



Frequently Asked Questions

We invite you to learn more about Live Oak Academy by reading our School Philosophy/Profile and Confession of Faith (under About Us).
<http://liveoakacademy.org/about/pdf/Educational%20Philosophy%20&%20Profile.pdf>
<http://liveoakacademy.org/about/faith/>

Q: I have read the School Philosophy/Profile and the Confession of Faith. I'd like to investigate further. What shall I do next?

A: Both parents will want to attend an Information Night where you will be fully informed about the following:

- What a classical education means at Live Oak Academy and how it is integrated into the classroom.
- In what sense Live Oak Academy is a Christian institution and how Christianity is integrated into the classroom.
- How the Parent/Student/Academy partnership works.
- And much more...

Q: How many days would my student attend classes?

A: Our K-12 full core program is two days per week, but most high school classes also meet another ½ day. Teachers assign all schoolwork, and it is posted online for parent/student access. Enrichment Only classes meet one day per week.

Q: How large are the classes?

A: We believe in small class sizes for optimum learning; therefore, the maximum number of students permitted per classroom are as follows: 8 per kindergarten classroom, 10 per 1st grade classroom, a maximum of 12 students per other classrooms (may be stretched to 14 with board approval).

Q: Is there a deadline for applying?

A: Early application is strongly encouraged to secure a spot at the Academy. The admissions process can take approximately three weeks from the time we receive an application. Families can only register and enroll after the admissions process is complete with the Family Interview and admission has been offered into the Academy. Registration after March 30 will incur a \$125 late registration fee. Wherever space permits, students will be accepted beyond this date. We have enjoyed continuous growth, and all of our classrooms have already been doubled.

Once the classrooms reach our maximum number of students, that grade level is closed to new students.

Can I visit classes or can my student shadow?

A: Yes, parents and students entering K-6 may visit classes together *by appointment only* on our Class Visit Days. Students entering 7th -12th grades may request to shadow one of our Student Hosts for ½ day. However, prior to a class visit or shadowing, we ask the following:

- 1) At least one parent has attended an *Information Night*.
- 2) Complete the *Getting to Know You* form, which gives some basic information about the prospective family and the applying student(s). This form will be e-mailed to all attendees following Information Night.
- 2) Complete a Class Visit Form or a Shadowing Form one week in advance of the class visit or shadowing. This form will be sent to families as soon as the *Getting to Know You* form has been received.

Q: I have not homeschooled in the past. How will I know if this will work for our family?

A: Many of the families who joined Live Oak Academy had not homeschooled in the past, yet with the full support we offer, they are successfully and happily homeschooling their children at any grade level. To determine if this is the best educational plan for your family, start with our *Information Night*, then plan to go through the entire admissions process which is designed to help you to determine if this would be a great plan for you and your students.

Q: Is kindergarten full day or half day?

A: Kindergarten is half day, from 7:30 to 11:55 AM. Parents sometimes join their students for a sack lunch, giving the children an extra playtime while parents enjoy each other's company.

Q: Do I need to enroll my students in the full program for their grade level, or can they be enrolled in individual classes?

A: Priority enrollment will be given to families who enroll in the full program. Students may enroll in selected classes as long as space is available. Full program means five core classes (nonenrichment). Students who are enrolled in two or more core classes may enroll in PE or Choir at no charge; students enrolled in four or more core classes may enroll in both PE and Choir at no charge. Note: ***PE is offered for elementary students only.***

Q: How is an applying student's grade level determined?

A: We can often determine placement if all requested materials are turned in with the Student Application, i.e., report cards from the last two years; two essay samples, a reading list from the previous year, and in particular, a national test result from the previous year. When additional information is needed, we will conduct an assessment test; grades 2-12 are assessed in groups. Grades K-1 are assessed individually. An assessment fee will be charged.

Q: My student is in a different grade level for math than he is in English. Can you accommodate this?

A: We value having students learn at the level of their proficiency rather than being confined to a grade level. Thus, we make every attempt to schedule our classes, especially language arts, math and foreign language, so that students can move up or down grade levels to match their abilities. While we cannot guarantee 100% accommodation, our schedule provides this flexibility in the majority of cases.

Q: I have heard that Live Oak Academy is very challenging. Do you accept average students?

A: It is true that we believe in challenging our students toward excellence. However, while a few of our students are exceptionally gifted, many students can develop into well-educated, logical thinkers given a suitable learning environment; this, by the way, will set them apart from the average.

Q: How can my high school student get into a good college if we homeschool through high school?

A: Live Oak students have been accepted into top UC's, as well as other top colleges and universities. Colleges and universities have come to recognize that homeschoolers are some of the best educated; they have a good academic track record for achieving high scores on standardized tests, plus they have had the time to passionately pursue their extra-curricular interests. To learn how Live Oak Academy's academic program can effectively prepare your student for college, plan to attend our next College Information Night. To receive notification, call 408-355-4787. Read more about homeschooling through high school on HSLDA's website: <http://www.hsllda.org/highschool/youcan.asp#reasons>.