



Frequently Asked Questions

When will the school start?

We're hoping to start the school in the Fall of 2022.

Is the school considered a private school or a homeschool?

As far as we understand, the school will function as a non-profit organization that helps parents educate and disciple their children. As such, according to the Department of Education, your children will be homeschooled and you will be responsible for submitting the paperwork required by the NH Department of Education.

What is the organizational structure of the school?

The school will function under a board of advisors, which will be comprised of the Head of School and Ademi Mirabal, Pastor of Seacoast Community Church, as well as other skilled invested members (ie someone versed in legalities or finances) and a couple of parents of enrolled students. The Head of School will serve under the board of advisors and will function as a liaison between the board of advisors, teachers and school staff, committees, and enrolled and prospective families. The HOS will also manage student behavior, teacher evaluations, and the day-to-day aspects of the school. Lastly, the school will work towards becoming accredited by The National Association of University-Model Schools who will provide support, non-financial resources, and accountability.

What grades will the school serve?

Eventually, we'd like the school to serve K-12th grade but we're willing to start the school with whichever grades we can (ie: K-3) and add a grade every year. Growth will depend on enrollment.

How many students will be in each class?

We've been told it takes about ten students to pay for the teacher and contribute towards other school costs so we'll need an average of ten students per grade and would hope to limit each class to around fifteen students. If there are two grades that do

not meet the ten-student minimum then we would consider combining two grades (ie 2nd & 3rd grade) and modify the lessons for each grade.

Who will teach the classes?

Qualified teachers will teach the students on school days and parents will teach the students on homeschool days. There are several ways one could be qualified (not necessarily certified) to teach at the school. A qualified teacher could be a former public or private school teacher, a retired teacher, a private tutor, someone with extensive experience homeschooling his/her own children, etc. Teachers will go through a thorough hiring process including an extensive application, references pertaining to their faith, character, and teaching experience, a background check, as well as an in-person interview with the school director and board of advisors that will include parents.

What will the school schedule be like?

Ideally, the school will run at SCC on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students in lower grades will be homeschooled on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fridays could be used for extracurricular activities, family time, playdates, ministry, doctor's appointments, co-ops, etc. As they get older they will also have home instruction on Fridays. (Please note that the high school schedule differs). If we are unable to find enough teachers then we may have some grades meet Monday/Wednesday and some grades meet Tuesday/Thursday to utilize the same teachers but this would be a last resort.

How much will it cost and what will the payment schedule look like?

We are still working on the budget but other university model schools average \$3,000-\$4,000+ per year per student with a 3-4% annual increase to cover cost increases. We have not figured out how the payment schedule will work. Some schools require full payment upfront, some schools require payments pre-semester, while other schools provide a monthly payment option. We hope to offer all three options but will know more as we work through the budget and finances.

What does tuition cover?

Tuition would cover teacher salaries, resource teachers if needed, school staff (a school director, custodian, an admin, and a bookkeeper all part-time), potential extracurricular classes, utilities, classroom curriculum and materials, an online program used to collaborate between the parents and teachers, association fees, insurances, marketing,

etc. We guarantee transparency so the school's budget will always be available to view and discuss.

What does tuition not cover?

Tuition would not cover curriculum and books used in the home as well as homeschool materials like school supplies if needed. Tuition would also not cover uniforms.

Will there be financial aid?

We are definitely hoping to provide financial aid. The school will host fundraisers and we'll ask individuals and families to give towards the scholarship program for those with financial need. We plan to ask local churches if they'd provide scholarships. We'll also help families come up with creative ways to raise the funds for their kids. We hope that finances will not prevent any family from attending the school.

Is this a Baptist/denominational school?

No. Even though the school will be affiliated with SCC, the school will function as a separate non-denominational institution. Every teacher/staff and family must agree with and abide by the school's statement of faith and by-laws, which will be clearly evangelical, but they can belong to a variety of denominations and still work at or attend the school.

Who can attend the school?

The school will be a Christian school that only enrolls Christian families. Even though the students will not be required to be Christians, both of their parents must be Christians and active members of a local evangelical church (unless they only live with one parent and in that case, the parent they live with must follow these guidelines). During the admissions process they will share their salvation story, they must agree to the statement of faith and by-laws, and they must submit a letter from their church pastor/elder affirming their faith and active involvement in their church.

Can I pick the curriculum?

No. There will be a committee comprised of the school director, teachers, and others who will choose the curriculum together. You're welcome to be part of that committee but there is no guarantee that your preferred curriculum would be chosen. We will ask

for parent feedback on the curriculum and you are welcome to supplement your child's education at home with whichever curriculum you choose but in order for the school to thrive, you will be expected to use the curriculum chosen by the school. The school plans to function using the best aspects of the Classical Christian model and the Charlotte Mason model and curriculum will be chosen with this in mind.

Can my child attend this school if both parents work full-time?

We understand and appreciate that every family's circumstances are different. We do not have a firm stance on this issue but will take your particular situation into account. Regardless of your family's work obligations or other commitments, you must be able to provide the attention needed to your child's education and discipleship as this school is a partnership with parents rather than a full-time school or discipleship program.

My child may have special learning needs. Will you be able to accommodate his/her needs?

Part of the application process will include an assessment of your child's learning abilities and needs as well as your thoughts and concerns regarding your child's learning abilities and needs. At that point, our teachers would discuss whether or not they think that the school can provide for your child's needs. However, we think that our small class sizes, qualified Christian educators, accommodations and modifications that could be made for your child, and potential resource teachers as well as your support and involvement will make all the difference. There will also be a mid-year and end-of-year collaborative evaluation as well as ongoing collaboration between the teacher-parent, which would hopefully foster an excellent learning environment for your child. You can also hire tutors to come to your home on homeschool days to help your child with particular educational needs. Lastly, you'd be welcome to collaborate with your local public school to see what additional services they can provide and we'd be more than willing to help you figure that out.

**Please note that we've answered these questions to the best of our ability but some things may change as we learn more and respond to situations as they arise. However, please note that we will in no way ever waiver in aspects pertaining to biblical principles. View www.CrossPointCA.com for more information.*