

Redeeming Grace Homeschool Umbrella

A Ministry of Redeeming Grace Baptist Church

Welcome!

The Redeeming Grace Homeschool Umbrella was created to support homeschooling families who are active members of Redeeming Grace Baptist Church. Our vision is to encourage families in their educational goals, foster community among homeschoolers, and help everyone stay in compliance with Maryland homeschool law.

We don't mandate a specific curriculum or schedule. Parents have full control over how they homeschool. Our role is to walk alongside families, offer encouragement and mentorship, and help make sure state requirements are being met.

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Review Timeline

Families participate in reviews during the school year. These are simple, friendly check-ins to ensure each child is receiving instruction in the state-required subjects.

- **Pre-Enrollment (July 1 – Aug 15)**
 - Submit your forms and confirm participation for the year.
- **Mid-Year (Jan 1 – 31)**
 - Informal check-in to make sure you're on track and offer support.
- **End-of-Year (June 1 – 30)**
 - Reviewers look at work samples for each subject and confirm Maryland's homeschool law is being met.

Note: A "portfolio" does not need to be a binder! Work samples can include photos, worksheets, co-op records, grades, schedules, or just a conversation about what your child has learned.

How Reviews Work

We offer three review styles so families can choose what fits them best:

- **Coaching Mentorship**
 - You'll be paired with an experienced homeschooling mom.
 - She'll guide, encourage, and complete your reviews.
 - You will not be a reviewer for anyone else.
- **Peer Review**
 - You and another mom will review each other's portfolios.
 - A great way to connect and encourage one another.
- **Basic Review**
 - A reviewer completes your required check-in.
 - Simple, no extra mentorship if you're not looking for it.

Expectations for Families

1. Submit registration forms and county homeschool intent form by **Aug 15**.
2. Be prepared to show samples of work in all subjects during reviews.
3. Respond promptly to your reviewer to schedule mid- and end-year meetings.
4. Keep your own records. (We'll keep review forms for one year, but you should save copies for your own files.)

For St. Mary's County families:

On the county's PS 800 form, check Option B ("Church Umbrella") and list Redeeming Grace Homeschool Umbrella. Send a copy to both the county and our administrator.

Peer Reviews

Each family is required to participate in **two reviews per year**—a **mid-year review (January)** and an **end-of-year review (June)**.

- **Mid-Year Review (January):** This review may be informal, but it is **still mandatory**. Families must complete and submit the mid-year review form to document progress and provide accountability.
- **End-of-Year Review (June):** This is a more formal review, summarizing your homeschool year and confirming that all required subjects have been covered.

Both reviews are essential for maintaining accountability, supporting one another, and ensuring compliance with Maryland homeschool regulations.

Expectations for Reviewers

Our goal is to support families, not just check boxes. Reviewers:

- Build relationships by listening and encouraging.
- Provide feedback without judgment or comparison.
- Avoid imposing personal methods or curriculum choices.
- Complete and submit review forms to the administrator and family.

✨ At Redeeming Grace, we believe homeschooling works best when families feel connected, supported, and encouraged. We're excited to walk this journey with you!