



# 2024-2025 Handbook

## **HCS Office Information**

*Please call or email in advance if you need the services of the HCS Administrator.  
However, if you need to drop something off at the front desk, you can do so anytime,  
Monday – Thursday between 9 am and 3 pm.*

*NOTE: Please do not request HCS information from the church receptionist.*

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## **Statement Of Belief**

1. We believe the Bible is the only inspired, infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God in the original manuscripts, and the supreme and final authority for faith and life. (2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21).
2. We believe there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Gen. 1:1; Matt. 28:19; John 10:30, 37, 38).
3. We believe in the deity of Christ, God's only Son (John 10:33); His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14; Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:35); His sinless life (Heb. 4:15; 7:25; 9:12); His miracles (John 2:11; 11:25); His vicarious and atoning death (1 Cor. 15:3; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 2:9); His resurrection (John 11:25; 1 Cor. 15:4); His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19); and His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11; Rev. 19:11-16).

4. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith alone are we saved. We believe the Holy Spirit keeps and empowers believers day by day and is the Teacher of the Word of God and the Guide for daily living. (John 3:16-19; 5:24; Rom. 3:23; 5:8-9; Eph. 2:8-10; 4:1, 30; Titus 3:5; 1 Cor. 6:16; 6:19, 20).
5. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the unsaved will be resurrected to eternal damnation in hell, and the saved will be resurrected to eternal blessing in heaven with God. (John 5:28-29).
6. We believe the true Church is made of all who have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and, thereby, constitutes the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; Gal. 3:26-28).
7. We believe God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption. Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to the biblical standard, and the means for procreation of the human race. (Gen. 2:19-24; Lev. 18:22; Matt. 19:4-6; Rom. 1:18-27; Eph. 5:22-33; Heb. 13:4; Rom. 5:12-21)
8. We believe children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to the children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents. (Gen. 2: 19-24; Lev. 18: 22; Matt. 19: 4-6; Rom. 1: 18-27; Eph. 5: 22-33; Heb. 13:4)
9. We believe that it is sinful to approve of or participate in sexual immorality,

including but not limited to homosexuality and transgenderism, and that such approval constitutes an essential departure from Christian faithfulness and witness. God created Adam and Eve, the first human beings, in his own image, equal before God as persons, and distinct as male and female, rendered equal in dignity and worth. Divinely ordained differences between male and female reflect God's original creation design and are meant for human good and human flourishing. The differences between male and female reproductive structures are integral to God's design for self-conception as male or female and are the God-appointed biological sex and self-concept of every person created. (Gen. 1:27, Lev. 18:22, Psalm 100:3, Rom. 1:18-32, (Cor. 6:19-20)

## **Biblical Conflict Resolution**

As people reconciled to God by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we believe that we are called to respond to conflict in a way that is remarkably different from the way the world deals with conflict. We also believe that conflict provides opportunities to glorify God, serve other people, and grow to be like Christ. Therefore, in response to God's love and in reliance on His grace, we commit ourselves to respond to conflict according to the following principles:

- 1. Glorify God** — Instead of focusing on our own desires or dwelling on what others may do, we will seek to please and honor God—by depending on His wisdom, power, and love; by faithfully obeying His commands; and by seeking to maintain a loving, merciful, and forgiving attitude.
- 2. Get the log out of your own eye** — Instead of attacking others or dwelling on their wrongs, we will take responsibility for our own contribution to conflicts—confessing our sins, asking God to help us change any attitudes and habits that lead to conflict, and seeking to repair any harm we have caused.
- 3. Gently Restore** — Instead of pretending that conflict doesn't exist or talking about others behind their backs, we will choose to overlook minor offenses, or we will talk directly and graciously with those whose offenses seem too serious to overlook. When a conflict with another Christian cannot be resolved in private, we will ask others in the body of Christ to help us settle the matter in a biblical manner.

**4. Go and be reconciled** — Instead of accepting premature compromise or allowing relationships to wither, we will actively pursue genuine peace and reconciliation— forgiving others as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven us, and seeking just and mutually beneficial solutions to our differences.

By God's grace, we will apply these principles as a matter of stewardship, realizing that conflict is an opportunity, not an accident. We will remember that success, in God's eyes, is not a matter of specific results but of faithful, dependent obedience. And we will pray that our service as peacemakers brings praise to our Lord and leads others to know His infinite love. (1 Luke 6:27-36; Gal. 5:19-26; Matt. 5:9. 2 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; Rom. 8:28-29; James 1:2-4. 3 1 Cor. 10:31; James 4:1-3; Psalm 37:1-6; Phil. 4:2-9; Col. 3:1-4; 1 Peter 2:12; John 14:15; James 3:17-18; Rom. 12:17-21; Mark 11:25. 4; Matt. 7:3-5; 1 John 1:8-9; Prov. 28:13; Col. 3:5-14; Luke 19:8. 5 Matt. 18:15-20; James 5:9; Prov. 19:11; Gal. 6:1-2; Eph. 4:29; 2 Tim. 2:24-26; 1 Cor. 6:1-8. 6 Matt. 5:23-24; Matt. 6:12; Eph. 4:1-3, 32; Matt. 7:12; Phil. 2:3-4. 7 Matt. 25:14-21; 1 Peter 2:19, 4:19; Rom. 12:18; John 13:34-35.

Adapted from *The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict*. © 1997 by Ken Sande

## **Types of Enrollment**

1. Non-Provisional Enrollment – Families who have submitted a pastor letter, enrollment form per child enrolled, transcript request (if applicable), and have paid the yearly tuition, HSLDA, and Homeschool Reporting fees are enrolled as non-provisional families.
2. Provisional Enrollment – Families who have applied to Harvest Christian School and lack any of the following: pastor letter, enrollment form per child enrolled, transcript (if applicable), or HSLDA membership.

## **Qualifications for Enrollment**

1. Only parents or legal guardians may enroll students in Harvest Christian School by a parent or legal guardian. If the guardianship of the child enrolled changes, the new legal guardian must apply to remain in the school within 30 days of the change of custody. If the application is not made during that time, the child will automatically be withdrawn, and the public school will be notified. The original enrolling parent or legal guardian of the child must

notify the school administrator in writing within 5 business days of the change of custody.

2. Parents/Guardians must provide a letter/email from someone on the pastoral staff of their current church stating they know your family, and that you are regular attendees. Families do not have to attend Harvest Church, but the church must have a Statement of Belief in line with those of Harvest Christian School. If your church's statement of faith is not available on your church website, it must be provided upon request.
3. Legal Guardians must provide proof of legal guardianship for each student enrolling in HCS.
4. Parents/Guardians must agree with the school's Statement of Belief, Biblical Conflict Resolution Policy, and HCS Handbook.
5. All teaching parents must attend the yearly Mandatory Parent Meeting held on the second Tuesday in August. This is HCS's only required event, and all parents should plan for this meeting and make every effort to attend. If you must miss this required meeting, you must send an email to [etaylor@hcsdothan.org](mailto:etaylor@hcsdothan.org) stating your reason for missing. We certainly understand family emergencies. However, we do keep track of attendance for this meeting, and consistent failure to attend is grounds for the board's withdrawal of approval for enrollment.
6. Parents/Guardians must submit grades and attendance each semester by the required dates.
7. When first enrolling, Parents/Guardians must show that students have successfully completed the previous year's requirements at the school attended through the submission of an official transcript.
8. Parents/Guardians seeking to enroll a student expelled from a previous school must meet with the administrator and the HCS Board of Directors before admission can be approved.

## **Change of Information**

Any changes to family information, such as address, e-mail, phone, etc., during the school year, should be updated on both [www.homechoolreporting.com](http://www.homechoolreporting.com) and [www.hcsdothan.org](http://www.hcsdothan.org). If you change school districts, you must request and fill out a new Public School Notification Form for your student(s).

## **Forms and Reports Available from the HCS office and/or HCS Website**

- **Church School Enrollment Form:** This form is submitted to the public school Board of Education for the areas you are zoned by the time your student turns 6 years of age according to state law.
- **Transcripts:** A two-week written request (email acceptable) is required for all transcripts and record requests. Transcripts will not be sent unless grades and attendance have been properly reported, tuition and fees paid, and borrowed materials returned.
- **Scholarship** forms and information
- **Proof of Enrollment:** needed for Driver's Permit. You may also bring in your insurance company's forms for good student and driver's education discounts to be signed.

## **Payments**

Harvest Christian School accepts cash, checks, and PayPal as forms of payment for tuition, fees, yearbooks, field trips, etc. Please make all personal checks, cashier's checks, or money orders payable to Harvest Christian School.  
(*Exceptions may be made in some cases, such as fundraisers.*)

## **Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) Check Policy**

Harvest Christian School reserves the right to charge HCS families the NSF fee charged to HCS by the bank for non-sufficient funds/returned checks. The family

will be allowed to write one additional check, which will include the NSF fees plus the amount of the original check. If the second check returns NSF, the family will be required to make payment by either cashier check or money order to include the amount of the original check plus all NSF fees incurred by HCS related to the nonsufficient funds/returned check(s) and must make all future payments by money order or cashier check.

## **HSLDA**

Membership in HSLDA is required by Harvest Christian School. Your HSLDA number also acts as your membership number on the HCS website. Each family is responsible for attaining membership and keeping membership current. The discount code for HCS is **299129**.

## **Misconduct/Dismissal**

The HCS Board of Directors holds the right to expel any student found to be involved in illegal drug or alcohol activity or sexual misconduct (to include but not limited to sexual promiscuity, homosexuality, transsexuality, pregnancy, robbery, or other misconduct deemed inappropriate.) Expulsion can also occur for failure to keep grades/attendance up to date, falsification of any school records, or failure to bring account balances up to date in a timely manner.

Students expelled from the school are ineligible to participate in any future school activities or events, including graduation exercises, and will not receive a diploma from Harvest Christian School.

## **Character Standards**

Harvest Christian School requests that all families, parents/guardians, and children, maintain Christian standards in courtesy, kindness, honesty, morality &



modest attire. Students are expected to act in an orderly and respectful manner and to abide by these standards throughout their enrollment. Harvest Christian School holds the right to expel families found to be out of harmony with the Scriptural principles of work and life or whenever the general welfare or the reputation of Jesus Christ and/or Harvest Christian School is diminished.

## **Dress Code**

The following guidelines must be adhered to by students at all HCS events, including but not limited to Co-op, SALT, Field Trips, etc.:

- Shorts must reach past the fingertips when standing straight.
- Skirt lengths should be no more than 3" above the top of the knee.
- Slits in skirts should be no higher than 3" above the knee.
- No halter tops, spaghetti straps, or visible cleavage
- Students are required to dress in gender-appropriate clothing.
- P.E./Dance or other classes that require separate attire may only be worn during those classes.
- Hair and facial hair should be kept neatly groomed.
- No unchristian phrases on clothing.

## **Withdrawal from HCS**

- Parents must notify the office in writing via letter or email if they are planning to withdraw their students. All grades, attendance, and contact information should be updated.
- Please include a forwarding address and the new school address if possible.
- Transcripts will be sent upon official school requests.
- All account balances must be up to date for records to be sent.
- Notification of withdrawal will be sent to the family's local public school board.
- All families not reenrolled by May 31 will be withdrawn from HCS, and notification will be sent to the appropriate public school board. Families are still welcome to enroll again as a new family.

## Recording Grades and Attendance

- The current school year must be set up prior to the Mandatory Parent Meeting held on the second Tuesday of August each year.
- Families must report all semester averages and attendance on [homeschoolreporting.com](http://homeschoolreporting.com).
- Fall grades and attendance must be reported by **January 15th**
- Spring grades and attendance by **June 15th**.
- Reporting semester grades is a requirement for continued enrollment in Harvest Christian School.
  - Failure to meet reporting requirements the first time will receive a warning.
  - Failure to meet reporting requirements a second consecutive semester may result in expulsion from Harvest Christian School

## School Year Setup on Homeschool Reporting (HSRO)

- The school discount code for HSRO is **hcsd6555**.
- Select Harvest Christian School in Dothan, AL from the dropdown list of schools.
- Attendance requirement is 160 days. Sick days do not need to be reported.
- After entering subjects for each student be sure to click EDIT next to each subject to enter curriculum and other desired information.
- For dual enrollment classes, choose Elective as the subject, and list the course title, number, and college in the line directly below the subject line in all caps. Then scroll down to the bottom of the screen and mark if the class is honors, college placement, or advanced placement level.

• **School Year:** 2021-22

**Year Period:** SEMESTER 1

**Grade Level:** 11

**Subject:** ELECTIVE

**If Elective, Please Specify:**

- You may use letter or number grades as listed on HSRO. Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> must also add credits to all high school level classes. (Usually .5 per semester).
- To access the long form, which allows you to add numerical grades and credits, contact Libi Taylor. Please also add ACT scores and the graduation date under Edit Student if your student is a senior.
- Bible is a required subject each year for all students. Bible study is of fundamental importance. The Bible gives directions for this life and is the only hope for the life to come. Knowledge of the Bible is one of the greatest educational assets any person can have, in addition to the moral and spiritual values resulting from the study. Character development is the most important work of any family or school.

## **Grading Scale**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Academic</u>	<u>AP</u>
<u>A+</u>	<u>97-100</u>	<u>4.0</u>	<u>5.0</u>
<u>A</u>	<u>96-93</u>	<u>4.0</u>	<u>5.0</u>
<u>A-</u>	<u>92-90</u>	<u>3.6</u>	<u>4.6</u>
<u>B+</u>	<u>89-87</u>	<u>3.4</u>	<u>4.4</u>
<u>B</u>	<u>86-83</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>4.0</u>
<u>B-</u>	<u>82-80</u>	<u>2.6</u>	<u>3.6</u>
<u>C+</u>	<u>79-77</u>	<u>2.4</u>	<u>3.4</u>
<u>C</u>	<u>76-73</u>	<u>2.0</u>	<u>3.0</u>
<u>C-</u>	<u>72-70</u>	<u>1.6</u>	<u>2.6</u>
<u>D+</u>	<u>69-67</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>2.4</u>
<u>D</u>	<u>66-63</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>2.0</u>
<u>D-</u>	<u>62-60</u>	<u>0.6</u>	<u>1.6</u>
<u>F</u>	<u>59-0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

## **AP Course Credit**

A student may receive AP credit for a class in the following ways:

1. Dual enrollment in a college course
2. Take an AP credit co-op class
3. Submit proof of a passing score on an official AP Test

## **Accelerated Pacing** (double promoting, skipping grade levels, or subjects)

Accelerated pacing includes completion of subject matter for that grade level and then progressing to the next grade level. While parents are the ultimate decision-makers for their students, HCS does not encourage accelerated grade-level promotion. The student should prove exceptional academic abilities before parents consider acceleration. The concern with acceleration is the student may not acquire and/or strengthen basic concepts. Other areas of concern may be emotional and/or social stability and impact on a student. Acceleration may only be available in grades K-8th grade. Credits are given in high school, and each course must be taken for credits to be awarded.

Parents/teachers MUST contact the school office and submit a written statement of reasons to be approved BEFORE proceeding. This can only be done if the student remains in HCS. If the student returns to another school, the student: (1) will be placed back in the grade level he/she would have been normally OR (2) must appeal to HCS administration for student grade level placement before the parent contacts the new school.

## **Testing**

HCS does not require standardized testing. However, the IOWA Test of Basic Skills is offered each spring for 3rd - 11th grades. Tests are ordered and paid for by the parents (approx. cost of \$40.00 per test) and mailed to the official tester. Results are mailed to parents. A \$5.00 testing fee per student will be collected on the first day of testing. More information on ordering will be sent out in February or March.

Standardized testing may also be taken online at:

[www.cctestingservices.com/homeschool.html](http://www.cctestingservices.com/homeschool.html)

<http://www.setontesting.com/stanford-10-online>

Test scores can be entered on HSRO.

## **Website Forum**

HCS communicates with families through the [www.hcsdothan.org](http://www.hcsdothan.org) email forum on our website. It is **vital** that you check your email frequently. If the email is labeled "From the HCS Office," or from the Co-Op Coordinator, the Yearbook Sponsor, or the Field Trip Coordinator, please note this email has gone out to everyone enrolled in HCS and not to just one person. Replies or questions to these emails should be texted to the appropriate person and not through the forum email.

Please be considerate and conscientious when using the group email.

### Examples of Acceptable Email

- Questions relating to homeschooling
- Curriculum needs/sales/questions
- Reminders, deadlines, and cancellations of HCS Events
- Educational opportunities

### Examples of Unacceptable Email

- News stories, jokes, poems, and any spam in general.
- General political announcements or endorsement of candidates
- Business Advertisements (these, however, may be placed in the business directory or classifieds on the website).

Families may choose which forum categories to receive email from by choosing categories on their family profile. However, every family is required to receive emails from the HCS Office category.

Individual Class forums are set up for all academic classes so that communication about specific classes can take place. When you enroll your children in a co-op class, you are automatically placed in these forums for the duration of the co-op semester. If you wish your child to also be placed in the class forum, you must go to your profile page and input an email and password into your child's information.

## **HCS Texting**

HCS will send out text messages to families when circumstances warrant. Please check your family Profile page on the [hcsdothan.org](http://hcsdothan.org) website and make sure the primary phone number is a cell phone number and that you have checked the box below your cell phone number to receive texts from the school.

## **HCS Facebook Page**

HCS has a Facebook page available. If you wish to join, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1456310651341264> to request membership.

## **HCS Instagram Page**

HCS has an Instagram account. If you wish to follow, please go to <https://www.instagram.com/hcs.dothan/>

## **Field Trips**

Stay up to date on upcoming social/educational functions and field trips through the weekly email (Saturday morning) or by viewing the HCS calendar on the website. Announcements are made on the HCS forum, as well. Payments for field trips should be made through the website via PayPal by clicking the field trip on the calendar. Payment is due at signup and is non-refundable. If the field trip is canceled due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, your account will be credited for the amount.

You are encouraged to suggest a field trip!! If you have a suggestion, please contact one of our fieldtrip coordinators.

### **During Field Trips:**

- Parents, please save fellowship with each other for afterwards – don't miss teachable moments with your child.
- All children must wear their student ID and be accompanied by at least one parent unless previous arrangements have been made.
- Children and parents need to dress appropriately for any field trip or HCS sponsored event. (Please refer to Standards Section of Handbook)
- Please be on time for activities. If you will be unable to attend for any reason, please notify the coordinator as soon as possible. Please be courteous to those who went to the effort of planning the event.

**Unless otherwise stated, field trips and activities are limited to HCS member families only.**

### **HCS Co-Op**

HCS Co-op provides a weekly opportunity for HCS families to share their time, talents, and training with each other. Parents who are committed to a nurturing, learning environment for their children teach preschool through high school classes. Students develop new friendships and enjoy learning in an environment different from their ordinary homeschool routine. Parent-teachers gain encouragement from interaction with like-minded adults. "Families cooperating in a Christ-centered community."

After a parent enrolls in any co-op classes, they are free to make any changes necessary to student schedules. Full refunds for dropped classes are available until two weeks prior to the first day of the semester involved. At that point, all co-op fees become non-refundable.

Parents may change/add classes to their student's schedule through the first week of classes for the current semester. After the first week, no changes will be made.

If your child participates in co-op, one parent must volunteer to help each week. Volunteer hours are per family, not per child, in the following amounts:

**Student takes 1-2 classes**

**Parent volunteer 1 weekly hour**

**Student takes 3-4 classes**

**Parent volunteer 2 weekly hours**

## **Safety Protocols**

1. All students must wear their HCS Lanyards to enter the building and should wear their lanyards the entire time they are at the co-op.
2. All doors to the B Building will be monitored and remain locked during co-op hours. Students and parents should only enter through the front entrance to the building.
3. Parent monitors are present in the halls throughout co-op.
4. All classroom doors will remain locked from the inside.
5. In case of an intruder alert, classroom doors will be locked, lights will be turned off, and students will sit against the wall least visible from the door.
6. Weapons of all forms, including but not limited to guns and knives with blades over two inches, may not be brought onto the Harvest Church campus. Small pocket knives may be kept in student backpacks, but may not be pulled out while on the Harvest Church Campus.

## **S.A.L.T.**

*"You are the salt of the earth." Matthew 5:13*

SALT is a volunteer and leadership development program for students in grades 7 - 12. Our students serve at charity and non-profit organizations around the Wiregrass, including nursing homes, the Rescue Mission, Love In Action, Wiregrass Hope Group, Wiregrass Food Bank, Living Waters, and other charities and local churches. They meet on Thursday afternoons in conjunction with the co-op schedule and at other times throughout the year. Only mature, responsible youth need apply!



### **SALT Guidelines and Rules**

1. We are representing Christ, our families, and Harvest Christian School and will follow the rules, including dress and behavior conduct listed in the HCS handbook.
2. Be on time for each meeting. There must be a willingness to commit to this group, not a come-and-go attitude.
3. Clean up behind yourself.
4. Transportation - Students may not drive other students outside of their immediate family (siblings) to or from work/volunteer sites.
5. Transportation - Parents/Guardians who wish their student to be able to drive their children to or from work/volunteer sites must have a Permission and Release Form on file with the SALT coordinator.
6. Adult leaders will be assigned to drive students who cannot drive themselves.
7. Your adult leader for the site is in charge. Of course, the representative from the organization is ultimately in charge. Please show respect to all leaders.
8. Confidentiality- This is one of the most important rules. The privacy of the client who is involved in the non-profit organization cannot be stressed enough.
9. Communication - Please let your adult leader know if you need to leave the work site (This would have to be pre-arranged, for example, if your mom picks you up for an appointment.) We will be counting heads often. If there are any problems, let your adult leader know.
10. We will have fun, but while at the work site- no horseplay, watch your voice level, stay off your phone, and work hard. Teamwork will be important!
11. You are a representative of the school, SALT, and most importantly, Jesus Christ. Be positive when talking about any of these plus the organization you are volunteering for. Set a good example for others to follow.
12. Any volunteer activities outside of the time slotted for SALT will be at the discretion of the parents and will not necessarily be supervised by SALT adults.
13. Medical release forms must be filled out and signed by parents and turned in before any student may participate in SALT.
14. Follow the rules of any organization (site) that you are assigned to.

### **Senior Student/Parents**

A mandatory meeting for ALL seniors will be held during the fall semester. The senior fee of \$150 is for all graduates whether participating in the graduation ceremony or not. All transcripts will be given to seniors from the current school

year until May of the following year. i.e.: From May 1st, 2015 – May 31st, 2016. Former students must fill out the Transcript Request Form on the school's website. A fee of \$10.00 per transcript will be charged for transcripts for former students.

## **ACT and SAT**

High school students are encouraged to take the college ACT or SAT if going to college. Most colleges will require this. You can find dates, locations, and apply online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) or [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Students following the Honors Diploma Track must score a 21 or higher on the ACT and an equivalent score on the SAT.

*Note: when applying for college admission, do not make reference to homeschooling. Technically, there is no "homeschool" law in Alabama. We operate under the Church Exclusionary School law. Each parent is a teacher in a Christian School, and their students are enrolled in a Christian School. The only exception is when filling out the FAFSA or dealing why NCAA scholarships.*

## **ACT School Code Number**

The Harvest Christian School code for the ACT is **010152**. If you sign your child up for the ACT without using this code, you must send a copy (picture, hard copy, etc.) to the office in order for the score to be recorded on an HCS school transcript.

## **Dual Enrollment**

HCS has dual enrollment agreements with many colleges. If you choose to dual enroll your student, make sure you check Harvest Christian School as your current school. **Do not check the Homeschool option.**

Typically, students in 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade with a minimum B average may take dual enrollment courses and earn high school and college credit. Dual Enrollment information is available at the HCS office upon request. College remedial courses may not be taken while in dual enrollment. *Note: Please prayerfully consider whether your student is ready for a college environment and the coursework required before choosing dual enrollment. All grades received during dual enrollment will factor into their college GPA.*

### **HCS Graduation Requirements**

<b>COURSE REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>General Diploma</b>	<b>Academic Diploma</b>	<b>Honors* Diploma</b>
	<u><b>Credits</b></u>	<u><b>Credits</b></u>	<u><b>Credits</b></u>
<b>BIBLE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Credits to include the following or their equivalent:  Starting Points by David Quine Worldview in Conflict by Masterbooks Comparative Religion by Masterbooks <i>Apologia</i> 1 Year Apologetics Course	*must include at least one credit of Christian Worldview	*must include at least one credit of Christian Worldview	*must include at least one credit of Christian Worldview
<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Credits to include the following or their equivalent:  English 9 English 10 English 11 English 12	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

Credits to include the following or their equivalent: Algebra I (may be taken in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade) Geometry Algebra II with Trigonometry Ad Math/Pre-Calculus/Statistics Mathematics Elective(s)	3	2	1 1 1 1
<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Credits to include the following or their equivalent: Physical Science Biology Chemistry Science Electives	3	2	1 1 1 1  (adv science elective such as physics, A&P, adv chemistry, etc)
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Credits to include the following or their equivalent: Geography or US History I American or US History II World History Government & Economics History Electives	3	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1
<b>ELECTIVES</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>
The above number of credits must include:	(Includes work experience credits)		
<b>HEALTH</b>			
<b>ARTS EDUCATION**</b>			0.5

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS			0.5
FOREIGN LANGUAGE		1	2
PHYSICAL EDUCATION			
OPEN ELECTIVES			
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>

**Credits can be earned in several ways:**

- Content-driven courses: These are usually courses using standard textbooks that, when completed, a credit is awarded.
- Time-driven courses: Examples would be Fine Arts, Music, P.E., etc., where hours would be kept track of in order to earn credits. A typical credit takes approximately 120 hours to complete.

**Ideas for High School Courses**

**Math:** Algebra I & II, Accounting, Calculus, Trigonometry, Consumer Math  
Geometry, Business Math, Pre-Calculus, Calculus

**Science:** Physical Science Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy,  
Microbiology, Horticulture, Etymology, Forensics, Astronomy, Meteorology,  
Herbal Medicine, Hematology, Ecology, Oceanography, Geology

**Fine Arts:** Art, Music, Drama, Photography, Graphic Design, Digital Photography

**Electives:** Practical Arts, Life Skills, Computer

**History:** World History, American History, American Government, Economics,  
Geography, Constitutional Law, International Relations, Medieval History,  
Ancient History