

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What is Severn Run Umbrella?**

Severn Run Umbrella is a community ministry of Severn Run Evangelical Presbyterian Church and is registered to supervise home instruction by the Maryland State Department of Education. Our program operates in compliance with the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.10.01 and is designed for responsible families who understand that they are legally and morally responsible to educate their children in accordance with these standards. The focus of our Home School Umbrella is to support parents in preparing their children with a sound, Biblically based worldview that is founded on a solid education.

- **What services do you provide?**

In addition to legal oversight, we also provide mentoring for our members, free membership for each family in the Maryland Association of Christian Home Educators (MACHE) and a 15% discount for Home School Legal Defense Association membership.

- **What does Maryland homeschool law require?**

Maryland homeschool law requires that parents provide regular, thorough instruction in English, mathematics, science, social studies, health, art, music, and physical education. <http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/comarhtml/13a/13a.10.01.01.htm>

- **What documentation is required of its members by the umbrella in order to demonstrate compliance with Maryland homeschool law?**

The documentation provided by the parent must include sufficient samples of each student's work in each subject to show evidence that the instruction listed on the Textbook/Lesson Materials form did, in fact, occur.

- **What type of review system do you offer?**

We offer a reviewer mentoring system. Each member will be given an experienced reviewer/mentor to support, guide, and encourage them in their homeschooling efforts throughout the year. Reviewers will also conduct a mid-year telephone review and a final review in person at Severn Run Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Each member family will be given contact information for their reviewer in the fall. Please feel free to contact your reviewer at any time during the school year if you have any questions or concerns.

- **Do you offer homeschool umbrella diplomas?**

No. Although parent issued documents and diplomas are accepted by the state as legitimate proof of education for employment, recent legal issues in Maryland have made it clear that homeschool umbrella issued documents are not.

- **Do you offer a transcript service?**

No. Transcripts are typically created and signed by parents. We will be happy to advise and assist members in creating their own transcripts and diplomas. Your reviewer is available to support you if you need guidance in this area. In addition, Home School Legal Defense provides an extensive amount of information to guide parents in preparing transcripts, evaluating high school credits, creating diplomas, and planning for college. Please visit the HSLDA website at <http://www.hslda.org/highschool/> for more details. (We strongly encourage membership in HSLDA.)

- **Do I need to be a member of Severn Run Evangelical Presbyterian Church in order to join Severn Run Umbrella?**

No, Severn Run Umbrella is a ministry of the church and membership is open to homeschool families who are not members of the church. You are invited to come worship with us at any time, whether you are looking for a church home, considering a change, or are curious about the fellowship with whom you may be aligning yourself for the coming school year. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA.) Our pastor is Reverend Jesse Crutchley. Besides Sunday Worship services and Sunday School, we offer other opportunities for learning and for fellowship. If you would like more information about our beliefs or about church membership, please contact the church office at 410-923-7500 and see our website at <http://severnrunchurch.org/>

- **How do I apply for membership?**

First, click on the Registration Form and Textbook and Lesson Materials Form links in the sidebar to print the necessary forms. Complete one Registration Form per family and one Textbook and Lesson Materials Form per child. Then mail the completed forms along with a \$50 membership fee per family to the address listed below. Registration applications are due no later than August 20th. If you wish to apply for membership after the deadline, please contact us. Exceptions can be made in certain cases.

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Severn Run E.P. Church
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- **How can I contact someone for more information?**

If you have any questions or if there is any further way we can serve you, please contact us at severnrunumbrella@hotmail.com