

Frequently Asked Questions

With the current economic climate and inflation, we, unfortunately, had to make the decision to raise certain fees. In past years, all these fees were due once a month leading up to July. We grouped the fee this year for those that wanted to pay it at one time.

If you prefer a payment schedule, please contact the office and we would be happy to assist you. **Fees are non-refundable**

The further breakdown of the upcoming year's fees (\$500) is as follows-

Facility Fee \$175 This is money paid to the church to help offset the cost of us in the building (Utilities, pest control...)

Science fee \$100 Last year's fee was staggered, but with the rising costs of materials, and our desire to have hands-on labs, experiments, and demonstrations, this fee needed to go up from last year.

Encore/Enrichment Fee \$100 We are a 4H campus. We primarily did 4H activities at the elementary level on Fridays. This year we are bringing 4H activities throughout the week. While the extra supplies we purchase to go along with these materials vary, it is usually around \$10 per month per child. We will be doing these across all of our campuses. We look to bring in presenters, onsite field trips, etc.

FACTS Program \$25 Based upon the complications with GradeLink and their lack of being able to integrate their financial system, we will be switching to FACTS for the following reasons.

- More user-friendly for students, staff and parents on all aspects
- Integrated online hot lunch ordering system (Less programs to utilize)
- integrated financial system to offer you a more reader-friendly itemized bill.

Supply Fee \$100 This will replace the Community Supplies you provided this year
- toilet paper, paper towels, gloves, utensils, copy paper, crayons and markers, expo markers and erasers.....

With this fee, you will no longer be asked to send in any community supplies!

The **only** thing that you will have to bring to campus are pencils, paper, and personal items (like upper-level math classes with compass, protractors, and calculators)

Curriculum

All new enrollees will be assessed in March/April (or soon after registration) to see where they best align inside our curriculum. Kindergarten-12th will still need to purchase curriculum, and those links will be made available in April.

Preschool curriculum is provided in class - nothing else will need to be brought to class other than a full change of clothes.

Learn From Home Day

Every Friday is on the calendar as a Learn From Home Day.

What does that mean for you as a RAA Family?

Middle/High - they all have homework throughout the week that needs to be completed, papers need to be researched and tests studied for. We occasionally assign work that will need to be independently done on this day.

Elementary - we want you to be actively involved in your children's learning process. If your children are struggling in a skill or have work to complete from absences, we will have this work sent home to complete. There will not be a full workload of subjects on this day.

Kindergarten Camp

Kindergarten camp is from 1:30- 3:00 for an extra \$25 a month. With Kindergarten operating from 9:30-1:30, we understand that you may have other children in upper grades (Crosspointe and United Love) that stay until 3:00. We are offering a kindergarten camp of rest, enrichment and play until 3pm. (Basically \$1 a day) Same cost as a 1st- 5th grader coming full time \$375.

Homeschool How To

What are your responsibilities with the state -

1. You do not have to register as a homeschool till age 7, unless they were in public or private school. You will have to formally withdraw from those schools.
2. Register as a homeschool at <https://ncadmin.nc.gov/about-doa/division-non-public-education>
3. North Carolina's requirements - fill out NOI (Notice of intent) only once - not every year. A parent/legal guardian has to have a minimum of high school diploma or equivalent - you will have to send in a picture when you fill out to be a homeschool
4. In the name of your school -Do not use A, or The as the first word when you register. Cannot use the word charter, college, elementary, grade, grammar, high, incorporated (or Inc.), junior,

kindergarten, lower, middle, primary, public, residence, schooling, secondary, seminary, senior, the, university or upper, or the name of your curriculum(Abeka, Bob Jones, Apologia...).

5. For demographics it will ask you to register as religious or non-religious, this makes no difference, just your preference (this is not information RAA needs).

6. Operate at least 9 calendar months - 180 days.

7. Maintain your immunization records and attendance for your family. This is not information RAA needs.

8. Have a nationally recognized achievement test (we can provide testing onsite or recommend testing).

9. Close your homeschool when your done operating as a homeschool family.

10. You keep these records for yourself every year. You do not have to turn these in to the state.

11. Drivers Ed- Most homeschoolers register to take drivers ed through their county public schools or you can choose to pay for private. There are many options. In Concord, Watts on Wheels and Metrolina Driving Academy.

12. Diplomas - The State of North Carolina does not issue a diploma or a transcript for homeschool students, or private school students. The home school parent/guardian, who serves as the chief administrator of the home school designs, provides, and retains copies of each student's transcript. Each non-public school student receives all diplomas and transcripts from the chief administrator of the school in which the student is enrolled. You can order one through the North Carolina Homeschool Association for one that looks "official" with your homeschool information on it.

13. In high school you are encouraged to keep detailed transcripts

14. In elementary and middle you will want to keep a report card that contains information on the curriculum and courses your child took, as well as the "grades" they made.

How to homeschool link - On the North Carolina Department of Non Public Education Website
<https://ncadmin.nc.gov/home-school-guidebook-revised-2021-2022>

Rowan Cabarrus Community College - Career & College Promises/Dual Enrollment
<https://www.rccc.edu/highschool/>

Stanly Community College - Career & College Promises/Dual Enrollment
<https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/career-college-promise>