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Statement of Faith

We believe:

- In the deity of Jesus Christ and that He was born of a virgin; that He lived as God and Man in one person; that He died to redeem sinful mankind and that He rose again three days later proving His claim to be the Son of God.
- All scripture was given by God to man. The scriptures (the original writings) were given by divine inspiration and are inerrant and infallible.
- Salvation only comes through Christ's death and resurrection. There is no other way to attain salvation than through the vicarious, substitutionary atonement provided by the shedding of Jesus' blood on our behalf.
- In the literal, physical resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- In the doctrine of the "Trinity of the Godhead." God is one God yet He exists in three persons each having the same nature, attributes, perfections, personality and being equal in power and glory. God is eternal.
- In the physical return of Jesus Christ first to claim His church and then to establish His kingdom.
- In the Fall of Man. Man (and woman) was created by God. Man chose to rebel against God and is therefore in need of salvation.
- In Salvation through Jesus Christ. As by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and with sin came death, so by one man (Jesus) came salvation. (see Romans 5:12-ff)
- "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:9-10)
- In the final resurrection of the saved and the lost. The saved unto everlasting life in Heaven with God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ; the lost to everlasting anguish and despair through separation from God.





Administration

Executive Director - Rev. Michael F. Commini, B.A., Ed. M (in progress), Th.M., Th.D., Security+, Network+

Rev. Commini has been serving God as an evangelist since the mid-1970s. Since 1977, he's taught God's Word through "gospel illusions" to audiences across America, in Europe and Great Britain. He has served as the Executive Director of Christian Evangelistic Outreach Ministries, our parent ministry, since December 1994, and is currently the President of Charis School of Divinity. In addition to his ministry activities, Rev. Commini is a published author and poet and has designed and developed several commercial computer software programs. Rev. Commini holds degrees in Biblical Studies and Theology. He also holds several certifications including Security+, Network+, a Journeyman's Certificate in Biomedical Electronics from the United States Air Force where he served his country honorably, a Diploma in Professional Photography and two Teaching Certificates in Bible and Computer Technology from the [Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools](#) where he is a member of their esteemed Speakers Bureau.

President of the Academy – Acting Headmaster - Rev. Robert E. Smith, BSBA - IT, MSM – Project Management

Rev. Smith is a researcher, lecturer, author, musician, editor and publisher. In addition to his responsibilities at Charis Academy Online Rev. Smith serves as the Academic Dean of Charis School of Divinity and is also the founder and Executive Director of Gnosis Christian Ministries. As an active evangelist he is used by God to deliver the Word wherever he is called. Rev. Smith holds degrees in Business Administration and Project Management and has just begun a doctoral program in education.





Education Director - Rev. Dewey Santmier, A.A., B.A., B.R.E., M.R.E., Th.M.

Rev. Santmier has been used by God to minister in jails, rest homes, chapels, prisons, homes and churches. An accomplished debater, Rev. Santmier has led several debate teams to National Championships and has been entered into the Who's Who of American Teachers over multiple years! He holds the following degrees: A.A. Orlando Junior College; B.A. Tennessee Temple University; B.R.E. Temple Baptist Seminary; M.R.E. Temple Baptist Seminary and a Th.M. in progress from the University of South Africa.

International Liaison - Rev. Thomas Ferrell, B.A.

Rev. Ferrell served as a missionary to Columbia, South America with Deaf Missions International from 1981 to 2007. Currently he is working in Ecuador researching a book about how prophecy relates to God's purpose for mankind. His degree is a B.A. in Theology in Business Administration from Faith School of Theology





ABOUT US

Charis Academy Online is a ministry of Christian Evangelistic Outreach Ministries (CEOutreach.org), an IRS recognized 501c3 non-profit organization. Chartered in 1994, CEOutreach.org has been sharing the gospel with children and their parents where ever the Lord has presented the opportunity all over the world.

In 2007, the Lord led the board to open **Charis School of Divinity**, an online college dedicated to teaching solid Biblical truths to men and women from all walks of life.

Recently, the Lord began moving on the board to launch an online academy dedicated to providing a solid, Christ-centered education to children around the globe. After much prayer and deliberation, the Lord led the board to Alpha and Omega where it was learned that they could license the exact same materials Alpha and Omega provides its students through Switched-On Online, the Alpha and Omega online schoolhouse portal, and **Charis Academy Online** was born!





Charis Academy Online offers courses for elementary and high school students (grades 3-12) with an emphasis on individualized learning. Charis Academy Online provides a flexible, yet structured program, customized to meet the needs of each student. Charis Academy Online's teachers, counselors, and support staff are here to help each student succeed in providing a quality education for each student.

Charis Academy Online offers the best of home school, private school, and Bible-based education, all rolled into one!

Every dollar paid for tuition in Charis Academy Online will be credited toward the Charis School of Divinity tuition. When your child enrolls in Charis Academy Online, that child will receive a dollar for dollar tuition scholarship to Charis School of Divinity, the world's newest evangelical school, when they graduate.





CURRICULUM

Charis Academy Online uses only the very best Christian school curriculum available today to provide the excellent education you expect from a homeschooling program! We've licensed the rights to use the Alpha Omega Publications' Switched-On Online Academy.

Switched-On Online is a Web-based learning environment featuring a media-rich, online curriculum for grades 3 through 12. This Web-based curriculum can be accessed through any Internet connection and browser using a personal computer (PC) or Macintosh. With 3-D animation, video clips, and other exciting multimedia, Switched-On Online is the perfect Christian school curriculum for today's students. With this flexible, state-of-the-art curriculum, teachers can customize lessons to fit each student's individual learning needs.



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Charis Academy Online offers the best Bible-based homeschool and private school education, all rolled into one online campus!

Unlike traditional textbook curriculums, Charis Academy Online provides a diverse, vibrant mix of entertaining lessons, assignments, and quizzes. Fun-filled lessons captivate students' attention and engage them in learning. Interactive learning games, Web links, and off-computer projects create opportunities for in-depth study. Charis Academy Online offers five core subjects plus a variety of exciting electives which can be used as a core curriculum, a summer school option, or specialized courses.





The Program

Switched-On Online is a Web-based learning environment featuring a media-rich, online curriculum for grades 3 through 12. This Web-based curriculum can be accessed through any Internet connection and browser using a personal computer (PC) or Macintosh. (Licensed per school). With 3-D animation, video clips, and other exciting multimedia, Switched-On Online is the perfect Christian school curriculum for today's students. With this flexible, state-of-the-art curriculum, teachers can customize lessons to fit each student's individual learning needs and schools can be curriculum-ready in minutes.



Unlike traditional textbook curriculums, Switched-On Online has a diverse, vibrant mix of entertaining lessons, assignments, and quizzes. Fun-filled lessons are created to captivate students' attention and engage them in learning. Interactive learning games, Web links, and off-computer projects create opportunities for in-depth study. Automatic grading and lesson planning tools allow teachers to easily set calendars dates for semester or year-long schedules. Switched-On Online from Alpha Omega Publications offers five core subjects plus a variety of exciting electives which can be used as a core curriculum, a summer school option, or specialized courses. Switched-On Online's cutting-edge curriculum was created to offer Christian schools flexibility, convenience, and quality academics.

Bible

Switched-On Online Bible is a Christ-centered curriculum for grades 3-12 with a developmental, in-depth study of the Old and New Testaments. Using the King James Version, this Bible curriculum covers a variety of biblical material to assist in the development of practical Christian living. The Bible curriculum provides seven major themes: Theology, Attributes of God, Biblical literature, Biblical geography, Christian growth, Christian evidence, and a special emphasis for each grade level.





History and Geography

Switched-On Online History and Geography is a complete, Bible-based curriculum for grades 3-12. The goal of these courses is to develop students' understanding of and appreciation for God's activity as seen in the record of man and his relationships. The curriculum targets this goal by focusing on six major themes: Geography (World and American), History (World, History, and Religious History), Government and Citizenship, Economics, and Social Studies.



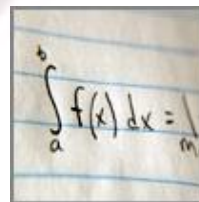
Language Arts

Switched-On Online Language Arts, for grades 3-12, targets the sequential development of communication skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Because Language Arts is an integrated program, the elementary grades weave skill topics (Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking) together within units. In the middle and high school grades, skills are developed unit by unit. The major strands are detailed as follows: Reading (Vocabulary, Comprehension Skills, Literature Studies), Writing (Spelling, Penmanship, Grammar, Composition), Speaking and Listening, and Special Topics (Visual Media, History of the English Language, The Bible as Literature, Book Reports, and Study and Research Skills).



Math

Switched-On Online Math is a comprehensive, easy-to-use curriculum for grades 3-12. Students will develop and build math skills through various question formats, multiple exercise techniques, and fun learning games. This motivating math curriculum prepares students for using math successfully in real-life situations. Concepts are developed through grade levels to endure mastery. The curriculum targets this goal by focusing on six major themes: Number Skills, Geometry, Algebra, Data Analysis, and Pre-calculus.





Science

Switched-On Online Science is an exciting, Bible-based curriculum for grades 3-12. Students develop observational skills as they study the physical universe God created. The program involves a combination of on- and off-computer assignments including experiments. Elementary and middle-school grades (3-9) observe each area of science on an individual survey basis, usually unit by unit. The high school grades (10-12) focus on specific areas of science— Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. The four major strands are as follows: Life Science (Plants and Animals, Human Anatomy and Personal Care, Biology), Space and Earth Science (Geology, Weather, Space), Physical Science (Chemistry, Physics), Nature of Science (Scientific Method, Experimentation, Technology.)



Elective Courses

Switched-On Online offers a variety of elective courses to diversify students' studies. Mostly designed for middle and high school grades, these courses are made to enrich Switched-On Online's core subjects. Here is a list of electives offered in the curriculum: American Literature (7-12), British Literature (7-12), Civics (7-12), College Planner (10-12), Elementary French (3-6), Elementary Spanish (3-6), Consumer Math (7-12), Health Quest (4-7), Health (8-12), Family & Consumer Science (7-12), Secondary Spanish (7-12), Spanish I and II (7-12), Secondary French (7-12), The Story of the Constitution (7-12), and State History (7-12).





Charis Academy Online Graduation Requirements

Charis Academy Online offers courses for students in third through 12th grade. Specific courses are suggested at the time of your student's guidance counselor appointment, after your counselor has reviewed your student's placement tests and transcripts (high school students).

Typical full-time students in 3rd through 8th grade are expected to take each of the four core subjects: Language Arts, Math, Science, and History. Grade level Bible courses and additional electives are also available.

Students must be enrolled in the Charis Academy Online full-time (taking at least five courses) before qualifying as candidates for a diploma. Homeschool transfer students must earn at least their last five credits through Charis Academy Online before graduation. Students transferring from accredited schools must earn at least 2.5 credits through Charis Academy Online to graduate. High school credits earned prior to Charis Academy Online enrollment can be accepted based on official transcripts.

High school students are required to earn a minimum of 21 credits in order to receive a diploma from Charis Academy Online. These credits can be earned by following Charis Academy Online general or college preparatory course of study, depending on a student's post-graduation plans. A detailed outline of the two courses of study as well as a summary of typical courses by grade level is conveniently provided below.





Comparison of Two Track Options for Graduation

College Prep Minimum Requirements	Credits	General Minimum Requirements	Credits
English (English I, II, III, & IV)	4	English (at least through Eng. III)	4
Math (at least through Alg. II)	4	Math (at least 1 yr. beyond Alg. I)	3
Science (at least two lab courses)	3	Science (at least one lab course)	2
History (World, U.S.)	2	History (World, U.S.)	2
Government	0.5	Government	0.5
Economics	0.5	Economics	0.5
Bible	1	Bible	1
Health	0.5	Health	0.5
Physical Education	1	Physical Education	1
Fine/Practical Art Elective	1	Fine/Practical Art Elective	1
Foreign Language*	2	Other Electives	5.5
Other Electives**	1.5		
Total credits required for Graduation:	21.0	Total credits required for Graduation:	21.0

*Effective for graduates after January 1, 2010

**College Planner course is highly recommended





Typical sequence of courses for a College Preparatory student***

Freshman Year

English I
Algebra I
World History (History 10)
Physical Science
Physical Education
Foreign Language Elective

Sophomore Year

English II
Geometry
U.S. History (History 11)
Biology
High School Health (semester course)
Foreign Language Elective
College Planner (semester course)

Junior Year

English III
Algebra II
Government & Economics (History 12)
Chemistry (or Physics)
Art or Home Economics

Senior Year

English IV
Pre-Calculus or Consumer Math
(Bible Elective)
(Physics or other Elective)
(Elective)

*** Graduation requirements related to distance learning schools may vary by state. It is the parent's responsibility to research these requirements and to ensure that they are met.

*** Because each college or university has its own entrance requirements, parents/students will want to consult with the college of his or her choice in order to meet its specific high school program requirements.





Charis Academy Online Course Options

The courses offered by Charis Academy Online are listed below for your convenience. Courses are listed by each general subject area, the grade level in which it is commonly taken, and the credit value given. This list of available courses will help facilitate the planning for your enrolled student's graduation.

English

Course	Grade	Credit
Basic English	9	1
English I	9-10	1
English II	10-11	1
English III	11-12	1
English IV	12	1

Math

Course	Grade	Credit
Pre-Algebra	9	1
Algebra I	9-10	1
Geometry	10-11	1
Consumer Math	10-11	1
Algebra II	11-12	1
Pre-Calculus	12	1

History & Geography

Course	Grade	Credit
Civics/ World Geography	9	1
World History	10	1
U.S. History	11	1
U.S. Government/Economics	12	1

Science

Course	Grade	Credit
Physical Science	9	1
Biology	10	1
Chemistry	11	1
Physics	12	1

Electives

Course	Grade	Credit
Accounting	9-12	1
American Literature	9-12	1/2
Art	9-12	1
Bible Doctrine and Applications	9-12	1
British Literature	9-12	1/2
College Planner	9-12	1/2
Computer Literacy	9-12	1/4
Consumer Math	9-12	1
Driver's Education	9-12	1/4
Essentials of Christian Service	9-12	1
Essentials of Communications	9-12	1/2
Fitness Fundamentals	9-12	1
Foundations for Living	9-12	1
French	9-12	1
Health	9-12	1/2
Home Economics	9-12	1
New Testament Survey	9-12	1
Old Testament Survey	9-12	1
Spanish I	9-12	1
Spanish II	9-12	1
State History & Government	9-12	1/2
Story of the Constitution	9-12	1/2





Electives

State History

Learn more about each State's History. Simply click State History above to see each product available in this great product series and read its details.

SOO American Literature

Uncover written American masterpieces with the Internet-based Switched-On Schoolhouse American Literature for grades 7-12!

SOO Essentials of Math

Refresh high school students' basic math skills with the web-based Switched-On Online Essentials of Math for grades 8-12!

SOO Earth Science

Dig into God's amazing world with the web-based Switched-On Online Earth Science for grades 8-12!

SOO GED Preparatory History & Geography

Get students ready for the GED test with the web-based Switched-On Online GED Preparatory History & Geography course for grades 9-12!

SOO GED Preparatory Language Arts

Help students prepare for GED testing with the Internet-based Switched-On Online GED Preparatory Language Arts course for grades 9-12!

SOO GED Preparatory Math

Prepare high school students for the GED test with the Switched-On Schoolhouse GED Preparatory Math course for grades 9-12!





SOO GED Preparatory Science

Prepare students for the GED test with the fun, web-based Switched-On Online GED Preparatory Science course for grades 9-12!

SOO General Science III

Want to review high school students' knowledge of science? Then, you need the web-based Switched-On Online General Science III course.

SOO Twentieth Century American History

Explore America's century of dynamic change with the web-based Switched-On Online Twentieth Century American History for grades 9-12!

SOO World Geography

Set students on a journey around Earth with the fun, interactive Switched-On Online World Geography elective for grades 8-12!

SOO British Literature

Explore the rich world of British literature with the web-based Switched-On Online British Literature for grades 7-12.

SOO Civics

Show junior high and high school students how to be responsible citizens with the Internet-based Switched-On Online Civics for grades 7-12!

SOO The Civil War

Give high school students a deeper understanding of American history with Switched-On Online The Civil War for grades 9-12!





SOO College Planner

Want to help soon-to-be high school graduates prepare for college? You can with the Switched-On Online College Planner course for grades 9-12!

SOO Consumer Math

Teach high school students the life-long skill of managing personal finances with the web-based Switched-On Online Consumer Math for grades 9-12!

SOO Elementary French

Teach elementary students the basics of French with the fun Switched-On Online Elementary French for grades 3-6!

SOO Elementary Spanish

Introduce elementary students to Spanish basics with Switched-On Online Elementary Spanish for grades 3-6! Interactive and web-based.

SOO Speech: Essentials of Communication

Make high school students confident public speakers with the cutting-edge Switched-On Online Speech: Essentials of Communication for grades 9-12.

SOO High School Health

Looking for an online, Christian-based high school health course? Then, try the fun Switched-On Online High School Health for grades 8-12!

SOO Health Quest

Teach elementary students about healthy living with Switched-On Online Health Quest for grades 4-7!





SOO Family & Consumer Science

Prepare your students for adult life with the media-rich Switched-On Online Family & Consumer Science for grades 7-12!

SOO Secondary French

Further students' French with the Internet-based Switched-On Online Secondary French course for grades 7-12!

SOO Secondary Spanish

Strengthen students' Spanish with the interactive Switched-On Online Secondary Spanish for grades 7-12!

SOO Spanish 1

Introduce your Christian school's students to Spanish with the interactive Switched-On Online Spanish I elective for grades 7-12! Completely web-based!

SOO Spanish 2

Further students' Spanish speaking skills with the media-rich, web-based Switched-On Online Spanish II elective for grades 7-12!

SOO The Story of the Constitution

Explore America's national treasure with the Switched-On Online The Story of the Constitution course for grades 7-12!

SOO Trigonometry

Get high school students ready for college math with the Internet-based Switched-On Online Trigonometry for grades 9-12! Interactive and media-enriched!





Frequently Asked Questions

Who are you?

We are an educational ministry of Christian Evangelistic Outreach Ministries, a 501c3 non-profit organization.

What curriculum do you use?

We use the same Alpha and Omega approved curriculum used on the Switched-On Online home school portal.

Why should my children study with you instead of going through Alpha and Omega directly?

That's a great question! And here's the answer:

This comparison is based on a family with four children enrolled per year

Alpha and Omega Online	Appx. % Savings	Charis Academy Online
Registration Fees		
First Child \$185.00	60	First Child \$75.00
Second Child \$100.00	25	Each Additional Child \$75.00
Third Child \$100.00		
Fourth Child \$100.00		
Total (4 Children) \$485.00		Total (4 Children) \$300.00
Course Fees		
First Child \$340.00	23	First Child \$300.00
Second Child \$340.00		Each Additional Child \$260.00
Third Child \$340.00		
Fourth Child \$340.00		
Total (4 Children) \$1360.00		Total (4 Children) \$1,080.00
5 Courses to the Core per Child per year		5 Courses to the Core per Child per year
Total Annual Fees for 4 Children \$7285.00	20	Total Annual Fees for 4 Children \$5700.00

By choosing to study with Charis Academy Online you save \$1585.00!





How can you offer such discounts?

Simple; as a licensed Alpha and Omega Switched-On Online Academy, our overhead is low. And since our ministry is non-profit, we can pass the savings on to you and your family! In these tough economic times, it only makes "cents" to save where you can!

Will my child receive a diploma?

Another great question! Yes, when your child fulfills the credit requirements for graduation a high school diploma will be awarded.

Who is responsible for keeping my child's records?

Excellent question! Charis Academy Online keeps track of all of your child's online learning activities. We grade the tests, quizzes, and applicable labs, too and generate transcripts based on that information.

Are you licensed to operate?

We are registered with the state of Florida Department of Education.

Are you accredited?

The Alpha and Omega Switched-On Online Academy is and your children will be receiving all of their education through them. We have begun the accreditation process for Charis Academy Online. We are seeking accreditation through the National Association of Private Schools - an organization recommended to us by staff members of Alpha Omega Publications.

Do you have a physical campus?

The campus is entirely online. Only our offices are located in physical locations.





Will my child have a teacher?

Your child will be assigned a facilitator who will grade all tests, quizzes, and labs not automatically scored online and who will be available to answer any questions mom and dad can't.

Will you have tutoring available?

Yes, please contact us for more information.

What equipment do I need for my child to study with Charis Academy Online?

As long as you have a computer (PC or Mac) and an internet connection (high speed is best), your child can study from literally any place on earth!
Alpha and Omega recommends that you use the Firefox browser.

What is your withdrawal policy?

We encourage everyone to be solid in their belief that online education is something that they desire. We acknowledge that home study gets tough sometimes. The staff of Charis Academy Online is always available to supply encouragement through those tough times. Should you have questions or feel the need to withdraw please contact the school with your request using our online contact page.





Charis Academy Online

Parental Agreement

Student Agreement

Nondiscriminatory Policy

At Charis Academy Online (CAO), we understand parental and student involvement is a vital component of educational success. To help parents and students understand their responsibilities at CAO, please read the Parental Agreement, Student Agreement, and Nondiscriminatory Policy below.





Parental Agreement

This parental agreement provides information pertaining to the responsibilities of parents of students enrolled with Charis Academy Online.

As the parent/guardian of a student enrolled with Charis Academy Online, I understand and agree to the following:

- I acknowledge that the Charis Academy Online curriculum is written from a Bible-centered, Christian worldview in accordance with Charis Academy Online's statement of faith.
- I will review the Charis Academy Online handbook and academic program guides, and I will abide by all the policies and procedures therein.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to meet all applicable local and state educational laws and requirements. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to select the course of study needed to meet any applicable graduation requirements in my state.
- I understand that Charis Academy Online does not guarantee the transfer of high school credits, since local school districts or institutions may create their own policies of credit transfer. Some schools or colleges may require additional validation of academic achievement.
- I understand that I am responsible for providing on-site supervision for my student. I also acknowledge my responsibility in motivating my student to follow and complete each assigned course of study within the designated enrollment period and on a schedule that facilitates teachers' feedback.
- I understand that the work my student submits to Charis Academy Online must be his/hers solely. Tests and quizzes must be completed by the student in one sitting, independent of any other resources (e.g., answer keys, lesson text, coaching, etc.)
- I understand that the academic year is considered to be 180 school days (approximately nine calendar months), but if necessary, a maximum of twelve months are allowed to complete one school year's coursework.
- I understand that the registration fee is non-refundable once it has been processed, regardless of placement test results.
- I understand that Charis Academy Online reserves the right to cancel enrollment at any time due to non-payment of fees, unsatisfactory progress, program abuse, or failure to follow Charis Academy Online procedures.





- I have read and understand the cancellation and refund policy. If I choose to cancel or withdraw my student, I will notify Charis Academy Online in writing or by email.
- I understand that Charis Academy Online does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, or national origin.
- I am aware that Charis Academy Online may change policies and procedures as needed. These changes will be announced on the Charis Academy Online webpage.
- I agree to update Charis Academy Online with current contact information, including email, postal, and shipping addresses, and telephone, and I recognize that email and the CAO website are the preferred means of communication between Charis Academy Online and me.

Student Agreement

Knowing that God sees everything I do, I pledge the following:

- I will do my best to complete my schoolwork on my own, but if I need help, I will let my parent(s) or teacher know.
- I will treat my parents and Charis Academy Online teachers with respect.
- I will do my best to follow Charis Academy Online rules and complete my work on schedule.
- I will not cheat. I will answer the questions on my quizzes and tests from memory without help from any other person or source not named in the directions.
- I will not share answers with any other student.
- In my writing projects, I will follow Charis Academy Online guidelines for showing where I found the exact words or specific information.
- If using the Synchronization version of Switched-On Schoolhouse, I will synchronize before and after completing my daily school work, whenever possible.

Nondiscriminatory Policy

Charis Academy Online admits students of any race, ethnic origin, gender, or nationality. Charis Academy Online not discriminate in employment opportunities or practices on the basis of race, ethnic origin, gender, creed, nationality, age, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law.

