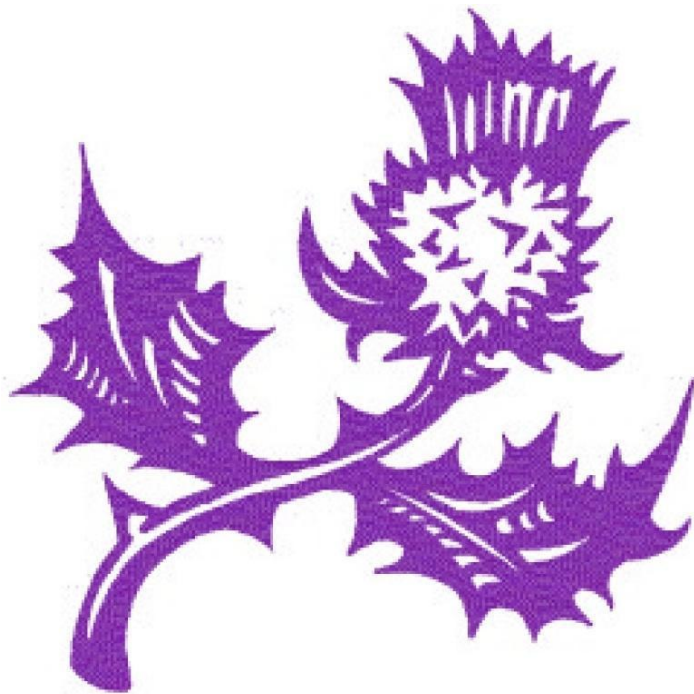


The Comenius School

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Umbrella Program Handbook

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WHO IS JON COMENIUS?

Few men have born such grief and yet left this world such gain as Jon Amos Comenius. Born into a small village in Moravia in 1592, Comenius was orphaned at a young age. The money left by his father afforded him an education at a local Brethren of the Common Life School, one of the educational blessings of the Reformation. While within this school community, Comenius came to understand that under the Lordship of Christ, every discipline, every subject, becomes a means by which a student can be disciplined in the truth. Here Comenius first sensed his calling to restore education.

Within a few years, Comenius had opportunity to put this understanding into practice as he served both as pastor of the church at Fulneck and as superintendent of a new school nearby. He also began to put his thoughts about education on paper, working out his discipleship concepts within the pages of multiple books.

Yet Comenius experienced one set back after another. The religious persecutions of the Hapsburg Empire and the 30 Years War resulted in a mandate that evangelical pastors renounce their faith or leave the country. Comenius chose exile. The war destroyed churches and schools, and Comenius' own library and manuscripts burned as well. Under threat of death should he ever return to his homeland, Comenius began a long life caring for the Moravian people as they wandered through the snow-capped mountains. Along the way, he suffered the death of his wife and two sons and ultimately bore the grief of losing his best friend and a second wife as well.

Still, Comenius persisted in his calling to restore education. He realized the only hope for healing Church and State, transforming culture, and forging a right path for the future lay in the education of youth, in families and schools dedicated to raising up a generation of spiritual and cultural Christian leaders. As a result, at age 64, Comenius once again picked up his pen and began to write. Ultimately, he published over 130 titles, a body of work that impacted families and schools on the European continent and abroad, and one that continues to guide classical Christian educators today.

Today, as we announce The Comenius School, an umbrella and tutorial arm of Franklin Classical School, we stand with Comenius in affirming that the purpose of education is to teach students to think clearly and biblically and to then act in accordance with biblical thinking in the most basic details of life. Therefore, the final aim of education isn't simply knowledge, but virtue, and the end result of a proper education isn't the fitting of a mind, but the fitting of a life.

Because we acknowledge that parents have the biblical responsibility and authority to educate their children, we offer The Comenius School as a service, a help, and a friend to homeschoolers in your commitment to train up your children to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Philosophy

The Comenius School (TCS) is designed to assist families in their efforts to home educate their children. We know the decision to home educate your children was not made lightly. Our continued desire is to assist you in providing an excellent course of academic instruction as you endeavor to nurture and train your children mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Because we believe that the education of children is ultimately the responsibility of parents, we desire to provide a service to families seeking to fulfill that responsibility. Franklin Classical School and The Comenius School are rooted in a biblical, Christian worldview and thus educate and direct our students from this perspective. We ask that families enrolled in our umbrella program be aware of and respect our perspective. We only require that families adhere to and comply with the Policies and Procedures outlined in this information packet. While this extends great latitude for diversity, we reserve the right to refuse enrollment to any families pursuing an expressly anti-Biblical course of study or lifestyle. The Franklin Classical School Mission Statement and Honor Code can be found on the FCS website.

Enrollment in and Dismissal from TCS

While TCS considers it a privilege to serve our families as they homeschool their children, we acknowledge that enrollment in TCS is also a privilege as well and is not guaranteed. Therefore, TCS reserves the right to refuse the enrollment or transfer of students based upon our policies and procedures.

Legal Information

(Tennessee Code Annotated § 48-50-801)

The state board of education and local boards shall not prohibit or impede the transfer of a student from a church-related school to a public school of this state. Local boards may, however, place students transferring from a church-related school to a public school in a grade level based upon a student's performance on a test administered by the board for that purpose.

Franklin Classical School is a *Category IV Church-Related School* registered with the State of Tennessee and a member of the *Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)*. We cannot guarantee that placement testing will not be required upon your student entering another school. TCS operates under the Tennessee Legal Homeschooling Option No. 3. Under this option your home is considered a satellite campus of our church-related school (Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-50-801). The Tennessee Department of Education recognized this option in a memorandum from the Commissioner of Education to Superintendents and Directors of schools dated February 18, 1999. Under this option, parents need not comply with the notice and registration requirements of the homeschool statute.

Policies and Procedures

TCS is designed for home educated students pursuing an academic course of instruction. The policies and procedures established by the Board of Trustees apply to all families whose children are enrolled in our program. Failure to comply with TCS policies may result in dismissal from TCS. Parents or legal guardians must apply for their own children. Applications will not be accepted from tutors, tutorials, enrichment groups, etc. By signing the enrollment form, parents acknowledge their responsibility to TCS and obligate themselves to adhere to its policies.

Parent-Teacher Qualifications

TCS requires all parent-teachers to have a high school diploma or GED. Parents are required to completely fill out and sign the Statement of Qualifications on the student application.

Services Offered

Following is a selection of services offered by The Comenius School:

- Administer PSAT Test (FCS location) for grades 10th and 11th; additional fee
- Administer Standardized Tests (FCS location) for grades 3-9; additional fee
- Assist in school transfers
- High School graduation ceremony
- High school counseling for graduation requirements
- Maintain all academic records
- Online Applications & Reenrollment
- Online Grade & Attendance Submission via FACTS Family Portal
- Regular office hours to assist parent-teachers
- School pictures (for purchase through Lifetouch)
- Sport programs available for students K – 12th grade
- Student ID cards (for purchase through Lifetouch)
- Summer school option
- Transcripts, diplomas, SF1010 driver's forms, verification of school enrollment

Transcripts and Diplomas

We provide transcripts for students enrolled in our program. For those students who complete their high school graduation requirements through TCS, a diploma will be awarded. Additional information can be found on page 14.

Driver's License Form SF 1010

Tennessee law requires Form SF 1010 to be submitted by all students applying for a learner's driving permit. The student must have been enrolled in TCS for a minimum of 30 days. These forms are valid for 30 days. Please allow 10 business days for processing. Replacing expired forms will incur a \$15 fee.

FACTS - *www.factsmgt.com*

FACTS is a web-based school administration software that allows better communication between TCS and parents via emails, postings, announcements, and calendar postings, while also granting parents access to student transcripts for viewing purposes only for students in grades 9-12 through FACTS login. All families of currently enrolled students may access FACTS, which is our primary communication tool. Your access to FACTS Family Portal is linked directly to the email address you provided on your application. If you cannot access FACTS, please contact our office. The parent is responsible for updating and maintaining personal information, including but not limited to mailing address, phone numbers, and email address along with course/curriculum information. All updates can be made via the FACTS Family Portal.

Testing Requirements

The Comenius School offers testing in grades 3rd – 11th. For grades 3rd – 9th we offer the Iowa Assessment Complete Battery distributed by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). For grades 10th & 11th we offer the PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Standardized Achievement Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test). While The Comenius School, a Category IV school registered with the state of Tennessee, is exempt from rules regarding testing, we strongly encourage our families to test their homeschooled children annually, especially in 3rd, 5th, and 9th grades. Test results serve families as one type of assessment of their child's progress, as well as alerting parents to any areas needing additional focus. Annual testing can be taken at FCS, at another institution, and sometimes even at home. If testing happens somewhere other than at FCS, test scores should be forwarded to the TCS office for placement in the student's cumulative file.

- A standardized test for grades 3rd-9th will be offered by TCS at the FCS location each spring.
- TCS cannot accommodate special testing needs. If your student needs special accommodations, please seek testing elsewhere.
- The PSAT is offered for 10th-11th grades and is offered at the FCS location during the Fall. Students will need to download the required application on and bring their own computer for testing. A photo ID is required.
- We are unable to provide on-site testing for either the ACT or SAT college entrance exam unless special accommodations have been sought and awarded. Our ability to administer special accommodations will be determined by the TCS office on a case-by-case basis. It is the responsibility of the parents to provide all necessary documentation supporting the need for accommodations. Please contact the TCS office a minimum of 10 weeks prior to your desired test date to ensure that everything needful to obtain your student's special accommodation is done in a timely manner. In this circumstance, TCS will administer either the ACT or the SAT on campus.
- TCS school test code for either the SAT or the ACT is: **430702**

Student Identification Cards

Photo identification cards are available to currently enrolled students and their parent-teachers. Photo ID cards will be generated by Lifetouch for a fee during our regularly scheduled Picture Days as indicated on our school calendar found in your FACTS Family Portal under Resource Documents. ID cards will be mailed to the home address provided on Lifetouch Order Form.

ATHLETICS

The FCS Athletics Program is open to students beginning in kindergarten and is available to Comenius School students.

- To participate, students must be registered in The Comenius School for the current year and be approved by the FCS Administration before competing in athletics at Franklin Classical School.
- “Sports Only” students will not be accepted at TCS. Enrollment in TCS will be complete, constituting a formal transfer of records from the student’s previous school to TCS.
- All applicable fees must be current, and requirements of the Comenius School umbrella program must be adhered to in order for a student to be eligible for participation in the FCS athletic program.
- FCS reserves the right to refuse athletic participation for students enrolled in tutorials or educational programs other than those offered by FCS/TCS.
- Contact our Athletic Director for further eligibility requirements and additional information.

Sports Offerings

| <u>FALL</u> | <u>WINTER</u> | <u>SPRING</u> |
|--|--|--|
| Cross-Country – Co-ed (K-12 th) | Basketball – Boys (5 th – 12 th) | Soccer – Boys (5 th – 12 th) |
| Volleyball – Girls (5 th – 12 th) | Basketball – Girls (5 th – 12 th) | Soccer – Girls (9 th – 12 th) |
| Archery – Co-ed (3 rd – 12 th) | | Golf – Co-ed (6 th – 8 th) |
| MS Soccer – Girls – (5 th – 8 th) | | Tennis – Co-ed (7 th – 12 th) |
| Golf – Co-ed (9 th – 12 th) | | |
| Tennis – Co-ed (5 th – 8 th) | | |

NCAA ELIGIBILITY

Parents of athletes are responsible for seeking NCAA approval of high school courses and curricula. Learn more at web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/. Click on “? Help” and open the Home School Toolkit.

APPLICATION & ENROLLMENT FOR UMBRELLA PROGRAM

Online Application/Reenrollment

Online applications for **NEW** TCS Umbrella Program students are provided through our school website at www.thecomeniusschool.com. Please click [Register Here](#). Returning students and siblings who are new to TCS may enroll/reenroll through your FACTS Family Portal by clicking on [Apply/Enroll](#).

Enrollment

- Complete and formally submit an online application and registration fee.
- Returning TCS families: TCS **will** block reenrollment until all grades from the previous year and birth certificate are on file. Failure to submit grades as required by TCS will result in an administrative withdrawal from TCS.
- Returning TCS families: *we strongly encourage you to **be registered by the start date of your local school system** in order to keep your child from being considered truant. TCS is unable to accept truant students into the umbrella program.*
- New Families: To avoid issues of truancy, TCS *strongly suggests that you **register with TCS before your local school system begins***. Once your school system begins, TCS will not accept a student who has been absent more than twenty (20) days.
- Online applications will be available beginning February 1. Applications received between February 1 and July 1 will be given a July 1 enrollment date.
- The deadline for regular enrollment is July 31. Late enrollment, including the \$50 fee increase per application, is August 1 – August 31. Applications received after September 1 will be accepted on a case-by-case basis and will be charged the \$50 late fee per student.
- All TCS students not reenrolled by September 1 will be removed from TCS's roster and will be in danger of homeschooling illegally if still homeschooling.
- Submit a copy of your child's birth certificate unless it is already included in previous school records.
- If you are the Legal Guardian for your student (but not the student's parents), please submit proof of Legal Guardianship.
- False information given in the enrollment form, or any other report required by TCS will result in immediate dismissal from the program.
- A parent or legal guardian must sign the agreement pertaining to TCS's Policies and Procedures at the end of the online application.
- Once your online application has been submitted along with your registration fee, you may request a Certificate of Enrollment verifying the enrollment of your child. It is the responsibility of the parent to follow up with TCS if you have questions about your child's enrollment.

TCS Umbrella Enrollment Dates

- Reenrollment forms will be available in FACTS February 1 – July 31.
- Late reenrollment is available August 1 – August 31 with a \$50 late fee.
- Deadline for NEW students to enroll in the TCS Umbrella Program is **December 15**.
- TCS is unable to provide paper applications.

FEES

Fees and Refunds

Enrollment fees shall be paid in full at the time of application and are **non-refundable**. Students are not enrolled until the online application has been completed along with the payment module and formally submitted to The Comenius School office.

Enrollment Fees

NOTE: After July 31, add an additional \$50 per student. Enrollment after September 1 will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

- Kindergarten – 6th grade \$105.00
- 7th grade – 12th grade \$125.00
- Summer school (all grades) \$125.00 (June 15 – August 15)
- TCS Tutorial (10th - 12th grade) \$120.00

Family Enrollment Fee Cap

As a ministry to our families, we offer a “Family Enrollment Fee Cap” of \$375.

- Determine your family enrollment fees based on the enrollment fees listed above.
- Family Enrollment Fee Cap is not offered after July 31.

Other Fees

- Registration fees – Non-Refundable
- ****PSAT/NMSQT** for 10th & 11th – \$40* (Registration begins in August)
- Standardized Spring Testing 3rd - 9th – \$30* (Registration begins in November)
- School pictures (optional) – cost varies based on package ordered.
- Service fee on all returned checks – \$30
- Transcript Requests – first 3 (annually) for enrolled students are at no charge. Additional requests are \$15 each. Transcript request for graduates or withdrawn students are \$15 per request.
- DMV form – no charge (replacement for expired form is \$15)
- Graduation Commencement Ceremony - \$250 (registration deadline December 15)
- Diploma Only – \$35

* Late Registration for testing after deadline will incur a \$10 late fee per student and is based on space available.

** The **PSAT-NMSQT** will be offered through CollegeBoard.com on a digital platform only;

students wishing to test will be **required to provide their own testing device**. *Students should reach out to their local public school for possible availability to test on a school provided device.* It is advised to contact them no later than June 1 to test in October.

Recordkeeping

- A student's cumulative file is a permanent school record. Once information is submitted to TCS, it becomes a part of the permanent file and cannot be changed without express permission of TCS.
- If, as a parent, you choose at any time to advance your student to a higher grade level, that change becomes a permanent change. Your student may not later be returned to an earlier grade.
- If, as a parent, you choose to have your student repeat an entire grade, courses taken, grades, and grade levels from both years will be shown on the student's transcript if applicable.

Grade Submission

Submit grades as required to TCS in a timely manner. Grades and Attendance will be submitted directly by the parent via FACTS. The submission of grades will be tied directly to the curriculum list provided by the parent. Transcripts will not be issued, nor records released, if grades are missing. Your child's enrollment in TCS may be jeopardized if grades and attendance records are not submitted by the due date each semester.

- Our school year begins on July 1st and ends on June 30.
- Grades will be submitted using FACTS Family Portal. The forms will be found under *School* menu and *Web Forms*.
- Semester 1 grades are due on or before January 15.
- Semester 2 grades are due on or before June 15 (***Seniors must have all requirements met and grades submitted two weeks before their diploma is required for a graduation ceremony.***)
- If needed, a separate summer school session may be used to complete attendance or course requirements. Parents will need to submit a summer school paper application form and payment in June. Summer school grades are due on or before August 15 and submitted on an Alternate Grade Report grade form to the Registrar (both paper forms are available under Resource Documents in FACTS).

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Early High School Credits

- Credits will be awarded during 7th & 8th grade in Math, Science, and Foreign Language by using a high school level curriculum and achieving a minimum of 142 work hours per course.

High School Credits

- Credits will be earned when using high school level curriculum and achieving a minimum of 142 work hours per course.

Math Requirements

- Students are required to complete four units of mathematics including Algebra I and II, Geometry, and another mathematics course beyond Algebra I. Three of the four credits must be earned in grades 9 through 12. Popular options for the fourth math credit include: Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Statistics, and Computer Science.

Honors Credit (Only for Grades 9 – 12)

- Generally, we do not recognize an “honors” designation for courses completed through homeschooling due to variations in curriculum and standards.
- We will review a course for “honors” designation if the credit is earned through a private or public school, recognized tutorial, or professional tutor. The school providing the grade must make the “honors” designation part of the course name.
- This review must take place at the **beginning** of the course. TCS does not guarantee approval of honors credit taken at a tutorial or with a professional tutor.
- To request approval, submit a course description and a list of the instructor’s credentials to our TCS Director, cwatson@franklinclassical.com, no later than **September 30** of the current school year. TCS will contact you with a decision after the Academic Dean’s review.
- All approved honors courses will be awarded an additional .5 GPA weight and “Honors” designation on the transcript.
- AP Courses will be treated as Honors unless official AP exam scores are received, received as transfer credits, or by an approved course audit participant.

Work Co-Op

Students may be involved with a work co-op program. They may work a minimum of 3 hours per week, paid or un-paid, to earn .5 credit per semester. At the beginning of the semester a supervisor must provide a job description, including responsibilities, projects, training provided, as well as goals for the student. At the end of the semester, the supervisor must provide a report of how the student met said goals and responsibilities. This must be submitted along with grades.

Dual Enrollment

Dual Enrollment is the enrollment of a high school student in one or more specified college course(s) for which the student will be awarded both high school and college credit. Credits for college will transfer to the majority of Tennessee's four-year private and public universities as well as various other universities. However, the student is responsible for obtaining verification of transfer credit acceptance from their chosen university. Each college has its own requirements for dual enrollment. Typical requirements are as follows:

- Junior or Senior in High School
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- 3 College Credits = 1 High School Credit

To receive high school credit for dual enrolled classes, TCS must receive an official transcript from the college or university where class(es) were taken. All grades must be included on the high school transcript.

Grading Scale (GPA points)

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|----------|--------|--------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| A+ (4.3) | 97-100 | A (4.0) | 93-96 | A- (3.7) | 90-92 |
| B+ (3.3) | 87-89 | B (3.0) | 83-86 | B- (2.7) | 80-82 |
| C+ (2.3) | 77-79 | C (2.0) | 73-76 | C- (1.7) | 70-72 |
| D+ (1.3) | 67-69 | D (1.0) | 63-66 | D- (0.7) | 60-62 |
| F (0.0) | 0-59 | I Incomplete (0.0) | | | |

Attendance

Students are required to fulfill attendance requirements.

- 180 days of school **completed between July 1 and June 15** with a minimum of 4 hours per day.
- Doing 8 hours of school in one day does not equal two school days.
- You **may not** begin counting homeschool days before July 1 or until your child is enrolled in our program, so please do not delay your application!
- Parents must keep attendance records.
- Attendance is submitted via the electronic grade submission process using FACTS.

Truancy

Any student who has been withdrawn from or has not attended school for more than twenty (20) consecutive school days before making application to TCS will not be accepted.

Summer School

- Students may enroll in a Summer School session only as a continuation of their current TCS enrollment.
- NEW TCS students are not admitted for the summer session.
- Summer school session runs from June 15 – August 15.
- Regular Summer School registration is June 1 – June 15.

- The Summer School enrollment fee for all grades is \$125.
- The Summer School application form is available under Resource Documents in your FACTS Family Portal and may be emailed or dropped off in our office or mailed to our P.O. BOX Attn.: Registrar/Summer School.

Transcripts

- For your protection, all requests must be submitted on our TCS request form by either a student, a parent or legal guardian, or another school. Once a student is 18, he or she is the only individual who may sign the request form. A Document Request Form can be found on our website and in your FACTS Family Portal. Please allow 10 business days for processing. The first 3 transcripts (annually) for enrolled students are at no charge. Additional transcript recipients are \$15 each. Transcript requests for graduates or withdrawn students are \$15 per recipient.

Information Included on a Comenius School Transcript

- The transcript will show both semesters of grades. If one semester shows a non-passing grade, that semester's grade will need to be recovered through a summer school session.
- ACT or SAT Test scores **will not** be included on a TCS transcript without a written request giving TCS permission to release said test scores.

Student Records

Once a student is 18 years old, records cannot be accessed or released to any person or entity (except the student) without the expressed written permission of the student.

Requesting Student Records

There are no fees to transfer a student's cumulative file to a new school. However, a formal Request Form must be filled out and submitted. The form may be found on our website to be submitted by a parent, or the formal request may be submitted by the requesting school. Fees to cover copying costs for personal needs will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Diplomas

Upon completion and documentation of the course of instruction required by TCS, the student may purchase a diploma. In recognition that students enrolled in TCS are enrolled in a parent directed option, students are not required to have an ACT or SAT score on file.

Graduation Ceremony

TCS offers a graduation ceremony for our graduating seniors. The graduation fee includes (25) invitations, cap with tassel and gown, and a yard sign. (Additional invitations may be purchased.) Participation is by registration through the Registrar. Registration deadline is December 15.

Seniors participating in TCS commencement services may wear honors cords awarded by a recognized honor society. Honors medallions and honors stoles may not be worn. All TCS seniors desiring to wear honors cords must receive written approval from the school Registrar.

Graduation Requirements for Seniors

All students graduating from the state of Tennessee must complete, within their graduation requirements, “an elective focus of no less than three credits. The elective focus may be CTE (Career & Technical Education), science and math, humanities, or fine arts.” This means that of the elective courses taken, at least three must be focused on a particular area of study, increasing the chosen area’s credits by three. For example: a student wishing to focus on humanities might take 2 extra foreign language courses along with an additional history course, thus fulfilling their focus requirements.

Core Curriculum—Required for ALL high school students (Not to be confused with the Common Core)

1 Credit = 142 work hours

½ Credit = 71 work hours

English

4.0 Units

Mathematics

4.0 Units

Algebra I or Integrated Math I
 Algebra II or Integrated Math II
 Geometry or Integrated Math III
 One math course beyond Algebra I
 (Pre-Cal, Trig, Calculus, Statistics, Computer Science)

Science

3.0 Units

Biology with lab
 Chemistry or Physics with lab
 Elective Science with lab

Social Studies

3.0 Units

U.S. History
 World History or World Geography
 U.S. Government (1 semester/.5 credit)
 Economics (1 semester/.5 credit; micro OR macro)

Health & Wellness

0.5 Unit (1 semester)

Physical Education

1.0 Unit

Personal Finance

0.5 Unit (1 semester)

Computer Science

1.0 Unit (This credit can take the place of the fourth math credit, the elective lab science credit, or a STEM elective credit.)

Total Units (For all students)

16.0 Units

UNIVERSITY TRACK

Core Curriculum

16.0 Units

Foreign Language

2.0 Units (same foreign language taken consecutively)

Fine Arts

1.0 Unit

Focus Electives

3.0 Units (must be in an identified focus area)

Total

22.0 Units

STANDARD DIPLOMA

Core Curriculum

16.0 Units

Electives

4.0 Units (3 must fulfill elective track policy)

Total

20.0 Units

SPECIAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| English | 4.0 Units |
| Mathematics | 2.0 Units General math or Pre-Algebra minimum |
| Science | 2.0 Units Life Science or Physical Science minimum |
| Social Studies | 2.0 Units - U.S. History (2 semesters/1.0 credit) - Economics (1 semester/.5 credit) - U.S. Government (1 semester/.5 credit) |
| Health & Wellness | 1.0 Unit |
| Physical Education | 0.5 Unit (1 semester) |
| Electives | 8.5 Units |
| Total Units | 20.0 Units |

Please Note: Requirements listed are a minimum. More requirements may be earned prior to graduation. Any additional credits earned will be reflected on your student's transcript.

TCS Tutorial (Grades 10 - 12)

The TCS Tutorial exists to offer high quality academic instruction from a Biblical worldview to students enrolled in our umbrella program in grades 10-12. There is a separate application fee and enrollment process for the tutorial.

A family interview will be conducted prior to offering enrollment. TCS Tutorial students will be on campus and in class with Franklin Classical School students and, therefore, expected to adhere to FCS Honor Code, Dress Code, and all other school policies.

Applications are due no later than July 1 to allow time to complete the enrollment process before classes start in August. Families must first be enrolled in the TCS Umbrella Program before tutorial applications will be considered.

Details regarding course offerings and the FCS dress code can be found on our website:
<https://thecomeniusschool.com/tcs-tutorial/>.

ASSOCIATIONS

Middle Tennessee Home Education Association (MTHEA)

We recommend that you join your local home education organization. For those in middle Tennessee we suggest MTHEA. This association will assist you in understanding home education laws, finding home educators in your area, and will inform you of area events, curriculum fairs and conferences.

Email MTHEA at: Office@MTHEA.org or call 931-486-4623 Web: www.mthea.org

Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)

We strongly suggest that all 9th – 12th grade families join HSLDA. Even if your student is in grades K-8, this is highly recommended. Though it is your right to home educate your children, legal services could at some time become necessary. For an annual fee, you have access to the legal services of a group of Christian constitutional lawyers.

The Comenius School is pleased to partner with HSLDA as a Discount Group. Whether you are a new family or a returning family, please take advantage. Additionally, our Discount Group (The Comenius School) will receive \$50 for every first-time HSLDA member who uses our discount code 210030. We would appreciate you renewing or signing up with HSLDA through this link.

www.hslda.org/hs/state/tn/

Group Discount Number: **210030**

Curriculum Sources

- Christianbook.com www.christianbook.com
- Logos Bookstore www.logosbookonline.com
- Alpha Omega Publications www.aop.com
- Tennessee Book Co. www.tennesseebook.com
- Bob Jones Univ. Press www.bjup.com
- ABEKA Books www.abeka.com
- Veritas Press www.veritaspress.com
- Sonlight Curriculum www.sonlight.com
- Beautiful Feet Books www.bfbooks.com
- Chalk Dusk Math www.chalkdust.com
- Math-U-See www.mathusee.com
- Teaching Textbooks www.teachingtextbooks.com
- The Teaching Company www.teach12.com
- My Father's World www.mfwbooks.com

Recommended Resource Books

- *Christian Home Educators' Curriculum Manual* by Cathy Duffy cathyduffyreviews.com
- *The Well-Trained Mind* by Margaret Wise and Susan Wise Bauer
- *The Big Book of Home Learning* by Mary Pride
- *The Case for Classical Education* by Doug Wilson
- "The Lost Tools of Learning" by Dorothy Sayers (Essay may be found on the internet)
- *Ideas Have Consequences* by Richard Weaver
- *On Secular Education* by R.L. Dabney
- *How to Read Slowly* by James Sire
- *From Cottage to Work Station* by Allan Carlson
- *Consider This: Charlotte Mason and the Classical Tradition* by Karen Glass

"*He* has shown you O man, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you?

To act *justly,*

and to love *mercy,*

and to walk *humbly* with your *God."*

Micah 6:8