



FREMONT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PRIVATE SATELLITE PROGRAM *Informational Packet*

IMPORTANT DATES FOR POTENTIAL NEW INCOMING FAMILIES:

May-July: New Family Application packets available. Either download directly from the website or contact us at psp@fremontchristian.com

May 9, 2023 - 7-8:30PM - Informational and High School planning meeting on Zoom

June 20, 2023 - 6:30-7:30PM - PSP Informational meeting for interested new families on Zoom

July 31, 2023 – All enrollment paperwork and fees are due.

August 29, 2023, 7-9pm – High School planning meeting (required if you have a high school student joining the PSP and you did not attend the previous May meeting)

August 11, 2023 (**TENTATIVE**) - High School On Campus Signups with FCS (MANDATORY for students taking on campus classes)

September 5, 2023 – **First Semester Meeting (on Zoom) 7:00-8:30pm**

September 7, 11am-3pm Pictures at on-campus at FCS

Semester meeting dates for school year

At least one parent must attend each of these meetings without children:

- September 5, 2023, Tuesday, 7:30-9:30pm on Zoom and
- January 23, 2023, Tuesday, 7:30-9:30pm at FCS Y Building

Quarterly paperwork due dates for 2023-2024 school year

- September 1, 2023 (COS)
- October 17, 2023 (Q1)
- January 16, 2024 (Q2/S1)
- March 19, 2024 (Q3)
- May 10, 2024 (Q4/S2)(final grades and all paperwork due digitally)
- May 21, 2024 (Q4/S2) (final grades and all paperwork due in person)

FCS PSP Registration

If you're interested in joining our Private Satellite Program, pick up a New Family Application, available online between May and July. You may submit your application along with the \$40 application fee to the FCS Business Office (Fremont Christian School ATTN: PSP 4760 Thornton Ave. Fremont, CA, 94536) before July 15 to avoid a late fee. All enrollment fees and paperwork must be completed and turned in by July 31st.

What happens next? Your application will trigger a call from the PSP Administrator, where you will have the opportunity to ask any questions, as well as receive an overview of our program, enrollment paperwork, semester meeting overview and a review of the quarterly paperwork due.

If you are accepted and choose to join the PSP, fill out the Enrollment forms. Enrollment forms and tuition are due by July 15. If there is space available after July 31st, enrollment forms will be accepted with a late fee. Once your registration and tuition are complete, you will receive a call from your Coordinator. At this call you will receive:

- Overview of all required forms: COS, attendance, report card, community service
- Access to PSP Informational Website and the on-line PSP Handbook
- Advice on curriculum choices
- Overview of on-campus Classes
- Information on how to access tutorial for our yearbook software

FCS- PSP FEES (non-refundable):

- Registration: \$150 per family (one-time)
- Annual Tuition: \$350 family fee plus
 - \$100 per student grade K-8
 - \$200 per student grade 9-12



Fremont Christian's Private Satellite Program

Our Responsibilities:

Your PSP Coordinator's commitment to you:

- To pray for your family
- To support your family in choosing curriculum, filling out the necessary paperwork and providing general support answering questions, etc.
- Keep your student's cumulative file updated
- Make sure that your high school student is on track for graduation from FCS.
- Your coordinator is also experienced in teaching the grades you will be teaching.

Your Responsibilities:

FCS PSP Teacher Requirements and Responsibilities:

- You must be a born-again believer.
- You are required to be HSLDA members .
- You are responsible for choosing and obtaining all curriculum, setting goals, and evaluating your children's progress.
- You are required to serve on a committee.
- You are required to attend the two semester meetings.
- You are required to hand in all correct paperwork on time: Course of Study, Attendance Records, Report Cards and returning or renewing library materials.
- You are required to make timely payment of fees to both the PSP and FCS for on campus classes.
- You are required to follow the guidelines stated in both the PSP and FCS handbooks.

What do we offer?

- **Transcripts for High School:** FCS offers us an official accredited transcript which is sent to colleges when requested.
- **Guidance for college entrance requirements:**
FCS is a college-prep school and we follow all the graduation requirements for the school. Upon graduating from FCS PSP your student should be ready to attend most colleges and universities. We will discuss the graduation requirements at our high school planning meetings.
- **On-campus participation in music, drama, academic classes and sports – see pages 7-8.**
Fees apply. Sign-up for on-campus classes is the second week of August (TENTATIVE).

- **Standardized Testing, should you wish to participate (prices can change):**
(Please note that all on-campus tests require uniform and sign-in with PSP staff)

PSAT 8/9 Grades 8/9 \$14

The PSAT 8/9 tests the same skills and knowledge as the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and PSAT 10—in a way that makes sense for eighth and ninth graders. It measures what they're already learning, shows them whether they're on track for college, and lets them know where they need the most improvement. That means students have time to tackle these areas long before they take the SAT. Students over 13 can share their scores with Khan Academy® to create a personalized practice experience. It's the best way to prepare for other tests in the SAT Suite of Assessments. PSAT will be administered at Fremont Christian School by FCS proctors.

PSAT/NMSQT Grade 11 \$18

When you take the PSAT/NMSQT, you're automatically screened for the National Merit® Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and scholarships. The PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 are **not** considered for entry. PSAT will be administered at Fremont Christian School by FCS proctors.

PSAT 10 Grade 10 \$18

The PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 are the same test, offered at different times of year. PSAT will be administered at Fremont Christian School by FCS proctors.

PRE-ACT 10 \$18

Pre-ACT simulates the ACT testing experience within a shorter test window on all four ACT test subjects: English, math, reading and science.

Results predict future success on the ACT test, and provide both current achievement and projected future ACT test scores on the familiar 1-36 ACT score scale. PSAT will be administered at Fremont Christian School by FCS proctors.

AP Various \$98/each

Advanced Placement is a program run by College Board (the makers of the SAT) that allows you to take courses right in your high school that can earn you college credit and/or qualify you for more advanced classes when you begin college. The AP **courses are designed to give you the experience of an intro-level college class while you're still in high school.** You can get college credit for the class if you can pass the AP exam. AP exams will be administered at Fremont Christian School by FCS proctors.

FCS PSP Resource Center

We have thousands of resources in our PSP Resource Center. The main benefit is trying out materials before making any purchases. At the semester meeting, you may browse and check out various curriculum materials as well as homeschool tips, test preparation and character training materials. In between meetings, you may also search specific materials using our online library, and by appointments with your coordinator.

Activities through PSP Committees:

- **Annual Picture Day:** We have an annual school picture day for families in the PSP.
- **School Pictures are included in the Yearbook so we encourage all students and parents to have their pictures taken.** One of the benefits of the PSP is that we take school pictures every year with a professional photographer. Student ID cards are available for purchase. This year our school pictures will be taken Thursday, September 7 on-campus at FCS
- **Color Yearbook- \$35 soft/\$45 hard** PSP families have the option of purchasing both the PSP yearbook and/or the FCS on-campus yearbook. The PSP yearbook is unique because every family is able to include a self-designed page showing their family's homeschool year. In addition, there are plenty of pages with different activities: field trips, events, co-ops, etc. Other features: school pictures by class, special pages for seniors, sports teams.
- **Senior Graduation-PSP** Our High School Seniors have the opportunity to participate in both the PSP and on-campus graduation ceremonies. A smaller, more intimate ceremony, the PSP Senior Graduation gives our families the ability to make it a more personalized event. Parents present the diplomas to their students and have an opportunity to commend them on their accomplishments and character. Students can

take an active part in the ceremony, such as a musical performance or a short speech. Caps, gowns, programs, pictures and all the other usual graduation things are a part of the ceremony. \$40

- **Senior High Student Council:** All high school students in the PSP are eligible to participate in the Student Council. They can run for an office position, a chair position, or serve on one the committees. The student council meets the second Saturday morning of the month. Students plan monthly social activities for our high school students and occasional fundraising and service events.
- **Monthly Activities for High School:** Each month the High School Student Council plans social events. These activities might include rock climbing at City Beach, a game night in a home, or a mall scavenger hunt. Service events are also planned regularly, such as serving food at The Abode, a shelter for the homeless. These get-togethers are a great way for students to meet other kids and have fun!
- **On-Campus Classes, Performance Groups, and Sports:** Our Jr. and Sr. High students are invited to take part in on-campus sports and performance groups. High school students can also take on-campus classes at FCS. Additional fees and requirements apply.
- **On-Campus Events:** Our PSP students are invited to participate in some of the events on-campus including: Chapel, College Fair, Dances, Prom, and Graduation.

Need more reasons?

1. We are one of the few Private Satellite Programs which offer an *accredited* Diploma and Transcript. While many may offer diplomas and a transcript, ask if they're accredited. This is particularly useful for certain colleges and careers like police, fire and military (see <http://blog.prepscholar.com/accredited-online-high-school>). We are also able to offer work permits.
2. We follow Fremont Christian's guidelines and are required to teach Bible in our daily schooling. Older grades also include community service requirements in their Bible requirements. Charter schools are public schools and thus you cannot submit religious (sectarian) materials (see <https://tinyurl.com/lgg8kp5>).
3. We offer an extensive curriculum library for our families to utilize. In the FCS PSP we allow sectarian materials, so Christian curriculum, like Apologia science and Bob Jones history textbooks (for example) are welcomed. We encourage curriculum with a Christian world-view.
4. We suggest membership in the Home School Legal Defense Association, so if there are any questions we cannot answer, we have access to the HSLDA which is well-known in its homeschool support.
5. In the FCS PSP, you are the teacher, and the final decision-maker on your child's education material and the grades your student receives. We are here to advise you, but you are the teacher, not us. You may choose the order in which you teach classes as well as tailor your teaching and curriculum to each of your children's needs, rather than have the state dictate which history you must teach in which year.
6. We are a college-prep PSP in high school. This program may not be a fit for every family, or even every student. There are certain requirements the FCS has, and we adhere to them. Because of these requirements, we cannot accept students beyond the 11th grade, as they may not be able to complete these requirements in their senior year.
7. Fremont Christian has been established as a school for nearly 50 years. While some charters and PSPs seem to change names or disappear after a few years, you can be assured that your records here will be microfiche and accessible years after your student graduates. We've had many occasions when graduates of 10 – 13 years ago ask for a copy of their transcript or even their diploma, and we can accommodate them.
8. Testing is not mandatory, but we do offer it. You know your student best because you are the teacher. You may choose to test them to document where they need additional work, or if you already know, you may elect to not. We are able to offer AP testing, PSAT, Hewitt and Terra Nova testing through Fremont Christian.
9. Many of our students take advantage of being able to take on-campus classes at FCS, particularly in the music and drama program. Junior high and senior high students are allowed to take certain classes on campus as well as participate in sports, music, academic and sports (restrictions and additional costs apply).
10. Finally, we offer annual school pictures, including student ID, and a color yearbook every year.
11. While we respect everyone's choices to educate their children in homeschooling, we encourage everyone to do their research and look at the pros and cons of each program. For more information, please see <https://fpmca.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Why-Charter-Schools-Wont-Work-170801-1.pdf>

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