FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is SHARE?
Share is a homeschool group that offers members a variety of events such as field trips, holiday parties, Project Fair, Art Gala, and more. **Homelink** is an arm of SHARE. In order to take a class at Homelink, you must be a member of SHARE so that you are covered by our insurance.

Both SHARE and Homelink leadership are all volunteers. The only paid positions are the teachers at Homelink.

Is Homelink a co-op?
No. A homeschool co-op traditionally requires parents to remain on-site and volunteer and/or teach classes. Most co-ops are not drop-off programs. We consider Homelink to be a homeschool learning center. But, of course, if parents want to stay, they are welcome. We have a large cafeteria where parents can wait for an hour or camp-out all day.

How often do the classes meet?
Homelink classes meet once a week; however, some classes are offered more than once a week.

Is Homelink a school?
No. We are not an accredited school. Homelink is simply a resource for classes. Our teachers will give out grades; however, we do not keep general attendance, health records, nor copies of grades/transcripts. That is the job of a homeschool parent.

Where is Homelink?
Homelink rents rooms from Bethesda Evangelical Free Church, 85 Lemay Gardens Dr., St. Louis, MO 63125

Can we visit classes at Homelink to see what it is like?
Yes! We have tour days in the month of April; however, if you would like to see Homelink in action earlier than that, just contact Cathy Mullins at Ekcjmullins@gmail.com

Will there be schoolwork to be completed outside of classes?
Yes and no. It depends on the age of your child and on the class being taken. - Some of our classes are ENRICHMENT type, particularly the younger classes. They usually have no homework.

However, our CORE classes definitely have home assignments that are expected to be done by the next time the student is in class. This is very important because it is difficult for a teacher to move on if many of the students do not have a good understanding of last week's studies.

Special Note: If your student is taking a high school class at Homelink, the Department of Education expects that your student will spend at least 120 hours of instruction needed to pass that course. Just sitting in class only gives them about 48 hours. All high school classes will have homework that will need to be done during the week and it is up to you, as the home educating parent, to see that it is done and turned in to the teachers. Please remember that we are not an accredited school. You have declared your student as being home educated and YOU are responsible to see that the education takes place. By using Homelink, it is as though you are hiring various teachers to group tutor your student. We do not keep records; we do not make transcripts. That is your job as a homeschooling parent. One of the biggest complaints from teachers is that too many students do not turn in work. If you allow this to happen, you are only giving your child an inferior education.

Also, you will notice that there are subjects not offered at Homelink from which your children will benefit. It is your responsibility to know the homeschool laws and adhere to them. Homelink is here to support homeschooling families by offering them a way to "outsource" some, but not all, classes.

Do we pay class fees plus other fees?

If you just want to be a SHARE member, you only pay the SHARE membership fee of $25.00 per year.

If you want to take Homelink classes, you must be a paid SHARE member, you must pay an Operation Fee so that I can give the church their rent every month, and you will pay each individual teacher that your student has.

Note: You can pay your Operation Fee in monthly payments using a credit card if you want.

You can pay your teachers monthly payments too but most all of them only take cash or check made out to them. We only have 4 teachers who are accepting credit cards: Jeff Bader, Lisa Bader, Becca Hubbard, and Kim Adams.

Can I make payments for classes?
Yes, you can! We ask that SHARE membership be paid in one payment, but the Operation Fee and tuition fees to teachers can be paid by the semester or with monthly payments. Our teachers do not charge any fees for monthly payments—they only ask that the payment be made the first week of each month.

Does SHARE and Homelink accept credit cards?
SHARE can accept cash, check or credit cards. We no longer accept Paypal—their fees simply became too much.

Do you do standardized testing?
We use to administer the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and then later the Stanford 10 Test with SHARE members. However, all the tests are now online, and we can no longer do in-person group testing.

If you have questions that were not answered on this page, please email Cathy Mullins at Ekcjmullins@gmail.com