



9 Reasons to Consider Homeschooling:

Umaña Academy of Fine Arts: Christian Co-Op Program

- 1. You can enjoy having your kids home with you a few days when they normally would be at school.**
Precious time to spend together is one of the biggest benefits to homeschooling. Special times spent include having time to pray & read the Bible with your kids, hands on labs in your kitchen, discussions and even baking. During their days at UAFA they will have opportunities to grow in Christ alongside children their own age, develop lasting meaningful friendships and have a small class environment that encourages learning, without sacrificing time spent with you.
- 2. You are not in this alone.**
God will sustain you in this homeschool journey. Having Umaña Academy as your Christian co-op will help you stay connected with other Home School moms who will serve as an encouragement to you. In addition, UAFA will do the heavy planning, making sure all the state mandated subjects are getting covered just so. You can sit back and enjoy homeschooling, without the pressures it can bring.
- 3. You don't have to be a Credentialed Teacher to teach your child at home.**
Having the backing of your Christian Co-op and Credentialed teachers who guide the learning process will allow you the mental security that your child is getting what they need. If you currently do homework with your child, believe it or not, you *in part* do homeschool. UAFA furnishes "homeschool" packets for the days you are at home. Just follow the guidelines given to you by your child's credentialed teacher & you will feel confident when completing the "homeschool" portion at home.
- 4. Your family will be stronger, and learn conflict resolution and grace.**
If I wasn't homeschooling, the kids would likely be scattered across town in different schools with separate lives. God set us in families for a reason. Let's learn together how to face the world together and be prepared for the tasks God will give us. You will find that Homeschooling will only strengthen your family bond.
- 5. You won't miss anything.**
If the kids are off in different schools, there are a vast number of their daily moments you will miss. And if you are like most parents shuttling kids between after-school activities your time with them is reduced by even that much more. A homeschooling veteran friend of mine once said: "They grow up so fast, but I have no regrets. *I didn't miss a single thing.*"
- 6. You can "do life" with your kids.**
Students in the UAFA Home School Program can learn beside you in so many ways: grocery shopping, buying a used car, mowing the lawn, painting the kitchen, helping change the baby's diaper, balancing the checkbook. In addition to completing their assigned Home School work for the day, they can just "do life" with you. You will find what a gift from God homeschooling can truly be!
- 7. You can protect your children from negative influences and equip them for the future.**
Of course the big, bad world is out there, but why not prepare the kids before sending them out to the wolves? How about teaching them discernment and truth first? Homeschool kids have been shown to be less peer dependent than their contemporaries.
- 8. You can meet your child's unique needs.**
There is no "magic cookie cutter" that produces "educated" children. You know them better than anyone else, so help them find their God-given gifts and guide them through their weak spots. Having UAFA as your Christian Co-Op will allow you the peace of mind knowing that they are willing to work with you to give your child exactly what they need.
- 9. You have nothing to lose.** You only get one chance to raise your kids. If this is what has been on your heart but don't know how to go about it, let UAFA help you make that transition. Of course it is a risk. But it might be the best thing you ever did!

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