

Five day, Full-day Schedule

We live in days when dual incomes are necessary for survival. And the only way to make that work is to have free or affordable childcare during the day. Over time, public schools have served this critical benefit for families.

For those of you who fall into this category, you are most likely looking at the 5 all day schedule. This schedule will require the biggest challenge in terms of recruiting volunteers.

The ideal size for a HIS School is less than 20 families.

When getting started, you could probably expect approximately 5 families. If the average family has 2 children in elementary age, that is 10 children. You will be able to group them in grades K-2, and 3-5, grades 6-8 and high school working independently much of the time. This means you will need a minimum of 2 adults, preferably 3 on site at all times. Ideally, you can find a retired teacher volunteer who is willing to be on site as an extra help, a source of advice and guidance.

Volunteers can be found amongst parents who have flex schedules, extended family and ALSO many, many retired teachers. We are hearing from retired teachers who haven't even heard of HIS Schools say, "I'm so concerned about what is happening in our schools that I am willing to come out of retirement and volunteer in a homeschool setting.

This is where your church, Facebook, and Instagram, comes in. Make an announcement, an SOS:

"We need to rescue no less that (10, or 20, or...) children no later than September 1. Are you willing to help rescue HIS children? You are needed! For such a time as this!"

"We need volunteer teachers to help teach HIS children that they are HIS!

"We need volunteer teachers to work with small groups of children, just taking them through the workbooks we have obtained for you.

"Our goal is to get enough of you that you would only be needed a few half days a week at most."

SO, for a 5 Full-day model you are looking at recruiting between 5 families, 30 volunteers (if each one only serves in one time slot per week). This is totally doable!!

Chances are that many, if not most of them, will be willing to serve more than once a week.

5 Day, Full Time

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 am to	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts

10 am	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:15 to noon	Bible History	Science	Bible History	Science	Geography History
Noon to 12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30 to 2:30	Read aloud Art Homework as time permits	Read aloud PE Homework as time permits	Read aloud Art Homework as time permits	Read aloud PE Homework as time permits	Read aloud Music Homework as time permits

- Suggestion: Prepare a spiral notebook with the schedule, names, phone numbers in case of emergency, print outs from the Grad & Go Tips and Tools. These can provide help-at-a-glance for what works in homework and works in teaching. Be sure to have first aide and an emergency kit handy.
- The after lunch “Read aloud” is a favorite of experienced teacher to help the students return quietly to the classroom after lunch. Low light, and the teacher reading aloud a book to their group of students. It’s a nice quiet time for all, including the teacher. The rule of thumb is to read a few grades above their grade level. This is a fun way for them to increase vocabulary and hear more complicated language.
- Ideas for Recess/PE if there is no playground or equipment: If available, a section of the parking lot can be used for dodge ball, four-square ball. Playground balls are soft, but durable. Jump ropes can be used for all kinds of activities, including learning to “skip-count”, counting by 2’s, 3’s, etc. while skipping. This is extremely helpful in learning multiplication. Tag is always a favorite.
- Be alert for volunteers who are gifted in art or music or PE who would like to help out in these areas.

Five day, Half-day Schedule

Most people have no idea how much time is lost in schools -- private or public (at least 30 minutes a day-- just in taking attendance, transitions from one part of the campus to another, assemblies, not to mention managing behavior. In addition, most schools, private or public schedule their core academics prior to lunch, because the students are fresh and less tired.

These considerations were taken into account when designing a 5-day, Half-day schedule. There is actually very little difference between the two. So why provide this schedule?

A 5 Day-Half Day schedule is provided as an alternative for those who need 5 days, but might not be able to find as many volunteers as needed for a 5 day--all day. As you will see, there are far less volunteers needed for a 5-day, Half-Day schedule.

In this schedule the students gather and are taught and guided in their core subjects every morning, 5 days a week. This is optimal for learning, with daily instruction in the core subjects. In the half day schedule they are picked up at noon. The students are taken home, to the library, to museums, to work with mom or dad, you name it.

The art, music, and PE that they would not receive in the afternoon at the school, they would learn through other ways in the community, taking guitar lessons, dance lessons, gymnastics, etc. Homework would be done when it works best for the students/families.

If there are a few families, say 1 or 2 out of 5, who need child care for lunch and early afternoon, 2 volunteers (always have a minimum of 2 volunteers on site at all times) can provide a lunch and homework club.

5 Day, Half Days

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 am to 10 am	Language Arts Math	Language Arts Math	Language Arts Math	Language Arts Math	Language Arts Math
Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
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