

## **FAQs About OPTIONS Family Curriculum**

### **What is OPTIONS Family Curriculum?**

A selection of curriculum titles that are made available for our program families to check out like a library system and use at home through the school year. All titles are non-religious in nature and have been vetted as being appropriate for use in a public school classroom.

### **What Are These Books For?**

These books are made available as a service of the OPTIONS Program as a way to provide a free-curriculum benefit for our program families.

### **Who Can Check Out These Materials?**

Families can check out books for any student enrolled in the OPTIONS Program.

### **Do I Have To Order Curriculum Through OPTIONS?**

No, if you have something else you like you are welcome to use it. This is provided as a benefit to our enrolled students.

### **How Much Do They Cost?**

Almost all of the curriculum you check out is provided at no cost to you. You have to pay for any consumable pieces to a curriculum you would choose, but you are not required to purchase consumables through OPTIONS. A family will be required to pay for any lost or damaged materials.

### **What and When Do I Pay For?**

You will pay for any consumables pieces at the time you place your order. At this time we only accept cash or pre-printed checks as payment and all consumable purchases are non-refundable.

### **What About Books Used For A Class?**

If your child is enrolled in a class with a required text, it will be checked out to them on the first day of classes. When ordering curriculum for your use, do not order books you think your student may need for a class they are enrolled in at OPTIONS.

### **How Long Do I Keep Them?**

Most families keep their curriculum for the school year, checking out curriculum in August or September and returning it in May. We do allow a family to keep curriculum over the summer if they want to continue home school. In this case we ask that families renew their materials at their OPTIONS Site by bringing in the books and having them scanned and renewed, just like a library.

### **What About Levels Finished During The School Year?**

If a student finishes a particular level during the school year, you are allowed to return the completed curriculum and check out the next level, based on availability.

**How Many Books Can I Have?**

You can check out 1 curriculum title per subject, per student. Certain curriculum pieces may be issued 1 per family instead of 1 per student. OPTIONS staff reserves the right to limit quantities or levels of any title, based on availability.

**How Can I Look At Books Before Ordering?**

Once a year in the Spring we hold a Book Fair and provide a copy of every title we carry for parents to review. If you miss the Book Fair date you can look over our Curriculum List, which has grades, levels and descriptions for every title we carry plus most of our descriptions have Internet links to publisher's websites for that particular title.

**How Do I Get My Books?**

Most new book orders are placed in the Spring, filled in mid to late summer and then we schedule a Book Pick Up date for families to come to a designated location, pay for any consumables and take their bundles home.

**How Do I Return My Books When I'm Finished**

An All-Program book return date is usually scheduled near the end of school. You may also return any completed or unused curriculum on the day your OPTIONS Site meets to your Site Coordinator.

**How Do I Know If I Need Books or Which Ones to Choose?**

As stated above, you do not need to select any books or materials that will be used in a class at OPTIONS. Your need of curriculum and what to choose is based on your needs and your decisions. Your OPTIONS Site Coordinators are available at the Book Fair and at most times during the school year to give advice or answer questions based on their own experience. Other OPTIONS parents are also great resources for advice on particular curriculum. Our best advice to you is to determine the needs and goals of your home school before looking at the curriculum OPTIONS offers. Once you have an idea of the subjects and formats you want to use, take a look and see if our curriculum offerings fit in with those needs.

**What If I Still Feel Lost and Confused About This Whole Process?**

No worries... :-) Send your Site Coordinator an email and they will be happy to help you find answers to your questions.