

Welcome from the Headmaster, Douglas Raines

One of the most important decisions you will make as a parent is determining where your child will attend school. Since 1970, The King's Academy has taken seriously the responsibility of educating students in a caring Christian environment. We have graduated nearly 3,000 students during this span of time and believe that God has called us to continue to reach families locally, nationally, and internationally with the message of Jesus Christ.

Over the past few years, we have embarked on several key initiatives that have added to the success of TKA's overall program and allowed us to thrive as one of the premier Christian schools in the nation. We have been blessed to open a secondary division of TKA in Clewiston, have seen the continual growth of several preschools throughout the county, and have enjoyed the benefits of hosting and teaching international students.

At the heart of TKA is our passion for excellence in all things. We believe that each child who attends our school will benefit from the quality of instruction they receive on a daily basis. We are proud of the distinction that our students have achieved in the areas of academics, the arts, and athletics. Each year we recognize the success of our seniors as they receive millions of dollars in scholarships and continue their academic journeys across the nation in prestigious colleges and universities.

All TKA students complete a traditional, highly rigorous, college preparatory course of studies. We seek to challenge our students, intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, and socially to become Christian leaders. The TKA administration and faculty embrace the challenges of our culture and work vigilantly to grow professionally and remain fresh in our approach.

In our quest to touch more students with excellence in Christian education, we are now able to promote a quality online option to the TKA brand. Online learning has become a common feature in college education and we believe preparing students to engage in their education through this format is an important venture for our school to pursue. We have confidence that online students will become an integral part of the King's tradition and the unique opportunities offered at our school.

Many times families are confronted with challenges to having their children attend a physical school. We are hopeful that this option will provide missionary families, students with health concerns, students with traveling commitments, and students with other unforeseen issues a viable Christian option to their schooling. Thus, students that are seeking all the advantages of an online education and desire to be a part of the TKA family should take a few minutes to review the resources provided on our website. We encourage you to discuss your options with our Director of Online Learning. We pray that you will find The King's Academy Online to be the best choice for your family.

In Christ,

Douglas M. Raines
Headmaster
Galatians 2:20

Our Students

Successful TKAO students should have an openness to learning from a Christian worldview and a desire to learn independent study habits while working on rigorous, college preparatory courses.

TKAO students should be independent learners who are motivated to succeed. Successful full-time and part-time students create daily calendars to schedule adequate time to stay on pace with their course due dates. They are proactive self-advocates who reach out by email, phone or Skype to all the members of their support team when questions arise. Students who make the most of the flexibility that online learning offers also schedule social, work and hobby opportunities outside of school. These opportunities provide a balance between focused study hours and time to pursue other passions.

Successful students, however, can come to The King's Academy Online for many different reasons. A successful student can be...

- Middle school students looking to enter a Christian college preparatory high school as a freshman
- Students who have heard about The King's Academy's reputation but live too far away to attend
- International students that want a U.S. diploma and preparation for a U.S. College
- Students concerned about their local school environment and safety
- Premiere athletes and entertainers that want to prepare for college while pursuing their dreams
- Students who are gifted and want to accelerate their pace and be challenged
- Homebound students--due to illness or injury--who want to keep up and excel
- Students who just need a little more time to master assignments
- Traditional students who feel bullied or pressured in their local school
- Students who want to jump-start their college education and reduce college tuition costs, by taking dual-enrollment courses
- Home-schooled students or students already enrolled elsewhere online that desire more academic challenge and qualified, Christian teachers to guide them
- Students who need more flexibility in their schedule than traditional schools provide
- Students who love to learn and want to interact with like-minded students

Spiritual Life

Teaching from a Christian Worldview

The King's Academy Online believes that a Christian education is of primary importance. We look at all of learning and life through the following truths of scripture:

- The Bible is the inerrant, inspired Word of God (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21).
- Jesus Christ is the virgin born Son of God (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:8-25).
- Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins (Luke 23:33-34; I Corinthians 15:3-4).
- Jesus Christ arose bodily from the grave (Luke 24:1-6; John 20:26-29).
- Christ ascended into Heaven and is coming again (John 14:3; Acts 1:9-11; I Thessalonians 4:14-17).
- Whosoever will may come and be saved from eternal torment (Romans 10:9-13; Revelation 22:17).
- Salvation is by grace through faith, not of works (good deeds, baptism, giving money, etc.) (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:19-31; I John 5:13).
- A Christian is eternally secure (John 3:16-36, 5:24, 10:24-31; Romans 6:23).
- A Christian should follow Christ in baptism and take the Lord's supper (Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 8:35-39; Luke 22:14-22; I Corinthians 11:23-32).
- A Christian should give of his income as the Lord has prospered (Genesis 14:18-20; Leviticus 27:30; Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 23:23; I Corinthians 16:2).
- A Christian should live a separated life (II Corinthians 6:14-18).
- A Christian should bring others to Christ (John 1:40-42; Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:8).

What does this mean for TKA Online instructors & courses?

- Christ is presented in all classes, and the Bible is the basis for instruction.
- All course materials are held to Biblical standards for measurement; historical facts are reported as such, and all opinion/interpretation/editorializing must withstand the scrutiny of Scripture.
- All TKA Online teachers acknowledge that, aside from the Bible, there is no infallible material, and therefore must use discretion when using course material; notions which contradict Scripture are challenged, and regarded as theoretical or as false.
- All accredited online school courses have been reviewed for Biblical integration opportunities.
- Students and parents are made aware that all courses, student meetings, and all aspects of the school are conducted from this Christian worldview.

A Day in the Life

There is no typical day for a TKA Online, full-time student. A common thread, however, that runs through every student's day is an openness to learning from a Christian world view and a desire to learn independent study skills while working on rigorous, college preparatory courses.

Students spend approximately one hour per day per course (for a traditional, full-time student), and additional time is needed for AP courses, dual-credit courses, and community service. A full-time student taking five classes might expect to spend approximately 25-30 hours per week online, in off-line texts, participating in online chats, and completing school assignments. This can be considerably less time than a traditional school student spends who has to prepare in the morning, travel to and from school, and complete homework in the evening in addition to the school day.

What to Expect:

Some online students rise early and work continuously throughout the morning, and others start their day later and enjoy extra-curricular morning activities or outings. Whichever the case, all of our TKAO students typically settle into a daily routine after a few short weeks, once they determine what works best for them and for their families.

Our student-entertainers often complete a lot of their schoolwork on set, while student-athletes often rise early to complete assignments before workouts, training, and practice. Many of our homeschool students are very involved in community and church activities, so they schedule their schoolwork at times that don't conflict with service projects and other fellowship opportunities.

Students that travel set daily completion goals that keep them on schedule with their schoolwork, but also allow them the flexibility to sightsee and do "real world" learning throughout the day during daylight hours. Many families choose block schedules, modified schedules, flexible rotating schedules, etc. The point is – there is no set way to approach your day when you are an online student. It really comes down to what works best for you and for your family.

The King's Academy Online – Accreditation

The King's Academy Online provides rigorous online courses that exceed the national education standards of the United States. All TKAO courses have been reviewed by the highest levels of approving agencies, which enables full-time TKAO students to graduate with a diploma from The King's Academy.

Accrediting Agencies

We hold to the highest standards of academic quality. The King's Academy Online is accredited by the following agencies:



North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement

TKAO courses are accredited by the North Central Association, an accreditation division of AdvanceED.



CollegeBoard

All TKAO AP courses are College Board approved.



National Collegiate Athletic Association

We have a wide selection of courses that are cleared for use by the NCAA for elite athletes.

A full and current list of NCAA approved The King's Academy Online courses can be found by [searching here](#) with the CEEB code: 365242.

Homeschool Families

The King's Academy Online provides a rigorous and challenging college preparatory education for online high school students in a Christian environment. Through Christian distance learning, our online courses have become a growing solution for college bound, homeschool students seeking expanded coursework, enrichment and Advanced Placement.

Homeschool parents will continue to be involved in their children's education, but the challenges of planning lessons, grading assignments, and assuring accurate testing can now be managed by attentive The King's Academy Online teachers and staff. This alternative is viewed by many of our student families as homeschooling online.

TKAO curriculum is structured, but like homeschooling, allows for flexible student pacing--it's like homeschooling online. TKA homeschool Christian courses allow part-time students to choose from a wide selection of core subjects and electives, and our online homeschool full-time students also have the opportunity to participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities, discussions, and real-life learning experiences.

Building on the best practices of our highly successful main campus school, The King's Academy Online offers homeschool students rigorous, Biblically integrated, accredited coursework, presented from a Christian worldview.

International Families

There are many benefits for International students attending an American online high school like The King's Academy Online. Many International students find that an American online high school serves as an introduction to American life and culture. American online schooling provides an opportunity for International students to interact with American high school students and become academically and socially prepared before entering a US college.

An American online academy, such as The King's Academy Online provides rigorous, college-preparatory, online coursework to students all over the world. Often compared to a homeschool academy online, TKAO uses a fully online, web-based learning management system that allows students to study and work from anywhere in the world where they can access the internet. International students can study year-round with The King's Academy Online, while other students take online summer high school.

While some courses (particularly Advanced Placement courses) require additional textbooks, most of these are available as e-books for download in remote locations. Also, the majority of American high school online courses are self-contained. Teachers and students continue to interact regularly through Skype as well as chatrooms, email, and phone conferences.

Both full-time students and online summer high school students working in remote locations enjoy interacting with other students in the course by chat and discussions. International students receive English language training through immersion in both coursework and classroom discussions. Also, International students studying with an American online high school, similar to a homeschool academy online, become accustomed to American-style teaching, classroom discussions/interactions, and coursework.

The social aspect of student life in online summer high school or full-time high school is an additional benefit to International students. As students become acquainted with American customs, habits, student behaviors and culture, the transition to college should later become much easier.

Missionary Families

The King's Academy Online provides rigorous, college-preparatory, online coursework to students all over the world. TKAO uses a fully online, web-based learning management system that allows students to be in their courses from anywhere they can access the internet. While some courses (particularly Advanced Placement courses) require additional textbooks, most of these are available as eBooks for download in remote locations.

Also, the majority of courses are self-contained. Teachers and students continue to interact regularly through Skype, Web Conference and email. Students working in remote locations also enjoy interacting with other students in the course by chat and discussions. Regardless of time zones, students enjoy getting to interact globally.

TKAO is also committed to the spiritual growth of students. Our courses are Biblically integrated and are taught by Christian teachers. Missionary families that supplement their local curriculum or enroll full-time with TKAO will have an alternative to returning to the States for their students' college-preparatory education.

Entrance Process:

New (external) students will need to complete the traditional application and registration processes, regardless of the number or subject(s) of courses taken. Students will be required to test in or to provide their academic records and standardized testing results; verifying their academic ability is on par with that which is required to be successful within the entire TKA program. Students that have been accepted without taking the entrance test will be required to do so prior to moving into traditional course work on campus.

Traditional TKA students can take part-time coursework or transition to full-time online by completing the proper registration paperwork and providing payment to the business office, without repeating the new student application process or paying the application fee. Sonya Jones or Doug Raines will have final approval of all new students and current student enrollment changes, verified by their signature on the registration form.

International students may apply to take courses through TKA Online. They must provide their academic records and standardized testing results; verifying their academic ability is on par with that which is required to be successful within the entire TKA program. International students that desire to move into traditional course work on campus will be required to take an entrance examination.

Restrictions:

7th – 12th grade coursework is available through TKA Online.

Full-time online students will receive a TKAO diploma and are eligible to participate in the High School Commencement ceremony (graduation). Full-time TKA Online students must meet the current, traditional student graduation requirements to be awarded a diploma. Any coursework taken through TKA Online will be noted as such on the students' academic transcript.

Graduates of the full-time online program will not be ranked against students studying full-time on the main campus within the traditional program.

Full-time TKA Online students are not eligible to participate in on-campus activities.

Full-time Traditional students wishing to use TKA Online as a supplement to their on-campus course load in a part-time capacity will not experience a change in their extra-curricular eligibility status. These students should be aware of, and adhere to, the following guidelines set forth by the TKA Secondary Administration:

School policy stipulates that all courses required for graduation must be successfully completed at The King's Academy. Students may take courses required for graduation from The King's Academy Online, with the following restrictions:

Core Graduation Requirements: Traditional students are permitted to complete 1 credit within each of the following core subject areas through TKA Online:

- Mathematics
- History/Social Studies
- Science
- English

Foreign Languages: A student must successfully complete 2 credits (levels I and II) of a foreign language to qualify for graduation from The King's Academy. Students may satisfy this requirement by taking two years of a foreign language

(levels I and II) from The King's Academy Online. A student may pursue additional levels or languages from The King's Academy Online.

Bible: Students must successfully complete the following courses, accumulating 2 credits of Bible to qualify for graduation from The King's Academy. Students must take the required Bible courses on campus. A student may pursue additional Bible courses from The King's Academy Online.

Fine Arts, Physical Education & Electives: A student must successfully complete 1 credit of Fine Arts and 1 credit of Physical Education to qualify for graduation from The King's Academy. These two requirements may be satisfied through The King's Academy Online courses. Student may pursue additional Electives from The King's Academy Online. Additional Policies:

Courses taken from The King's Academy Online will be added to a student's transcript, and the grade received will be calculated into the student's GPA. All courses attempted from The King's Academy Online will be noted on a student's transcript. Withdrawing from a The King's Academy Online course before its completion will result in a WP (Withdraw Passing) or a WF (Withdraw Failing) notation on the student's transcript. Students enrolled in a The King's Academy Online course must complete the requirements of that course within the start and end dates set by the Administration, unless permission is granted to do so. Failure to do so will be noted as a "WF" or "WP" on the student's transcript, depending on the grade he or she has attained in that course.

Course Withdrawal Information: We recognize that there are circumstances that may necessitate a withdrawal from one or all of a student's online courses. Students should be aware that there may be an impact on their academic transcript. A course will not be noted at all on a student's transcript if a withdrawal happens within the first 28 days of the course start date. Refunds will apply according to the policy below.

Students who withdraw after 28 calendar days will receive either a WP (withdraw passing) or WF (withdraw failing) on their transcript depending on their grade at the time of withdrawal.

Refund policy:

10 calendar days from the course start date: Refund of course tuition paid (per course) minus a \$200 fee*.

11-28 calendar days from the course start date: Refund of course tuition paid (per course) minus a \$300 fee*.

29-45 calendar days from the course start date: Refund of course tuition paid (per course) minus a \$350 fee*.

46-59 calendar days from the course start date: Refund of course tuition paid (per course) minus a \$400 fee*.

60+ calendar days from the course start date: No credits or refunds.

Course Extension Policy: If a student needs to go beyond the original enrollment end date in order to successfully complete a course he/she may apply for an extension.

Students must have successfully completed 50 percent of the course work prior to requesting an extension and may request up to an additional 4 weeks for a one semester course or 8 weeks for a two-semester (full year) course.

Only one extension per course will be considered. Students must be working consistently in the course at the time of the extension request.

The course extension form should be filled out at least 2 weeks prior to the current end date of the student's course

If the student does not complete the course requirements by the end of the extension, he/she will receive a final grade for the course based both on the work completed as well as 0's which have been submitted for undone work.

Extension Fees:

If the request for a class extension is placed at least two weeks before the student's end date in the course and does not exceed the maximum time period in a course, there will be a \$100 fee. If the request is approved, the dates in the course will automatically adjust to the new end date

Course Pause/Delay: A course pause/delay request is applicable when a student needs a stoppage of work in a course with plans to re-start the course at a later date. Students are only eligible for a course pause/delay request when they are making good progress in the course.

Example situations where this option should be considered: Health issues; Family crisis.

Course Pause/Delay Request timing and financial implications:

1+ calendar days after the course start date: \$100 fee (per course).

Parent Agreement

TKAO Parent Agreement:

The purpose of this agreement is to define the relationship between The King's Academy Online and parents/guardians by way of program goals and parent/guardian responsibilities.

Program Goals:

We pledge to support parents/guardians by:

- Helping fulfill your God-given responsibility to be the primary educator of your child
- Conducting assessment testing and prescribing an appropriate course of study
- Providing quality technical, administrative and academic support
- Evaluating, grading/reviewing, recording and reporting student progress in a timely manner
- Issuing a diploma upon successful completion of graduation requirements

Parental/Guardian Responsibilities:

As the parent/guardian I agree:

- To acknowledge that TKAO curriculum is written from a Bible-centered, Christian worldview in accordance with the Academy's statement of faith.
- To study TKAO orientation materials, tuition & fee policy, and parent/teacher handbook and abide by all policies and procedures therein.
- To know and understand all applicable local and state laws and requirements regarding On-Line Education and Homeschooling. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to select the course of study needed to meet any applicable homeschool graduation requirements in my state.
- To fulfill the role of the primary educator who will guide and teach my student and motivate him or her to follow and complete the assigned course of study. I reserve creative freedom to enrich the basic studies with additional projects, field trips and lab work.
- To ensure that the work my student submits to the Academy is completed by the student alone, and that tests and quizzes are completed without the help of other individuals, books, notes or other aids.
- To ensure that work is submitted on a regular and timely basis to allow for ongoing oversight by TKAO teachers.
- To understand that the Academy reserves the right to cancel enrollment at any time due to non-payment of fees, unsatisfactory progress, program abuse, plagiarism or failure to follow TKAO procedures.
- To read and understand the cancellation and refund policy. If I choose to cancel or withdraw my student(s), I must notify TKAO in writing by letter or email.

Remediation

The King's Academy Online offers full-time and part-time college preparatory courses. Many students are finding it difficult, however, to find an accredited, affordable solution for remediating a failed grade. TKAO can help assist students with a first semester, second semester or full-year course remediation.

Students are noticing that because the course has already been taken once, they often understand the content more readily the second time through. This additional time with the subject, plus a caring, credentialed, available instructor can often make the difference in the student's grade.

Students should be sure to check with their academic counselor for approval of course placement. Also, students should be prepared to study approximately 5 hours per week over 18 weeks for a semester-long course, complete work by due dates and maintain contact with their course instructor. TKAO is committed to providing completed grade transcripts to student's in a timely manner.