

HOMESCHOOL SERVICES



Scottsdale Christian Academy Middle School and High School Home School Student Co-curricular Participation Policy

SCA allows homeschool students to participate in co-curricular activities (athletics and fine arts productions, organizations) with the following qualifications:

› Pre-participation Screening

A homeschool participant must complete a SCA student application and be interviewed by appropriate admissions personnel. Homeschool participants must meet the same enrollment criteria relative to academics and Christian testimony that any new student would have to meet. Additionally, an accepted homeschool co-curricular participant must complete all pre-participation paperwork and tests (see athletic handbook).

› Class Enrollment Requirement

The homeschool co-curricular participant must be enrolled in a Bible class at appropriate grade level and one other class at Scottsdale Christian Academy. If the student shows evidence of taking Bible through homeschool study the Bible class requirement can be substituted with any other class. The student is required to take these classes both semesters regardless of which semester(s) he or she participates in co-curricular activities. The student will be assessed tuition for these two classes at the normal rate and be eligible for STO or other tuition assistance programs

› Try Outs

Auditions and Risks - A homeschooled student must be enrolled in classes as explained above prior to the try out for an athletic team or audition for a fine arts performance. The student and parents must understand that where cuts are made or limits put on the size of a cast the student runs the same risk as any enrolled student of not being selected to the sports team or being part of the cast of the fine arts performance.

› Additional Classes

Homeschool participants may enroll in classes in addition to the above mentioned two class minimum at the normal rate of tuition.

› Chapel Requirement

A homeschool participant will be required to attend chapel at the normal grade level chapel time during the time of his / her two class enrollment. If absent from chapel, the absence should be called into the office as any other class absence is called in.

› Fee Structure

The homeschool participant will pay initial student one-time commitment fee, one-time application fee, and 1/5 school tuition for each class taken.

› Returning homeschool students are required to pay the normal enrollment fees.

› Roster Cap

A team roster or fine arts production may not consist of more than 20% homeschooled students. With the exception of sports team captains and the lead role in fine arts productions explained below in the "Restrictions" sub section there are no restrictions on the participation of a homeschooled student such as being a starter, being selected for a sole etc.

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› Academic Considerations

The homeschool participant must be taking at least five classes between the homeschool program and the classes required at SCA. The homeschool participant's progress towards high school graduation shall be evaluated annually by the SCA guidance department. The homeschool participant shall produce a grade card every 4.5 weeks to present to the Athletic Director in order to maintain eligibility in the same manner that full-time students maintain eligibility.

› Conduct and Grooming

Homeschool participants are subject to all rules and guidelines in the SCA Student Handbook regarding on and off-campus behaviors as well as dress and grooming codes at all school events. As for all enrolled students at SCA, it is a privilege and thus students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects a commitment to the SCA mission statement and its attendant core values.

› Restrictions

A homeschool participant will not be eligible to be a captain of a high school varsity sports team or a major lead in a high school fine arts production unless he /she is a senior with at least two consecutive previous years of participation in that particular activity at SCA. (Beyond this there are no restrictions such as on starting, having a solo, etc. See "Roster Cap")

› Grandfather Clause

Once a homeschool participant has participated in an SCA co-curricular activity he / she will have the opportunity to finish MS or HS career trying out on an equal basis with full-time SCA students. (This policy would only pertain if at some future point SCA chooses to terminate the home school participation policy.)

› Student Life Initiative

With the approval of the appropriate SCA supervisor, homeschool participants will be encouraged and allowed to participate in SCA special events such as dances, retreats and missions outings. Applicable fees will be applied.

Full-time Enrollment Incentive

It is SCA's desire that a homeschool student who initially participates in co-curricular activities ultimately enrolls full-time. As an incentive, if a homeschool co-curricular participant enrolls full-time within the same school year, the tuition paid for the first class while participating as a homeschooler will be deducted from the fees due as a full-time student in the first year of full-time enrollment.

