



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN  
ATTENDING WHEATON  
ACADEMY PART-TIME?

# **HOMESCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

LEARN HOW WHEATON  
ACADEMY PARTNERS WITH  
HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES.



**WHEATON ACADEMY**

# WHEATON ACADEMY PARTNERSHIP WITH HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS

## PARTNERSHIP

Because Wheaton Academy believes in parental involvement in education, we are pleased to partner with families who have chosen to use a homeschool model. Historically, about 20% of our student body has previous experience with a homeschool curriculum. We encourage homeschooling families to consider a variety of classes from Wheaton Academy to create a personalized mix of experiences that meet individual student and family needs. Accordingly, this document is an explanation of our educational philosophy at Wheaton Academy and some helpful guidelines. Our partnership program seeks to serve both the homeschool needs and our institutional and accreditation standards.

## MISSION

The trustees, administration, faculty, and staff are committed to the mission of Wheaton Academy to provide students an atmosphere that nurtures growth in three significant areas:

### • Relationships

The first area of focus is relationships. Students at Wheaton Academy are challenged to dive deep into the Scripture, under the guidance of Christian men and women, to develop an active, growing relationship with Jesus Christ. In addition, it is our goal to equip students with the necessary skills to develop and maintain meaningful, healthy relationships with parents, other adults, and their peers.

- **Excellence**

Second, it is the desire of Wheaton Academy to see students develop an internal biblical standard of excellence. Wheaton Academy wants to see students develop a thirst for learning and a drive for excellence, not because winning or being first is of ultimate importance, but rather because it is pleasing to God to do our best.

- **Service**

Third, along with nurturing growth in the areas of relationships and excellence, Wheaton Academy believes it is important to encourage students to develop the characteristics of a servant heart, which Christ so effectively modeled during His ministry on earth. The need for young, Christ-like, servant leaders is desperately needed in our ever-changing world.

# HOMESCHOOL PARTNERSHIP GUIDELINES

IN ADDITION TO ITS ROLE OF NURTURING STUDENTS, WHEATON ACADEMY ENDEAVORS TO SUPPORT THE AREA CHURCHES AND FAMILIES WHO ARE COMMITTED TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. TO THIS END, WHEATON ACADEMY HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH INTERESTED HOMESCHOOLING FAMILIES:

## **HOMESCHOOL CURRICULUM**

The homeschooling family will be expected to provide an education mandated by the Illinois Department of Education for all courses studied at home. For partnership students who choose not to participate in co-curricular activities at Wheaton Academy, curriculum approval is not required.

## **CO-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION**

Wheaton Academy partnership students are both permitted and encouraged to become active participants in Wheaton Academy's community. Students are welcome to get involved in our co-curricular activities such as athletics, banquets, Homecoming Week, fine arts, and other ongoing events.

In order for partnership students to participate in co-curricular activities, they must be enrolled in five approved classes, including at least one class through Wheaton Academy. These five classes can be a combination of classes offered at Wheaton Academy and through the homeschool curriculum.

Our Student Services Office is responsible for approving homeschool curriculum. Families are required to submit the Registration of Supervised Partnership Classes form for approval prior to participating in any Wheaton Academy co-curricular activity. Wheaton Academy requires parents to monitor homeschool class progress. If, at any point, a student's grade falls below a "C", the parents are required to report the grade to the Student Services Office.

Partnership students who wish to participate in athletics and any non-athletic IHSA co-curricular activity will be expected to meet the eligibility requirements of the IHSA.

## **CLASS AVAILABILITY AND PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS**

In an effort to ensure individualized attention and quality instruction for our student body, Wheaton Academy closely monitors class capacity. Full-time Wheaton Academy students are given first priority in the class selection process. Some classes may have limited capacity, and availability is determined by the Student Services Office.

Some classes at Wheaton Academy require prerequisite coursework. Partnership students must demonstrate, through a homeschool transcript, that all prerequisites have been met prior to enrolling in a specific class. In some cases, a placement test may be required before class registration occurs.

## **DIPLOMA ELIGIBILITY**

Partnership students are not candidates for a Wheaton Academy diploma, but may participate in the graduation ceremony. Prior to their senior year, partnership students can apply to become full-time students. If accepted, these students will receive a Wheaton Academy diploma.

## INCREASING COURSE LOAD & TRANSITIONING TO FULL-TIME STATUS

All partnership students who wish to increase their course load OR become a full-time student must submit a written request to the Wheaton Academy Admissions Office. The Admissions Office will work with the Student Services Office to determine if there is space available, and if the student would be a good candidate for an increased course load. Wheaton Academy reserves the right to decline a family's request for an increased course load at Wheaton Academy. Discipline and other behavioral factors could impact this decision.

## FAMILY ALIGNMENT

All partnership families who wish to enroll at Wheaton Academy must review the Wheaton Academy's Admissions process. Partnership parents, students, and families are required to abide by the same standards as our full-time families. This includes, but is not limited to, items outlined in the Student Handbook, Kingdom Community expectations, Student Expectations, and Parent Expectations. For a copy of these documents, please refer the Wheaton Academy website. If, at any point, a family is no longer in alignment with the philosophies of the school, Wheaton Academy reserves the right to re-evaluate the family's enrollment status.

## NEXT STEPS

We trust after reviewing these guidelines, you understand that Wheaton Academy wants to support your commitment to homeschooling. We look forward to partnering with you and your student.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact the **Admissions Office at 630-562-7501** or the **Director of Student Services at 630-562-7530**.







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