



Monument Academy

Homeschool Partnership

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Q: What is the purpose of the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership?

A: Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership exists to serve homeschool students of the Monument and northern Colorado Springs area through part-time enrollment options. Given that the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership is an extension of Monument Academy, many of the foundational elements translate to the approaches that will guide the homeschool Partnership as well. We desire to partner and support homeschool families throughout our community.

Q: How does the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership differ from the full-time enrollment options that are available through Monument Academy?

A: Full time enrollment serves as the student's primary education and is the model that Monument Academy has delivered since opening in 1996. Students in the full time model engage in school activities for a typical 5-day a week schedule on campus. Their assigned teacher from Monument Academy delivers instruction in all subject areas and closely monitors individual academic growth to inform their instruction. In the full-time model, Monument Academy is primarily responsible for the education of each student, relies on the partnership with parents for supplemental support, and remains in communication about academic progress through conferences and progress reports.

The part-time enrollment option intended for homeschool families will begin in the fall semester of 2024. The Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership is a supplemental and enrichment program for students who are homeschooled – which provides an opportunity to engage in collaborative group learning with peers in a classroom setting but still maintain their homeschool status. Enrolled students will participate primarily in engaging enrichment activities one day a week. Because families who choose this option operate under the homeschool law, parents serve as the primary teacher in their students' education and are responsible for academic instruction and the maintenance of all records. Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership has been established for the sole purpose to support and partner with homeschool families.

Q: Will there be a cost for my student to attend?

A: While there may be small isolated expenses for classroom supplies, field trips, or special events, there is no cost to families for enrollment. The Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership utilizes designated per pupil allocated funds from the state of Colorado for all Partnership costs and, for that reason, enrollment in our Partnership cannot be combined with enrollment in any other program that accesses these funds.

Q: What commitment is required from families?

A: Students are required to attend enrichment classes, workshops, tutoring, and other opportunities for a minimum of 90 hours each semester. Attendance in the enrichment classes fulfills the 90 hour minimum. In addition to the enrichment class, students can attend workshops, tutoring, clubs, or events held on Fridays.

There is a small material fee of \$50 for the school year. This fee helps purchase materials and supplies for the weekly enrichment class.

Q: How does enrollment in the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership interact with my ability to homeschool my children?

A: Because the enrollment with the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership is on a part-time basis, the students and families will continue operating under the [Colorado Homeschool Law](#). Under the Colorado homeschool law, families have the right to choose the curriculum that best aligns with their student's needs, family beliefs, and value systems in the areas of Communication (reading/literature, writing and speaking), Mathematics, Social Studies/History (civics including the Constitution of the United States) and Science. While those attending the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership will engage in lessons pertaining to social studies and science, we do not proclaim to be the only instruction students need in these subject areas.

The attendance and accountability measures as required by the State of Colorado, are important elements of the Colorado Homeschool Law and worth noting. However, they will not be collected by the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership and should be submitted to the same entity in which the Notice of Intent to Homeschool is on file.

Q: In what ways will the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership be integrated with the Monument Academy full-time program?

A: Students who choose to enroll in the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership will occupy their designated classroom but will have access to some of the popular features of Monument Academy to enhance their experience during their enrichment day. Families will have access to curricular resources on loan through a lending library that will consist of various core subjects, supplemental materials, teaching aides, and supplies. Students enrolled in Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership are included in the "One MA" family. Students can participate alongside the full-time Monument Academy students in certain clubs, events, and initiatives as the year progresses and as approved by the administration.

Q: What grade levels will be served for the 2024-2025 School Year?

A: The Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership will serve K-5 and the possibility of high school students for the 2024-25 School Year. Please refer to the High School FAQ page for further information on this student group.

Q: Why doesn't the Monument Homeschool Partnership include middle school for its initial year?

A: In our first year of the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership, our start-up proposal began with the materials, space, and staff to house a classroom at the elementary campus. It is our intent to add a middle school grade each year of operation and house a K-12 homeschool program by the 2027-28 school year.

Q: When will the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership meet?

A: The Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership will follow the Monument Academy calendar regarding semester beginning and ending dates, holidays, and school breaks. In times of inclement weather – either a cancellation or a delay – the homeschool Partnership will follow suit with the decision made by Monument Academy but will always divert to the families to make the best decision for the safety of their children. Classes will be held on the following days from 8:30 to 3:45:

Tuesday Classes (K-2)

Start- Tuesday, August 20, 2024
End- Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Wednesday Classes (K-5)

Start- Wednesday, August 21, 2024
End- Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Thursday Classes (3-5)

Start - Thursday, August 22, 2024
End – Thursday, May 8, 2025

The full calendar can be found on the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership website.

Q: Where will the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership meet?

A: The Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership will operate in one classroom in the Monument Academy Elementary school building. The students will have access to the outdoor facilities and shared spaces, including the school library, on an as-needed basis.

Q: How will the classes be organized at the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership?

A: For this initial year, the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership will serve K – 5th grade students in one classroom on Monument Academy Elementary school campus. We understand that age and grade don't always align with homeschool students. The following chart is intended to outline the ages of the students and the classroom that they will enroll in. Please note these ages are all as of August 15, 2019.

Classroom Grade Levels	Minimum Age	Maximum Age
K-5	5 years old	12 years old
K-2	5 years old	8 years old
3-5	7 years old	12 years old

The students will spend the entire day with other Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership peers and their assigned teacher to promote strong relationships and an increased potential for friendship. Our classrooms will not exceed 22 students.

Q: If we enroll, will my student be required to take the CMAS tests?

A: No, as part time students who are operating under the homeschool law, students of the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership are not required to participate in the mandatory state testing program. Home educators will want to carefully study the Colorado Homeschool Law to ensure that they comply with testing and evaluation requirements for homeschooled students.

Q: What mechanisms for homeschooling support will the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership entail?

A: In addition to the instruction and activities that will occur on enrichment days, the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership will extend our support and resources to the families we serve. Curriculum lending involves the temporary distribution of items within our curriculum lending list. Our list will reflect many of the items that are commonly utilized within the homeschool community. We intend to publish our curriculum lending inventory in August, and items will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Our families will also have access to 250 educational units (\$250) to use toward their chosen curriculum. The teacher or program manager will partner with families to discuss curriculum needs, and Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership will purchase up to \$250 of the chosen curriculum. Curriculum will need to be free from religious content. Supplies and teaching aids are allowable for purchase.

To support the accountability measures that homeschool families operate under by the Colorado Homeschool law, the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership will offer a standardized testing event in the spring and maintain an up-to-date list of approved evaluators. Families will also have access to local assessment tools to drive their home instruction if they choose. These assessment tools include Dibels and NWEA.

Last, to facilitate relationships beyond our classroom walls, the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership will notify and host networking events, including family field trips, skate nights, and park days.

Q: Can parents choose the curriculum?

A: Parents may choose whichever curriculum meets their family's and students' needs. Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership will provide support by purchasing non-religious based curriculum, teaching aids, or supplies up to \$250. Parents will also have access to the Curriculum Lending Library to check out curriculum.

Q: Are students required to wear uniforms?

A: As an extension of Monument Academy, students must comply with the uniform policy. Wearing uniforms promotes safety, improves discipline, and enhances the overall learning environment. Wearing the proper uniform also shows pride in oneself and in Monument Academy. Students are expected to be in uniform from entering the building in the morning until dismissal.

Q: Will the students have homework?

A: No. The Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership understands our homeschool families' busy schedules when not in attendance during our enrichment day and will, therefore, not assign homework.

Q: Is there a requirement for parent/guardian volunteering?

A: No. The Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership recognizes that the enrichment day allows parents to have fewer (or no) children in tow. It permits them to accomplish their errands or attend appointments during this time and, therefore, does not require parent/guardian volunteering. That said, our doors will always be open, and projects will exist if a parent is interested in serving our Partnership.

Q: How does enrollment work?

A: We will fill our partnership rosters on a first come, first served basis – and then begin a waitlist as classes fill. The first step to enrolling is to complete a [letter of interest](#) on the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership website. Students will be placed on a waitlist, and seats will be offered within the following weeks.

You will be asked to provide information regarding your student, home or residence, previous school and education experience, and parent/guardian details. Once this form is complete, it will be reviewed by Monument Academy for eligibility determination and to determine the next steps. Eligibility is determined based on space availability, the age of the student, historical behavior and attendance, ect. For this reason, it is crucial that each field of the Intent to Enroll is completed with accurate information. As students are accepted into the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership, they will receive an acceptance letter and phone call outlining the next steps will be provided. Families will need to both proceed with District 38 Enrollment and submit an assurance form in the time frame allotted as students will not be added to class lists until these steps are complete.

Q: Will there be a deadline for enrollment?

A: The deadline for enrollment will be September 25, 2024, or at such time as our classes fill, whichever comes first.