

# Harford Christian School

## Homeschool Umbrella Procedures and Policies

### 2016-2017

#### Admissions Process:

- Review all HCS homeschool information via [www.harfordchristian.org](http://www.harfordchristian.org) or mailed information portfolio
- Apply for HCS Umbrella enrollment ([bwilson@harfordchristian.org](mailto:bwilson@harfordchristian.org) or [hblome@harfordchristian.org](mailto:hblome@harfordchristian.org))
- Register on-line through RenWeb
- Parent agreement and statement of doctrine signed
- It is the family's responsibility to file the "Notice of Consent" form or other required state or local documents according to state of residence expectations.

#### Review Process:

- Beginning of year (August/September): By e-mail or on-campus
  - Reviewer will examine your homeschool plan for HCS Umbrella approval
- Middle of year (January/February): HCS reviewer will conduct an "in-home/site" visit
  - Schedule by e-mail through Bryan Wilson at [bwilson@harfordchristian.org](mailto:bwilson@harfordchristian.org)
- End of year (on or before June 15<sup>th</sup>): Submit student portfolio for final approval
  - Each subject area will be reviewed for clear evidence of instruction
  - Mail in or drop-off at HCS high school office
  - Portfolio should include the following:
    - Attendance sheet demonstrating 180 days of school attendance
    - Record of grades/progress for each subject
    - Completed *Homeschooling Review Sheet*
    - Evidence of student work
      - Minimum of 3 examples of student work per subject per month or
      - Selected examples/evidence from a whole year collection of required courses/subjects
    - Portfolio should be no larger than a 3" binder and may include:
      - Sections for each subject
      - Pictures of field trips or special events
      - Service record and/or special projects
      - Book list (curriculum utilized during the academic year)
        - Supplemental curriculum
        - Dvd's, websites, etc.
        - Standardized test results

- A **Homeschool Review Sheet** should be filled out and submitted with the student portfolio (available from [www.harfordchristian.org](http://www.harfordchristian.org) under the Homeschool tab). This document will be utilized by the HCS reviewer for final approval.
- If the portfolio does not meet HCS reviewer expectations, the family will have 30 days to supply needed materials and evidence of sufficient schooling in the needed areas.

## Subject/Course/Graduation Requirements:

### Grades Kindergarten- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Subject Requirements

- Bible
- Language Arts (English grammar, spelling, handwriting, reading, writing)
- Mathematics
- Science
- History/Social Studies
- Art
- Music
- Health and Physical Education
- Other electives including technology, foreign language, vocational skills

### Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graduation Credit Requirements

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| ● Bible  | 2 Credits         |
| ● English  | 4 Credits         |
| ● History (World History, US History, Government)        | 3 Credits         |
| ● Science (Physical or Earth Science, Biology, Elective) | 3 Credits         |
| ● Mathematics (Algebra I, Geometry, Electives)           | 4 Credits         |
| ● Computer/Technology                                    | 2 Credits         |
| ● Health and Physical Education                          | 1 Credit          |
| ● Fine Arts  | 1 Credit          |
| ● Community Service (75 documented hours)                | 1 Credit          |
| ● Electives (additional Bible, foreign language, etc.)   | <u>2 Credits</u>  |
|  | <b>23 Credits</b> |

## Standardized Testing:

- All homeschooling families enrolled in the HCS Umbrella have the opportunity to purchase standardized testing opportunities. These are listed under the homeschool tab on [www.harfordchristian.org](http://www.harfordchristian.org). Harford Christian administers Iowa Performance Assessments for achievement testing and CogAT (Cognitive Ability Testing) for school ability testing. These are administered to HCS students in the spring of each school year. Scoring results may be included in the student portfolio.