

Pioneer Family Academy

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Dear Prospective Applicant,

We hope the following information will help you decide if Pioneer Family Academy is a place that will benefit your student(s) and family.

Pioneer Family Academy began in 1993 with two combination classes and twenty students. Its primary purpose was to enrich the homeschool experience by offering a group setting for History and Science classes. It has since expanded to include four core subjects (Math, Language Arts, History, Science) in grades 1-8 and five subjects at High School level.

Our vision is stated as follows:

To nurture Christian character in each student, and encourage the development of a lifelong love of learning.

To train the student to apply Biblical principles and reasoning to all spheres of their education and life.

To complement and enhance the homeschooling experience by providing creative, quality instruction in a group environment.

We believe that children are a gift from God and that parents are responsible before Him for their training and education. This program was designed for those families who, in light of this responsibility, have chosen to educate their children at home, raising Christ-like, fruitful, well-balanced citizens of both our country and the Kingdom of God. We recognize that home education is hard work, but full of many blessings. One of the greatest benefits is the time you are able to spend discipling your children, imparting a Christ-centered value system to them. The development of Christian character goes hand-in-hand with the pursuit of Christian scholarship. A child taught about the love of God while neglecting the challenge of academic responsibility and advancement will struggle in his future. We feel that God has created this program to assist families in reaching the goal of Christian character and scholarship.

We believe the God of whom we speak is the God of the Holy Bible. He is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. He is triune in nature: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit. We believe man is created by God, but because of the fall of Adam, has a sinful nature. Sin has broken fellowship with God, and man is unable to be restored to God on his own efforts. We believe that only by personally acknowledging one's sin and accepting Jesus Christ's substitutionary death on the cross can a person be made right with God and be given eternal life. We believe the Bible is the inerrant Word of God and the only basis for true education and understanding.

Pioneer Family Academy is an exclusively Christian program established to supplement

Christian home education. We agree with Noah Webster's definition of education: "Education comprehends all the series of instruction and discipline which is intended to (1) enlighten the understanding, (2) correct the temper, (3) form the manners and habits of youth, and (4) fit them for usefulness in their future stations." Though we understand that individuals are in different places in their walk with Christ, we would assume that each one desires to "speak the truth in love, so that you may grow up in all things into Him, who is the head, Christ...." (Ephesians 4:14).

This program is best suited for Christians who are dedicated to the principles of Christian living found in the Bible, and for families who are committed to expending the energy and discipline in giving their student an excellent education.

A student will do well at PFA if he/she has:

- a love for learning.
- a desire to learn to reason biblically.
- a desire to exercise Christian character.
- an appreciation for studying Scripture.
- a desire to live according to a biblical world view.
- consistent, active participation in their church family.

All PFA students are homeschooled students. Each family is expected to comply with state compulsory education requirements by filing an R-4 affidavit with the Santa Clara County Board of Education, or by enrolling in a qualified Private School Satellite Program (PSP). For the convenience of our families, we offer a PSP that maintains attendance and other required records. PFA families may enroll in our PSP for an annual fee. The fee covers the administrative cost of maintaining the records and ensuring compliance with California State Laws. Additionally, families are required to have current membership in the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA), unless they are members of a public charter school program.

If you understand and agree with our philosophy and goals and would like to pursue admittance into Pioneer Family Academy, please contact our office at 408-370-4335 on Tuesday or Thursday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to put your child's name on our waiting list and/or set up a testing and interview date.

Applicants are accepted or rejected based on the evaluation of the student during the personal interview, academic test results, references, and application forms. If it is felt by the directors that attendance at PFA would not be a good fit for the student, admittance will be denied. Decisions are final and will be supported by the Board of Directors. PFA does not discriminate on the basis of the applicant's race, color, sex, handicap, or national origin.