar with art history and a variety of art mediums. The assignments will increase students' knowledge of color, theory, design and composition. Projects are worked on in the classroom with some projects requiring a few weeks to finish. Students may be asked to bring simple household supplies to complete a project. ART is an enjoyable class that enriches the education of our home school students.

Enrollment Fees

Annual Tuition

PreK – 1st \$1200.00 per year **2nd-4th** \$1240.00 per year **5th-8th** \$1280.00 per year

Registration Fee

\$75.00 per student (sibling discount will be applied)

Annual Supply Fee

\$25.00 Prek-1st

\$100.00 2nd-9th

Facility Fee

\$50.00 (Per Family)

First tuition installment is due August 1st

Tuition is due on the **first** of each month. There will be a **\$25 late fee** per family for payments received after the 5th of the month. There is a **\$30.00 fee for returned checks**. Because of our financial obligations, we ask for a year's commitment from each family. **Students who drop from the Program after the first month of classes will be assessed a drop fee equal to \$250.00 per student.**

***The \$75.00 registration fee is non-refundable.**

If you are interested in enrolling your student(s) you may request an application by sending an email to staff@hhsep.com. After reviewing your application forms, our office will contact you of acceptance status. Then, additional registration forms will be emailed to you in the summer and must be returned to our office during Orientation Day, but no later than the first day of school in order for your child to attend the program.

We look forward to meeting your family. It is an honor to serve the Houston Homeschool Community.