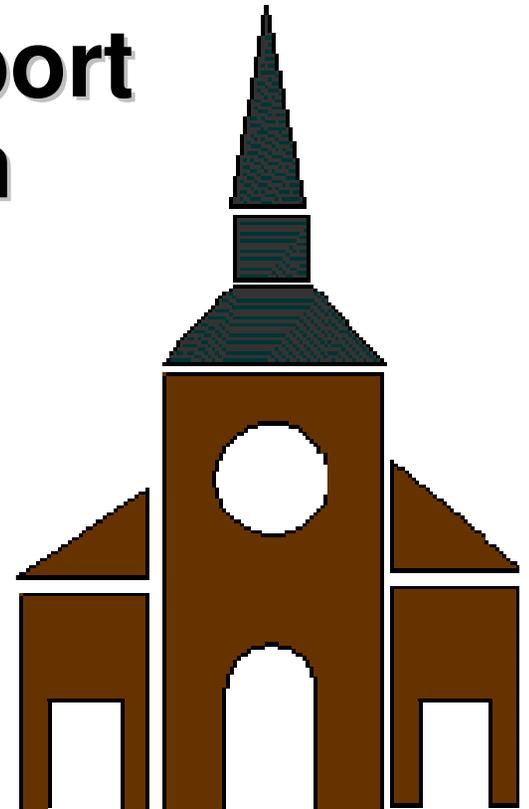
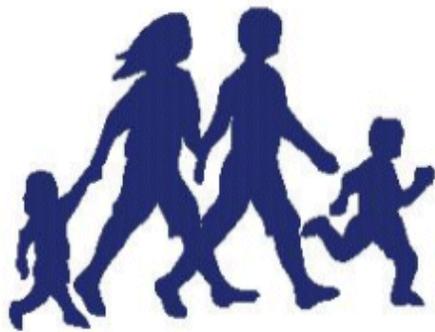


Family Academy

Supporting Family-Directed Education since 1981

Why the Church should support Family-Directed Education



Current research shows:

- **Over 70% of students from Christian homes abandon their faith shortly after graduation, including Christian school grads.**
- **Less than 10% of homeschool teens abandon their faith.**

Why the difference?

Because the family is the best place for discipleship.

Yet, many parents are reluctant to try homeschooling (less than 5%).

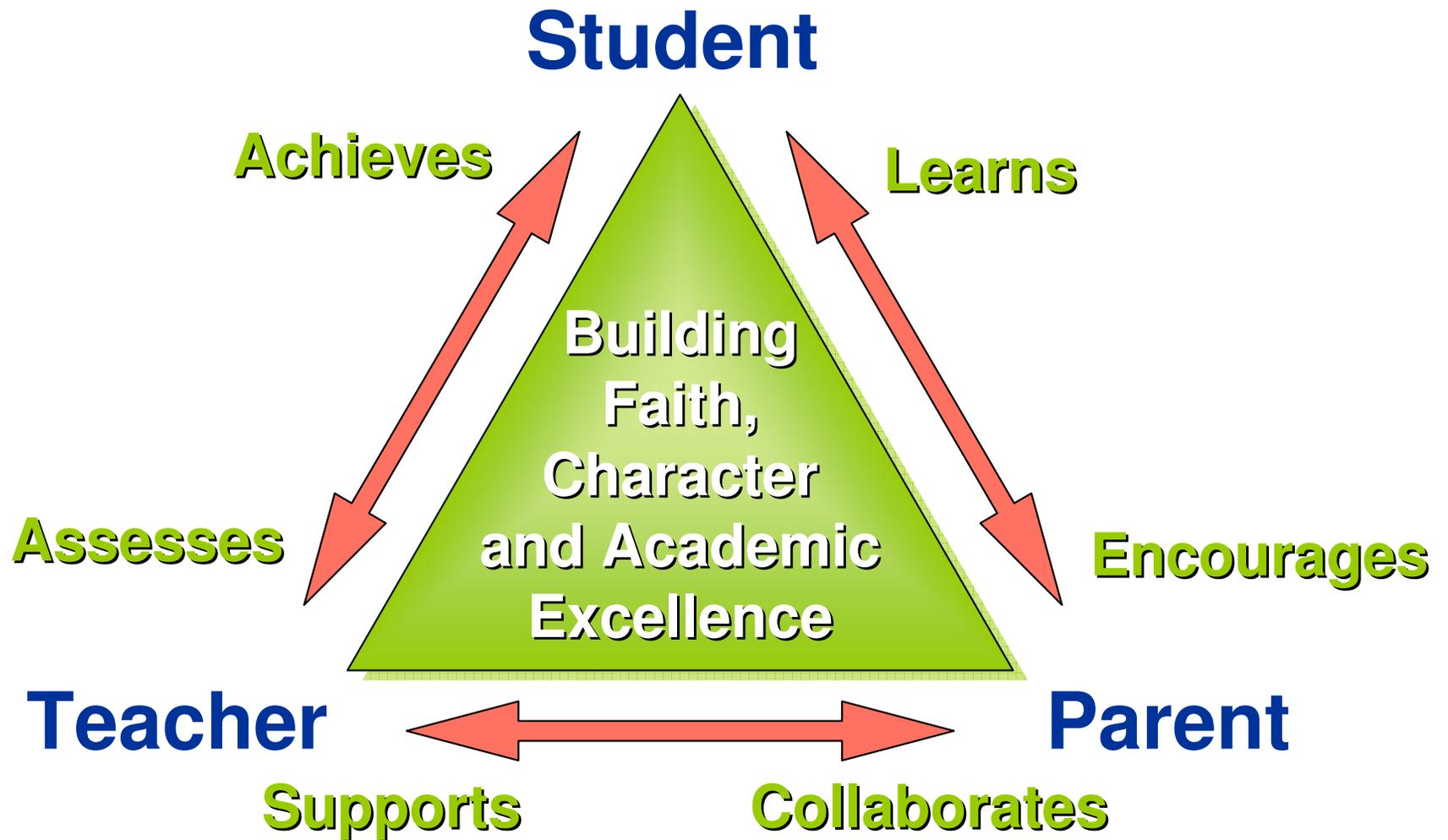
The solution: Family-Directed Education



Research sources: www.barna.com and www.nheri.org



Family-Directed Education





Family-Directed Education allows families to heed scripture:

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. Deut. 6:6-7

Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Luke 6:39-40

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. Col 2:8

He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed. Proverbs 13:20

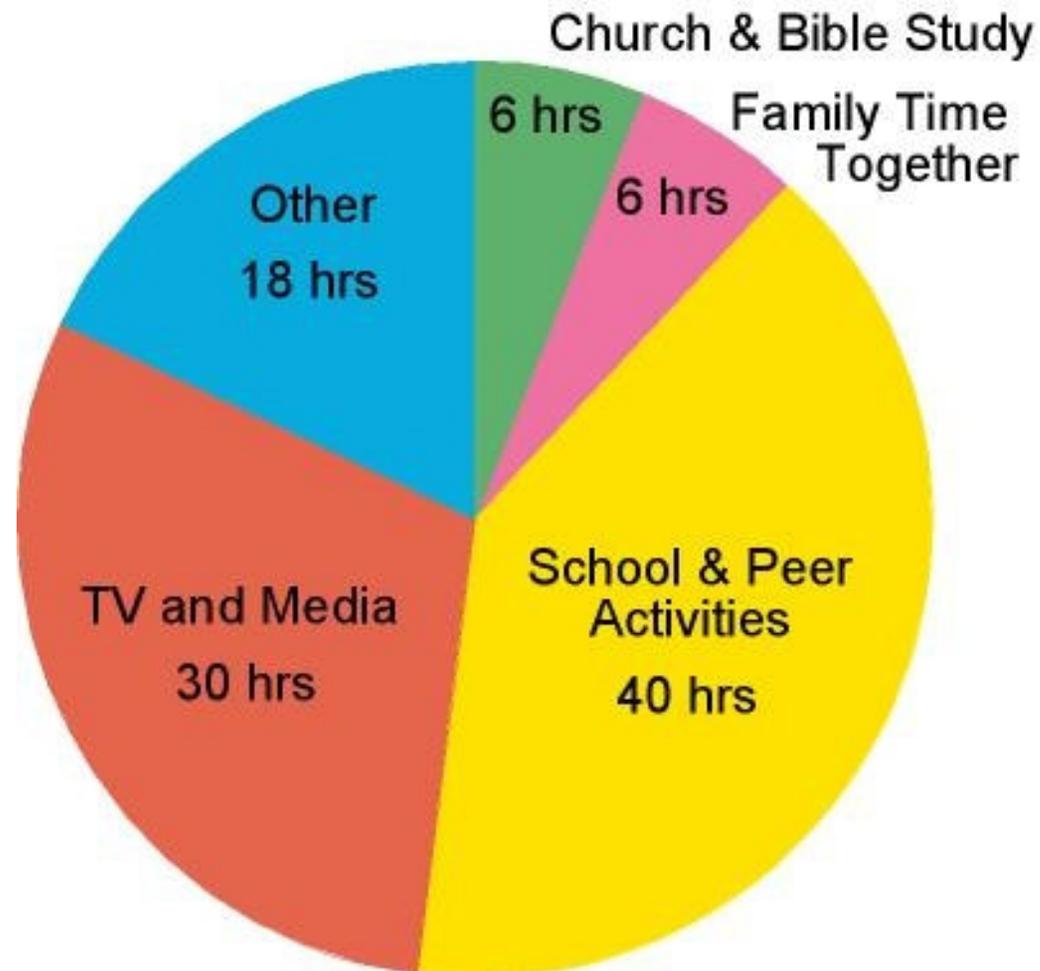
Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” 1 Cor 15:33

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Gal 6:7

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1 Pet 5:8

Who is really discipling students from Christian families?

Weekly Hours in Student Activities



What Christian leaders are saying about education in America:

- ***After 35 years as a public school teacher and principal, I concluded beyond the shadow of a doubt, ... public schools [are] detrimental, even dangerous, to all children—especially Christian children.***
Karl Priest, Exodus Mandate WV State Coordinator
- ***...there is no such thing as a 'neutral' education. All education is religious and conveys a worldview... Christian parents allow an aggressively anti-Christian institution to form the minds of their children, and the fruit of that choice is bitter... There are no do-overs.***
Bruce Shortt, Harvard Law School, Ph.D. Stanford University, Fulbright Scholar, author of *The Harsh Truth about Public Schools*
- ***.. But 2 or 3 hours on Sunday and 20 minutes or so of Bible study at home are overpowered by 30 or more hours a week in anti-Christian government schools and the constant pagan media bombardment...***
T.C. Pinckney, Brig. General USAF (ret), 2nd VP So Baptist Convention
- ***...Let's put K-12 education back into the Great Commission and perhaps we can begin to right this failing culture and save our children too. Evangelicals are losing their own children to humanism and post modernism and not winning enough of the others either.***
E. Ray Moore, Jr. Chaplain (Lt.Col.) USAR Ret, President of Frontline Ministries, founder of Exodus Mandate

America's Educational System

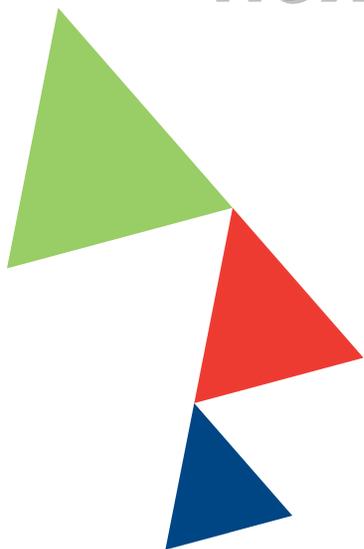


<i>Academics</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>Character</i>	<i>D</i>
<i>Ethics</i>	<i>D</i>
<i>Spiritual Maturity</i>	<i>F</i>

Family Academy's Mission:

Family-Directed Education:

Family Academy equips teachers holding a biblical worldview to partner with parents in training the next generation of leaders in faith, character, and academics.

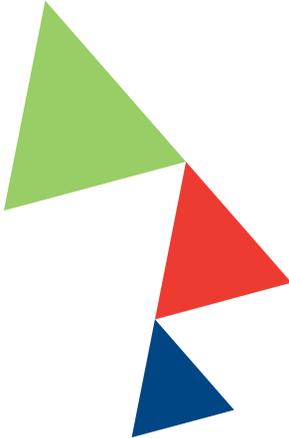


Services to Enrolled Families

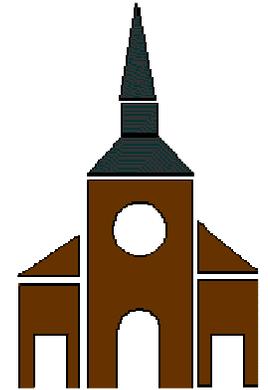
(through Academy NW, FA affiliate school)

- ▶ **Customized & flexible curriculum and course development**
- ▶ **Regular classes with Teacher Consultants**
- ▶ **Fully accredited by NAAS**
(Northwest Association of Accredited Schools)
- ▶ **Official transcript and diploma**
- ▶ **NCAA course approval for college sports eligibility and scholarships**
- ▶ **All school activities, annual outdoor school, and graduation ceremonies**





Family Academy Services to Churches

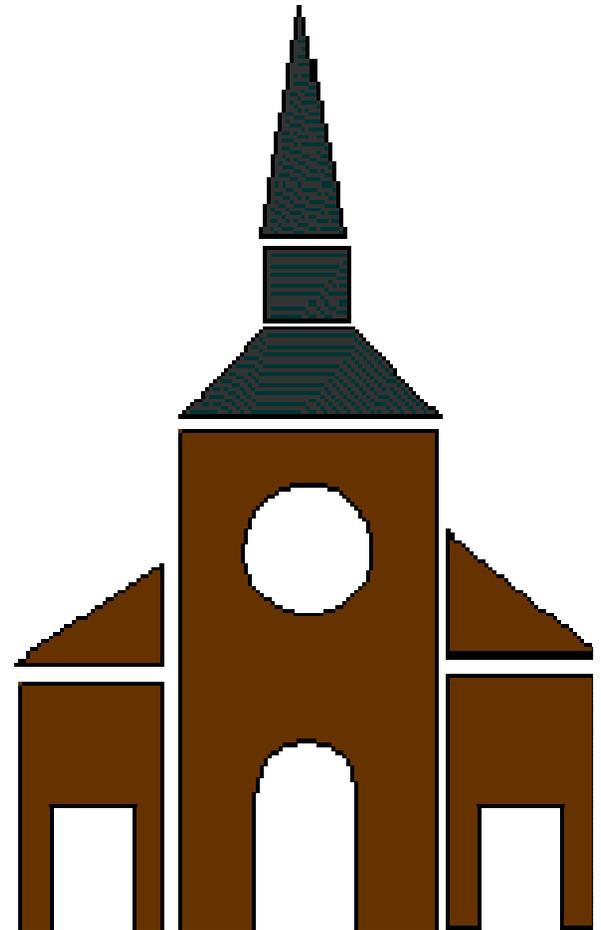


- ▶ **Students in your congregation can enroll and work with a current FA Teacher Consultant.**
- ▶ **Parents in your congregation can take our “Able to Teach” course and additional workshops as requested.**
- ▶ **Teachers in your congregation can train to become a Teacher Consultant.**
- ▶ **Your church can establish a learning center or an extension campus and eventually become an affiliate school.**



Advantages for Churches

- ▶ **Equipped parents and students = Servant-leaders for church outreach and discipleship ministries.**
- ▶ **Many of our grads go into the ministry or missions**
- ▶ **Proven 20+ year record of providing the best in education**
- ▶ **School administration “red tape” covered by Family Academy**



K-12 Educational Options Assessment

	Public School	Public School at Home	Christian School	Home School	Family Academy
Academic excellence			●	●	●
Supported family unit		○		●	●
Character w/ moral absolutes			○	●	●
Decreased peer dependency		●		●	●
Maturing student faith			○	●	●
Parents in charge				●	●
Fits student needs/interests				●	●
Low gov't control			●	●	●
Professional help w/ biblical worldview			○		●
Easy credit transfer	●	●	●		●
Official diploma/ accreditation	●	●	●		●
Expense	Taxes	Taxes	\$7-20 K	\$.5 K	\$2-4 K

● = 70%+ level
○ = attempts but falls short

Common Objections to Family-Directed Education

Time – *It will take all the time of at least 1 parent.*

Less than 1/2 the school day time is required of the teaching parent to provide instruction.

Daily living and student interests = learning: cooking, chores, quiet time, play/sports, music, art, etc.

Supplement w/Academy NW classes at the church 1-12 hr/week.



Effort/energy – *It will take too much effort & energy of the parents*

Good family stewardship = Deut 6: 6-7

If the church coordinates group learning activities for students and families, this would support their flock.

Common Objections (cont'd)

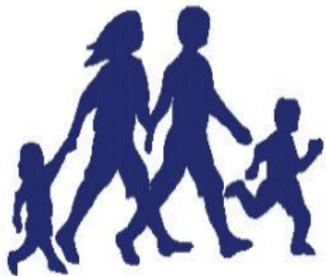
Expense – \$ of the learning program + the loss of the income-earning of at least one parent

Anything of true value requires sacrifice.

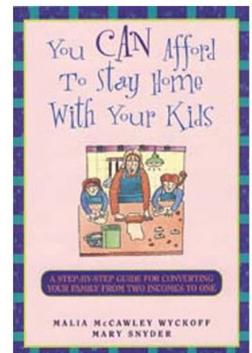
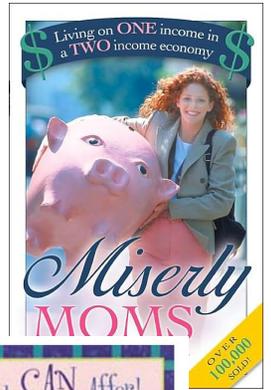
The church can establish a scholarship fund.

Resources: *You Can Afford To Stay Home With Your Kids* & *Miserly Moms: Living on One Income in a Two-Income Economy*

Socialization – *The student likes being at school with other kids.*



The family unit is the best place for authentic socialization, not peers. Most homeschool students are involved in positive socialization in activities with peers and all age levels, creating less peer dependency and better self-esteem.



Common Objections (cont'd)

Parent limitations – *Many parents are single parents and others are just unable to homeschool because they lack the skills and discipline to manage their children.*



There are creative solutions for single parents.

The church can teach parents how to improve.

FA's Able to Teach course provides numerous strategies for effectively working with children.





What others say about Family Academy

As a leadership training ministry fully committed to helping teens understand their worldview, we understand how crucial Christian education is, and how urgently dedicated parents need capable professional support in homeschooling their children. We are delighted to recommend Family Academy, a faithful and diligent support organization to home educators for over 20 years. What a blessing: an organization with both head (vision) and heart (compassion) for the mission of home education. Worldview Academy team

My experience with Family Academy and Academy Northwest has provided me with the skills to face life's challenges with confidence and success. Angela McCall, graduate

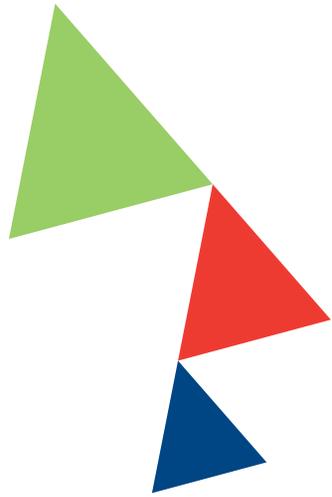
I am able to form relationships with parents, and our team effort results in a well-educated child. With Academy NW's support, I truly have the perfect teaching environment. Debbie Griffith, FA Teacher Consultant

With help from our Family Academy teacher, our children showed marked improvement due to hands-on learning, challenging academics, and most importantly, application of God's Word in the learning adventure. Darin and Anna Perrollaz, parents

Next Steps for Church Leaders

- ▶ **Pray as a leadership team on how to best support families with school-age children**
- ▶ **Get more information 800-877-4586; also @ www.familyacademy.org and www.academynorthwest.org**
- ▶ **Set up a meeting with a Family Academy representative.**
- ▶ **Arrange a Homeschool Information Night for people in your congregation and community who are parents of preschoolers through high school and have a Family Academy team make a presentation.**





Family Academy

800.877.4586

www.familyacademy.org

www.academynorthwest.org