**Frequently Asked Questions**

1. **Where will Freedom Academy be located?**
   1. Freedom Academy is located at:   
      [Freedom House Church - Central Campus  
      2638 Salome Church Road  
      Charlotte, NC 28262](https://goo.gl/maps/f47UHKrXURo3QqKP7)
2. **When does the 2023 -2024 academic year start?**
   1. Orientation for registered students is Monday, August 21st, with the first official day of instruction being Wednesday, August 23rd.
3. **When does the 2023 - 2024 academic year end?**
   1. Last day for students will be Friday, May 24th.
4. **How long is a typical day?**
   1. Drop-off is between 8:00 AM - 8:15 AM, with pick-up occurring between 3:00 PM - 3:15PM.
5. **What if I need to drop my student(s) off early or pick them up late?**
   1. We will offer before-school enrichment starting at 7:30 AM each morning. After-school enrichment will be available until 5:30 PM each day. There is a monthly charge for each session per student (before or after.) Please reference the [Curriculum](https://freedomacademync.cc/info) + [Policies](https://freedomacademync.cc/info) section of our website under Enrichment for pricing.
6. **How many days a week are students on-site?**
   1. The on-site portion is 4 days per week – Monday to Thursday.
7. **What do students do on Fridays?**
   1. On Fridays, parents are the teachers for their children. Our staff will ensure that the lesson plan and expectations for Friday are communicated by end-of-day Thursday.
8. **What will the carpool flow look like?**
   1. Parents will bring their students to the signed entry for Freedom Academy during the drop-off window. A member of staff will be there to ensure students enter the building safely.
9. **What is the dress code?**
   1. Students should wear a solid color polo shirt with a collar. Jeans and khakis are both allowed, as are skirts and shorts of appropriate length. All spirit wear for Freedom Academy is permitted. Close-toed shoes are recommended due to daily PE and recess. Please leave hats at home. Note – there will be special dress days where exceptions are made to this policy. Those will be communicated in advance.
10. **What is your mask policy?**
    1. We will never force anyone to wear any type of face covering, as we believe decisions like these are better left in the hands of the parents.
11. **What are your vaccination requirements?**
    1. We will not require proof of any vaccine to attend Freedom Academy. We believe parents know what is best for their children regarding vaccination status.
12. **What are your safety protocols?**
    1. We have trained security on-site and cameras in every classroom. All doors to the facility are locked. Entry is only allowed via the locked front door or via key card. All staff and volunteers undergo a background check.
13. **What happens if I move and cannot attend Freedom Academy?**
    1. If you are forced to withdraw from Freedom Academy, 30 days written notice is required. You will not receive any tuition back unless you have paid your annual tuition in full, at which point a prorated portion would be returned to you.
14. **What is the minimum age for Kindergarten?**
    1. Typically children should be at least 5 years old by the time they finish Kindergarten. However, exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis (subject to assessment.) Freedom Academy also offers a K4 (Transitional Kindergarten) program for students who are interested in being part of the Academy but don’t meet the age requirement or who aren’t quite ready for Kindergarten.
15. **What curriculum are you using?**
    1. We use Abeka along with some supplemental materials to further enhance the educational experience. More information on the scope and sequence can be found on our website.
16. **Will there be hot lunch options?**
    1. Students need to pack their lunch every day, but from time to time we will have outside vendors.
17. **How do parents pay tuition?**
    1. We use a tuition management system called FACTS. When you enroll your child, you will have different payment options for paying tuition. It can be paid in full upfront, semi-annually, divided over 10 months (August to May) or divided over 12 months (June to May.)
18. **Do I have to buy my curriculum separately?**
    1. No – curriculum is included in the cost of tuition.
19. **How do I register my homeschool for the school year?**
    1. Once students have applied and been accepted, Freedom Academy will partner with parents to explain the process (which will be part of the orientation), but parents can go ahead and do so by clicking [here](https://ncadmin.nc.gov/public/home-school-information/file-intent-operate-home-school).
20. **How many kids are in each class?**
    1. Grades will be capped around 15 students.
21. **What grades do you offer?**
    1. We are offering K3 through 6th Grade.
22. **Will you add on grades each year?**
    1. Freedom Academy expects to add on at least one grade per year until we reach 8th grade. Our current vision is to support K-8 and then partner with families about the right course of action for high school.
23. **Will you ever expand to another facility?**
    1. Yes! We fully expect to open a Lake Norman Campus for Freedom Academy using the Freedom House Lake Norman Campus. Registration will determine how soon we expand.
24. **What is tuition?**
    1. Click [here](https://freedomacademync.cc/enrollment) to see prices by grade.
25. **What are your electives?**
    1. We will offer a foreign language (currently Spanish), Music, Art, and Health & Wellness (complete with chiropractic adjustment). In addition, we will have Chapel every Wednesday.
26. **Can we tour the facility?**
    1. Tours are offered after interest meetings (see website and Freedom Academy Social Media for upcoming dates). In addition, we will have an open house for enrolled students August 21st. During this time, parents and students can tour the facility, meet the teachers, ask any questions they have, and receive information about the start of school.
27. **Do you take kids with disabilities?**
    1. While Freedom Academy will endeavor to accommodate disabilities, given our limited size and staff, we cannot commit to being able to support all children with special needs at this time. Any student with a disability will require evaluation prior to admission.
28. **What is your homework policy?**
    1. Please reference the [Curriculum](https://freedomacademync.cc/info) + [Policies](https://freedomacademync.cc/info) section of our website.
29. **What is your technology policy in the classroom?**
    1. Please reference the [Curriculum](https://freedomacademync.cc/info) + [Policies](https://freedomacademync.cc/info) section of our website.
30. **What are the volunteer opportunities?**
    1. We have many different opportunities available, including teacher’s aide, substitute teacher, “specials” assistant (helping in Art, Music, etc.), PE teacher, Recess supervisor, life skills elective instructor (subject to interview and skill), security, fundraising, chaperones for field trips/service projects, as well as assisting with building projects at the school.
31. **How will end of year testing be conducted?**
    1. Freedom Academy will provide proctor services to all students (as appropriate, based on grade level) and will administer a National Standardized test to all students age 7 and older. In addition, End of Year testing will be conducted to ensure the student has completed required mastery of requisite skills and is ready for promotion to the next grade.
32. **What if we have other questions?**
    1. Please submit an Inquiry here:

<https://fac-nc.client.renweb.com/oa/inquiry.cfm?memberid=16960>