



Thank you for your interest in Agape Academy. We are honored to serve you as you educate your children. Enclosed please find our student application, new student questionnaire, enrollment requirements, policies and procedures, faith policy, character reference forms, and a school calendar from a previous year. This will give you an idea of the types of activities Agape Academy is able to offer your family; however, these same field trips may not be offered for the 2021-2022 school year. Please keep the information provided to your family as you may need it for reference upon acceptance and enrollment in our school. You may need to make copies of the [application](#) as we need one for EACH student you desire to enroll in Agape Academy.

Please complete each form and return to **Agape Academy 6829 Highway 79, Pinson, AL 35126** along with a \$25.00 application fee payable to Agape Academy (You may also send a PayPal to agapeacademy@gmail.com or Venmo @Agape-Academy). Upon receipt of your completed questionnaire, application, and application fee, I will call to set up an interview if needed. Otherwise, you will be notified of application status via email and/or regular mail.

Please give the character reference forms to two people with whom you are well acquainted. They must not be related to you. Please have them mail the reference forms directly to the church address. You may choose to give them a stamped, addressed envelope to aid in the prompt return of the forms.

Please be advised that Agape Academy does maintain the right to limit enrollment. This letter does not indicate that you have been accepted into the school. We must have your completed questionnaire and applications in order to move forward in the enrollment process. Please be prompt in returning the information requested.

Thank you again for your interest in our school.

Serving Christ,
Alyson McConnell
School Administrator
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ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS and POLICIES

1. The administrator of Agape may choose to limit enrollment. No limit shall be applied to members of Agape Church who wish to enroll. All enrollees must fulfill all requirements of the school in order to be accepted and continue enrollment during the year.
2. The primary teacher must not work full-time outside the home.
3. Children under the age of 18 are not to be left alone or with any older sibling on a regular basis during public school hours of instruction.
4. Unless otherwise approved by the school administrator, parents must be the primary instructors of the child.
5. Parents must complete a Student Application for EACH child.
6. Parents must be available for an interview with the school administrator if requested. The interview will take place prior to acceptance into the church school program.
7. Parents and students of Agape Academy shall meet the standards of the school's code of conduct. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the school.
8. The application fee per family shall be \$25.00 due with application for admission into Agape Academy. The tuition fee per family shall be \$175.00 per year. Half of the tuition is due at the first required faculty meeting of the school year. A late fee of \$10 may be added to any tuition not paid by September 1. Dismissal can result if tuition payment is not paid by September 30. Remaining tuition balance will be due at the January faculty meeting. A late fee of \$10 may be added to any tuition balance not paid in full by January 30. Failure to keep account current may result in dismissal. Extra expenses including achievement tests, field trips, co-op involvement and other such activities will be the parents' responsibility.
9. Parents shall complete and submit Student Progress Reports for each enrolled child. Students are required to submit two progress reports each year. These records will remain in a file at Agape Church. Parents should retain copies of these records for their own files. The school shall furnish a required form. Parents withdrawing their children during the school year must submit a Student Progress Report at the time of withdrawal so that the school administrator may complete the records necessary for transferring the students to a different school.
10. Parents must fulfill the requirements of 160 academic school days per year, which includes field trips but not sick days. Home schooling families are not required to conform to any particular starting or stopping dates, but they must meet the required number of days annually. End of the year attendance will be due at the May required faculty meeting. Those schooling during the summer need to count those days toward the upcoming year rather than the previous school year.
11. Parents must instruct their children in the basic courses of academic study including, but not limited to math, language, science, social studies, reading, physical education, and Bible/character development.

12. Parents have an option for achievement testing for their students at the time designated by the school administrator. An online testing option is available. An on-site option is possible if a minimum number of parents request it. Tenth graders are encouraged to take the PSAT, ACT, or SAT at a local test site. Test scores should be submitted to Agape Academy.

13. At least one parent of each enrolled family must attend the three required faculty meetings held in August, January, and May. Failure to attend these mandatory meetings can result in immediate dismissal. Additional required meetings may be scheduled during the school year if necessary.

14. Parents of children in grades 9-12 must submit appropriate documentation of the completion of required credit units necessary for graduation at the end of each school year. Such documentation will be necessary for the school administrator to complete and certify the permanent record/transcript.

15. Families who do not need legal covering (no children of mandatory age - pre-school) may enroll as active members to attend school activities, attend meetings, and receive mailings. These families must abide by all policies and procedures of Agape Academy except for mandatory progress reports. The fee for this service is \$25.00 per year per family. **NO RECORD KEEPING WILL BE DONE FOR THESE FAMILIES.**



FAITH POLICY

Agape Academy does NOT require its students or their families to sign a statement of faith. However, we do believe that it is important that each family know and understand that Agape Academy operates as a ministry of Agape Church. Therefore, it is important that each family know and understand what the church believes and teaches.

WE BELIEVE that only the sixty-six books of the Bible are the inspired, and therefore inerrant, Word of God. The Bible is true in all that it affirms and is the final authority for all we believe and how we are to live. [[Matthew 5:18](#); [John 10:35](#) and [17:17](#); [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#); [2 Peter 1:20-21](#)]

WE BELIEVE that the one true God exists eternally in three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and that these, being one God, are equal in deity, power and glory. We believe that God not only created the world but is actively involved in it now. He is governing, sustaining and upholding all that exists. [[Psalm 104](#) and [139](#); [Matthew 10:29-31](#) and [28:19](#); [Acts 17:24-28](#); [2 Corinthians 13:14](#); [Ephesians 1:9-12](#) and [4:4-6](#); [Colossians 1:16-17](#); [Hebrews 1:1-3](#); [Revelation 1:4-6](#)]

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is truly God incarnate, fully God and fully man, that He was conceived and born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, and offered Himself as a penal, substitutionary sacrifice for sinners. By His blood poured out at the Cross, He obtained for us eternal redemption, the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. He was literally raised from the dead, body, soul and spirit, on the third day and ascended to the right hand of the Father, there to make intercession for the saints forever. He is the only way to heaven, and the only mediator between God and man. [[Matthew 1:18-25](#); [John 1:1-18](#); [Romans 8:34](#); [1 Corinthians 15:1-28](#); [2 Corinthians 5:21](#); [Galatians 3:10-14](#); [Ephesians 1:7](#); [Philippians 2:6-11](#); [Colossians 1:15-23](#); [Hebrews 7:25](#), [9:13-15](#) and [10:19](#); [1 Peter 2:21-25](#); [1 John 2:1-2](#)]

WE BELIEVE that the Church is not a building, not a religious service, but a people, redeemed and empowered by Jesus for His glory. We believe that we are called together into Gospel Community – that is to say that we are to be a community of people (loving, supporting and caring for each other) that is focused on the Gospel of Jesus. [[1 Corinthians 12:27](#)]; [Acts 2:17-18](#), [42](#); [[Acts 4:32-37](#)]; [Ephesians 3:14-21](#) and [4:11-16](#); [Hebrews 10:23-25](#); [1 Peter 2:4-5](#) and [9-10](#)]

WE BELIEVE that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. No ordinance, ritual, work or any other activity on the part of man is required or accepted in order to be saved. This saving grace of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, also sanctifies us by enabling us to do what is pleasing in God's sight in order that we might be progressively conformed to the image of Christ. [[John 1:12-13](#), [6:37-44](#) and [10:25-30](#); [Acts 16:30-31](#); [Romans 3-4](#) and [8:1-17](#), [31-39](#) and [10:8-10](#); [Ephesians 2:8-10](#); [Philippians 2:12-13](#); [Titus 3:3-7](#); [1 John 1:7](#), [9](#)]

WE BELIEVE that all the gifts of the Spirit described in the New Testament are operative today and are designed to testify to the presence of the Kingdom and to empower and edify the Church to fulfill its calling and mission. The gifts of the Spirit are not designed to elevate one Christian over the other, or to separate the Body of Christ. Rather, they are given for the mutual benefit of all, and to the glory of Jesus. [[Matthew 3:11](#); [John 1:12-13](#) and [3:1-15](#); [Acts 4:29-30](#); [Romans 8:9](#) and [12:3-8](#); [1 Corinthians 12:12-13](#); [2 Corinthians 1:21-22](#); [Galatians 3:1-5](#); [Ephesians 1:13-14](#) and [5:18](#)]

WE BELIEVE that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are the two ordinances of the Church to be observed until the time of Christ's return. They are not a means of salvation, but are channels of God's sanctifying grace and blessing to the faithful in Christ Jesus. We practice baptism by immersion at Agape, and believe that to best conform to the scriptural pattern. [[Matthew 26:26-29](#) and [28:19](#); [Romans 6:3-11](#); [1 Corinthians 11:23-34](#); [1 Peter 3:21](#)]

WE BELIEVE that the Church/Ecclesia is God's primary instrument through which He is fulfilling His redemptive purposes in the earth. We also affirm the priesthood of all believers and the importance of every Christian being joined with and actively involved in a local community of the saints. We believe that women, no less than men, are called and gifted to proclaim the Gospel and do the works of the Kingdom and recognize that the Bible values men and women equally, while assigning different roles to each. [[Matthew 16:17-19](#); [Acts 2:17-18](#), [42](#); [Ephesians 3:14-21](#) and [4:11-16](#); [1 Timothy 2:11-15](#); [Hebrews 10:23-25](#); [1 Peter 2:4-5](#) and [9-10](#)]

WE BELIEVE that God has called the Church to proclaim the Gospel to all nations, to focus on making disciples (followers) of Jesus and to remember the poor and to minister to their needs through sacrificial giving and practical service. This ministry is an expression of the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ and is an essential part of the Kingdom of God. [Isaiah 58:6-12 and 61:1; Matthew 5-7, 28:18-20; Luke 4:18 and 21:1-4; Galatians 2:10; 1 Timothy 6:8]

WE BELIEVE in the literal Second Coming of Christ at the end of the age when He will return to Earth personally and visibly begin His eternal rule over all. John 14:12 and 17:20-26; Romans 11:25-32; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, 50-58; Ephesians 4:11-16; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12; Revelation 7:9-14]

WE BELIEVE in a literal and real Satan, who rebelled against God, taking a multitude of angels with him. He was cast out of God's presence and is at work with his demonic hosts to establish his counter-kingdom of darkness, evil and unrest on Earth. Satan was judged and defeated at the cross of Christ and will, at the end of the age, be cast forever into the lake of fire which has been prepared for him and his angels. [Isaiah 14:10-17; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Matthew 12:25-29 and 25:41; John 12:31 and 16:11; Ephesians 6:10-20; Colossians 2:15; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Revelation 12:7-9 and 20:10]

WE BELIEVE that Adam was originally created in the image of God. Because of his disobedience, Adam's offspring are born subject to both imputed and inherent sin, and are therefore by nature and choice the children of wrath, justly condemned in the sight of God, wholly unable to save themselves or to contribute in any way to their acceptance with God. [Genesis 1-3; Psalms 51:5; Isaiah 53:5; Romans 3:9-18 and 5:12-21; Ephesians 2:1-3]

WE BELIEVE that when the Christian dies they pass immediately into the wonderful presence of Jesus, there to enjoy conscious fellowship with the Savior until the day of the resurrection and glorious transformation of the body. The saved will then forever dwell in blissful fellowship with their great God. We also believe that when the unbeliever dies they are consigned to Hell, there to await the day of judgment when they shall be punished with eternal, conscious and terrible separation from the presence of God in the lake of fire. [Matthew 25:46; Luke 16:19-31; John 5:25-29; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Philippians 1:19-26 and 3:20-21; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Revelation 20:11-15 and 21:1-22:15]



School Policies and Procedures

List of Services

1. Compliance with Alabama compulsory attendance requirements by enrollment in an Alabama church school as defined in legal code 16-28-1 and in compliance with Alabama legal codes 16-28-3 and 16-28-7 of the State of Alabama.
2. Submits church school enrollment form on a parent's behalf and requests permanent academic records from previous schools.
3. Coordinates and administers academic testing at student's expense when applicable.
4. Schedules enrichment activities as interest and participation allow.
5. Provides basic curriculum information and counseling services.
6. Offers recognition programs.
7. Issues transcripts and graduation diplomas according to standard requirements.

Admission

Admission will be determined upon submission of an application and a personal interview if requested. Based on the information provided on the application and during the interview, admission will be tentatively granted or denied. Any family providing false information during the application and admission process will be automatically and immediately dismissed from Agape Academy. Parents must not remove their children from school until their application has been accepted. Agape Academy cannot be responsible for any truancy charges arising for the time before admission is granted.

Students who have been suspended or expelled from a school may not be eligible for admission except by special arrangement and under probationary conditions which may include additional requirements.

High school students are not generally accepted after their 12th grade year has begun. Families must apply for special consideration for this regulation to be waived.

At the time your enrollment with our program is complete, we will provide you with a records request form. You should submit this form to the school from which you are withdrawing your child. Your child's records will be sent to us.

Maintaining Enrollment

Agape Academy maintains the right to terminate enrollment of any family who violates the stated policies of the school. This includes, but is not limited to, non-payment or late payment of fees, failure to submit attendance and grade reports in a timely manner, failure to attend mandatory meetings, and refusal to submit to standardized testing guidelines.

Agape Academy reserves the right to terminate enrollment of any student and/or family if the family can no longer be reached at the information provided on admission or re-enrollment paperwork.

Fees

\$25 application fee (due when applying for admission)

\$175 tuition (due each year) per family

\$25 additional administrative fee per high school student (due each year of high school enrollment)

\$75 graduation fee (due spring of senior year)

\$10 late fee applied to progress reports, tuition payments, testing payments, etc. which are not received by the specified due date.

Application, tuition, and late fees are per family rather than per child. Administrative high school fees and graduation fees are per student as applicable. The school administrator's fees will be waived.

Families will pay the full yearly tuition regardless of enrollment date. Tuition is not prorated throughout the year.

If a check is returned for insufficient funds, personal checks may no longer be accepted. The issuer of the check will reimburse Agape Academy for any charges resulting from the returned check. Insufficient fund checks should be redeemed within 10 days and other payment arrangements made or the family may be dismissed from the school.

Additional expenses such as academic testing fees are payable before occurrence, at the time designated by the administrator. When the school is required to purchase materials before an event, families will not be refunded the fee even if you are unable to participate. This includes field trips.

A transcript of work at Agape Academy, including verification of high school graduation, will not be sent until the family's account has been settled.

Supervision Requirement

Agape Academy does not accept responsibility for your children. Just as you are to provide appropriate educational opportunities in your home, you must provide adequate supervision for your children. Section 16-28-17 of Alabama Legal Code provides a truant officer the power to take into custody any school aged child who is unattended by a parent or guardian and who is not at home or at school during public school hours. While there should be no fear of leaving home during the day, children should not be left unsupervised between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The teaching parent must not work full-time outside the home.

Legal Representation

Families who choose to use Agape Academy are not required to have legal representation or membership in any legal or political organization. Each family should use their own judgment in deciding whether or not prepaid legal defense is necessary. Agape Academy does NOT provide legal advice or services. If a family decides that they prefer the security of legal representation, Home School Legal Defense Association is a well-respected option. If you are interested in membership in HSLDA, please see administrator for a membership form or you can access an online application at www.hslda.org.

Faculty Meetings

As a homeschooling parent, you are recognized as the teacher of your classroom. Your children are your students. All teachers are required to attend three, scheduled faculty meetings per year (August, January, and May.) For those who cannot make arrangements to attend a mandatory meeting due to unavoidable conflicts, please be aware of the following:

1. A fee of \$40 will be assessed to your account.
2. Paperwork due must be submitted to the school prior to the meeting or brought to the meeting by another family.
3. A written reason for absence should be submitted to the administrator by mail or email prior to the meeting.
4. Each family will be held responsible for information discussed at each meeting.

Hospitalization, serious illness, family emergencies (i.e. death in the family, serious car accidents), or travel plans made before faculty meeting dates are announced will be exempt from paying the \$40 absentee fee. (Please make the administrator aware of travel plans made before dates are announced.) Sporting events, recitals, birthday parties, etc. are not exempt from the absentee fee. Other steps should still be followed.

Habitual absence from mandatory meetings may result in termination of enrollment.

Faculty meetings for support, fellowship, encouragement, or specific information may be scheduled during the year. These meetings are optional and your attendance is appreciated but not mandatory.

Curriculum

Each family is responsible for choosing and purchasing your own curriculum for each student enrolled in Agape Academy. Your curriculum is your personal property and does not become the property of the school at any time. You are responsible for notifying the administrator of the curriculum you have chosen for your family by filling out and turning in a curriculum form for each student. This form is completed yearly.

Code of Conduct

Good behavior, respectful attitudes, and modest dress will be required at all school functions. There will be no obscene or vulgar language, poking fun of others, or public displays of affection. All clothing should be clean and in good repair. Each student is expected to submit to the judgment of school faculty regarding appropriate dress. Only one warning will be given. On the second offense, the student may be banned from further activities or dismissed from the school. Discretion lies with the school administrator. Teachers are expected to conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel, living a life above reproach and adhering to a Biblical standard. If teachers choose not to respect the code of conduct, the family may be dismissed from the school.

Contact Information

School Administrator: Alyson McConnell; School Phone: 205.821.7625; Email Address: agapeacademy@gmail.com

Please remember that the administrator's home is also her classroom. Out of respect for her family lifestyle and commitment to quality home education for her children, please be understanding of her need to restrict availability for phone calls and visits. If your call is not answered, please clearly state your situation, question, or problem on the voice mail. She will return your call at the earliest convenience. You may email the administrator as well.

ACADEMIC POLICIES

Attendance

Alabama law requires that an attendance record be maintained for each child enrolled in the church school. While state law does not dictate the number of days required as a church school, Agape Academy has deemed it appropriate to set a minimum number of educational days for its enrolled students. Students must complete a minimum of 160 educational days.

This requirement does not include absentee, sick, or teacher preparation days; all 160 days are teacher instruction days. The number was chosen after review and consideration of 16-28-5 of the legal code of the State of Alabama which says that students receiving instruction from a private tutor must be involved in educational activities for at least three hours a day for 140 days each calendar year. While not binding church schools, this more closely approximates a home education setting than that of a traditional classroom.

Agape Academy high school students (grades 9-12) are also required to complete a 160 day academic calendar. However, 180 days are encouraged. Section 16-28-4 of the state legal code establishes the length of the school year for public and private schools as 180 days. Because college admission personnel also prefer this number, it is designated as the suggested length of the school year for our high school students. However, 20 absences (10 per semester) may be designated excused absences for sickness, just as in the public education system.

Students must complete no less than 50 days in residence as a student of Agape Academy. In other words, students enrolling mid-year must complete no less than 50 days after enrolling with Agape Academy even if that means the total number of days for that year will exceed 160 or 180 days.

Agape Academy retains the right to deny credit for any academic year in which these minimum attendance guidelines are not met.

A school day is defined as a planned and documented day for instruction in which at least three major subjects are taught OR at least three hours are spent in educational, learning activities. Additionally, the school day may be considered complete when one day of lesson plans has been completed according to a curriculum program. Field trips ARE educational activities! Learning should not be confined to textbooks and workbooks but should include all forms of learning including visual, auditory, and hands-on.

Each classroom may decide whether to follow the public school's academic calendar or utilize a year-round approach. Families are encouraged to integrate learning into their lifestyle. No day may count towards more than one academic year. Families whose attendance records indicate that they are not programming towards this goal will be contacted by the administrator. Agape Academy's academic year runs from June 1 through May 31.

Teachers must maintain daily attendance records on the provided form and should submit a copy of the form to the school no later than the dates requested by the administrator. Teachers should keep the original copy of the monthly attendance in their records.

Families are not required by law to submit attendance forms, curriculum information, or examples of students' work to the police, truancy officers, or public school administrators without a court order. Families should not volunteer, or voluntarily produce, such information. Upon request, you should present your Church School Enrollment Form, completed and signed by your administrator. This is the only proof required under the state statute of compliance with the Compulsory Attendance Act. Your administrator may be asked to produce attendance records for your children according to state law. No other information is required by law; however, families may choose to keep additional records, files, or portfolios of the children's work. Progress reports are required by Agape Academy for accountability purposes.

Required Subjects

In 16-35-5 of the legal code of the State of Alabama, the following subjects are required content for academic instruction in Alabama public elementary schools: reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic, English, geography, history of the U.S., elementary science, health, physical education, and Alabama history. Alabama history should be taught during the elementary grade, typically but not confined to fourth grade. Though the law places no stipulations on curriculum content for church schools, Agape Academy believes these subjects to be part of any solid educational foundation and directs enrolled families to include them in their studies. Agape Academy also requires each family to instruct their children in Bible/character development. If you need guidance for direction in this area, please see the administrator.

Grades

Teachers are required to submit progress reports forms for each child twice a year at the times designated by the administrator. This form will be provided each year. Copies should be made by the family as needed. These forms are also accessible through our website. After completing your progress report, you will turn in a copy to the administrator and keep a copy in your student files. A \$10 late fee may be assessed for progress reports not turned in by the due date. Failure to turn in progress reports and late fees within the following month may result in your dismissal from the program.

Please note that while Agape Academy does keep records for each current student, it is not responsible for keeping permanent records. Parents will assume the responsibility for their students' permanent records. Parents should keep a copy of all records turned into the school for this purpose.

Teachers with students in grades 1-8 may be evaluated using either of the systems outlined below.

Traditional Grading Scale

100-90	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
Below 60	F

OR

Reflective Grading Scale

Satisfactorily completed	S
Progressing	P
Needs further attention	N

Teachers with students in grades 9-12 MUST use the traditional grading scale in order to receive a graduation diploma. A numerical value must be given to correlate with the letter grade.

For all students, K-12th, term grades will be averaged for a final grade which will be reflected on the student's transcript. The first term will be grades from summer- December. The second term will be from January – May. Graduating seniors must have all reports and proof of standardized testing scores into the administrator no later than May 10.

Standardized Testing

Students in grade 4, grade 6, and grade 8 are encouraged to participate in standardized testing through online avenues or through Agape Academy, if applicable. Students in grades 4, 6, and 8 who test significantly below grade level are encouraged to evaluate their curriculum before enrolling for the next year. Students in 10th grade can benefit from taking the PSAT, SAT, or ACT at a local test site and have their scores sent to Agape Academy. SAT and ACT may need to be taken or re-taken in 11th and 12th grade.

While standardized testing is not required, it is encouraged. The ACT (American College Test) and the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) are college entrance tests, taken by students in high school, starting as early as 10th grade. They are national tests, given on specific dates throughout the year. Registration for these tests is usually done online through their websites. Any fees associated with testing is the responsibility of the student/parent. If your student takes any of these tests, please submit a copy of the scores to the school to be submitted with their transcript.

For graduates of a non-accredited school, an ACT/SAT, or an achievement test score, along with a diploma, gives an objective measurement of your student's achievement. Public 2-year colleges now have open enrollment and do not require an ACT/SAT score. You need to know admission policies for the college to which you are applying and need to meet those requirements. Financial aid may still require a test score.

Agape Academy reserves the right to require testing of a student at the parent's expense. Agape Academy may coordinate the testing for 4th, 6th, and 8th grades, but the student will cover the cost. This fee must be paid prior to testing, before the deadline established by the administrator. Families are responsible for bringing their students to the testing location.

High School Education

Parents of students in grades 7-12 may be required to attend an additional faculty meeting designated to cover issues only pertinent to their grade level, i.e. progress reports, graduation requirements, etc.

Families are responsible for the selection and purchase of necessary curriculum, the cost of which is not included in the family's tuition.

Upon beginning high school, or upon enrollment with Agape Academy, whichever is later, students will select a study plan: Agape Academy issues one diploma (as of August 2020 - entering Freshman). Student's course of study should be determined based on plans following high school. See graduation requirements below.

Agape Academy reserves the right to question curriculum selection in order to protect the integrity of the school. The curriculum information form must be submitted to the school along with first term progress reports. A late fee will be assessed for those not complying. A curriculum information form must be completed before a student is removed from their previous school if enrollment occurs midyear.

Graduation Requirements

The educational requirements of the State of Alabama in public and private institutions have been met when the stated subjects have been covered and the student has met minimum attendance requirements between the ages of 6 and 17. Agape Academy will issue a Certificate of Completion of Study upon request at this time. However, Agape Academy seeks to meet the educational needs of its students and encourage educational excellence not just comply with the minimum requirements.

Completion of Study Certificate (COSC)

A student may request a Certificate of Completion of Study should he or she choose to terminate secondary studies. This may be an appropriate choice for those students wishing to terminate their secondary studies upon satisfying our state's compulsory school attendance requirements (which occurs at 17 years of age).

Diploma

Agape Academy issues one high school diploma. Agape Academy encourages parents and students to plan a course of study, keeping in mind the student's goals after high school. Colleges, universities, and other organizations will use a student's transcript to make decisions. (Transcripts are prepared by the administrator.)

Agape Academy Graduation Requirements 28 credits

4 Bible	1 Physical Education
4 English/Language Arts	½ Health
4 Mathematics	1 Career Preparedness
4 Social Studies/History	5 ½ Electives
4 Science	

Alabama High School Graduation Requirements 24 credits

4 English/Language Arts	
4 Mathematics (Three credits to include: Algebra I or its equivalent / substitute, Geometry or its equivalent / substitute, Algebra II w/ Trigonometry or its equivalent / substitute)	
4 Social Studies/History (Four credits to include: World History, United States History I, United States History II, United States Government, Economics)	
4 Science (Two credits to include: Biology, a physical science (Chemistry, Physics, Physical Science))	
1 Physical Education	
½ Health	
1 Career Preparedness	
3 Career and Technical Education (CTE) and/or Foreign Language and/or Arts Education	
2 ½ Electives	

Alabama no longer requires the Alabama High School Graduation Exam as a diploma requirement. Agape Academy strongly encourages those students who plan to pursue college after graduation to register for and take the ACT or SAT test. Your student is able to take these tests as many times as they are offered. Most students begin taking them in 10th or 11th grade. If your student takes one of these tests, please submit the score to the administrator. It is the responsibility of the parent/student to know what is required by a college or university in which you are applying.

No public two-year or four-year institution of higher learning in Alabama may deny admission to an otherwise qualified student based on the fact that the student attended, graduated from, or is enrolled in a nonpublic school. Alabama graduates of church schools and private schools are not required to take the GED exam in order to be admitted to a state college.

Yearly, in August, a Homeschooling through High School meeting is held. It is strongly encouraged that you attend at least two of these meetings, one before your child enters high school, and at least one while your student is in high school. These meetings are designed to answer questions about transcripts, diplomas, standardized testing, college and career preparation, and more.

Grade Point Average

Courses are assigned a credit number based on the length of study. Full year courses, or 2 semesters, carry 1 credit. This represents approximately 140 hours of study. One half year courses or one semester, carry $\frac{1}{2}$ credit. This represents approximately 70 hours of study. Courses are also assigned a grade designation from A to F. Each letter grade designation carries a point value, which, when multiplied by course credit value produces a class point value.

A=4.0

B=3.0

C=2.0

D=1.0

F=0

The point values of all classes are added and divided by the total number of credits to get the grade point average.



Student Application

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name _____ Today's Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Parent's Email Address _____

Student's Date of Birth _____ Last Grade Completed _____

Last School Attended _____

Complete Address of Last School _____

Has applicant been expelled, suspended, or dismissed from any school at any time? _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Will we need to request records from previous school? _____

(There is a separate records request form that must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.)

Are there any special health problems of which the school should be aware? _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

Address if different from applicant _____

With whom does the applicant live? Both parents _____ Father _____ Mother _____ Other _____

Names, ages, and relation of others living in the home _____

Parent's Signature _____



NEW STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

1. How long has your family homeschooled? _____
2. Why did you decide to homeschool? _____

3. Does your family attend church? _____
4. If yes, where? _____
5. Does your family agree or disagree that Jesus is the only way of salvation? _____
6. Do you have an area of expertise or a specialty that could enhance the learning of the students in our group? _____

7. What areas of cooperative learning are of most interest to your family? _____

8. Do you know someone already enrolled in Agape Academy or who referred you to Agape Academy? _____
9. Please provide employer information for anyone working outside the home.
Father's employer: _____ Work # _____
Mother's employer: _____ Work # _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date: _____



Character Reference

Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Your Signature: _____

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