

# Partnership Students

*Homeschoolers at Wheaton Academy*



NURTURING GROWTH IN OUR STUDENTS THROUGH  
RELATIONSHIPS, EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE TO THE GLORY OF GOD.



## Partnership Between Homeschoolers and Wheaton Academy

Because Wheaton Academy believes in parental involvement in education, we are pleased to partner with families who have chosen to use a homeschool model. We encourage homeschooling families to consider a variety of outstanding classes from Wheaton Academy as they create a personalized mix of experiences that meets individual student needs. Accordingly, what follows is an explanation of our educational philosophy at Wheaton Academy and some helpful guidelines. Our Partnership Program seeks to serve both the homeschool needs and our institutional and accreditation standards.

The trustees, administration, faculty and staff are committed to the mission of Wheaton Academy to provide students an atmosphere that nurtures growth in three significant areas.

The first area of focus is relationships. Students at Wheaton Academy are challenged through interacting with Scripture under the guidance of Christian men and women to develop an active, growing relationship with Jesus Christ. In addition, not only are students encouraged to mature spiritually, but it is also the goal of the school to equip students with the necessary skills to develop and maintain meaningful, healthy relationships with parents, other adults and their peers.

Second, it is the desire of this school to see students develop an internal biblical standard of excellence. Wheaton Academy wants to see students develop a thirst for learning and a drive for excellence, not because winning or being first is of ultimate importance, but rather because it is pleasing to God to do our best.

Third, along with nurturing growth in the areas of relationships and excellence, Wheaton Academy believes it is important to encourage students to develop the characteristic of a servant heart which Christ so effectively modeled during His ministry on earth. The need for young, Christ-like, servant leaders becomes increasingly pronounced as the prevailing model in society-at-large and today's youth culture is "get all you can as soon as you can."

In addition to its role of nurturing students, Wheaton Academy endeavors to support the area churches and the families who are committed to Christian education. To this end, Wheaton Academy has adopted the following guidelines for developing a working relationship with interested homeschooling families.

1. The homeschooling family will be expected to provide an education mandated by the Illinois Department of Education for all courses studied at home. Curricular approval is not necessarily required by Wheaton Academy, however Partnership Students (homeschoolers enrolled at Wheaton Academy for part of the day) will be expected to complete all prerequisite course work before entering academic classes at Wheaton Academy.
2. Partnership Students who wish to enroll in co-curricular activities and/or nonacademic classes such as physical education, drivers' education and selected art classes will be expected to also enroll in at least one academic course. Furthermore, Partnership Students will be expected to maintain passing grades in all courses taken at Wheaton Academy. Partnership Students who wish to participate in co-curriculars will also be expected to meet the eligibility requirements of both our school and the IHSA.
3. In the event that a Partnership Student wishes to enroll in multiple courses which are not offered in consecutive periods, the student will be expected to enroll in a continuous block of classes. For example, if a student wished to enroll in courses offered 2nd and 4th periods, he or she would be expected to enroll in a 3rd period class or study hall rather than leave campus and return. Study halls are offered at no charge.
4. Wheaton Academy Partnership Students are both permitted and encouraged to participate in routine ongoing activities such as class competition during Homecoming week, class parties, and banquets. In order for Partnership Students to participate in athletics, music, drama and other co-curriculars that require tryouts, they must meet one of two standards: (1) Take at least four Wheaton Academy classes, or (2) Take a combination of four Wheaton Academy or homeschool classes (including at least one Wheaton Academy academic class) with the homeschool classes registered as supervised classes. Completion of the Registration of Supervised Partnership Classes form is required before participation is allowed in athletics. Supervised classes require parents to monitor class progress. Parents of students participating in athletics, drama, music or other co-curricular activities will need to report any classes in which the student is not earning a 'C' or better to the Partnership Coordinator. The Coordinator will work with the family to insure materials are presented in an appropriate format. Partnership Students are not candidates for a Wheaton Academy diploma but may participate in senior activities and the graduation ceremony.

5. Partnership Students who enroll at Wheaton Academy are responsible to abide by all standards and requirements including conduct, dress, and attendance as contained in the Student Handbook.
6. The fee structure for participating Partnership Students includes:
  - A mandatory one-time registration fee of \$200.
  - Partnership tuition for WA classes will equal 1/6 of regular tuition for each class in which the student enrolls.
  - All activity and class fees apply, as well as fees for textbooks. If the student is enrolled in three classes or less, the activity and class fees are reduced by 50%.
  - Financial Aid and scholarships are available to full-time students only.

We trust that after reviewing these guidelines you sense the willingness of Wheaton Academy to support your commitment to homeschooling. We look forward to partnering with you and your student.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact the school's Admissions Office at 630-562-7501 or the Director of Student Services at 630-562-7534.

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