

Is this a religious group?

Yes. Watermark is Christ-centered.

Watermark is, first and foremost, a community of parents who desire to offer engaging, high-quality educational opportunities for our children with Christ at the center of all we do.

While most of our classes do not specifically focus on “Christian topics,” our teachers and leadership are Christians, and we approach every aspect of our program through a biblical worldview.

We do not require families to fully adhere to every tenet of our Statement of Faith. However, we do ask that all families read and understand it, as it defines the foundation and guiding perspective of Watermark and its classes.

We ask that all participants—students and parents—respect this position in behavior, speech, dress, and conduct while attending Watermark classes and events.

If you are seeking a homeschool program without a Christ-centered foundation, there are many other wonderful options in the area that may better meet your needs.

Please click [here](#) to read our Statement of Faith.

Where does Watermark Academics meet?

Main/East Campus:

Center Pointe Community Church
9580 Curry Ford Rd
Orlando, FL 32825

Joining Watermark

What is the Watermark application process? How do I start signing up for classes?

We're excited that you are considering joining Watermark!

If you have reviewed our Q&A information, read through our class offerings, and feel that Watermark may be a good fit for your family, we would love to connect with you.

To be considered for membership, families are asked to:

- Complete our online application
- Read and agree to our Statement of Faith

- Read and agree to our Guidelines and Regulations (ensuring your children understand and agree as well)
- Submit Medical Information for each child who will attend Watermark

The final step in the process is an interview with Watermark leadership. This is an opportunity for us to meet one another, answer your questions, and ensure that our values align well. We want every family to feel confident that Watermark is a good fit, and we take time to thoughtfully consider that together.

You can email us at Academics@BeWatermark.com for more information, or click [HERE](#) to begin the application process and view additional details.

Registration

When can I sign up for classes?

Registration for new families opens in **March**. Exact dates are posted on our **Sign Up page (click [HERE](#))**.

Before registering for classes, families must:

- Complete the application process
- Participate in a family interview with Watermark leadership
- Receive notification of approval for membership

Once approved, you may begin registering for classes.

Registration closes in **August**.

I just found out about Watermark. Can I join in the middle of the year?

We're so glad you found us! Unfortunately, registration is only open for a few months at the beginning of the year and closes in August. If you [e-mail us](#), we'd love to put you on a wait list and notify you of our next Open House and when registration opens for the following year. In the meantime, we're happy to answer any questions you might have.

Age Requirements

What are the age requirements for enrolling in Watermark classes?

We currently offer classes for students in **3rd through 12th grade**.

Families with students enrolled in one of our Middle or High School classes receive priority enrollment for our 3rd–5th grade classes.

To enroll in **3rd grade**, students must be **8 years old by August 1** of the enrollment year.

Although homeschooling allows flexibility in grade placement, Watermark follows these age guidelines:

- **3rd Grade – 8 years old by August 1**
- **4th Grade – 9 years old by August 1**
- **5th Grade – 10 years old by August 1**
- **6th Grade – 11 years old by August 1**
- **7th Grade – 12 years old by August 1**
- **8th Grade – 13 years old by August 1**
- **High School – 14 years old by August 1**

Even if a student is advanced in certain subjects, families are asked to adhere to these age guidelines when registering.

Cost & Payments

How much does it cost to participate in Watermark?

We work hard to keep participation costs as reasonable as possible. Below is a summary of fees associated with joining Watermark:

New Family Interview Fee (non-refundable)

\$10 — due at least 48 hours before your scheduled interview

Family Registration Fee (non-refundable)

Returning Families: \$495

New Families: \$595

Additional Campus: \$100

Activities-Only Option (non-refundable)

\$250 per family

(This option is for families who are not enrolling in classes but would like to participate in field trips, middle/high school outings, moms' events, the annual Wax Museum, and other community activities.)

Additional Costs (vary by selection):

- Individual class and supply fees
- Field trips
- Yearbook purchases

- Watermark t-shirts
- Senior fees
- Other optional activities and events

Once a family is accepted into Watermark, the **Family Registration Fee must be paid before registering for classes**. Class registration is not accessible until this fee has been submitted.

Class Fees & Materials

At Watermark, each class has its own associated fees and requirements.

Families are responsible for:

- Paying the class fee
- Paying any supply fees
- Purchasing all required books and materials

Teachers will clearly list required books, materials, and any additional items in the class description.

Click **HERE** to view our class lineup and fees for the upcoming school year.

Registration Fee

How does the Registration Fee work? What does it cover?

Once a family is accepted into Watermark, a **Family Registration Fee** is required before registering for classes.

This is a **one-time, per-family fee** for the currently enrolling school year. It allows enrollment in weekly in-person classes and participation in special activities throughout the year.

You will not be able to register for classes until your registration fee has been submitted.

What does the Registration Fee cover?

The registration fee helps cover operational costs such as:

- Use of building facilities
- Utilities
- Website maintenance
- Printing and supplies
- Special events
- Administrative and program expenses

Refund Policy

If your family is accepted but is unable to enroll in any classes due to classes being full prior to your enrollment, a refund of all but the Activities-Only Fee will be issued upon written notification to Academics@BeWatermark.com.

The Activities-Only Fee is non-refundable, as it covers administrative and processing costs and allows families to participate in all activities other than weekly in-person classes.

Please note:

- Refunds are only issued if your family is unable to enroll in any classes.
- Enrollment in one or more classes constitutes a binding agreement for associated class fees.
- Once enrolled in any class, the Registration Fee is no longer eligible for refund.
- No refunds will be issued after **August 1** of the enrolling year.

Class Payments

When are class fees due? Do you offer payment plans?

Watermark offers two payment options:

- **Pay in full**
- **Monthly payment plan**

Option 1: Pay in Full

If you choose to pay in full:

- An initial deposit (listed as **Payment 1** for each class) is due by **April 30** and secures your spot in the class.
 - If you register on April 29, payment is still due by April 30.
 - If you register after April 30, the deposit is due at the time of registration.
- Class supply fees (listed as **Upfront Class Fees** on your invoice) are also due at this time, if applicable.
- The remaining balance must be paid in full by **August 1**.

You may also choose to pay the entire class fee at the time of registration.

Option 2: Monthly Payment Plan

If you choose the monthly payment option:

- A **\$10 convenience fee per class** (maximum of \$100 per family) will be added to your total class fees.
- The initial deposit (Payment 1) is due by **April 30** (or at registration if registering after April 30).
- Any **Upfront Class Fees** are also due at that time.

The remaining balance will be divided into **8 roughly equal payments**, due on the **first of each month from July 1 through March 1**.

Complete payment terms and details can be found in the Payment section of our Guidelines and Handbook.

Refund Policy

Can I receive a refund on classes once I've registered?

Class fees are non-refundable once you have secured a spot in a class. Please carefully consider your decision before registering.

As homeschool families, we value flexibility in our educational plans and understand that life circumstances can change. However, Watermark and our instructors invest significant time, preparation, and resources into planning each class.

When you enroll in a class, you are making a financial commitment to Watermark, and that commitment is binding. Watermark relies on these commitments to budget responsibly, compensate teachers, and purchase class materials.

Additionally, registering for a class and later withdrawing may prevent another student from having the opportunity to enroll.

For these reasons, we ask that families thoughtfully consider all commitments — including outside classes, sports, and other activities — before registering.

Classes & Scheduling

When are classes held?

Main/East Campus Academics

Classes are held every **Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM**.

Families are not required to attend for the full day. Our program is designed to be flexible — you may choose the class periods that work best for your schedule. Join us for one class, several classes, or the full day.

We meet **one day per week for 32 weeks each year**:

- **Fall Term:** August–December
- **Spring Term:** January–April

For specific dates, please click [HERE](#) to view our calendar.

What classes does Watermark offer?

Click [HERE](#) to view our current class offerings for the school year.

What if I only want my child to take one class?

Watermark is an **a la carte program**, meaning there is no required number of class hours per week.

You may enroll your child in as few or as many classes as work best for your family's schedule — even if that means attending for just one class period.

For example:

- Enroll in a first-hour class
- Use Study Hall or the Movement Room during another period
- Return for an additional class later in the day

You build the schedule that works best for your homeschooling plan.

How long are classes?

Middle & High School:

- Five 75-minute class periods
- 30-minute lunch break

3rd–5th Grade:

- Six 50-minute class periods
- 30-minute lunch break

What size are your classes?

We intentionally keep class sizes small to support engagement and quality instruction:

- **3rd–5th Grade:** Maximum of 12 students
- **Middle/High School:** Maximum of 16 students

Safety

Are background checks required for teachers and parents?

Yes. All teachers undergo background checks, and the main parent/guardian(s) of students attending Watermark must also complete a background check. With volunteer involvement required from each family, this helps us ensure the safety of every child and family on campus.

The **Family Registration Fee** covers background checks for **two adults per family** — ideally the parent(s)/guardian(s) who will be on campus most frequently during Watermark hours.

If more than two adults (e.g., grandparents, neighbors, or other regular volunteers) will be assisting consistently, the family is responsible for any additional background check costs.

Are there any other safety protocols in place?

- Students must **sign in and out** each day so we can account for everyone on campus during emergencies.
- Students enter and exit through a **single designated doorway**, allowing staff to monitor arrivals and departures.
- A **team member at the Sign-In Table** throughout the day helps ensure that only authorized individuals are on campus.

Important Guidelines:

- Parents and teachers should not be alone with any student other than their own.
- If a child is alone in the bathroom, adults who are not the parent should wait until the child exits before entering.
- If an adult is unexpectedly alone in the bathroom with a child who is not their own, they should finish quickly and exit promptly.

Teaching

Do I have to teach? Can I teach if I want to?

Watermark is not a traditional co-op. We **do not require parents to teach**, set up, clean bathrooms, or perform other logistical duties.

We honor the unique gifts each parent brings and do not place anyone into teaching if it isn't a fit for their current season of life.

If you **love teaching** and want to participate, please email us or visit the **Teach** section on our website. We'd love to discuss opportunities for future classes. Our current year's classes are already set, but we welcome interest for the following school year. Teaching comes with some great perks!

Who will be teaching my child?

Watermark provides teachers who are passionate about their subject areas, including:

- Parents, aunts, uncles, and other family members of students
- Professionals offering classes in their areas of expertise

Teacher bios are available with the class listings so families can learn more about who will be leading each class.

All teachers must **complete a background check** before instructing at Watermark.

Parent and Family Expectations

If I register my children to attend classes with Watermark, are there any requirements for me as a parent? What are my responsibilities?

Watermark requires that all families **commit to at least two areas of service each year.**

In addition, parents are expected to:

- Complete all requested applications and paperwork promptly.
- Submit the **Family Registration Fee.**
- Pay class fees on time.
- Purchase any necessary books and materials and ensure your student brings them to class as needed.
- Oversee your student's classes to provide accountability, ensuring work is completed on time, with integrity, and that your student is prepared to participate fully.
- Communicate with Watermark leadership and/or teachers regarding any special needs or concerns about classes or Watermark in general.
- Have at least weekly access to email and the internet to receive announcements and retrieve information from Watermark and its instructors. This is the primary method of communication and it is the parent's responsibility to check it regularly.
- Handle all difficulties and conflicts with integrity and in a biblical manner, following Matthew 18:15-17.
- Review Watermark policies with your child and ensure agreement at the start of each year. **Your signature indicates you AND your student(s) commitment to this.**

Are there any parent meetings that I need to attend?

Yes. All Watermark families are required to attend the **mandatory Meet the Teacher** meeting at the campus you plan to attend.

This meeting allows you to:

- Tour the facilities
- Meet the teachers of your child's classes
- Learn what to expect and ask questions

Dates and additional details will be shared in advance.

Before joining Watermark, our leadership will also meet with you individually so we can get to know each other better, answer any questions you have and help you decide if Watermark is a good fit for you and your family.

Special Accommodations

My child requires special accommodations in the classroom. Can they still attend?

Watermark partners with local professionals and parents who are passionate about their subjects to teach our classes. However, **not all teachers are trained to handle additional needs that some students may have.**

We require that each student be **independent and self-guided** during class. Students should be attentive and non-disruptive so as not to distract others. (We understand that children are children — sitting still for long periods can be challenging — but consistent disruptions may result in disciplinary action or removal from class.)

Watermark does **not have staff trained in special education** to manage additional needs. As a non-profit homeschool organization, we are **not legally required to follow Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)**, nor are we equipped to do so.

Many children with unique abilities and learning differences thrive at Watermark, but students who require **special aides, therapists, or parent assistance in the classroom** may not be able to participate successfully. For questions regarding your child's specific situation, please contact Academics@bewatermark.com. ***Students enrolled at Watermark must be independent learners.***

Other Offerings

Does Watermark offer anything besides classes?

Yes. Watermark provides a variety of enrichment opportunities beyond traditional classes, including:

- Field trips for students of all ages
- Monthly middle and high school outings
- The annual **Wax Museum**, where students dress up and portray historical figures
- Other parent-organized events that foster community and connection

Watermark also values connection among moms. **Mom Connect** meets on Mondays to provide a space to:

- Share experiences and encouragement
- Pray and ask questions
- Build friendships

Moms from the Academic Campus are welcome to join Mom Connect as well as any additional mom events offered throughout the year.

Can we participate in Watermark activities without taking classes?

Yes. Watermark offers an **Activities-Only** option for families not interested in classes. This allows participation in many extra opportunities, including:

- The annual Wax Museum
- The Entrepreneur Fair
- Field trips and group outings

The **Activities Registration Fee** is \$250 per year. For more information, please email us at info@bewatermark.com

We're thrilled that you're exploring all that Watermark has to offer. Choosing the right educational community is an important decision, and we are honored by your interest. Our prayer is that you make the best choices for your family — and we hope you'll consider joining our Watermark Family, where learning, faith, and community come together.