

AliYah Academy

"Train up your child in the way that he should go..."
Proverb 22:6

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We strive to serve our members to the best of our ability. Please take the time to read through our Guidelines and Policies before registering, so that you can be sure AliYah Academy is a good fit for your family.

1. **Purpose & Philosophy**

The goal of a Scripture-based education is to assist children in acquiring wisdom and godly character. Parents, teachers, and administrators should endeavor to see that all children:

"increase in wisdom and stature, and in favor with Elohim/God and man."
— *Luke 2:52*

And to

"Train up your child in the way that he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
— *Proverbs 22:6*

AliYah Academy exists to support families in providing an education rooted in Scripture, personal responsibility, and family involvement.

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2. **Legal Status & Enrollment Authority**

AliYah Academy is a **Category IV Church-Related School** registered with the **Tennessee Department of Education**. We are members of the:

- Tennessee Association of Church-Related Schools (TACRS)
- Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)
- Tennessee Home Educators Association (THEA)

Enrollment with AliYah Academy fulfills the legal requirement to register as a homeschooler in the state of Tennessee. AliYah Academy will notify your county on your behalf. Students enrolled with AliYah Academy are **not required to participate in state testing**. Students who fulfill requirements for graduation will receive a High School Diploma from AliYah Academy.

Per Tennessee law:

"…parents may homeschool their own children by registering with a church-related 'umbrella' school defined by Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-50-801. An Intent to Homeschool form is not required for students enrolled in a church-related school. The church-related school will determine record-keeping and test requirements."

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3. Families Outside Tennessee*

AliYah Academy provides services for families residing in other states and outside the United States. Homeschool laws vary by State/Country. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to understand and comply with the laws of their state or country.

We are happy to help families locate and understand applicable homeschool laws.

*see **State Requirements Handbook** for how we provide assistance in your state.

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4. Qualifications & Responsibilities of Teachers and Parents

Teachers and parents should demonstrate good moral character, general competence in the subjects taught, and an attitude of patience and compassion toward students.

Parents who assume responsibility for their children's education are presumed to be aware of their own strengths and limitations. Educational diplomas or professional certifications alone neither qualify nor disqualify an individual from teaching their own children.

- A **parent or legal guardian is required** to be responsible for all students' schooling and grades.
- We **do not accept memberships from students**, even if the student is 18 years of age.
- Students may be independent learners, but **a child cannot homeschool themselves**. Parental oversight and instruction are required.

Parents are encouraged to seek assistance from advisors, administrators, or the Special Needs Advisor whenever needed.

Parents should agree regarding homeschooling prior to enrollment. If this may be an issue, or in the case of single-parent households, families should review the applicable **Parent Partnership Agreement** prior to registering.

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5. Academic Curriculum & Evaluation

AliYah Academy does **not provide or mandate curriculum choices**. Parents are responsible for selecting and overseeing curriculum. Guidance and recommendations are available upon request, and suggested resources may be found on our website.

If a student is not making adequate academic progress, families are encouraged to seek wise counsel. Our staff has experience in a variety of homeschooling approaches, and a Special Needs Advisor is available.

Ultimately, the well-being of the child is the highest priority. Parents are responsible for educational decisions and for raising their children in the way that they should go.

AliYah Academy reserves the right to review student progress or work if deemed necessary.

Parents may utilize co-ops, classes, tutors, or support groups when they contribute positively to the child's education.

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6. Permanent Records & Grade Reporting

AliYah Academy maintains official permanent student records to document educational progress and support future opportunities.

Parents are required to submit:

- Course information at the beginning of the school year
- Grades **twice per year**:
    - Mid-Year: **January 1**
    - End-of-Year: **June 1**
      (Seniors: May 1)

To Submit Courses and Grades go to www.aliyahacademy.com and go to the login/Your Account page

Year-round schooling is permitted; however, grades must still be reported at the required times *(you will need to re-enroll each school year, your account with us ends June 1st*). Parents are responsible for reporting courses and grades to AliYah Academy on their account. **Hybrid schools** registered with AliYah Academy that have administer accounts may also be utilized to report grades as well.

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7. Attendance Requirements

Tennessee law requires church-related schools to operate for the same length of term as public schools (TCA 49-50-801(c)).

- Students must complete **at least 180 days of instruction**.
- An average of **6.5 hours per day** is used as a **guideline**, inclusive of breaks, meals, and transitions.

Homeschool learning may be hands-on and not necessarily desk based. Parents can track attendance using a planner, calendar, or attendance form and report attendance **once per year** with semester 2 grades.

Families in states that require attendance documentation may print and upload the Attendance Form to their account as needed.

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8. High School*

Parents are encouraged to plan high school coursework according to the student's interests, strengths, and future goals.

Graduation Requirements:

- **Request Graduation** on account
- Minimum of **22 credits**
- Completion of required course areas

Graduation requests are reviewed and verified by our advisors and all students who have met requirements will graduate at the end of May.

Upon graduation, students receive:

- An official Tennessee High School Diploma
- One personal transcript
- Two official sealed and notarized transcripts

Official transcripts may be requested in the future for a nominal fee.

Students transferring in from public or private schools entering 11th or 12th grade are accepted on a case-by-case basis. A course plan may be required. Online transition programs may be recommended.

*See **High School Handbook** for all the information about high school

9. **Registration & Fees**

Registration is completed online. Each family must use a unique email address and phone number.

Fees:

- $75 for the first student
- $25 for each additional student
- $150 per family *(more than 4 students in one family are included at no additional cost)*

Additional Fees:

- Senior fee: $85 *(12th grade; applies again if graduating late or extending)*
- Transcript fee: $25 per high school year not enrolled with AliYah Academy
- Early Graduation Consideration Fee: $75 *(Graduating with only 3 years of high school)*

No refunds are issued.

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10. Required Documents

Required documents may include:

- Birth Certificate of student
- Immunization records or exemption forms (if required by state)
- Parent diploma or GED (if required by state)

Records are securely stored and not shared without permission.

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11. Document Requests

Requests must be submitted through the parent account. Allow up to two weeks for processing.

AliYah Academy provides:

- SF-1010 form (*DMV Attendance form)*
- Social Security and VA paperwork
- Employment permission letters
- Other official documents

12. Your Account

After filling out the Membership form you will then be able to login to your account any time from www.aliyahacademy.com on the Login/Your Account page *(Each family must use a unique email address and phone number when signing up).* Click the "Login to your account" button, there are two (2) ways to access your family account, enter the email address and we'll send you a login link or enter the cell phone number and we'll text you a code to use to sign in.

From your account you can:

- Re-enroll for each school year or add additional students
- Record your classes, grades, and attendance
- Print a personal transcript or report card for your records
- Request documents *(Proof of Enrollment letter, DMV attendance form, Official Transcript/Report Card, Permission to Work letter, etc.)*
- Request to speak with our Special Needs Advisor
- Print a Proof of Homeschooling letter, a teacher card *(for discounts at many businesses),* or other printables *(High School Credit Checklist, Attendance Worksheet, etc.)*
- Get the login information for the Enchanted Learning school subscription *(included with your membership)*
- Join University Ready *(included with your high school membership, value $197)* an online program that answers your questions regarding homeschooling in high school as well as college, trade school, and/or career prep for your teens
- Request graduation and register for our graduation ceremony for Seniors.
- ***NEW*** Sign up for Field Trips and other events under the "Events" tab. **follow us on our social media so you don't miss when events are happening.*
- ***NEW*** AliYah Academy Shirts can be purchased under the "Events" tab. **follow us on our social media so you don't miss when orders become available.*

13. Testing

AliYah Academy neither requires nor prohibits standardized testing. Testing may be used as one tool in assessing student progress but is not mandatory.

14. Transferring Out

Students transferring to accredited schools may be subject to placement testing. Records must be requested directly by the receiving school.

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15. Confidentiality

Student records are confidential and released only with parental consent or official request from a school.

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16. Standards of Behavior

Families represent both AliYah Academy and the homeschool community. Members are expected to conduct themselves with integrity, humility, and respect.

AliYah Academy reserves the right to deny or revoke membership if conduct threatens the credibility of the school.

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17. Special Needs Support

AliYah Academy offers access to a Special Needs Advisor for guidance, planning, and evaluations (additional fees may apply). In the **Official Request** section on your account select **Special Needs Request** to speak with our Special Needs Advisor.

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18. Communication & Contact

Families are responsible for keeping contact information current.

- We send reminders through email.
- You can request documents through your account
- You can request an appointment to speak with Leisa, our special needs advisor, through your account.
- Contact the school if your contact information changes so that we can always maintain communication with you.

Please call or text the school for counsel, discussions, or questions.

You can find our contact information on the **Contact Us** page of the website.

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19. Affiliations & Support

AliYah Academy values strong homeschool community connections. While participation is not required, families are encouraged to become involved in local homeschool associations, support groups, and organizations that strengthen their homeschool journey.

Partner Schools

AliYah Academy maintains a **Partner School Page** on our website highlighting co-ops, hybrid schools, tutorials, and programs that have partnered with AliYah Academy. These partnerships help families find additional academic, enrichment, and social opportunities while remaining enrolled under AliYah Academy.

Families are encouraged to participate in local homeschool organizations and support groups.

Field Trips & Park Days

AliYah Academy periodically offers:

- Educational field trips
- Park days
- Fellowship gatherings
- Special events for member families

These opportunities are designed to strengthen family connection, encourage community, and provide meaningful educational experiences beyond the home.

Check our **Events** page on our website for more information about our different events.

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20. Final Acknowledgment

Enrollment may only be completed by a **parent or legal guardian**. Students may not enroll themselves.

Please ensure all information is complete, accurate, and entered using full legal names.

Thank you for choosing **AliYah Academy**.

Happy Homeschooling!