

# Noah's Ark Christian Academy

# PARENT HANDBOOK



*Noah's Ark Christian Academy: "Unlocking your child's potential through the Love of Yeshua" (Christ)*

## Important Information for Parents or Guardians

Dear Parent:

The mission of Noah's Ark Christian Academy is to assist parents with providing a non-denominational, academically sound educational tutoring based solely upon the *Word of Yahweh* (God).

In addition to providing quality tutoring, we strive to provide a nurturing, loving, caring environment for students to grow spiritually, socially, emotionally, physically, academically, through individual and group learning experiences. All of this will be provided under the guidance of *Yahweh* (God) chosen Christian teachers who strive to be disciples of *Yeshua* (Christ). The following information is needed to ensure quality tutoring:

1. ***All*** the information requested on the Child Enrollment Record. (including current immunization record)
2. Written permission from you at any time that *Noah's Ark* is asked to administer medicine to your child.
3. Parent 's partnership with *Noah's Ark* to provide an astounding environment conducive to the necessities of the children.

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## What are the rules for homeschooling your child in Georgia?

Compulsory Attendance Ages: "between 6th and 16th birthdays."

Official Code of Georgia Annotated □ 20-2-690.1. However, if a child is under 6 and has attended more than 20 days in a public school, he is then subject to the compulsory attendance laws. □ 20-2-150(C).

Required Days of Instruction: 180 days. Ga. Code Ann. □ 20-2-690(c)(5). Required Subjects: A basic academic educational program that includes, but is not limited to, reading, language arts, math, social studies, and science. Ga. Code Ann. □ 20-2-690(c)(4).

Home School Statutes: Ga. Code Ann. □ 20-2-690(c).

1. Parents must submit a declaration of intent to home study to the local superintendent thirty days after the establishment of the home study program and by Sept. 1 every year thereafter. This declaration must include the names and ages of students, the location of the home school, and the time the parents designate as their school year. Ga. Code Ann. □ 20-2-690(c)(2).
2. The home school must provide "a basic academic educational program." Ga. Code Ann. □ 20-2-690(c)(4). (see "subjects" above).
3. *Each school day must consist of four and one-half hours. Ga. Code Ann. □ 20-2-690(c)(5).*
4. Attendance records must be kept and submitted to the superintendent each month. The records will "not be used for any purpose except providing necessary attendance information." Ga. Code Ann. □ 20-2-690(c)(6)
5. Parent must write an annual progress report and retain it for three years. Ga. Code Ann. □ 20-2-690(c)(8).
6. *"Parents or guardians may teach only their own children in the home study program... but the parents or guardians may employ a tutor who holds at least a high school diploma or GED to teach such children." □ 20-2-690(c)(3). No specific amount of hours required for tutor to teach.*
7. According to the Attorney General of Georgia, the local superintendent does not have the authority to require parents to affirmatively produce evidence of their continuing compliance with the law in the operation of home study programs or require the production of documents. Although the superintendent has the authority to "request" such materials, he cannot require parents to submit them. 1986 Op. Att'y. Gen. No. U86-19.
8. This statute resulted from a home school decision by the Georgia Supreme Court, Roemhild v. Georgia, 251 Ga. 569, 308 S.E.2d 154 (Ga. 1983), which found the former law to be "unconstitutionally vague." Roemhild, 308 S.E. 2d at 159. The court reasoned: "...we conclude that the statute is not sufficiently definite to provide a person of ordinary intelligence, who desires to avoid its penalties, fair notice of what constitutes a "private school..." Roemhild at 158.  
"Furthermore, the statute violated a second due process value in that it impermissibly delegates to local law enforcement officials, judges, and juries the policy decision of what constitutes a private school." Id.

Teacher Qualifications: The "teaching parent" must have at least a high school diploma or a GED. Or the parents may employ a private tutor who has a high school diploma or GED. Ga. Code Ann. □ 20-2-690(c)(3). **Standardized Tests:** Children must take a national standardized achievement test **every three years beginning at the end of the third grade**. Since science and social studies are required subjects and the testing is required to evaluate the student's "educational progress. Test scores are not required to be submitted to public school authorities. Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-690(c)(7)

## What does Noah's Ark provide to assist you the parents?

- We provide educational tutoring in **ALL** of the subjects to assist parents who need help as permission is granted by the state of Georgia in rule # 6. (*Refer to # 6 under rules of homeschooling*)
- We will grade or comment on the student's assignments, and provide parents with periodic Progress Reports & Report Cards. An end of the year test will be administered yearly to provide the parents will an annual progress report. (*Refer to # 5 under rules of homeschooling*)
- We meet **PART** of the requirement of the state of Georgia by tutoring 4 -1/2 hours (*Mon. – Thurs.*) (*Refer to # 3 under rules of homeschooling*)
- We are here to assist you the parents provide your children with sound educational tutoring based solely on the **Word of Yahweh** (God).
- Well-balanced meals and snacks are served in an effort to provide a nutritional meal, which stimulates the brain for astounding results in academics.

## Parent Responsibility & Partnership

- We **DO NOT** home school your child/(ren) because it is the **responsibility of the parent** to home school their own child/(ren) by the laws of the state of Georgia.
- The foundation of parent-led education is parents who take responsibility for their children's education. **Therefore, Noah's Ark Christian Academy provides only a portion of the instruction needed.** According to the Georgia Homeschool Law, parents must provide the equivalent of 180 days of instruction in Reading, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics. Each day must include 4 1/2 hours of instruction.
- The parents will submit the monthly attendance reports to be submitted monthly to (BOE) and complete the yearly Progress Report. You can use the end of the year test that we administer yearly (ITBS) for your progress report. (Refer to 4 & 5 under rules of homeschooling)
- Partnership is very vital to your child/(ren)'s success at *Noah's Ark* because it provides reassurance to your child/(ren), which sends a strong message that you are there for them.
- **EVERY** parent is **required** to participate on a committee to ensure that our children are provided with a paramount chance to succeed!!
- Parents must make certain that students arrive on time for class and that they are picked up immediately following class.
- **We have two committees fundraising and, Graduation & Awards; please choose one as soon as possible.**

**Even a child is known by his deeds, whether what he does is pure and right.**

**Proverbs 20:11 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**Noah's Ark Code of Conduct** promotes a Christ-like attitude conducive to its learning environment and encourages the development of positive Christian relationships among its' students. Therefore, it sets specific guidelines for student behavior. Although parents are primarily responsible for dealing with discipline, if needed, the school may employ mild forms of reproof, rebuke, and correction.

**Noah's Ark may SUSPEND or EXPEL students with serious discipline problems.**

- Students should show respect to adults at all times. A title (Mr., Mrs. Coach, etc.) should be used when addressing an adult.
- Students should treat each other with respect, kindness, and compassion, as God commands in Matthew 7:12, "So in everything do to others what you would have them do to you."
- Students must be prepared for class by being punctual, completing assignments, and bringing necessary supplies.
- The school facility and grounds must be kept clean and orderly, in order to show an attitude of gratefulness.
- No horseplay, running, or rough play is allowed during or between classes.
- Profanity is not allowed.
- Use of electronic equipment such as radios, tape or CD players, beepers, pagers, cell phones, game consoles, etc. cannot be used on/off campus without permission or it will be confiscated.
- No tobacco products, illicit drugs, alcohol, weapons, or inappropriate printed material are allowed on campus or at a (NACA) function.
- Dishonesty, including cheating, copying another's work, or deliberate deception, is not permitted.

## ***Noah's Ark Christian Academy***

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**General Information (229) 924-7962**

**You may contact us through e- mail**

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**Or by mail our mailing address is:**

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Americus, Georgia 31709**

**Or you may send a fax to:  
(229) 924-7962**

**You may visit our website:**

**[www.noahsarkchristianacademy.net](http://www.noahsarkchristianacademy.net)**

**NOAH'S ARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
ENROLLMENT RECORDS**

**CHILD'S INFORMATION**

<b>Child's Full Name:</b>		<b>Child Resides with:</b>
<b>Nickname:</b>		
<b>Date of Birth:</b>		<b>Child's Age:</b>
<b>Child's Home Address:</b> (Include Number and Street Name)		
<b>City/State/Zip:</b>		

**OTHERS AUTHORIZED TO PICK UP CHILD FROM *Noah's Ark Christian Academy***

*For your child's safety, I only allow children to leave Noah's Ark with you (the parents enrolling the child) and the person(s) you have specified below or if the child is old enough to drive (One person should be listed that is not a parent/guardian). Changes to this list must be made in writing.*

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>		<b>Address:</b>	
<b>City/State/Zip:</b>		<b>City/State/Zip:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>		<b>Telephone:</b>	

**PARENT (S)/GUARDIAN (S) INFORMATION**

	<b>Mother</b>	<b>Father</b>
<b>Name:</b>		
<b>Home Address:</b>		
<b>City/State/Zip:</b>		
<b>Home Telephone:</b>		
<b>Cell Telephone:</b>		
<b>Pager Number:</b>		

**PARENT (S)/GUARDIAN (S) WORK INFORMATION**

<b>Mother's Employer:</b>	
<b>Work Telephone:</b>	Extension #
<b>Work Address:</b>	
<b>City/State/Zip:</b>	
<b>Father's Employer:</b>	
<b>Work Telephone:</b>	Extension #
<b>Work Address:</b>	
<b>City/State/Zip:</b>	

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTACT PARENTS:**

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## CHILD'S SCHEDULE AND INTERESTS

The following information will assist Noah's Ark to understand and care for your child.

**Social Concerns:**

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**Academic Concerns:**

**Does your child have any known allergies?  Yes  No If yes, please explain:**

**Does your child have any known medical problems?  Yes  No If yes, please explain:**

**Please read the statement below and initial the box to the left if you have provided this information.**

My child has known allergies and/or other medical problems. I have requested from my provider and completed a **MEDICAL CARE AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION** form in order to provide this detailed information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## OTHER EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of illness or other emergency, give the name, address and telephone number of nearest relative or friend who can be contacted if the parents cannot be reached.

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Relationship to Child:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Aunt/Uncle <input type="checkbox"/> Sister/Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Friend
<b>Address:</b> (Include Number and Street Name)	
<b>City/State/Zip:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>	

## CHILD'S PEDIATRICIAN OR SOURCE OF HEALTH CARE

<b>Name of Physician:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Address:</b> (Include Number and Street Name)	
<b>City/State/Zip:</b>	

## MEDICAL EMERGENCY STATEMENT

I hereby give Keith or BeShea Terry permission to take my child, \_\_\_\_\_ to a hospital for medical treatment when I cannot be reached.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

Note: Many emergency services personnel often require notarized authorization in order to proceed with care. Please request from **Noah's Ark** and complete a **MEDICAL CARE AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION** form in order to provide this detailed information.

## PERMISSION TO TAKE THE CHILD OFF THE PREMISES

I hereby give Keith & BeShea Terry permission to take my child, \_\_\_\_\_ on excursions from the family day care home that might include the following types of activities:

Grocery shopping learning experience, Field Trips out of town, Park field trips etc...

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Declaration of Intent to Utilize a Home Study Program**

In accordance with provisions established by Georgia Law (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-690.1) requiring that every parent, guardian, or other person(s) residing within this state having control or charge of any child(ren) between six and sixteen years of age shall enroll and send such child to a public school, a private school, or a home study program, I hereby give notice to the superintendent of \_\_\_\_\_ School System, of my intent to provide for the child(ren) named below a home instruction program that meets the following requirements.

1. Parents or guardians may teach only their own children in the home study program, provided the teaching parent or guardian possesses at least a high school diploma or a general educational development (GED) equivalency diploma, but the parents or guardians may employ a tutor who holds a high school diploma or a general educational development diploma to teach such children;
2. The home study program shall provide a basic academic educational program which includes, but is not limited to, reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science;
3. The home study program must provide instruction each 12 months to home study students equivalent to 180 school days of education with each school day consisting of at least four and one-half school hours unless the child is physically unable to comply with the rule provided for in this paragraph;
4. Attendance records for the home study program shall be kept and shall be submitted at the end of each month to the school superintendent of the local school district in which the home study program is located. Attendance records and reports shall not be used for any purpose except providing necessary attendance information, except with the permission of the parent or guardian of a child, pursuant to the subpoena of a court of competent jurisdiction, or for verification of attendance by the Department of Public Safety for the purposes set forth in subsection (a.1) of Code Section 40-5-22;
5. Students in home study programs shall be subject to an appropriate nationally standardized testing program administered in consultation with a person trained in the administration and interpretation of norm reference tests to evaluate their educational progress at least every three years beginning at the end of the third grade and records of such tests and scores shall be retained but shall not be required to be submitted to public educational authorities; and
6. The home study program instructor shall write an annual progress assessment report which shall include the instructor's individualized assessment of the student's academic progress. Reports shall be retained by the parent(s) or guardian of children in the home study program for a period of at least three years.

**Name of Student(s) Enrolled**

**Age of Student(s)**


The school year for this home study program is a 12-month period from \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ to \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ . I will notify the superintendent if my address changes or if I discontinue the home school program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(P. O. Box/Street Number) (City/State/Zip)

**A Declaration of Intent must be submitted to your local school district within 30 days after the establishment of a home study program and by September 1 annually thereafter. You may find contact information for all school districts at [http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/\\_dbs/system\\_superintendents.asp](http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/_dbs/system_superintendents.asp).**