

Abundant Life Christian Academy

Welcome to Abundant Life Christian Academy!

We're so glad you have decided to join us in seeking to school our children at home and raise them with the love and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ! In doing this, ALCA's goal is to help you follow all the legal requirements as well give your child or children an excellent education that is geared to their needs. Accordingly, we try to keep the requirements few and the support high.

Following is a step-by-step list of the general requirements. Please keep this packet available throughout the year and refer to it as needed. As a high school diploma indicates certain levels of academic achievement, the requirements for high school students are more involved. Those additional requirements will be outlined on additional pages.

1. Complete a Church School Enrollment Form and a Family Registration Form.

Once a child reaches the age of 7 by the date public school starts in your area, they are required to be enrolled in school. If a student withdraws from public school in order to home school, they must re-enroll with a church school to avoid truancy charges. In either instance, we will file your enrollment with your local school board as soon as we receive the form from you.

2. Payment of tuition and fees:

A. There is a one-time Registration Fee of \$35 **per family** when you enroll one or more children with ALCA.

B. The tuition is also per family, and is \$85 for the full year. \$10.00 of the tuition fees is applied to the online reporting membership. Full-year tuition is due by September 1st, or upon enrollment if after that date. If you have enrolled after the September 1st date you will still be expected to pay tuition for the next school year when it becomes due at the beginning of the next school year.

C. Each high school student pays an additional \$10 tuition per year, due to increased administrative needs in dealing with grades, credits, and transcripts.

3. Choose and obtain curriculum. The suggested subjects in grades 1-7 are:

A. Language Arts (including the level appropriate topics of Reading/Literature, Spelling, Vocabulary, Phonics/Grammar/English, Handwriting/Penmanship/ Typing, and/or Creative Writing/Composition);

B. Arithmetic;

C. Social Studies (which can include World, US, or Alabama history, Geography, Government, Sociology, and/or Economics);

D. Science;

E. Bible

F. Physical Education and/or Health.

You are welcome to add other courses as you desire, such as music, art, or other areas of interest.

4. Enter student information on the homeschoolreporting.com website.

5. Begin keeping a Record of School Attendance. We require 165 school days a year. (A day is generally considered to be the time needed to complete a day's worth of assignments. For younger children that can be done in a couple of hours, by high school a student would need **at least** 4 hours.) A family can school on any schedule that fits your family, however, you do need to **report** your days according to the school schedule, making sure that the total number of required days is met each year.

You can report as frequently as you wish at www.homeschoolreporting.com, however, the information **MUST** be entered online by the deadline. First semester deadline is December 31st. Second semester deadline is May 31st. Summer semester (not required unless you require additional days) is August 10th.

School Year Dates are August 1— July 31 of the following year, broken down as:

First Semester: August 1— December 31

Second Semester: January 1 — May 31

Summer Semester: June 1 — July 31

You may take holidays, breaks, “teacher work-days” and “sick days” as you wish, as long as the required days are completed during the year. The only days you must report for the required Attendance records are what have been counted as actual “schooling” days.

6. Until high school, numerical grades are not required, and no grades have to be reported.

We **do recommend** parents keep some form of grades or performance review for their own records. If you like, a permanent record of grades can be filed on the online site also.

For more information please print a copy of *High School Information Packet*.

Thus, **required** record-keeping for students in grades 2-7 includes only an Attendance Report, which needs to be reported on the online website. We recommend you also input your curriculum and grades if you desire. If your student returns to any public or private school you will be asked for a list of classes and grades so if you input these records with the online reporting site you will be ready in advance.

PLEASE keep a copy for your own records!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Church-schools in Alabama have very few legal requirements. At the top of the list of what ALCA provides are the items that fulfill those requirements, such as:

*Record-keeping and reporting for legal home-schooling in Alabama, as well as providing the necessary information if a student enrolls in another school (By law we must report any withdrawals to the student's local school board.)

*High school transcripts for college and scholarship applications

However, ALCA seeks to go above and beyond what is required to offer students and parent/teachers as much help as possible to make the homeschooling experience work positively. As such, we provide additional helps and services. None of these are “required” of a church school with off-campus classrooms, but we try to make them available to help you be successful as a home-schooling parent. **You ARE** the teaching staff of our school! These additional items include (but are not limited to):

- *Support and encouragement for parent/teachers through support group meetings and at all functions. This also provides a means of accountability and spiritual support. The separate meetings are offered when there is enough interest in having them.
- *Field trip opportunities especially designed to be of interest to a variety of age groups (Usually offered monthly)
- *Co-op classes and various additional activities, providing enrichment and socialization opportunities for students of all ages (Offered when parental participation is adequate.)

Again, we welcome you, and hope you will find your home-education time well spent!

Sincerely,

The Administrative Staff of Abundant Life's Christian Academy

Administrator Amy Fasold, 205-863-0406
Pastor Dustin Fasold, 205-473-6300

Abundant Life
Christian Academy
PO Box 1969
Pell City, AL 35125

The legal options for home schooling in Alabama are as follows:

Option #1

Enrollment in a church school

- Required Attendance:** None specified
(175 days required by public school)
- Required Subjects:** None specified
- Teacher Qualifications:** None required
- Notification:** Parents must file a notice of enrollment and attendance with the local school superintendent on a provided form (one-time requirement, not annually)
- Record Keeping:** The principal teacher of the church school must maintain and keep a daily attendance register
- Testing Requirements:** None

Option #2

School with a private tutor

- Required Attendance:** 140 days per calendar year
(3 hours per day between the hours of 8:00am-3:00pm)
- Required Subjects:** Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, English, Geography, US History, AL history, Science, Health, PE
- Teacher Qualifications:** Teacher certification
- Notification:** Parents must file a statement with the local school superintendant showing which children are to be instructed, the subjects taught, and the period of instruction
- Record Keeping:** A register of the child's work must be maintained showing daily attendance and any other reports as the State Board may require
- Testing Requirements:** None

Homeschool Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)

This is a national organization which provides legal advice for home school families. HSLDA membership is not required for enrolling with ALCA, but it IS highly recommended. HSLDA provides legal services and pays all fees in the event you are ever taken to court for educational related issues. A discounted annual membership can be obtained through many organizations. www.hsllda.com

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FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM

Family Name: _____ Home Phone #: _____

Names of children in home: (Put *date of birth & current grade* **only** for child(ren) enrolled as students in ALCA.)

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Home Address: _____ Alternate phone #: _____

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) name(s): _____

Signature of person responsible for teaching: _____

Additional contact name & number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Have you schooled at home in the past? ___No ___Yes If yes, please give a brief history of which state you were in and how long you did so:

Past school enrollment (if applicable): _____

Would your family be interested in participating in the co-op activities? ___No ___Yes

In what ways may we contact you? ___ email (_____)
___mail ___home phone ___cell phone One-Call Now calls to ___home ___cell



CHURCH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FORM

Student Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Home Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of enrollment: _____

Name & location of past school enrollment: _____

Current school grade: _____

My signature indicates enrollment of above named student with ALCA as well as giving prior consent to the Administrator of Abundant Life Christian Academy to notify the public school superintendent should the above named student cease attendance at said school, in accordance with Ala. Code Section 16-28-7-(1975):

Parent or Legal Guardian name and signature:

Print Signature Date

The above-stated student is currently enrolled with:

Abundant Life Christian Academy
PO Box 1969
Pell City, AL 35125.

Signature of School Administrator Date

Student's Public School District: _____

Consent for notification of withdrawal:

I hear by give prior consent to the administrator to notify the public school superintendant, should the above named student cease to attend ALCA.

Parent or Legal Guardian name and signature:

Print Signature Date

Attendance Record

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

School Year: _____ - _____ Date enrolled IF after August 15th: _____

Circle dates present:

| | Total |
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Curriculum Log—Grades 1-8

Student Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Language Arts:

*Phonics/Grammar/English: _____

Penmanship/Handwriting/Typing: _____

*Reading/Literature: _____

*Spelling: _____

Vocabulary: _____

*Creative Writing/Composition: _____

*Math/Arithmetic: _____

*Social Studies (Including World, US, or Alabama History, Geography, Government, Cultures, or
Economics, etc.): _____

*Science: _____

*Bible: _____

*Physical Education or Health: _____

Academic Enrichment (optional) [Including Art, Music, Logic, Foreign Language, etc.]:
