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SCA-ONLINE PROGRAM

Student-Parent Handbook

With our cutting-edge curriculum, our students will gain the real-world experience that is so needed to succeed and make a difference in today's global marketplace. Students complete their studies in a self-directed, teacher-facilitated environment at their own time, place, and pace.

The Switched On Online (SOO) Online curricula including Bible, Science, History, Language Arts, and Math, reflects the truths found in God's Word, the Bible. Our Scriptural focus adds Biblical guidance to the student's life.

Our Online students have one-on-one teacher contact. An internal e-mail messaging system is built right into SOO curriculum so that the student and teacher can easily communicate daily. With parents' support, the teacher helps students to accomplish a desired goal.

High School students who meet both Slavic Christian Academy Online and their own state's graduation requirements will receive a Slavic Christian Academy High School Diploma.

In terms of economics, online education can cost a family about one third of what tuition at a traditional private school can cost. Online Christian education is not only allowing parents to save money, it provides a safer environment for their children and offers the opportunity to receive a top education which opens up future opportunities for success.

Slavic Christian Academy is a Washington state approved private Christian School that has been in existence since 2004 ([WA State Directory - on pg 46](#)). We have 4 campuses located in Oregon and Washington. All of our teachers hold the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) certification and are certified in Washington State.

SCA-ONLINE MISSION STATEMENT:

We are committed to be a loving school community, providing a high standard of education for Christian families, built on a Biblical worldview, inspiring Christ-like character and service to God and the world.

ACCREDITATION:

SCA has been granted provisional accreditation by the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC). As a provisionally accredited school, SCA enjoys all rights and responsibilities of being regionally and internationally recognized. SCA offers the Alpha Omega Online curriculum that is fully accredited. SCA is a member of Association of Christian Schools International. The school is approved by the State of Washington and Oregon.

STATEMENT OF FAITH:

- We believe that the Bible is the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God and is the only rule for faith and practice.
- We believe in one God who exists in three persons: the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit and that these three are co-equal, co-eternal and co-essential.
- We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on the cross for the sins of the world, was buried and rose again. We believe that he is ascended and is seated at the Father's right hand where he now intercedes for all true believers.
- We believe the Holy Spirit has come to convict the world of sin; that he comes to teach and guide believers into all truth; that he permanently indwells every true believer in Christ; that he wants to fill, control and empower each believer for service; that all who believe in Christ are baptized by the Holy Spirit into the church, the body of Christ.
- We believe that man was created in the image of God, but in Adam's fall, every person is a sinner both by birth and by practice.
- We believe that every person must be born again in order to be forgiven of his sin and saved from eternal separation from God.
- We believe that salvation is by grace through faith apart from works and that every true believer will be kept saved forever by the power of God, and that this faith is personally to be in Christ's substitutionary death on our behalf.
- We believe that the privilege and responsibility of every Christian is to grow into spiritual maturity through obedience to the Word of God and the indwelling Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the pre-millennial, pre-tribulation rapture of the church. We believe that the earth will then go through seven years of tribulation and then Jesus Christ will return to earth with his saints to set up his millennial kingdom.
- We believe that the true church is one body composed of all believers, with Jesus Christ as head. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are scriptural ordinances to be observed by the church today.

GOALS:

- Providing Biblical training that will tend to teach the basic and general Christian beliefs and principles while leaving specific teaching, outworking, and areas of disagreement to parents and churches.
- Providing a strong academic program that satisfies state academic requirements and prepares young people to live successfully in this world. This will be based on a biblical educational philosophy, not a human one. Students will be given a strong background in the basics of reading, language, mathematics, science and history.
- Providing godly Christian teachers who will be role models for the students they teach. Developing in the child Christ-likeness in the following areas as an outgrowth of the development of the Christian mind set.

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION:

SCA-ONLINE program began with the premise that true education comes from God. This premise is based on the fact that only Christian education deals with all the dimensions of life viewed from a Biblical perspective. True education does not just present data, but relates everything to God's plan for mankind. In order for an educational program to be academically sound and instructionally effective, it must be founded upon Christian educational principles that recognize the true nature of God, of truth, of knowledge, and of man.

ONLINE PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Customized Academic Placement:

SCA-ONLINE program offers a unique opportunity for educational success. Professional diagnostic testing in Math and Language Arts will determine each student's academic level. If specific weak areas are evident from the testing, the appropriate curriculum level will be prescribed to a student. In addition,

learning gaps can be identified and work prescribed so a student master's important concepts before moving on.

Daily Teacher Availability and Academic Support:

SCA-ONLINE students will complete their schoolwork right at home and submit it to a teacher. A teacher monitors students' progress, and offers personalized academic assistance. The teacher will personally review all subjective problems and address students' questions, and comment on students' work. An internal e-mail messaging system is built right into the curriculum so that a student and teacher can easily communicate daily. Students who will be enrolled to "SCA-ONLINE Plus" program (only available at SCA-Spokane Campus) in addition to core work will meet once a week with a teacher for elective classes. The teacher will supervise students while they work on their core subjects on computers and teach elective subjects.

Professional Records and Transcripts:

Upon registration, parents need to provide the signed paperwork for SCA-ONLINE program to request all previous school records. SCA-ONLINE program upholds SCA's standards of grading and record-keeping and will provide students with official transcripts and permanent records. Students will receive mid-quarter progress reports and end-of-quarter grade reports. High school students earn credits toward graduation and may receive a SCA-ONLINE program High School Diploma upon successful completion of SCA-ONLINE and Washington state graduation requirements. Students from other states will fulfill the graduation requirements for both SCA-ONLINE and their home state.

Automatic Grading and Instant Feedback:

Students won't have to wait to get their work returned by mail. Families with high-speed internet access will benefit from instant grading, saving time, and giving immediate feedback. Grades are automatically computed and recorded as lessons are completed. The "e-mail" system allows the teacher to attach messages to any problem in the lesson and add instructions or comments for students to view in their personal electronic mailboxes.

Mastery Learning:

The goal is to achieve mastery level of 75% before moving to the next lesson. For quizzes or tests students will be given only one attempt. Flexible printing takes learning from the screen to the page.

High School Alternatives:

SCA-ONLINE Program offers a great opportunity for working high school students to fulfill their graduation requirements on a flexible schedule. Upon the successful completion of 10 units in each subject, high school students may go to the next grade level, and thus may finish high school earlier.

SCHOOL-HOME COMMUNICATION:

Communication with parents:

The active participation of each parent is essential to the education of each child, and must not be delegated to others. SCA-ONLINE program seeks to aid and supplement, not to replace, the parents in the sober responsibility of training and teaching their children. Together, the parent-school team works to develop each child toward physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual maturity. With parents' support, the teacher helps students to accomplish a desired goal. Parents supervise their children at home, making sure that they are studying, understanding the assignments, and are progressing. Parents communicate with the teacher about their child's progress and concerns as needed via e-mail or phone. It is the parents' responsibility to provide for their children's social interaction with other children through their family, church, and other activities.

Expectations of Parents:

Our purpose as Christian educators and Christian parents is to fulfill our God-given responsibility in training our children. SCA-ONLINE program is best able to serve parents who:

- Desire a Christ-centered education for their children which will prepare them for Christian service in whatever area the Lord directs them.
- Desire a sound academic education in a healthy home atmosphere, which promotes growth in godly wisdom and righteous character.
- Are in agreement with and support the implementation of our mission, policies and practices.
- Are striving to provide a spiritual home environment by demonstrating Biblical attitudes, values, and conduct. (Ephesians 4:29)
- Lovingly provide training, instruction, correction, and discipline in the home for their children, according to Biblical principles. (Proverbs 22:6)
- Guard and protect the hearts and minds of their children from immoral and impure influences, such as unedifying friendships, occult persuasions, and compromising music, video, and TV programs. (Philippians 4:8)
- Are actively involved with their local church, and who are loyal to their church family and pastors.

Parental Responsibilities:

1. To know, and abide by the home schooling laws go to www.hslda.com for a brief description of state laws and the corresponding website and e-mail address of the home schooling associations.
2. To guide and motivate the student to complete the assigned work on a daily basis.
3. To supervise their student(s) in such a way that maximum learning and achievement may take place.
4. To help keep the communication lines open by letting the SCA-ONLINE program teachers know when your student is struggling or is frustrated.
5. To encourage the student to observe the following rules for online etiquette and behavior. No student is to share his work or answers with any other student in any way. While on the internet no student is to give their name, home address, internet address or telephone number to any one who requests it. The student will report such an event immediately to SCA-ONLINE program at 509-924-4618 or toll free number: 888-924-4618.

Teacher's Work Day:

Students may e-mail the teacher any time during the day; the teacher will check e-mails regularly during working hours.

Summer School:

Summer School option is available for students who need to retake a subject or to have more credits toward graduation. Summer school runs for six weeks (July - Mid. August).

Cheating:

Cheating is defined as copying answers, homework, plagiarism in research papers and compositions, and unauthorized assistance on tests or quizzes. Cheating is a serious offense. It involves taking information from another source and presenting it as your own information. Thus, it involves both the components of stealing and lying. Teachers are required to take precautions in terms of security in order to protect students from unnecessary temptation.

If it is determined that a student has indeed cheated, the following actions will be taken: first, the teacher will call the parents. With the second offense within the school year the student would receive a 0% for given assignment and a 10% reduction in grade for the class quarter as well as overall grade. Third offense may result in permanent expulsion of a student from SCA-ONLINE program.

ADMISSION:

Three easy steps to begin:

1. Request the application packet by phone or register online: www.slavicchristianacademy.com
2. Within three days of receiving the application packet or online registration, your child will be assigned the placement test.
3. Students may begin SCA Online program within a week.

** Ideally, all SCA-ONLINE program students will follow the traditional school year, September-June. However, a student may enroll at any time.*

Admission Policy:

1. In light of our mission and purpose as a school, it is imperative that at least one parent is a professing, born-again Christian, living in right relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and a local church family.
2. Students must be living in right relationship with Jesus Christ, their parents, and their church family.
3. Students must have a desire to attend SCA-ONLINE program. They must also agree to adhere to the guidelines and standards set forth by the administration, as outlined in this handbook.
4. Parents and students who may have unresolved conflicts in their previous school experience must have a desire for resolution, followed by a Biblical plan of action prior to enrollment.
5. Should a conflict arise between home and school which can not be resolved between parties, parents shall agree to mediate conflict through SCA-ONLINE Administration.
6. Students with handicaps, (mental, academic, emotional, or physical) will be admitted only if, in the opinion of the administration, their needs can be adequately met by the SCA-ONLINE program.
7. SCA-ONLINE program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin in the administration of its admission and educational policies, programs, and other school-administered programs.

RE-ENROLLMENT:

All families wishing to return SCA-ONLINE program must complete and return the re-enrollment forms prior to the beginning of the new school year. If parents or students are not in harmony with school standards or policies, students will not be allowed to re-enroll.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES:

During the course of a school year at SCA-ONLINE program, circumstances may arise that require a family to withdraw their child from the day school program. In attempts to best meet the needs of our school families, as well as maintain the unity and high standards of our program, the following criteria have been established.

Reasons for Withdrawal:

Parents may withdraw their child from SCA Online program for any reason. Parents may also be asked to withdraw their child for failure to meet financial obligations, academic and conduct probation, or lack of partnership with SCA-ONLINE program as stated in our mission. Withdrawal based upon a conflict with a teacher, administrator, or other staff member, or differences in behavioral and educational philosophy that have not been resolved following scripture passage Matthew 18:15-17. It is of utmost importance that the individual or school be given the opportunity to work out the problem with the student and family in a biblical manner that results in restored relationships within the school.

Procedures for Withdrawal:

If a student should leave SCA-ONLINE program to attend another school, it is necessary that the school office be notified at the time the decision is made. A withdrawal form needs to be filled out and signed by parents. Tuition and other unpaid charges or fines must be paid and all materials returned before records can be released or transferred to another school.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

The minimum unit requirements for a four-year student to graduate are 28 units. College preparatory students should also meet the following requirements:

- *Take Algebra I & II, Geometry, Advanced Math, Calculus
- *Take Computer Science
- *Take Chemistry, Physics, Biology I & II, AP Biology
- *Take Foreign Language
- *Have at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale
- *Take a college entrance examination (ACT or SAT)

Advanced Placement Program (AP):

The Advanced Placement Program offers college level courses. Contact the registrar for additional information on available courses through SOO Program.

Diploma of Graduation:

SCA will require the following criteria to be matched or exceeded for a student to receive a diploma of graduation:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Slavic Christian Academy</u>
Bible	4 (4yrs)
English	4 (4yrs)
Mathematics	3 (3yrs)
Social Studies	3 (3yrs)
Laboratory Science	3 (3yrs)
Occupational Education	3 (3yrs)
Fine & Visual Arts	2 (yr)
Physical Education	2 (2yrs)
Foreign Language	2 (2yrs)
Electives	2 (2yrs)
Total Credits	28

This program is designed to meet the needs of a student who has attended Slavic Christian Academy high school for four years. Any student who enrolls after the freshman year will be required to fulfill their State graduation requirements plus yearly expectations of SCA.

Grading Scale:

95% - 100% = A	75% - 78% = C
92% - 94% = A-	72% - 74% = C-
89% - 91% = B+	69% - 71% = D+
85% - 88% = B	65% - 68% = D
82% - 84% = B-	62% - 64% = D-
79% - 81% = C+	below 62% = F
	P = Passing
	I = Incomplete

For computing GPA's, the following numerical values are used:

A = 4.0	B- = 2.7	D+ = 1.3
A- = 3.7	C+ = 2.3	D = 1.0
B+ = 3.3	C = 2.0	D- = .7
B = 3.0	C- = 1.7	F = 0

Honor Roll and Scholar's List:

Students who earn a 3.33 to 3.69 grade point average each quarter will be placed on the Honor Roll. Students earning a 3.70 to 4.00 grade point average each quarter will earn recognition on the Scholars' List. These individuals will receive specific awards for their achievement. This program is designed to meet the needs of a student who has attended SCA High School for four years. Any student who enrolls after the freshman year will be required to fulfill the State of Washington graduation requirements plus yearly expectations of SCA High School.

Counseling:

These services are offered for the benefit of our students. Questions involving your program, the college career counselor can usually answer including college entrance requirements. Unless otherwise occupied, the administration is available to help you.

In general the following problems can be handled:

- A. Scheduling, including program changes,
- B. Graduation requirements,
- C. Vocational guidance and information,
- D. College entrance requirements,
- E. Personal and spiritual guidance.