

PARENT INFORMATION PACKET

A MINISTRY OF HADDON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Our Mission

To transform this generation through sound academic education with a distinctly Christian worldview.

We are committed to transferring our passion for Christ to our students for their growth in Christ and God's glory.

Our Vision

To **capture** and **equip** the hearts, minds, and energies of young people for the sake of knowing Christ, and unleash them to engage and make an **impact** in the world they live according to **God's principles** and power.

Education Philosophy

HHCS seeks to **partner with families** to provide biblically based discipleship, scholastic and cocurricular excellence, freedom of expression, diversity of viewpoints guided by Christian principles, and critical thinking in a distinctly Christian environment.

Building Blocks of Education

Bible, Literacy, Math, Science, Civics, History & Geography, Language Arts

Our Cost

- \$4000 per Full-Time Student (due upon acceptance through our Admissions process. Because we are an affiliate school with Liberty University Online Academy, we are not offering payment plans.
- \$800 per class for Part-Time Students
- Dual Enrollment Option available for high school juniors & seniors (starting at \$274.50 - see page 4 for details).

Distinctly Christian

We believe Christian education is essential. Because of this, we present Christ in all classes and use the Bible as the basis for instruction. LUOA measures all information used in our courses by a Biblical standard. We report historical facts as such, and all opinions, interpretations, and information must endure the scrutiny of Scripture. The Bible is the only infallible document. Therefore, one must use caution when using course material and consider views contradicting Scripture as theoretical or false.

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Why HHCS?

What makes our school unique is our partnership with Liberty University Online Academy. This enables our students to experience the best of both worlds - the advantages of a **brick-and-mortar school** combined with the benefits of an **online education**. In other words, our students benefit by this blended learning opportunity.

As technology expands and our culture changes, the blended learning model has the potential to best prepare students for success. Blended learning combines the benefits of brick-and-mortar schools with online education, allowing each student to have a personalized experience.

Accreditation

HHCS is fully accredited as an affiliate school with Liberty University Online Academy. LUOA is a K-12 online school, offering a traditional education through a technology based format. LUOA is accredited by the **Association of Christian Schools** (ASCI) and Cognia, which are both dedicated to advancing excellence in education worldwide. Through the Cognia accreditation division, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), LUOA enjoys full accreditation.

Brick & Mortar

- Social interaction & sense of community
- Local field trips*
- Athletics*
- Weekly Chapel
- Extracurricular clubs & activities*
- Interactive courses such as music & PE* (subject to availability)
- Facilitators who supervise students, are qualified to answer low-level math & English questions, and assist with technological issues

LUOA

- A complete accredited K-12 curriculum
- Access to a wide variety of courses
- Rolling enrollment available year round
- Self-paced assignments
- Over 180 dual enrollment courses
- Multiple associate degree tracks
- Experienced staff to handle administrative details
- Certified online teachers and professors who handle grading, student questions, and record keeping
- Dual Enrollment program for qualifying 11th-12th graders
- Middle and high school electives
- Accredited high school diplomas available to eligible high school seniors

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HHCS Blended Classroom Experience

Students at HHCS are assigned to one of 4 blended classrooms according to grade. The classrooms are divided as follows:

- K 2nd grade
- 3rd 5th grade
- 6th 8th grade
- 9th 12th grade

Each classroom has a **Facilitator** who takes an active role in their students' education. Even though coursework involves self-instruction, facilitators are essential in actively assisting the student as "first responders" throughout each lesson. As such, facilitators are responsible for ensuring the quality of independent learning and monitoring student quiz and test administration to ensure student integrity.

Students have direct access to their **online teachers**. LUOA Teachers are degreed in their subject areas, are licensed professionals, and/or hold a master's or terminal degree. They provide support to parents/guardians and students through electronic correspondence. These online teachers take responsibility for the day-to-day academic wellbeing of each student with the help of in-class Facilitators.

Assignment Assistance

Students in need of assignment assistance beyond that which can be resolved through messaging the teacher may call the school office for assistance from Subject Matter Experts. If the need for a fulltime tutor arises, HHCS can help direct parents to local options.

Curriculum

Our LUOA courses include a core curriculum including English, history, math, and science for kindergarten through 12th grade. In addition, we offer electives such as Bible, business, college prep, foreign languages, and information technology. Some of our more recent additions include Latin I and II, Programming Logic and Design, and Academic and Career Success.

Our classes are rigorous, engaging, and push students to learn critical thinking skills while developing life skills that will help them long after they've graduated from our program.

Academic Support

Online teachers provide an assessment of student work with grades which are always available to students and parents/guardians through the online grade book. LUOA Teachers can also be available after office hours per student request. Using the communication options established within the LUOA structure, relationships among facilitators, students, and teachers become similar to those that exist in a traditional classroom setting.

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Dual Enrollment Options

Dual enrollment allows your high school juniors and seniors to get a jump-start on college as they:

- Earn college credit through Liberty University
- Save money by taking college courses at a significant discount
- Explore areas of interest with a choice of over **140 college courses**
- Choose from our **multiple associate degree tracks** or our **A La Carte** option

Why Choose Dual Enrollment?

- Saves time and money
- Offers high school & college credit through the same courses
- Provides instructional support
- Awards credit based on course grade
- Allows students to earn up to 60 college credits
- **Does not require a testing center**, unlike AP courses
- Allows for **exploration of interest** for future major
- **Prepares students** for the demands of college coursework
- Creates the opportunity to earn an **associate degree** awarded by Liberty University upon completion of high school graduation requirements.

Dual Enrollment Cost

College Course Credits

- 1 credit \$274.50
- 2 credit \$367.83
- 3 credit \$549.00
- 4 credit \$730.17

While most courses have all content embedded into the online site, some may require additional material that is purchased separately.

LUOA's Associate Degree Program

This is the best way to maximize the benefits of LUOA's dual enrollment program. Upon completing all requirements, your student can graduate with both their high school diploma and enough college credits to qualify for an associate degree from Liberty University. Your student will save time and money on their bachelor's degree, regardless of which university they decide to attend. Most other universities will accept these credits, although some courses may transfer as elective credits.

Eligibility

Your student must be either a junior or senior in high school and have at least a 2.7 GPA.

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Hardware Requirements

Each student is required to have a device that is compatible with LUOA in order to take full advantage of the curriculum. Please keep the following in mind:

Laptop

- **Processor**: 2GHz or more; Elementary requires Intel Core2, 2.4 GHz
- Memory: 2GB of RAM or more
- Screen: 1024 x 768 resolution or higher
- Webcam & Microphone

Other Devices

At this time, we cannot guarantee an optimal user experience with a netbook, Chromebook, or mobile device, including tablets.

What is Canvas?

- The **primary way** your student will connect with LUOA
- A completely online learning management system
- A storehouse for all LUOA curriculum no textbooks required!
- A central location where students, teachers, school administrators, and LUOA staff submit assignments, monitor grades, and communicate via message

Software Requirements

Operating Systems

- PC: Windows 7 or newer
- Mac: Mac OS X 10.9 or newer

Computer Programs

- Web Browser: Chrome or Firefox
- MS Office: Word, Powerpoint, Excel - Office 365
- Adobe Flash: Latest version of Flash Player*
- Adobe Reader: Latest version of Adobe Reader for viewing PDF's*
- Java: Must be installed to use Canvas

*Available for free

WHAT'S NEXT?

If you are interested in enrolling your child at HHCS, call today to apply. Once your child is accepted through our Admissions process, there is a \$100 non-refundable deposit required to secure a spot for your child.

Please feel free to call or text Kathy Entwistle (609-410-4456) Monday - Friday from 8:30am -4pm. We would love to meet you!