



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Enrollment requirements should be attached as scanned copies to the online enrollment application. Original documents must be submitted to the Registrar's Office within three (3) months of enrollment.

## **1. Original Birth Certificate issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority**

## **2. Original report card**

Most recent report card (F-138) duly signed by the school head. The report card should clearly indicate the grade level completed and certify eligibility for admission or transfer.

Also accepted: Original PEPT result

## **3. LRN - Learner Reference Number**

*(For incoming Grade 1 to 12 students from Philippine schools)*

## **4. Transcript/School Records**

For students enrolling under Philippine accreditation:

- *From schools outside the Philippines:*  
Authenticated school records

For students enrolling under US accreditation:

- *From Philippine-based schools:*  
Certified True Copy of Transcript
- *From schools outside the Philippines:*  
Original school records

## **5. ID Picture**

*Digital copy of the child's latest photo (white background)*

*Note: Your child's ID shall only be issued upon official enrollment*



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## What HG programs can we choose from for School Year 2021-2022?

- **TOUCH:** Customizable curriculum with comprehensive homeschool guidance and training from advisor, for Kinder until Grade 12 students (Nursery program also available). Program fee: 4,500AED per learner. Sibling discounts apply: 25% for the second child, 50% for the third child, 75% for the fourth child and up (applied on the base program fee).
  - **TECH BJU:** High-quality blended curriculum with essential advisor support, for Pre-K until Grade 10 students. Program fee: 3,000AED per learner.
  - **TECH AOP:** High-quality fully online curriculum with essential advisor support, for Grades 3 until Grade 12 students. Program fee: 3,000AED per learner.
  - **ONLINE ACADEMY:** Comprehensive video lessons on-demand with class advisor support, for Kinder to Grade 10 students. Program fee: 5,500AED per learner.
  - **ONLINE ACADEMY PLUS** (coming in Sept 2021): Teacher-supervised learning with live online academic classes, for Kinder to Grade 10 students.
- Specialized developmental services are available for exceptional or challenged learners. These are auxiliary to the Touch and Tech AOP programs.
- **Touch Specialized Developmental Services - THE LEARNING CURVE:** Specialized homeschooling with center support (*activities are currently done online due to COVID-19*), for Kinder to Grade 12. Program fee: 6,000AED per learner.
  - **Tech AOP Specialized Developmental Services - THE LEARNING CURVE ONLINE:** Specialized homeschooling with online support, for Grades 3 to 12 students. Program fee: 4,500AED per learner.

*\*All program fees exclude curriculum materials*



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## **How do I know which program to choose?**

Your program of choice will depend on factors like preferred curriculum, preferred amount of support, schedule, testing method, assessment type, etc. But don't worry, you can take our program recommendation questionnaire to discover the best fit for your child's needs and your family's lifestyle.

## **How early can I start homeschooling?**

For students aged 2 and 3, HG's nursery program uses the Kidstarter Curious Curriculum, while Pre-K students aged 4 may take Touch or Tech BJU. DepEd accreditation officially begins in Kinder, and the child must be 5 years old by June 1. For those who will be turning 5 between August 1 to October 31, students must take the Kinder Readiness Test first. For Grade 1, students need to be at least 6 years old.

## **Can I work and homeschool at the same time?**

It is certainly possible to work and homeschool your children. We recommend that you use a structured program (Online Academy, Online Academy Plus, or Tech BJU) that will allow you to be your child's learning facilitator rather than the teacher if you are not able to dedicate the recommended 2-3 hours daily for teaching time. As a facilitator, you connect the child with the learning tool and curriculum, and supervise and guide them.

The Tech BJU program is very helpful as it provides comprehensive video lessons by subject specialist teachers. The Online Academy and Online Academy Plus programs provide additional assistance to facilitators through Class Advisors who monitor progress, provide daily lesson schedules, and conduct weekly homeroom classes. Additionally, Online Academy Plus includes daily live online academic classes wherein the teachers will be in charge of your child's grading.



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## **Are you DepEd-accredited?**

We offer two forms of accreditation, US and Philippine accreditation. The Philippine accreditation is provided by our partner school, The Master's Academy, which we have been partnered with since we pioneered homeschooling in the Philippines more than 20 years ago. The US accreditation is provided by our partner school, Wellspring Christian Family Schools based in Maryland U.S.A., a Tier 1 NCAA-accredited school, and is particularly beneficial for those who are planning to enroll their child in a college abroad or are expats.

## **Which accreditation should I choose: Philippine or US?**

In choosing the accreditation, you must factor in future plans. Both types of accreditation are recognized in the Philippines and abroad. We have had graduates accepted into top Philippine universities such as UP, Ateneo, and De La Salle, as well as international universities such as Brown, NYU, Stanford, and University of Georgia. Under the US accreditation, students will not be required to study Filipino language or Araling Panlipunan, but rather, US History and a foreign language. By default, all our programs include Philippine accreditation in the fees; the US option is available at an additional fee.

## **How do I choose the curriculum, books, and materials appropriate for my child?**

If you choose the Online Academy, Tech BJU, or Tech AOP programs, these follow curriculum packages which include the books and materials you will need for the school year. The package will be purchased together with enrollment and books, shall be provided within 14 days\* of enrollment. For the Touch program, you will be provided a book list upon enrollment, which contains our recommended books as well as a list of optional/alternative books you may purchase, including online/digital platforms such as BJU DLO and AOP Ignitia. You may also schedule a curriculum consultation with a learning advisor who can guide you in making your choice.

*\*May vary for interisland or international destinations*



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## **What is the difference between Tech and Touch?**

Tech provides structure for the student, allowing for independent learning through the use of our learning platforms. These contain comprehensive video lessons, teacher guides, activity sheets, and online or printed materials. The daily lessons and full-year coverage is preset and planned out for the parent and student to easily follow. Parents' training on the platform and tools are provided along with a support advisor in case you get stuck. Grading and monitoring of students are based on quizzes for each unit and quarterly online exams.

The primary difference between Tech and Touch is that the Touch program provides you with a seasoned homeschool advisor to support and guide you through your journey, as well as an open curriculum allowing you to pick and choose your child's books or select from our recommended bundles. Touch students have the benefit of doing Portfolio Reviews, which serve as presentations of all their learnings every quarter.

## **What is the difference between Tech AOP and Tech BJU?**

Tech BJU is a blended curriculum provided by BJU Press, and features a blend of online comprehensive video lessons (on-demand) by expert teachers and materials, as well as printed books and worktext books for the student that come with the curriculum bundle. Tech BJU is for Pre-K to Grade 10 students.

Tech AOP, open to Grades 3 to 12, is a fully online curriculum provided by Alpha Omega Publications. This means all of the lessons and materials will be available online. Tech AOP is ideal for visual and independent learners who may not need comprehensive video lessons but would benefit from the interactive text-based curriculum. This online curriculum is ideal for high schoolers as it includes an array of electives and test prep courses (SAT, GED, etc.)

Both programs provide essential academic support from an advisor, which includes grading guidance, online platform navigation, and exams.



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## **What's the difference between Tech BJU and Online Academy?**

The main difference is that Online Academy has Class Advisors. They are in charge of the weekly homeroom classes and help parents monitor their child's weekly progress. Both programs use BJU DLO as their curriculum, which features recorded videos of lessons delivered to your child on-demand by expert teachers.

## **What's the difference between Online Academy and Online Academy Plus?**

Online Academy Plus has all the inclusions of Online Academy, but moreover, it features teacher-supervised learning and daily live online academic classes (teachers will be in charge of your child's grading). The advisor-student ratio of Online Academy Plus is 1:25, while in Online Academy, it is 1:40.

## **What strands are available for Senior High School?**

For school year 2021-2022, HG offers two (2) strands under the Philippine accreditation: GAS - General Academic Strand and ABM - Accountancy, Business, and Management. These strands are only available under the Touch Program.

Grades 11 and 12 US accreditation are available under Touch and Tech AOP with multiple elective options.

## **Does enrollment follow the conventional school calendar?**

Enrollment for families happens every March, June, September, and December (US accreditation only). Thus, interested families have the advantage of starting homeschooling earlier or later than June. The school year should ideally be completed in 10 months, however, you have the flexibility to take the program up to 12 months. You may also extend up to a maximum of 15 months (pro-rata fees apply).



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## Are installment plans available?

All our programs are available under the following payment scheme options: one time payment, two-monthly installment, four-monthly installment, and quarterly installment.

## What other fees need to be settled on top of the program fee?

- One-time Registration Fee - 700AED
- Online Testing with Learning Enhancement Tool - 400AED (for Grades 1 to 12)
- Curriculum Materials\* - 800AED to 2,500AED (Touch); 1,500AED to 2,500AED (Tech BJU, Online Academy, and Online Academy Plus); 1,500AED to 2,300AED (Tech AOP)

As applicable:

- US Accreditation Fee - 1,500AED (Pre-K to Grade 8); 2,300AED (Grades 9 to 11); 2,900AED (Grade 12)
- Senior High School Fee (Grades 11 and 12 Touch PH accreditation only) - 2,000AED

## Can I hire a tutor?

Yes, you may hire a tutor to assist with homeschooling. The tutor may undergo the included training programs together with the parent.

HG also offers Online Group Tutorials in Math, Science, English, Filipino, and Social Studies for Grades 1 to 10 students (PH & US accreditation) through the help of professional teachers. Good for one academic year (or 10 months), the tutorial will happen in a group setting wherein your child will join other students of the same grade level. There is a set mini-lesson for 15 minutes, but the majority of the time (35 minutes) is given for students to ask questions via chat while the teacher will discuss these questions or finish with a check up game or activity if there are no questions.

*\*Prices exclusive of shipping and duties*





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