

Summit FAQ's

What is Summit? The Summit Academy is part of Jeffco Public Schools, is sponsored by Jefferson Academy Secondary School, and is open to students in grades K-12. Most of our students combine our classes with their homeschool program; however, Summit has a full-time program for students in grades 9-12.

What is the difference between the full-time and part-time programs? Part-time: Our part-time program is designed to support parents who choose to home school their children. Parents are the primary instructional providers. Summit's part-time program supplements and complements their efforts. Participating in Summit's part-time program does not diminish the parent's responsibility to continue to follow all Colorado laws pertaining to home schooling. Classes at Summit can count towards your home school requirements, but do not replace them. Full-time: The full-time program at Summit is for students in grades 9-12. Students complete Jeffco graduation requirements and earn a Jeffco diploma. All coursework is completed through Summit and Concurrent Enrollment. For more information about our full-time program, see the Menu/High School tab at www.thesummitacademy.org.

Does my child have to attend classes all day? Yes...and no. Our funding comes from the state and they have attendance requirements for all students. Full-time students may attend Summit and attend college classes to get required coursework. Part-time students must attend one day per week. Students enrolled in Concurrent Enrollment may be able to satisfy requirements for attendance through their college classes and may not need to attend Summit classes. Specific requirements for different circumstances will be discussed at our New Family Meetings.

What are some of the benefits for my family? Summit has several benefits to students. Here are just a few:

- **Quality Instruction:** All teachers are certified and are hired based on their ability to provide meaningful lessons to our students. Lessons are required to be interactive and hands-on. Summit values the [Jeffco Generations](#) vision, with its emphasis on content mastery, civic and global engagement, self-direction and personal responsibility, communication, critical and creative thinking, collaboration and leading by influence, and agility and adaptability.
- **Positive Social Interaction:** Summit has a high standard for cooperation and respect with our students. This is evident in our program because discipline problems are rare. This atmosphere of support gives children a wonderful opportunity to learn group skills as they interact with one another.

- **Professional Support:** Some parents may seek the advice of our teachers and other support staff for help with certain issues. Summit has a high school counselor who is able to help with high school and college planning. Summit also provides standardized testing in the spring for children in grades 3 and up. Part time students have the option to participate in standardized testing.
- **Student Accountability:** Many of our parents have found that participating in the Summit program with our emphasis on attendance, due dates, tests, and assignments provides their children with important skills that will be helpful in college and even post-graduate studies.
- **Curriculum Materials:** Parents may choose from a wide variety of curriculum for home use that is provided at no cost. However, if workbooks are used, parents are responsible for the cost. Children in grades K-1 are provided two consumables at no charge. For more information, please contact textbooks@thesummitacademy.org.
- **Fun:** Many of our students say that Summit is their favorite day of the week. We provide many positive experiences like yearbooks, pizza days, pajama day, field trips and more.
- **What are the costs to my family?** Summit is a wonderful program, but each family may want to consider the following to make sure it will meet the needs of their family.
- **Activity Fee:** \$25(KG-6th)/\$40 (7th-12th) per child per year. This fee covers our Christmas party, the spring family picnic, a yearbook, prizes and other activities throughout the year. This fee is due when you register.
- **One Day of Instruction:** It is important to remember that you will give up one day of your home instruction. Consider what you would like Summit to be for your student(s). If you want to choose many academic classes, you will need to make sure you provide time for this at home. For example, if you choose chemistry at Summit, you should plan on this being your science for the year and refrain from offering a second program at home. If you want to provide your core subjects at home, you should choose electives that complement your home program. 9th through 12th grade students who are in our full-time program will complete all graduation requirements through Summit.
- **Monitoring of Assignments:** Parents should plan on some time each week to make sure that students complete their assignments for classes requiring homework. There is a high expectation that parents monitor their children's progress by grading some of their work at home. (This applies mainly to high school academic subjects.)
- **Consumable Textbooks:** Textbooks are available to families as mentioned above. Parents pay for consumables, or workbooks. Children in grade K-1 receive two consumables free.

How does Summit maintain a public school program for faith based families?

Summit is a public school program and therefore does not provide religious education. We try to be sensitive to the variety of values of our families. There are some topics, such as evolution and sexual reproduction that many parents prefer to cover at home. These topics are not covered in the Summit curriculum.

What is the rating system that I see in course offerings and class descriptions?

All Summit classes receive a rating to let you know how much homework will be required. While no rating is perfect, this will help you choose classes that fit with your home program. A course is rated from 1 to 5. This number represents the number of days per week a student is expected to work in this subject. For example, if a class has a rating of “1,” the work for this class is completed in one day, at Summit. There is no homework. A class rating of “2” means the student completes one day at Summit and may have another assignment to complete during the week. A rating of “5” is a complete course. The student should plan on completing 4 additional homework assignments at home.

What are my volunteer requirements? Summit depends on the help of all its parents. Each parent receives a list of the volunteer opportunities, and should choose their top three choices. We will do our best to place you in an opportunity that is a good fit for you.

Does my child receive grades? Yes. Home schooling parents are the child’s primary teacher. According to Colorado law, you keep records for your children. You will receive pass/fail progress reports for your elementary children. Students in grades 7-12 receive grades. A transcript is available to you when requested.

What if we enroll and then later in the year decide that Summit is not a good fit for our family? You simply notify the office, fill out a withdrawal form, and return your textbooks.

What do I need to do to enroll in Summit? See our website at www.thesummitacademy.org under Menu/Enrollment for our procedures. You will need a copy of your child’s birth certificate and immunization record. Waivers are available for those families who choose not to do immunizations. The activity fee of \$25 for KG-6th or \$40 7th-12th per child is also due at registration and is non-refundable.

For more information view the [Summit Academy Family Handbook](#)
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