

Embrace Chapel Team 2026.27



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Meeting Times: 1-2 Thursdays per month; occasional Tuesdays 4:30-5:15; Lunch meeting 11:30-12 (1 time per month); Practice and set up for Chapel Days 7:15am (1 time per month)

Monthly tuition: \$25/month (Aug-April)

Prerequisites: Student at SGA for at least one year, rising 9th-12th graders, application and selection process, servant leadership; teacher/youth pastor recommendations

The SGA Embrace Chapel team serves the student body by leading worship and teaching each month. The team plans the monthly chapel services including speaking, worship, prayer, etc. Mrs. Sara Lunsford provides mentorship and oversees the team.

Embrace members are students who should have an active and growing relationship with the Lord and who want to engage in servant leadership and work as part of a cohesive team. We are looking for talented musicians and singers as well as students who have a passion for encouraging others and sharing the Gospel through speaking/teaching, social media, audio/visual experience, and even administrative skills.

Embrace is open to students in grades 9th -12th. Students are selected through an application process where the Embrace Advisors and SGA administration review the applications and select the members, with the final decision made by the advisor.

Minimum requirements for Embrace membership include:

1. Attendance at SGA for at least one year
2. Minimum of 3.25 GPA
3. Enrolled in at least 3 classes at SGA or Transcript student for the upcoming school year
4. Time available to commit to Embrace practices and chapel days
5. Strong leadership abilities and work ethic
6. Excellent communication skills
7. Willingness to work as part of a team
8. Exemplifies leadership in and out of the classroom
9. A heart to support and serve the SGA community

Expectations

Students will be expected to attend rehearsals. These rehearsals are typically held for 2-hour sessions one Thursday a month, as well as occasional Tuesdays from 4:30-5:15, a monthly lunch meeting on campus from 11:30-12pm, and chapel mornings which are typically the first Tuesday of each month beginning in September. Students also need to be able to commit time at home outside of meetings to work on music, teachings, or communications to prepare for chapel.

Students should come with an attitude of teamwork and a creative mind and with a willingness to serve the student body and lead others in all areas of worship at SGA.

High School Credit

Students have the opportunity to earn elective credit through their participation in Embrace. Students have the opportunity to earn a full elective credit (150 hours) or half elective credit (75 hours) through their participation in SLC. ****New for 2026.27, students will be logging their hours throughout the school year.** The exact procedures for adding an elective credit are explained in the Transcript Handbook or can be discussed with the transcript advisor. The final grade will be awarded by the Embrace advisor.

Advisor Responsibility

The advisor oversees the student members and meetings/rehearsals, provides an adult presence at all meetings/rehearsals and chapels, and helps to develop the qualities and characteristics of leading a life of worship with all Embrace members. Ideally, the advisor will give more and more tasks away to the student members throughout the year as the students grow and take on more responsibilities as the year progresses.

Student Responsibility

Students should commit to attend all scheduled meetings/rehearsals in person. If a student must miss, please communicate in advance. Students should keep up with their assigned tasks and be team players with strong communication skills. Students should be willing to work with respect as part of a team. Embrace is a commitment for the entire school year.

Parent Responsibility

Parents can encourage students to grow in their servant leadership but there is no active involvement required on the part of parents other than transporting to Thursday meetings if your student is not of driving age.