

Thank you so much for considering Agape Homeschool Collective!

As a mother of two girls and a teacher, I have always been very passionate about education. Four years ago we answered the call for a preschool program in Pamlico County and have watched that program thrive with the support of our community and the commitment of a fantastic staff.

We believe in a solid foundation in early childhood education through the high school level, balancing appropriate instruction with ample time for hands-on and play based exploration.

Throughout exploring different options for a small school and visiting several groups who are meeting in a nontraditional way, we fell in love with a hybrid approach and the mixing of age levels.

AHC offers all the flexibility, opportunities for personalization and family time of homeschooling with the added benefit of a community for support, opportunities for collaboration, and getting to practice public speaking.

Some highlights of things that are priorities for AHC:

- Christ-centered content
- Content-rich curriculum
- Short, intentional lessons
- Moving at the pace of each student
- Have students talking about their learning
- Beginning with character building
- A community of highly engaged and motivated learners
- Real world experiences

Students will come for their selected sessions on the days we are meeting. At least once monthly we will use one day per week (or part of a day) to do an outdoor activity and explore nature. All students who are registered in any block session may attend our outdoor days.

During our “off days” students will work on an appropriate level of practice at home. All curriculum will be provided for the sessions your student is enrolled in.

The “Study Hall” time during the morning sessions will be utilized for students who may need extra support or have a question for the tutors about something they are working on at home. Students may also choose to work on their “home-work” during that time with a partner OR they may choose to have free time and engage with their friends that they won’t get to see when they are home. We want students to begin learning to manage their own time from an early age and learning can happen even through play.

During each Tea Time session, students will have lunch (or snack) and practice table manners, learn etiquette and character education. We will also learn chess, have book clubs, learn about art and music as well as the “lost arts.” After each skill is introduced, those materials will be available for the students to use during their free time.

We also are going to schedule enrichment trips that go with the content we are studying (i.e. Gettysburg when studying the Civil War or an art museum in Raleigh when we are learning about impressionists). These trips will be optional, but again will be available to all students enrolled in any session block.

Next Steps:

We plan to start out how we mean to finish, and what we desire is for a safe community with high standards for our children. This is why all students wishing to enroll must have two letters of recommendation and their families must interview with members of our board. This is to ensure that each family understands and aligns with our values and educational model.

We know you will have lots of questions and we welcome them all! If you have any questions or are ready to apply, please reach out to me!

In Christ,

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