

2020-21 Handbook



EAGLE'S NEST
American Christian Academy

Welcome Letter

Dear ACA Families,

We count ourselves blessed to be homeschooling in community with you. This extension campus of American Christian Academy here in Sonoma County is in our second year, and the Lord has graciously allowed this work to sustain with a growing number of dedicated families. We maintain an attitude of gratitude for what God has done in the past year as an ACA Extension Campus.

So, please keep this community in prayer as we seek to please our Heavenly Father with how we cooperatively run this program. Prayerfully consider the section “Who We Are in Community.” We are thrilled that God has placed you “in this boat” to journey with us as we home educate the precious children the Lord has blessed us with.



Healthy Community Guidelines

With all of the changes since March 2020, we are making every effort to ensure that students/teachers are safe in a class setting. *In addition to staying home when someone does not feel well*, Here are our guidelines for the coming fall:

- 1. Give extra time for students to wash their hands and maintain clean work spaces.**
- 2. Utilize outdoor spaces when possible for class activities.**
- 3. Wear face coverings while indoors with others.**
- 4. If students are not able to physically distance themselves while outside, they need to also wear face coverings.**
- 5. Agree to encourage one another with a word of kindness rather than hugs and high fives.**
- 6. Maintain respectful responses to leadership on campus if asked to comply with additional guidelines.**

We know that our Lord is before ALL things and in HIM, all things hold together. (Colossians 1:17) We are prayerful for a nearly normal school year together where we can truly enjoy the gift of community!

Respectfully,
The Leadership Team

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About ACA Sonoma County's Eagles' Nest

Our Mission

ACA EXISTS TO SUPPORT PARENTS WHO PURPOSE TO LEAD THEIR CHILDREN IN THE STUDY AND PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN LIFE AND LIVING, SELF-EDUCATION, AND INDIVIDUAL SELF-GOVERNMENT.



ACA- Sonoma County desires to serve Christian families in maintaining Christ-centered, biblically focused, private, home education based on Deuteronomy 6:5-9, encouraging whole-hearted development of our children so they are equipped to effectively engage the culture for Christ.

This PSP operates under the provision of the California Education Code Section 58222, falling under the Private School Affidavit of American Christian Academy, which is filed annually each October.

Statement of Belief

As a Christian Private School Satellite Program (PSP), the American Christian Academy Extension Campus (ACAEC) educational program and professional decisions and actions of the administrators and representatives of ACAEC are governed by the following **fundamental doctrines**: We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, without error, and that it is the final authority for man's faith and practice. We believe in the Holy Trinity, and that Christ Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity, died on the cross, was raised to life on the third day, fulfilling all the counsel of God to save sinners from their sins.

We Believe:

1. In One Triune God:
(I John 5:7; Matthew 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14)
2. In the authority and infallibility of Scripture;
(I Thess. 2:13; Proverbs 30:5; II Timothy 3:15-16)
3. In a literal six-day creation;
(Exodus 20:8-11; John 5:46-47)
4. In the sovereignty and providence of God in history;
(Psalms 67:4; Acts 17:24-25; Phil. 1:12;
Romans 8:28)
5. In man's creation by God and fall in Adam;
(Genesis 1:26-28; Eph. 4:24; Romans 5:12)
6. In mortal man's sinful nature and need of the Savior;
(Romans 5:12; I Cor. 15:21-22; Ephesians 2:5)
7. In the true deity and humanity of Jesus Christ;
(John 1:14; Matthew 1:22-23; Luke 24:37-43;
Mark 16:19)
8. In His atoning death, bodily resurrection, current reign, and future return;
(2 Cor. 5:21; Eph. 1:19-22; I Cor. 15:25; Acts 1:11;
II Thess. 1:6-10)

9. In justification by faith alone;
(Romans 3:28; 4:5; Eph. 2:8-9)
10. That faith necessarily produces good works;
(James 2:16; 17-18; Gal. 4:6)
11. That God's moral law binds all men and nations;
(Matthew 5:17-20; Romans 13:8-10; Psalms 119:27; Romans 7:22)
12. That the Christian's conscience may not be bound by human traditions and laws;
(Acts 24:16; 5:29; 23:1; Hebrews 13:18)
13. That the church is the company of the redeemed;
(John 10:16; Revelation 7:9-10; Acts 20:28)
14. That the church's ministry and worship is basic to revival;
(Eph. 4:11-13; Matthew 16:18-19; Matthew 18:17)
15. In the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
(Acts 24:25; John 5:28-29; Matthew 25:46)
16. That God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between one man and one woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality; including homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, transgender, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance:
(Gen. 2:24; Gen.19:5,13; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; 6:9; I Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 3:4)
17. That the only Scriptural marriage is the joining of one man and one Woman: (Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; I Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23)

Who We Are in Community Fellowship

Eager to Serve
 Quick to Encourage & Build Up
 Prayerful for Each Other
 Filled with Gratitude
 Committed to communication
 Supportive of Christ-centered Education
 Whole-hearted Compliance with all Eagles' Nest Policies in Handbook

Staff

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John & Amy Semans	john_semans@sbcglobal.net

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Community Day Classes

Community Day Cooperative Program

The optional Community Day Classes exist to provide opportunities for students to participate in classes once a week in a classroom-like setting in both academic and elective courses. One adult from the family must participate on campus for their student(s) to be eligible for enrollment. Classes are on campus and taught primarily by PSP parents, many of whom have previous classroom teaching experience and desire to share their love for their subjects. Community Day has two cycles per year of approximately 15 weeks each, in a Fall and Spring semester format. Parental involvement is necessary to provide oversight and accountability for their students to be successful.

2020-2021 COMMUNITY FRIDAYS Schedule for Elementary (K-5)



9:00-9:50 AM	10:00-10:50 AM	11:00-12:00 PM	12:00-12:45 PM
Spanish for Kids	Art of the Great Masters	Plant Science- Botany & Gardening	Lunch & Play time
<i>Nina Chera</i>	<i>Amy Semans</i>	<i>Alexandra Kisded</i>	*Students may stay for Chapel on Fabulous Fridays for a 2:00 pickup.

Schedule for Secondary (6-12)

9-10:30 AM		10:45-12:00 PM		12:40-2 PM	2-3:30 PM
Life Skills 2020 Units on a variety of important topics: Nutrition & Cooking; Study Skills; Automotive Maintenance; Home Repair 6-12th Grades <i>Taught by Various Teachers & Coordinated by Marla Swoffer</i>	M	Elections- 1st Sem. & World Geography 2nd Sem. for 6-9th Grades <i>Karen Gorin</i> <i>-or-</i> Government & Economics for 9-12th Grades <i>Kate Chera</i>	L	Secondary Bible/ Worldview <i>Corey Thomas</i> Chapel on Fabulous Fridays 1:00-2:00	Musical Theatre Acting Cast & Tech Crew <i>Beth See</i>
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Please consider where you might be a blessing as our cooperative format works with "all hands on deck".

Please email Kate Chera at kchera@sbcglobal.net for more information or to discuss teaching/assistant roles.

Community Day Teacher & Student IDs

Teachers & Students will be issued an ACA Student ID to be worn on campus in a lanyard during Community Day for easy identification since there are multiple ministries simultaneously operating on campus.

Community Day Student Dress & Conduct Code

Being safe and honorable while on campus are our goals with our Dress & Conduct Code. Here's how we do it:

- Wear shoes that are safe to run in. No flip flops.
- Wear clean and neat clothing, appropriate for classroom activities like art and science experiments.
- Cover your armpits. No one needs to see those.
- Make sure your undergarments are actually “under” another layer of clothing so we don't have to view them.
- Bellies are beautiful... under clothing!
- Holey jeans are not always holy. Make sure there's more denim than visible skin.
- Natural hair colors for school unless it's crazy hair day.

The administrator will talk with students and parents in the event that clothing/appearance is not deemed appropriate for school, and will make arrangements.

On Campus, We Are:

- **Eager to Serve** (that means quickly helping set up or tear down for class, taking the garbage out, or helping a teacher/friend whenever you can!)
- **Quick to Encourage & Build Up** (that means using your mouth to say kind things to others during breaks, lunch, class, on the court, in chapel, etc.)
- **Prayerful for Each Other** (that means, praying for each other in class, outside at recess, at home when the Lord brings someone to mind, etc.)
- **Filled with Gratitude** (that means you say thank you for everything and leave things better than you found around campus because you're so appreciative!)
- **Committed to Communication** (that means you participate in class, are quiet when you're listening in chapel or to a friend, you email your teacher to ask questions, you respond to others' communications, you ask questions about others)
- **Supportive of Christ-centered Education** (that means you honor the teachers and staff of VCA and the staff at SRBC with cheerful compliance and helpfulness)
- **Whole-hearted Compliance with all Eagles' Nest Policies in Handbook** (that means you follow through and even when you mess up, you try again and ask for forgiveness, demonstrating grace and the humility to learn from it!)

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Academic Calendar



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AUGUST '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

24 1st Day of Year!

Academic Days: 6

JANUARY '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

8 Community Day
15 Community Day
18 MLK, JR Day
22 Community Day
29 Fabulous Friday
Academic Days: 20

SEPTEMBER '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

7 Labor Day
11 Community Day
18 Community Day
25 Fabulous Friday

Academic Days: 21

FEBRUARY '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

5 Community Day
12 Community Day
15 Presidents' Day
19 Community Day
22 Parent Meeting
26 Fabulous Friday
Academic Days: 19

OCTOBER '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

2 Community Day
9 Community Day
12 Parent Meeting
16 Fall Break
23 Community Day
30 Fabulous Friday

Academic Days: 21

5 Community Day
12 Community Day
19 Community Day
22-26 Spring Break

Academic Days: 18

MARCH '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

NOVEMBER '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

6 Community Day
13 Community Day
20 Community Day
26 Thanksgiving Break

Academic Days: 19

2 Good Friday
4 Easter Sunday
9 Community Day
16 Community Day
23 Community Day
30 Community Day

Academic Days: 21

APRIL '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

DECEMBER '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

4 Community Day
11 Community Day
18 Christmas Break

Academic Days: 13
Semester Days: 80

7 Community Day
9 Mother's Day
14 Last Community Day
16 Graduation
21 Last Day of School
31 Memorial's Day
Academic Days: 20
Semester Days: 96
Total School Days: 178

Report Cards due June 1

MAY '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Resources

Website – acasc.net

Student Records

Official student cumulative files maintained by ACA Main Office staff in Anderson, CA. Many questions about your registration file can be answered locally by contacting Kate at kchera@acasc.net since a copy of enrollment materials is also available locally in the Eagles' Nest office. But for any student records business, please contact JoAnn Hackney at aca_hs_director@yahoo.com.

Forms

Attendance, journal entries, and report cards are available at www.acaec.net with the password: Isaiah5812

Official High School Report Cards, Transcripts, and Diploma are obtained through the Anderson office. Please email JoAnn at: aca_hs_director@yahoo.com.

School Calendar

See the 2020-21 Academic Calendar in the Community Day section of this handbook.

Weekly News E-mails

You will receive a weekly ENews email each Wednesday morning with updates and important developments for ACA Sonoma County.

Parent Support Meetings

We purpose to gather together a few times a year for educational and spiritual encouragement and support. Smaller Prayer Groups provide additional support in a more personal setting. Attendance at two of the three meetings is mandatory for one or both parents. If a PSP member misses 2 meetings or 3 due dates their PSP membership may be forfeited.

Meetings are usually scheduled for *August, October, and February*.

Social and Educational Opportunities

We love being together as families, so we offer many social opportunities to share in the fun of community.

School Sports Opportunities
Family Barn Dance
Seasonal Parties
Community Day
Secondary Formals

Service Projects
Field Trips
Fabulous Fridays
Talent Showcase
Graduation

Community Service

PSP students are regularly encouraged to volunteer in the community as an act of Christian worship. On Fabulous Friday Chapels we recognize students individually and collectively who have served in various ways.

Eagles' Nest Member Requirements & Fees

Enrollment

Enrollment is open to all American Christian Academy, Sonoma County members.
Enrollment is open to children at least 5 years old by September 1st.
Annual membership in HSLDA is mandatory.

Eagles' Nest Fees

New Enrollment Fee

New Family, non-refundable **\$150**

Re-enrollment Fee

Returning families, non-refundable (paid by March 10th) **\$100**
Returning families, non-refundable (paid after March 10th) **\$150**

Annual Tuition for Community Days

(Family adult volunteering on campus a minimum of 15 hours per semester is required.)

Elementary Student: **\$400**
Secondary Student: **\$450**
Ask about Sibling Discounts

*Quarterly payments are due by the 10th of the month in *August, November, February, and April.*

Materials Fees for various classes (payable directly to teachers) **varies per class**
**If a parent is unable to contribute 15 hours per semester on campus, they can be billed for any missing hours at \$20/hour.
Missing any supervision duty during Community Day will also incur a \$20/missed duty fee.

Field Trips and Activities

Fees for field trips and activities vary depending upon the event. Bring cash payments for all field trips and give to the Field Trip Director.

Home School Legal Defense Membership (payable to HSLDA; use Group # 290203) **\$100**

Sports Fees

Any sports eligibility paperwork and fees to play will be added to your quarterly statement. and late fees will apply if not received by the due date.

Other Expenses

Parents are responsible for the purchase of the curriculum of their choice along with the purchase of Community Day books for registered classes.

Fines, Miscellaneous, & Late Fees

\$25 late fees for any applicable missed due date will be applied to your account for billing.

Recordkeeping

Attendance & Recordkeeping are clearly defined by ACA.
All grades are due at the end of the school year by June 1st.

High School Learning Journals

High School Students are to keep their own learning journals. There are a variety of methods and formats that students can use, but this is a record of concepts learned (not page numbers in a textbook or chapter numbers). Parents should help students establish the most effective format. These journals will have three check-ins for review throughout the first semester. Mark your calendars so journals will be on campus for review: October 2, November 20, and April 30. Journals will be checked as needed if students are struggling.

Due before the first Community Day

Safety & Emergency Form per family
Copy of HSLDA membership

Attendance

The Eagles' Nest school year runs June 1 through May 31. A minimum of 170 school days is suggested. Secondary students may not be absent more than 10 school days per semester.

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Suggested Grading Categories & Weights:

3rd-6th Grades

30% Participation

30% Daily Work

20% Tests/Exams

20% Special Projects

7th-12th Grades

10% Participation

50% Daily Work

20% Tests/Exams

20% Special Projects

Withdrawal

To withdraw from Community Day, a 30-day written notice must be emailed in advance directly to Kate at kchera@acasc.net. Tuition will be charged through the quarter of withdrawal.

Payment Schedule

Items in bold are mandatory

All other fees are optional based on participation

Payment is due by the 10th of the month. \$25 late fees for late payments.

Due By	Membership	Other Items
July/August	Annual ACA Payment	Renew HSLDA at HSLDA.org using our group #
August 10th	1st Eagles' Nest payment	Community Day Quarterly payment Sports Fees for Fall
September 10th	Materials/Resource Fees payable on the first day of classes directly to teachers.	
October 10th		
November 10th	2nd Eagles' Nest payment	Community Day Quarterly payment
December 10th		
January 10th	3rd Eagles' Nest payment	Community Day Quarterly payment Sports Fees for Spring
February 10th	Re-enrollment fee for following year due.	
March 10th		
April 10th	4th Eagles' Nest payment	Community Day Quarterly payment
May 10th		Graduation Supplies from HSLDA (if seniors)

Eagles' Nest 2020-21 Parent - Student Contract



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Parents:

• I have read the Eagles' Nest Policy Manual completely and agree to meet all the requirements as outlined in the Handbook. Failure to comply with all requirements may result in forfeiture of membership.

- I promise to pay all dues and fees for the students enrolled in the Eagles' Nest Community Day, including sports and other on campus activities I register for.
- I certify that all the information presented by me in this contract is to the best of my knowledge, true, complete, and accurate. It is understood that my child's attendance is a privilege, not a right.

Parents & Students:

- As a family, we will support and submit to the authority of the on-campus administration, teachers, and coaches we place ourselves under.
- We have read the Community Day Information including Dress & Conduct Code and all family members (parents and students) agree to comply with it.
- We understand that students not in dress code will be required to change. The parent will be called to bring appropriate clothes or pick up student.

Printed Name and Signature of Father

Printed Name and Signature of Mother

Date

Date

Printed Names and Signatures of all enrolled students

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