

HOUSE PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOUSE is an enrichment program offering students an opportunity for a day of hands-on activities to enhance their homeschooling journey. The goal of the HOUSE program is to give students an active, exciting experience in a variety of themed subjects.

1. What does an enrichment program imply?

HOUSE is an enrichment program - NOT a core academic program. Parents are required to choose curriculums/programs best suited for their students based on their individual, grade-level course plan for core academics.

2. What is the role of the HOUSE teacher?

Our HOUSE teachers serve as an “educational partner” to parents by providing a weekly account of class activity, suggesting and creating SLA’s (Strong Life Activities) which partner with the weekly lessons introduced in the classroom. No grades are given by the HOUSE teachers.

3. What are the qualifications of a HOUSE teacher?

- Spiritual

- Must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Must be in full agreement with the CCS statement of faith and in good standing with a church that holds to the school’s statement of faith.
- Must maintain the highest standards of personal conduct.

- Education and Experience

- Must fundamentally understand and support a Christian and parent- directed approach to education
- Must have teaching experience in a self-contained classroom
- Must demonstrate a desire to work with children as well as impact their lives in a positive, energetic manner
- Must demonstrate a passion and knowledge of subject material

4. Will the HOUSE teachers assign grades?

No. Your HOUSE teachers do not assess or report grades as this is an enrichment program. Parents are responsible for grades.

5. What are LAPbooks?

Students compile LAPbooks, also known as “Learning And Processing books”, to record their classroom activities and SLA activities. This hands-on project allows students to use and develop their fine motor skills such as cutting and folding while cementing key concepts covered in the class lesson. The HOUSE class LAPbooks also serve as a “memento of learning” of the student’s time spent in each class.

6. What are SLA’s?

SLA’s or *Strong Life Activities* are additional [Strengths-based](#) learning activities that focus on building a strong mind, strong body, strong heart, strong faith and strong journeys through each class lesson. See more about Strengths-based learning on page 37.

7. Do the students use the SLA's as independent work?

No. The SLA's are created to reinforce or expand learning through lessons, suggested learning activities, and projects that should be completed at home. Parents are responsible for teaching their children at home.

8. What role does the eLearning Campus play with the program? Is computer access necessary?

Circle's eLearning Campus plays a significant role in the upcoming school year for communication and connection between the HOUSE staff, parents and students. Computer access is necessary for parents to retrieve the necessary documents such as the Theme/ Class Overviews, SLA's, worksheets and various report forms. Teachers will be able to blend classroom learning with at-home learning by using their class pages to enhance the weekly lessons on the eLearning site. Digital field trips, links to resources, images and documents, as well as personal teaching videos will add to the rich learning experience of HOUSE through the technology of the eLearning Campus.

9. What is the class size limit?

12 - 14 students in each class.

36 - 42 total students in each grade group.

10. What is the typical HOUSE schedule?

Our day begins at 9:00am with the entire student body gathered for General Assembly. Here we pray, pledge, praise and launch our day. Students then rotate through their classes with a 30-minute lunch and fellowship time. Our day ends at 1:30pm for full-day students.

11. What other factors should I consider about HOUSE?

- HOUSE is an academic enrichment program. Supplemental curriculum is required for phonics/language arts and mathematics for grades K-2 and adding curriculums for social studies, science and bible for students grades 3-6.
- Parents will be required to fall under the authority of Circle Christian School and the HOUSE program by:
 - Attending required workshops and orientations.
 - Supplementing the curriculum where noted.
 - Meeting deadlines for suggested activities, lessons and projects.
 - Partnering with the program/teaching staff by serving on campus 2-4 times per year

12. What school supplies are needed for students in HOUSE? What supplies are provided?

Students will receive their HOUSE messenger school bag at the HOUSE Meet n' Greet in August along with their color-coded pick-up tag and car window sign. They will also receive their Strengths Journal. No other book bags or backpacks are permitted; only lunchboxes. Students should supply their own pencils and pens. Additional supplies may be requested by the teacher. Basic school supplies are provided in each classroom. Students need to bring a packed lunch every week to HOUSE. Lunchboxes and outerwear should be clearly labeled with the student's name.

13. What are the days and locations for HOUSE?

- Mondays at the CCS Winter Springs Campus at Metro Church
- Tuesdays at the CCS Winter Park Campus at Calvary Assembly

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