

The Santa Barbara Charter School HomeBased Partnership

is an alternative public K-8 school supporting homeschoolers, located at

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The HomeBased Partnership offers families . . .

- Homeschooling and parenting support
- Enrichment classes in the arts, humanities, and sciences
- A lending library containing books, games, tools, and other learning materials
- A budget to purchase certain Common Core approved curriculum
- One of the legal avenues for homeschooling in California
- Optional offerings: parent-teacher conferences, feedback on your child's progress and development, and standardized testing
- A wide range of perspectives and interests through other parents, teachers, specialists, and children
- A homeschooling community in a multi-age setting

Who We Are

The Santa Barbara Charter School's vision and philosophy encompass the idea that learning happens all the time and in many places. The HomeBased Partnership (HBP) program was formed in 1994 to give homeschoolers the advantages of being part of a school community while maintaining the flexibility of pursuing independent educational goals.

Program Structure

HBP families maintain responsibility for their children's educations. While HBP offers support, materials, and enrichment classes, it is up to the individual family to decide how to best educate their children. No specific curriculum is required, though children are expected to make progress toward grade level benchmarks. HBP families homeschool in different ways, according to the needs and wishes of each family.

As homeschoolers, HBP children participate in their own independent activities during the week, as desired and arranged by their parents. Parents must document these daily learning activities, collect work samples, and present both on a weekly basis to supervising teachers.

Children attend HBP one full day a week, either Tuesday or Wednesday, throughout the school year. The day is led by two teachers and includes a circle time, optional specialist activities, and open time to use the many materials and resources of the program. Three sessions of enrichment classes are offered on Thursdays. Parents provide help with supervision during four full days per year, as well as one class meeting for each enrichment class their children attend. Children must participate in on-site HBP activities a minimum of ten hours per month.