



Frequently Asked Questions

Frequently Asked Questions: This page contains answers to common questions parents ask.

What are the hours for kindergarten?

All students attend Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM
Monday and Wednesday are Home Based Learning Days, planned by the teacher and supervised by the parent for approximately 2 1/2 hours.

What are the rules for kindergarten?

Be safe. Be kind. Follow directions. These three rules pretty much cover everything! :)

Can parents volunteer at school?

Absolutely! At HOPE, parents are required to volunteer for four hours most months; although we would love and need more help than that. To be honest, our school NEEDS parents to help in many ways.

Some parents help in the classroom while others help during our lunch time or from home. We want and need your help.

Do you teach phonics?

Of course! Learning phonics is part of learning to read. In our classroom, we have a balanced reading program that teaches phonics, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, and comprehension strategies. We use a variety of materials: big books and other enlarged text for shared reading, children's literature for read alouds, leveled and decodable readers for guided reading, as well as a systematic scope and sequence for the teaching of phonics skills. The children use their phonics skills to write stories and messages. As they learn more phonics, they are able to apply this learning to their spelling.

What is a HBL Day?

At HOPE Christian Academy, we have a unique combination of learning at school and at home. All students attend school on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays to be taught grade level objectives with their teacher and peers. On Mondays and Wednesdays, the students are working on grade level objectives with their parent at home. We call these days, Home Based Learning Days. The assignments are planned by the classroom teacher but the work is done at home under the guidance of the parent. This way the kids get a great combination of group and one-on-one instruction.

How long has the school been around?

HOPE was originally started as CrossRoads Community School in August of 2000 by a small group of parents. It's been amazing to see how the school has continued to grow over the years. We became our own 501(c)3 non profit organization in the summer of 2009 and changed our name to HOPE Christian Academy and moved to our current location in June of 2011.

Do the kids have special classes?

The kindergarten students have PE, Music, and Activity Time once each week. We do not have a computer lab but we have a laptop and a couple of iPads in the classroom for use by the students and teacher. The teacher allows the students to use her iPad as well.

Do you go on any field trips and can parents come along?

We usually go on several field trips, scattered throughout the school year. Field trips are planned and scheduled by the teacher during the summer. Some are the same each year, while others change based upon what is available. We take one parent chaperone per 3-4 children. We do not allow siblings to attend the field trips as they might distract the parent from fulfilling their role as driver and chaperone for the kindergarten students. Parent drivers need to submit paperwork to the office manager regarding their insurance coverage. (300/100 coverage)
Some years, we have a school-wide field trip.
Some years, our school-wide service day is off campus;
State law requires that students sit in a booster seat.
We hope you can make a commitment to be a driver to at least one field trip.

What churches do the teachers and staff attend?

All staff attend Christian churches that believe Jesus is God's Son and that the Bible is God's Holy Word. Feel free to ask us where!

Do the kids have access to computers?

We have one laptop per classroom for use by the teacher and students. In kindergarten, the students use the laptop during the morning to supplement the reading, phonics, or math instruction. Children use iPad's as well. HomeBased Learning Plans frequently direct parents to appropriate websites for reading or math activities. Make sure your Internet service is working! Make sure your printer is working, too!

Can I come observe?

Sure! Just call the office manager, Amanda, at the school and make an appointment. Or use the email link to contact the teacher. You can speak with the principal, Mrs. Moll, as well.

Where can I get information about what is taught in Kindergarten at HOPE?

Check out this website. Click on Curriculum Overview to get a lot of information. Call the school to schedule a tour!

Is the school private or charter?

HOPE Christian Academy is a private, Christian K-8 school. We are our own 501(c)3 organization. You can get more information at the school's website. Check out www.hope-eagles.com for our statement of faith, tuition rates, and other helpful information including reviews by some of our parents. Many students receive scholarships through ACSTO.

What is your class size?

We always try to keep the class size for kindergarten at about 14. It's WONDERFUL for the kids and the teacher. :)