

FAQs

When does Haven meet and what times?

Haven Christian Academy meets once a week on Wednesdays, and our academic year begins in August and ends in May.

Lower school programs are held from 8:30am-3:10pm for 28 weeks each academic year.

Upper school classes are held from 8:15am-3:30pm for 32 weeks each academic year.

Is your program a drop-off or do parents stay on campus?

Our program is a hybrid, actually.

All Elementary school parents must attend Assembly from 8:30-9am on community day, but after dropping off their child(ren) at their classroom(s), they are free to go, unless they are the Parent Volunteer On Campus that day. Parents must return by 11:55am to pick up their child(ren) from class by noon and parents must supervise their children at recess/lunch from noon-1pm. Families not attending the afternoon program do not have to attend recess/lunch, but it is highly encouraged that all families stay if possible for this special time.

Students in 4th-6th grade may be dropped off for Afternoon Elementary classes, with the exception of 1st year IEW students who must have a parent with them for that hour-long class directly after lunch. Younger students who have a sibling in the Afternoon Elementary OR Middle/High Afternoon classes are eligible to enroll in our Enrichment Program which is a drop-off during the 1-3pm time.

Middle and High School Parents drop their child(ren) off by 8:10am and do not need to return for them until their classes are completed, unless they are the Parent Volunteer On Campus that day.

What does it cost for my child(ren) to attend Haven Christian Academy?

All new applicants must pay a \$100 non-refundable application fee per family.

*Returning families pay a \$50 Registration Fee each year and \$30 to MTHEA**

Registration fees are \$150-300 per student.

Safe Haven Fee averages \$125 per student.

Elementary Morning Program Tuition for grades Pre-K-6th grade averages \$600.

Elementary Afternoon Program Tuition for grades 4-6th averages \$550.

Elementary Enrichment Program Tuition for grades PreK-3rd averages \$450.

Middle and High Classes range from \$50 for a semester study hall, \$150-300 for an average elective to \$400 for a full year math or English class.

When are applications due for 2025-2026 school year and when will I know if my child(ren) have been accepted?

Families are able to apply to Haven for the upcoming school year starting in early winter, but current Haven families are given priority enrollment until February 1. After February 1st, we cannot guarantee spots will be available for returning families. New applicants may be offered spots after February 1.

Please note that all applications are reviewed in the order they are received and due to space limitations and class sizes we cannot guarantee all applicants will be offered a spot at Haven.

When do I have to pay money and can I get my money back if I don't get in OR if I change my mind?

Registration fees are due when you submit your application and they are non-refundable, unless we are unable to offer you a spot at HCA. If your family is offered a spot at Haven and has accepted, all fees from that point on are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

Does Haven have any social or extracurricular activities for my child(ren)?

Yes! One of the core values of Haven is community and we love to have fun together! Below are a few of the social opportunities we have at Haven:

<i>Field Trips</i>	<i>Fall Fest</i>
<i>Daddy/Daughter Dance</i>	<i>Arts Night</i>
<i>Upper School Prom</i>	<i>Christmas Dance for Upper School</i>
<i>Book Clubs</i>	<i>Pajama Day</i>
<i>Donuts with Dads</i>	<i>Latin Banquet and Forum</i>
<i>Service Projects</i>	<i>Potlucks</i>
<i>Moms Events</i>	<i>Field Day</i>
<i>Book Character Day</i>	<i>International Fair</i>

***Does Haven count as my umbrella school? Do you keep transcripts for us?**

Haven is not an umbrella school, nor do we provide transcripts for our students; we are a MTHEA 501(c)3 homeschool tutorial. You must be enrolled in an umbrella school or with the state in order to attend Haven. You also are required to be a member of MTHEA Membership cost per family, per year is \$30.

What is a Parent Volunteer On Campus? What do they do and what do they do with their other kids?

Every parent at Haven is required to serve as a Parent Volunteer On Campus (PVOC) for a specific number of weeks.

The amount of weeks you must serve is dependent upon how many families we have enrolled at Haven. For reference, this can be anywhere from serving 2 to 4 mornings per academic year.

Parents sign up for their volunteer days at Parent Orientation on a first-come, first-served basis and are responsible for finding someone to swap volunteer days with them if they cannot serve on their day for any reason. No shows will be fined \$50.

There are 2 PVOC each week at Haven for the Morning Elementary Classes and 1 for the Middle and High School Classes.

Parents who have children not attending Haven must find alternate childcare for them for the weeks on which they are serving as the PVOC. Nursing babies are the only exception.

Do I as a parent have to serve in any other ways at Haven?

Yes, all parents sign-up on a first come, first serve basis for the various event committees that serve at different times throughout the year. There are evening and weekend opportunities as well as many that take place on community day. Parents serve on average twice a year in this capacity.

Do my kids have to wear uniforms at Haven or is there a dress code of some sort?

We do not wear uniforms at Haven, but we do have a strict and enforced policy that requires parents and students to dress in school appropriate clothing on campus or at any off-campus Haven events.

Will my child(ren) have to do any homework in preparation for community day?

Every week, Lower Elementary students (in the grades Pre-K through 3rd grade) are required to come to Haven prepared to give a short presentation on the topic of their choice or on a topic covered in the memory work.

Upper Elementary students (in grades 4-6th) are assigned larger topics on which to prepare a presentation, usually every 3-4 weeks. They will also be required to read an assigned section of the cycle specific Story of the World and complete a small amount of Latin homework before coming to class each week.

Afternoon Elementary students will be preparing a short essay each week if they are enrolled in the IEW class, and will also need to complete worksheets if they are enrolled in the English Grammar class.

Middle and High School students will have homework every week to complete during the other 4 school days for the classes in which they are enrolled.

Do the teachers give grades at Haven? What can I expect from my child(ren)'s teacher?

Elementary School tutors (PreK-6th, morning or afternoon) do not grade their students. Feedback is given in the Afternoon Upper Elementary Classes, but grading is still at the discretion of the parent.

Middle and High School tutors will provide a syllabus for his/her course at the beginning of the school year (at least for the first semester).

Middle School (7th-8th) classes will provide feedback to students/parents; however, the parent remains the primary teacher and will ultimately assign and report grades for his/her student.

High School (9th-12th) classes are graded, but the parent is still responsible to report their grades to their umbrella school and monitor their child's progress and provide accountability.

Parents will be responsible for checking homework in some classes and proctoring at-home tests on occasion.

In most High School courses, Haven tutors will grade tests. Each class will have its own specific framework.

How many classes does my child(ren) have to take at Haven in order to attend?

Elementary School students may enroll in the Morning classes (8:30am-Noon), the Afternoon classes (1-3:10pm), or both.

*For Middle and High School, each student must be enrolled in a **minimum of 2 academic and/or elective courses** (not including study hall). Senior students may request an exception.*

ALL Middle and High students are required to attend midday assembly every week (11:15-11:35).

Once a student is on campus, they are expected to stay until the end of their last class. Students may not come and go throughout the day.

Please note that students are HIGHLY encouraged to attend the lunch hour as it is the primary opportunity for the students to connect and form community which is a significant tenant of our program.

How do you handle cell phones and other devices on community day?

HCA believes that electronic devices are detrimental to the fostering of true, in-person community and academic instruction and thereby discourages their use on community day. We acknowledge and embrace the fact that technology is not going away and is a part of our culture that our children must learn in age-appropriate stages, but we want to work to create a culture at Haven where technology is a tool we use in moderation but it is not the replacement for relationships and academic study.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Elementary students are not permitted to bring any electronic device such as cell phones, airpods, watch phones, smart phones, iPads, computers, etc. to campus on community day.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Cell phones:

Middle and high school students who choose to bring a cell phone on campus must keep their phone powered off and in their backpack at all times. Students may ask permission to use their cell phone for academic purposes during study hall. Academic use includes listening to audiobooks or music while studying. It does not include accessing other apps including texting, internet browsers, or social media. Student phones should never be in the restrooms. Parents can be assured that all emergency situations such as illness or injury will be addressed by the adults on campus and parents or guardians will be contacted in a timely manner. Parents who are off-campus who need to contact their child at Haven, should call or text the Director.

Other electronic devices (i.e. airpods, watch phones, iPads, computers, etc):

All devices must be stored in the student's bag for the duration of the school day while on campus. The device must remain in the student's bag and powered OFF. Students will be allowed to use computers during study halls and in class as needed for academic purposes. Students may not surf the internet, use social media, or game on campus.