# CHARTER HOME STUDY ACADEMY, GRADES K-8

SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN THEIR CHOICE TO HOME SCHOOL

The Charter Home Study Academy K-8 (CHSA) program is a public school option that provides support for families choosing to educate their children at home. Parents facilitate daily lessons, enrichment activities, and correct student's work. Parents choose from a variety of program options including half day, twice-weekly classes in grades K-5, full day, twice-weekly classes for grades 6-8, art-based writing labs, music programs, and skills improvement labs. Staff and parents collaborate to create an individualized academic plan for each student.

#### Classes

Multiple instructional options are available for CHSA students. Families can choose an entirely at-home program, or a hybrid program that combines at-home instruction and school-site classes. Classes for all grade levels provide an opportunity for students to learn, interact, and collaborate with their peers.

Parents tell us they value the classes because the classes provide options of both group instruction and home schooling for a rich educational experience. There is also a weekly tutorial and learning lab where students receive additional teaching and assistance in all subject areas. CHSA offers an arts-based creative writing class in addition to other elective classes that vary from year to year.

#### Curriculum

CHSA provides many curriculum choices, including state-adopted textbooks, as well as enrichment supplements. If a student transfers from a traditional school, in many cases, the textbooks will be the same as those the student has been using. Both student and teacher editions of all textbooks are available to assist with home instruction and grading. CHSA has a wide variety of resources to supplement the textbooks, including educational software, literature, reference materials, and online curriculum program support.

A fully credentialed, highly qualified teacher meets with students and parents on a regular basis to review lesson plans, provide resources and support, and assess progress to ensure the student's academic success.

## **Events and Field Trips**

CHSA holds several family events each year such as a Back to School Meet & Greet, Craft Faire, and Family Reading session, to name a few. These events provide fun-filled opportunities to participate in enriching activities while enhancing our school community.

Students and their families typically participate in at least four field trips coordinated by our program, or organized by CHSA families. The field trip destinations vary from year to year, but are always fun, educational, and very popular among students and parents alike.

This successful home study program is available for children from kindergarten through 8th grade.

## **Charter Alternative Programs**

Charter Home Study Academy K-8 is part of Charter Alternative Programs, which is overseen by the El Dorado County Office of Education, and is comprised of several unique programs designed to meet a variety of educational, emotional, and social needs of students from Kindergarten through Adult Education. Charter Alternative Programs also offers an Extended Day childcare program in partnership with our local Districts. Our programs receive the highest level of certification possible, and are fully accredited through the Schools Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

### **EMPHASIS & CONCENTRATION**

- Prepare students for success at the high school level
- Support families in their choice to home school through a variety of personally tailored educational options
- Create strong and positive relationships with parents and students
- Recognize, encourage, and develop a student's individual potential as a limitless resource
- Personalize education, toward the needs of the whole child
- Encourage and foster critical thinking skills

#### Administration

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