

Welcome to Home Education



Dear Parents:

Welcome to FCA's Home Education Program.

Family Christian Academy was initially begun to help parents re-establish the responsibility for raising their own children in every area of life: spiritual, practical and academic.

At the beginning of the homeschooling movement in Tennessee, our founder, Ron Scarlata, worked tirelessly to help clarify the homeschooling law in our state. He has worked ever since to maintain the rights of parents to raise their children in their own homes.

We at FCA believe parents have a God-given mandate to take responsibility for every area of their children's upbringing.

It is our goal at FCA to support you and your family through the home education process. The pages that follow describe what Family Christian Academy offers families desiring to educate their children at home.

"Education is not
the filling
of a bucket,
but the lighting
of a fire"

- William Butler Yeates -

7 Steps to Begin Educating at Home

Enroll with Family Christian Academy (2 options).

- Enroll online for a cost savings at www.familychristianacademy.com (online enrollees need to receive support and complete all record keeping such as Attendance & Progress reports online).
- Enroll in person. FCA is located at 487 Myatt Drive, Madison, TN 37115 (north Nashville area). Stop in or call for appointment: 615-860-3000. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Register as soon as you decide to educate your child at home. Many school districts consider a student truant after 10 days of absences.

Transfer your student from his or her current school to FCA.

We do this for you; however, if you withdraw your student yourself, do not tell the school that you will be homeschooling your child. Tell the school you are transferring your child to a Christian school. (See "FCA & the Homeschool Law, page 10"). Parents of high school students must ask the school for their child's transcript and bring it with them when they register. Be sure all books/materials belonging to the school have been returned. We will immediately send the school notice of your child's transfer to FCA.

Attend an FCA Orientation Seminar for new home-educating parents (see Events Calendar, page 13).

Test your student.

- Online Diagnostic Test offered free only if you have registered online
- At your request, FCA will administer a Placement Test to determine which grade level materials you should use for your child(ren) in each subject area. Cost: \$100.00 per child. We can also show you how to administer the test yourself. Cost: \$75.00

Purchase grade-appropriate materials (determined by Placement Test) from our bookstore's wide selection at a discount for FCA Members.

Begin teaching your child at home.

Submit required reports by deadlines.

- Curriculum List
- Attendance Records