

## How to Get Started?

### Do Your Research

- Alabama legal requirements: [www.HSLDA.org](http://www.HSLDA.org)
- State organization: [www.chefofalabama.org](http://www.chefofalabama.org)
- “How to” books
- Learning styles
- Curriculum choices
- Talk with other homeschooling families
- Attend seminars, conventions, and curriculum fairs
- Understand the time and financial commitment

### Select a Church School

- Talk with the administrator about the school’s mission and authority structure
- Understand enrollment requirements

### Choose a Curriculum

- Classical, traditional, literature-based, unit-based, computer-based, eclectic, etc.
- Internet vendors offer summaries and reviews
- Discuss options with other homeschooling families and your church school administrator

### Connect with other home school families

- Tuscaloosa Home Educators or THE is a resource and support group for local families. THE offers team sports, field trips, Character First Choir, science labs, the high school learning cooperative, and many other activities. [www.tuscaloosahomeschool.com](http://www.tuscaloosahomeschool.com)
- Join a co-op: The King’s Co-op is an enrichment co-op that meets at UCC on Fridays. The King’s Co-op is not affiliated with UCC or UCCA, and you do not have to be enrolled in UCCA to participate in the co-op. Other co-ops are listed on the THE website.

### Pray for God’s Guidance

- Enthusiastically accept responsibility for the emotional, spiritual and academic education of your children, relax and have fun!

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"Making Ourselves at Home"

a home education ministry  
of University Church of Christ  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

*I myself am convinced, my brothers  
and sisters, that you yourselves are  
full of goodness, filled with  
knowledge and competent to  
instruct one another.*

*Romans 15:14*

UCCA

### MISSION STATEMENT

University Church Christian Academy endeavors to provide an encouraging and enduring system of support to families who make the decision to educate their children in a home-based environment. University Church Christian Academy believes discerning parents can be entrusted to make this important educational choice as it is the parents who are ultimately responsible for the emotional, spiritual, and academic education of their children. In this mission, as in all others, we strive to glorify Jesus, our loving King, and in doing so promote unity in his kingdom.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5



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## Home Education in Alabama

University Church Christian Academy is a ministry of University Church of Christ. A church school, like a public or private school, is a legitimate and legal educational option in the state of Alabama. When a parent enrolls a child in a home based church school, the parent becomes a volunteer faculty member of the school. Their home and the world around them becomes their classroom. Enrolling in a church school ministry is one of the two options available in the state of Alabama which affords families the freedom to home school their children. Becoming a state certified private tutor is the other option.

**At this time there are 3 steps which must be taken to legally home school through a church school ministry. Each church school establishes all other enrollment requirements.**

1. If and when the student is of compulsory attendance age, parents must notify the local Superintendent of Education that their child is enrolled in a church school.
2. The church school administrator must notify the local Superintendent of Education if the student withdraws from the church school.
3. The church school administrator must keep a record of attendance.

## **UCCA Teacher Affiliation and Student Enrollment Requirements**

### **Teacher Affiliation with UCCA**

- ✗ Parent-teacher affiliation request form
- ✗ One time parent-teacher affiliation fee of \$25
- ✗ Signed and notarized Release of Liability form
- ✗ Meeting with the UCCA administrator
- ✗ Current membership in Home School Legal Defense Association [www.HSLDA.org](http://www.HSLDA.org)

### **Academic Year and School Days Required**

- ✗ Academic year is June 1— May 31
- ✗ 170 academic days are required

### **Reporting Requirements**

- ✗ Curriculum log due at orientation
- ✗ Attendance record due by January 15 and June 15
- ✗ Semester grades due by January 15 and June 15
- ✗ A plan book of the parent-teacher's choice

### **New Student Enrollment**

- ✗ Student Enrollment Request and Record form
- ✗ \$25 yearly enrollment fee per student if enrolled by July 31 (\$100 family maximum)
- ✗ \$50 yearly enrollment fee per student if enrolling after July 31 (\$200 family maximum)
- ✗ Public School Notification of Church School Enrollment form
- ✗ Request for Student Records form
- ✗ Blue immunization card or certificate of medical or religious exemption

- ✗ Standardized testing of the parent-teacher's choice beginning by the end of third grade and every other year thereafter

### **Parent-Teacher Meetings**

- ✗ Parent-teacher orientation in August
- ✗ 1st semester meeting in January
- ✗ 2nd semester meeting in June

For more information on affiliation and enrollment requirements please request a parent-teacher affiliation packet from the UCCA administrator.