

BAPTIST REGIONAL SCHOOL SYSTEM

HOMESCHOOL POLICY

Our Philosophy of Christian Education states that we believe that God has commanded Christian parents to train their children according to the Word of God. Further, we believe that the Christian school is an extension of the home and that we exist to assist Christian families in the training of their children. Consistent with that policy, we realized that assisting Christian families included those who chose to educate their children at home. We determined that the most effective means of assisting was to allow homeschoolers the opportunity to enroll for one or more courses that their families deemed difficult to be taught at home either because of facilities or expertise.

Policy:

1. Any homeschooler who has completed 6th grade may enroll for one or more course.
2. Baptist High School will teach and evaluate homeschool students throughout the course of the school year.
3. Baptist High School will issue progress reports as deemed appropriate or as requested by parents at each mid-quarter and report cards at the end of each quarter.
4. Baptist Regional School will maintain a permanent record card of all courses taken at Baptist High School and forward copies to institutions of higher education, as requested.
5. Students who submit appropriate proof of successfully completing sufficient courses through their homeschool program and who accumulate at least 30 credits at Baptist High School, will be eligible for a Baptist Regional School Homeschool Diploma.
6. Based on the By-Laws of the Baptist High School Chapter of the National Honor Society, homeschool students are not eligible for membership in the society. Therefore, they are not eligible for recognition as Valedictorian or Salutatorian of a graduating class, nor receive the honors or scholarships awarded during commencement exercises.
7. The charge for homeschool courses is one-sixth that of regular tuition. Application, registration and reregistration fees, as well as any lab fees, are the same as for a full-time student.
8. Homeschool students are eligible to participate in all sports, drama and music programs if they are enrolled for at least one five-credit course. Homeschool students will be subject to a participation fee which will be published each year.
9. Homeschool students are covered by the same school accident insurance as full-time students at no additional charge.

10. Homeschool students are encouraged to participate in all Student Council sponsored activities (i.e. monthly afternoon activities as well as our annual May camp), although they are not required to do so.
11. Homeschool students are subject to the policies published in the Baptist Regional School Family Handbook in all areas not specifically contained in this policy.

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