



GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN HOME EDUCATION

AT CATHEDRAL OF THE CROSS

On behalf of Good Shepherd School at Cathedral of the Cross, and as the father of a child in this program, I commend you for choosing home education for your child. Certainly the choice to home educate necessitates certain sacrifices on your part, and I hope that our program is an academic and spiritual blessing to you and your family.

The primary objective and purpose of GSS is to assist parents as they train the student in a personal knowledge of God, to establish within each student Biblical values and principles for living, and to provide him/her with the support and encouragement to provide an excellent education. Indeed, Deuteronomy 6 admonishes parents to:

5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Ensuring that our children's academic activities, peers, hobbies, and extracurricular activities when we're at home, traveling, sleeping, and waking conform to the Word of God is no small feat! However, when the Lord calls, He also equips. Phillipians 1:6 encourages us that:

he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

I seek to be a pastoral resource and offer encouragement to home educating families. Please call me at 854-7777 if I can assist you.

In His Service,

Pastor John Daniels, BSEd., M.Div.
Headmaster

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION



APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

Students' Full Name(s)	Birthdate(s)	Name & Addresses of school(s) attended

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Child(ren) live(s) with: _____

Father/Guardian (circle one) Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Home Phone _____ Other phones _____

Spouse (if not listed below) _____

Mother/Guardian (circle one) Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Home Phone _____ Other phone _____

Spouse (if not listed above) _____

Names of other children in family	Age	School attending

Why have you chosen **not to** enroll them in GSS? _____

Name of person responsible for tuition _____

Are parents divorced or separated? _____

If so, who has legal custody of student? _____

If so, are both parents in agreement that their minor child should seek enrollment with GSS? (before admission can be granted, we require a **notarized** letter from the child's other parent stating agreement with enrollment)

Briefly explain why you are home educating your child/ren _____

Will teaching parent work outside the home during school hours? _____ If so, please explain how students under 16 are or will be supervised during school hours

If you are a first-year homeschooler, please list books read, workshops attended etc pertaining to homeschooling

Who will be the primary teacher? _____

Have any students listed above had **any** discipline problems (fighting, etc), or been expelled, suspended, or dismissed from any school? ____ yes ____no (If yes, please describe)

Do any students applying for enrollment have physical or emotional challenges that require special medication? (If yes, please describe)

Have any students applying for enrollment been enrolled or tested for learning disabilities, special education or services for the gifted and talented? (If yes, please describe)

Do you have gifts, talents, or abilities you'd like to share with Good Shepherd School?

Name of church where you are a member _____

Do you attend regularly? _____

Does your family attend together? _____

Name of Pastor _____

What church-related activities do your home educated students participate in? _____

ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

As parent/legal guardian for the students named in this application, I hereby make application on their behalf for enrollment in Good Shepherd School at Cathedral of the Cross. In making application, I understand and agree to abide by the Policies and Provisions set forth by the Bulletin and the Headmaster. I understand that this application does not guarantee acceptance and enrollment into the program. I understand that I should not withdraw my child under age 16 from public school without an acceptance letter and signed and sealed Church School Enrollment Form.

Furthermore, I understand that tuition does not cover curriculum, testing, sports fees, an educational cooperative, spelling/geography bee fees, books or field trips, and I understand and agree to abide by the academic and financial policies set forth in the Bulletin. I understand that testing is required every other year at my expense. I also understand that to remain in good standing, my family's records must be current, my financial account current, and the school must have a current mailing and street addresses, phone numbers, and email.

In the event of a dispute, I acknowledge that the Headmaster is the arbiter of final decisions concerning school operations.

Dispute Resolution: Any claim or dispute arising from or related to this agreement shall be settled by mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the *Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation* of the Institute for Christian Conciliation, a Program of Peacemaker® Ministries (complete text of the Rules is available at www.Peacemaker.net). Judgment upon an arbitration decision may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. The parties understand that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this agreement and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against one another for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

As part of our family's participation in services and activities provided by the Good Shepherd School at Cathedral of the Cross, I release and forever discharge Good Shepherd School, Cathedral of the Cross, Inc. and its directors, officers, employees, agents, legal representatives and successors from all manner of actions, causes of action, debts, accounts, bonds, contracts, claims and demands for or by reason of any damage, loss or injury to person and property which has been or may be sustained as a consequence of our family's participation in the educational programs offered.

Father or legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Mother or legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Enrollment checklist

- _____ Completed student application
- _____ Records from prior school, if applicable
- _____ Acceptance into GSS
- _____ Signed tuition covenant
- _____ Tuition and fees paid
- _____ Church School Enrollment Form

TUITION COVENANT

This agreement executed this _____ day of _____, 200__, by and between _____ (hereinafter referred to as "the undersigned") parents of minor child(ren)

and Good Shepherd School at Cathedral of the Cross (hereinafter referred to as GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL AT CATHEDRAL OF THE CROSS or GSS) is a nonprofit educational ministry of Cathedral of the Cross.

Whereas, GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL AT CATHEDRAL OF THE CROSS purposefully seeks to keep tuition affordable. GSS seeks to equip, support and assist parents who desire a home-based, family-directed Christian academic education for their children.

Whereas, the cost of tuition and fees alone do not cover the actual costs of the ministry.

Whereas, GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL AT CATHEDRAL OF THE CROSS incurs expenses on behalf of enrolled families that do not cease when a student transfers to another school. In the event that a child is withdrawn during the year, and a family has payments remaining on their payment plan, the family's tuition obligation nonetheless continues through the end of the school year. Transcripts will not be released, not graduation allowed until the account is completely resolved.

Whereas, families enrolled in GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL AT CATHEDRAL OF THE CROSS are invited and welcome to participate in the Parents' Circle, and other opportunities for fellowship and community, and to support the school financially.

Now therefore, GSS charges a \$35 -45 registration fee per family. Tuition is \$250 per year **per family** for nonmembers of Cathedral of the Cross (\$300 if enrolling after August 15). Active members of Cathedral of the Cross receive a tuition remission of \$190 if tuition is paid in full by September 1, 2006. Tuition does not include curricula, testing, co-op fees, books, sports fees, entrance fees for spelling or geography bees, or field trips.

_____ (Initial) The undersigned acknowledges that no refunds will be given for any reason.

_____ (Initial) The undersigned acknowledges that tuition charges are assessed annually and are due and payable for the entire school year of 2005-2006 whether the student transfers out of GSS, moves, or otherwise dis-enrolls. If tuition is paid in full by September 1, 2006, the family will receive a 10% discount. If not paid in full, 10 monthly payments may be made, with the first payment due *August 6th*, or at the time of enrollment if it is after August 6th. *Tuition payments are then due the first of each month through May.*

_____ (Initial) Tuition payments received after the fifth of each month are late. A late charge of \$10.00 per account will be assessed if payment is not made by the 15th of each month. In the event that the 15th falls over a holiday or a weekend, the late charge will be assessed if the tuition is not received by the following business day.

Furthermore, I understand that transcripts and diplomas will not be issued when there is a balance on my account, and I understand that it will take the school registrar a minimum of 14 days to prepare a transcript, and I agree to request a transcript 21 (twenty-one) days in advance of the time I anticipate needing it. I agree to comply with the financial policies as outlined in the BULLETIN.

In signing this tuition covenant on the _____ day of _____, 200__, I warrant that I have read and understand the above agreement and sign it voluntarily as an inducement for GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL AT CATHEDRAL OF THE CROSS to enroll said minors in the school program. I hereby covenant to pay GSS tuition of \$_____ for the school year 2005-2006. I have read, understand and agree to the financial policies outlined herein.

_____ \$ _____ **Registration**

_____ \$ _____ **Payable at once**

_____ \$ _____ **Payable monthly** _____ **Cathedral of the Cross member?**

Parent/Guardian Signature

GSS Representative Signature

ANNUAL STUDY PLAN

Please describe the books and curricula you intend to use. Please use one form per student. It is helpful to consider books you plan to read, field trips you plan to take, and co-op classes available. Please copy as necessary and use one form per student.

Student: _____ Grade level _____

Parent _____

Subject	Curricula	Notes
English/Grammar/Spelling		
Math		
Science (Grades 5+)		
History (Grades 5+)		
Bible		
P.E. /Health		
Electives		
Community Service/Other		



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TRAINING MINDS, TEACHING HEARTS

Request for school records

Date _____ Name of school attended _____

Dear Registrar; Address _____

_____ (Name of student)

_____ Student identification or Social Security Number

_____ Dates attended

has applied for admission to Good Shepherd School at Cathedral of the Cross. To evaluate the student's suitability for our program, I authorize and request that you forward directly to Good Shepherd School at Cathedral of the Cross any and all copies of his/her permanent records, including report cards or transcript, results of any standardized achievement and/or aptitude tests, discipline notations, and health records, including immunization records.

Please send to the attention of:
Good Shepherd School at Cathedral of the Cross
Anne Boyd
1480 Center Point Parkway
Birmingham, Alabama 35215
(205) 278-8343

_____ (signature of parent/guardian)

_____ (date)

Church School Enrollment Form

Part 1 - To be completed by Parent or Guardian

<i>Student's Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Grade</i>
<i>Parent/Guardian Name</i>	<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Street Address</i>
<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP</i>

Church School of Enrollment

Good Shepherd School at Cathedral of the Cross

1480 Center Point Parkway

Birmingham, AL 35215

School Phone

205-278-8343

_____ *Date* _____ *Signature of Parent or Guardian*

Part 2 – To be completed by Church School Administrator

Church School Name Good Shepherd School at Cathedral of the Cross	Date of Student Enrollment	
Address 1480 Center Point Parkway	City Birmingham	State AL
ZIP 35215	School Phone 205-278-8343	

Signature of Church School Administrator

Part 3 • Consent for Notification of Student Withdrawal

School Year Public School District

School Year	Public School District
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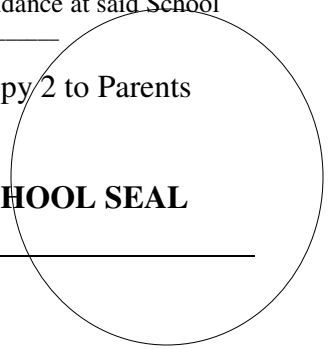
I hereby give prior consent to the Administrator of **Good Shepherd School at Cathedral of the Cross** to notify the Public School Superintendent should the above named Student cease attendance at said School

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Original to local School Superintendent Copy 1 to School File Copy 2 to Parents

FORM INVALID WITHOUT OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SCHOOL SEAL



**Please keep the following forms and turn them
in with your January and end-of-the-year
reports.**

SEMESTER REPORT

Student's name _____

Birthdate _____ Grade level _____

Parents' names _____ Semester _____

For Lower School (kindergarten- 3) use the following: E- Excellent, G- Good, S- Satisfactory, N- Needs Improvement, U – Unsatisfactory

For Intermediate and Upper School (grades 4-12) use the following: A- 90-100, B- 80-89, C- 70-79, D- 60-69, F- below 60

Field of Study	Texts/books/methods used/Field Trips	Grade (use numerical grade if possible)
English/Language/Literature		
Mathematics		
Science		
History/Government/Civics		
Health/PE		
Foreign Language		
Bible		
Electives		
Community Service/Other		

