



CrossPoint Christian Academy Frequently Asked Questions

1: **When will the school open?** The school will open in the Fall of 2022.

2: **Is the school considered a private school or a homeschool service?** CCA will function as a private school that meets in the formal classroom two/three days per week and at home two/three days per week (schedule depends on child's grade). As such, your child's classroom teacher would teach your child on classroom days and then provide you with all of the lesson plans, assignments and grading for your homeschool days.

3: **What is the organizational structure of the school?** The school will function under a board of advisors, including founding family members 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, staffing, 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, certification and accountability.

4: **What grades will the school serve?** The school aims to serve K-12th grade but we're willing to open the school with whichever grades we have students for and growth will depend on enrollment. So please feel free to tell friends with children of any school age!

5: **How many students will be in each class?** It takes about eight students to pay the teacher and contribute towards other school costs so we'll need an average of eight students per grade and would hope to limit each class to around fifteen students. If there are two grades that do not meet the eight student minimum then we would consider combining two grades (ie 2nd & 3rd grade) and modify the lessons for each grade.

6: **Who will teach the classes?** Qualified teachers will teach the students on school days and parents will teach the students on homeschool days using the lessons provided by their child's teacher. 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, a mock lesson, as well as an in-person interview with the hiring committee.

7: **What will the school schedule be like?** Ideally, the school will run on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students in lower grades will be taught at home on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fridays could be used for extracurricular activities, family time, playdates, ministry, doctors appointments, co-ops, etc. As they get older they will also have home instruction on Fridays. Students in upper grades will go to the school three days per week and have home instruction two days per week.

8: **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 up front, some schools require payments pre-semester, while other schools provide a monthly payment option. We hope to offer all three options.

9: **What does tuition cover?** Tuition covers teacher salaries, resource teachers, school staff (head of school, 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.

10: **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.



11: **Will there be financial aid?** We are 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 needs. 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.

12: **Is this a denominational school?** No. The school will function as a 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.

13: **Do you have a meeting space yet?** We're discussing the possibility of meeting at Seacoast Community Church in Portsmouth, NH.

13: **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, parents 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.

14: **Can I pick the curriculum?** No. There will be a committee composed of the head of school, 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 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 Charlotte Mason model and curriculum will be chosen with this in mind.

15: **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 aims to partner with parents.

16: **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 and integrity.*