



SHEKINAH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Homeschool Connection Program
2019-2020

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 vision is to be a well-known and preferred educational partner for Christian families and Bible-believing churches within a 30-mile radius of Plain City.* 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 academic and extracurricular programs that develop their intellect while challenging and encouraging them to dedicate their entire lives to Jesus Christ.

We also recognize that some parents desire to have their children at home at least part or most 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 a separate Activity Fee for participation in fine arts & technology (music, art, drama, computer classes)
- D. Family must pay an athletic fee for participation in athletics. This fee is the same for all students whether part-time or full-time.
- E. Student and parent must participate in the standard interview process required of all students. (This involves an interview with the school administrator after an application has been submitted).
- F. Students and parents must willingly participate in applicable school fundraisers and spiritual emphasis events (students are welcome to attend any chapel service as well).
- 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.

II. **Services Provided**

High School/Middle School

1-credit class \$1,356

Student may also take two .5 credit classes for the same price

Elementary

One Class \$1,260.00

Textbook Rental Program

25% 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 upon check-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 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 Fee \$120

Choir (including performances)

Drama (including productions)

Art I

Art II

Athletics Participation (per student, per sport) \$100

Volleyball (girls)

Golf (boys)

Basketball (boys)

Basketball (girls)

Softball (girls)

Tennis

Soccer & Baseball will be offered if there is sufficient number of students interested

Optional Testing (ACT Aspire, PSAT, Terra Nova 3, other) \$30 per test

College Visit Participation \$10

Career Interest & Skills Inventories (various) \$25 - \$125 per test
(only if not included in classroom curriculum)

III. Extra Services Available at No Charge to Students

(*fundraising may be required for select activities)

- A. Enrichment Week** – a week-long opportunity to expose our students to skills, challenges and information that will enrich their lives, prepare them for the future, and spark interest in a career or hobby they had never considered. (typically scheduled the week after Spring Break)
- B. Library Resources** -- students are welcome to use any of the Shekinah Christian School library resources
- C. Technology Access** -- students are welcome to use the Shekinah computers for internet access and use of software programs they may not have at home
- D. 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
- E. Opportunity to participate on Student Light Teams*** to use their God-given talents both in school chapel services and any planned tours to other churches and/or schools
- F. Participation in annual Junior/Senior Banquet tradition*** (juniors/seniors only)
- G. Opportunity to try out/audition for other extracurricular activities***
- H. Opportunity to develop student leadership skills on Student Council*** (must be taking at least 3 classes to be eligible)
- I. Opportunity to participate in age-based, gender-based 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 23 credits and participate in a Bible course every year of attendance at Shekinah. Students are encouraged to take at least 3 classes from SCS their junior year whenever possible. In order to receive a diploma from Shekinah Christian School, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student during his or her senior year.