



Pre-Enrollment Questionnaire

Please read the 'Should you apply' section before filling out questionnaire.

Thank you for your interest in the Academy for Character Education. The following questions will provide an opportunity to see if our program is a right fit for your family. It is important that all questions be answered seriously and honestly.

**Indicates a Required field*

*Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

*Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

*City of Residence: _____ Number of children you wish to enroll: * _____

*Student(s) Name(s)	*Birth Date	*Grade Level
_____	__/__/__	_____
_____	__/__/__	_____
_____	__/__/__	_____

What is your student(s) current or prior educational environment?

- Public School | Name: _____
- Private School | Name: _____
- Homeschool Partnership | Name: _____
- Homeschool (Traditional)

*How is their school attendance?

In other words, what will their records say about their attendance?

- Perfect Attendance
- Moderate to Good (missed only 2-3 days per year)
- Moderate to Poor (missed 2-3 days per month or more)
- Poor Attendance

Comments: _____

*After reviewing our website, do you find that our mission and philosophy matches your own?

Yes No

*Do you desire a high standard of education for your Student(s)?

Yes No

*Do you understand that clear expression in writing and speaking in English is integral to our curriculum?
Yes No

*Do you understand that Latin courses are required at ACE?
Yes No

*Our weekly assigned reading is challenging and character building. For example, the Rhetoric Students (9th-12th) reading is approximately 200 pages a week, Logic Stage (5th-8th) is about 150-175 pages a week, Grammar Stage (3rd-4th) is about 50-75 pages a week. Will this be acceptable to your family?
Yes No

*Every 3-4 weeks a Recitation/Memorization piece is required by students. For example, Rhetoric Stage recitations run often about 150 words, Logic about 130-150 words, Grammar about 50-70 words, and Primary about 30-40 words. Will this be acceptable to your family?
Yes No

*Are you willing to attend one SCD day with your student(s) to assess the feasibility of this program for your family? (This is required in most cases before the registration process can continue.)
Yes No

*ACE has a dress code which requires a designated shirt and coordinating clothing that is appropriate to a work atmosphere and is not distracting or offensive. Are you willing to comply with the dress code? (Check with the school and/or school handbook for details of the dress code.)
Yes No

*How do you feel about homeschooling and homeschooling families?

Are you willing to sign up to volunteer at least 15 hours year for the school? The hours worked will be credited to your student(s) Mentorship Account.
Yes No

*Why are you interested in the Academy for Character Education Charter School?

Check all that apply.

- We are interested in Classical Education
- We cannot find an academically challenging school
- We like the idea of school on only one day per week
- We are a homeschool family interested in services
- We are looking for a bridge to help us homeschool our student(s)
- We have heard of your reputation of having high academic standards

Other: _____

Are you interested in teaching at ACE? If so, do you have a valid teacher's certification or HQ status in a subject?
Yes No

What subject(s) are you credentialed or HQ in?

Should you apply to the Academy?

~ Academic Disclaimer ~

Please read carefully below before applying.

The Academy for Character Education charter school offers an academically challenging curriculum. We want to work together with you, the parents and students, to create an educationally stimulating environment - one that is scholastically rigorous, comprehensive, and intensive. As such, ACE charter school will not effectively meet the needs of all families.

Our demanding, classically thorough curriculum is shaped by these priorities:

- clear expression in writing and speaking-in English and Latin.
- a broad historical and cultural perspective.
- rigorous reading/study of the classics.
- a strong foundation of mathematics and science.
- art and aesthetic development as an integral part of the curriculum.

For a more thorough examination of ACE, please review our website information.

Our [Presentation](#) page is a good place to start, then move on to our [Classical Education](#) page, then we encourage you fully examine our philosophy and mission by reading our [Charter Proposal](#) and the book "[The Well Trained Mind](#)".

"Research indicates that high expectations and high standards improve achievement and positively influence student learning."

From: What can my child do to prepare
academically for college? US Dept. of Education,
[Preparing your child for college publication.](#)

Parental Involvement

As various studies have indicated, especially in the area of parent involvement in homework research (1), parental involvement is indeed key to their children's academic success. As such, ACE charter school emphasizes parent participation and cooperation in the education of their children.

"...[Parent involvement is] associated with gains in children's IQ scores and achievement and with improvements in parents' teaching behaviors." (2)

"...districts with intensive parent involvement showed the largest achievement gains." (3)

"Students whose parents attended school events and engaged in contacts with teachers had higher achievement than those whose parents were minimally involved or uninvolved." (4)

"...The children of actively supportive parents score highest [in testing], followed by the children of passively involved parents, and then the children of noninvolved parents." (5)

"...educational programs with significant parent involvement components...forms of parent involvement strongly associated with achievement gains included parents helping their children at home after training, tutoring students, and helping in classrooms. (6)

"Achievement and affective benefits (attendance, behavior, attitudes) are associated with: parents

...serving..., parents working as volunteers, home-school communications, phone contacts, home visits, parent-teacher conferences, homework assistance, home tutoring, and home educational environment." (7) Footnotes (see website for link to research papers)

Parents and School Community Day (SCD)

Families are welcomed and encouraged to be present on SCD and to be available to help their student(s) with what will be only a fraction of the academic week. The high quality instruction they receive on SCD should be seen by families as an opportunity to find out what is going to be covered during the week and what [Home-Linked Assignments](#) the student(s) will be required to turn in the following week.

Parents and weekly tutoring

What the average tutoring week might look like:

Monday	Complete all HLA's – Prepare binder for SCD. Parent ensures all assignments are complete
Tuesday	SCD (classes all day)
Wednesday	HLA (3-6 hours depending on level)
Thursday	HLA (3-6 hours depending on level)
Friday	HLA (3-6 hours depending on level)

See website for [Average Student hour's breakdown](#) . For an overview of what Full-Time (FT) or Part-Time (PT) enrollment looks like, please see our [Enrollment Placement Chart Diagram](#)

Please be aware of the problems associated with changing enrollment status during the year. If a FT student switches to PT status, their PT mentorship account will be charged for FT usage. In many cases this would mean your account will be depleted when you decide to change status.

So, does this sound like a good fit for your family? Are you willing to put out the effort required to help your child succeed as outlined above? If you do, please continue with Pre-Enrollment Questionnaire and submit to ACE staff.