

4MACS Homeschool Bridge Program 2026–2027

Section 1: Program Purpose

The 4MACS Homeschool Bridge Program is a Christ-centered partnership opportunity designed to provide homeschooling families with structured enrichment opportunities through participation in the life and community of Four Mile Adventist Christian School.

Bridge students participate in select school days, chapel experiences, collaborative learning opportunities, school programs, events, and field trips while remaining primarily homeschooled.

The program is intended to complement homeschooling by providing opportunities for:

- Peer interaction
 - Public speaking and presentations
 - Collaborative learning
 - STEM and project-based activities
 - School programs, events, and field trips
 - Spiritual growth and chapel participation
 - Structured community involvement
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Section 2: Program Schedule

Attendance Schedule

Bridge students attend:

The Homeschool Bridge Program will begin in September 2026.

The school calendar, including all Bridge Program dates, events, and activities, will be distributed prior to the start of the program.

Bridge calendar dates are established for consistency within both the Bridge Program and the full-time classroom schedule and are not adjusted based on individual family scheduling needs.

Bridge students participate as members of the classroom community rather than as visitors or observers.

Participation in school programs, events, field trips, and special activities is connected to enrollment in the Homeschool Bridge Program. Individual event or field trip participation apart from program enrollment is not available.

- The 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
 - School programs, events, field trips, and special activities when scheduled
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Section 3: Admission & Enrollment

The Homeschool Bridge Program is available for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Students entering Kindergarten must meet the same age requirements as full-time 4MACS students.

Students may be required to complete placement testing or readiness assessments prior to enrollment to help determine appropriate program fit and participation.

All Bridge students must:

- Complete registration paperwork
 - Submit medical and emergency forms
 - Agree to handbook expectations and school policies
 - Meet enrollment approval requirements
 - Enrollment is limited and subject to administrative approval and available space.
 - 4MACS reserves the right to determine whether the Homeschool Bridge Program is an appropriate fit for a student and family.
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Section 4: Parent Partnership Expectations

The Homeschool Bridge Program is designed to foster student independence and integration into the school environment.

Parents are expected to:

- Follow the same campus expectations as full-time 4MACS families
 - Not remain on campus during program hours unless requested by the teacher
 - Support school expectations, handbook policies, attendance requirements, and school procedures
 - Encourage consistent participation and punctuality
 - Encourage student independence during school activities and events
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Section 5: Attendance

Because the Homeschool Bridge Program meets on a limited schedule, regular attendance is required.

Students are expected to:

- Attend all scheduled Bridge days and school programs, events, field trips, and special activities when scheduled
 - Communicate absences in advance whenever possible
 - Arrive on time and prepared to participate
 - Three tardies equal one absence
 - Two absences or two consecutive unexcused absences will result in parent communication and may require a parent meeting before the student returns
 - Three absences will require a parent meeting before the student may continue participating in the program
 - Four absences may result in the student being dropped from the Homeschool Bridge Program
 - If school is canceled, delayed, or closed on a scheduled Bridge day due to weather, emergency closure, teacher illness without substitute coverage, or other unforeseen circumstances, that day will generally not be made up unless additional school calendar adjustments are required for the full-time program.
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Section 6: Student Expectations

Bridge students are expected to follow all school handbook policies, behavioral expectations, dress standards, and school procedures in the same manner as full-time students.

This includes:

- Respectful behavior
 - Participation in chapel and spiritual activities
 - Appropriate conduct during field trips and special events
 - Following teacher instructions
 - Adhering to Christian standards outlined in the 4MACS Handbook
 - Students who fail to follow school expectations may be removed from the Homeschool Bridge Program.
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Section 7: Dress Standards

Bridge students are required to follow the same dress standards and uniform expectations as full-time 4MACS students during:

- School days
 - Field trips
 - Programs
 - Special events
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Section 8: Technology & Assessments

Bridge students may participate in classroom technology activities, online learning platforms, computer-based assignments, and digital assessments in the same manner as full-time students.

Technology is incorporated as one of several instructional tools used throughout various grade levels and learning activities at 4MACS and is not intended to replace traditional teaching methods or hands-on learning experiences.

Bridge students do not typically participate in schoolwide benchmark testing or assessment schedules, including MAP testing. Families interested in optional participation in additional assessments or testing opportunities should discuss this with administration prior to scheduling.

All school technology policies and internet usage expectations outlined in the current 4MACS Student Handbook apply to Bridge students.

Section 9: Field Trips & Special Events

Bridge students are expected to participate respectfully in all school programs, events, field trips, and special activities.

Parents may attend field trips in the same manner as full-time 4MACS families when appropriate.

Parents are expected to:

- Encourage student independence during school activities, events, programs, and field trips
 - Allow students to interact naturally with peers and participate with the group
 - Support and follow teacher leadership and direction during school activities and events
 - Avoid pulling students away from the group or creating separate activities outside of the planned school experience
 - All school rules and handbook expectations apply during field trips, programs, and school activities.
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Section 10: Academic Responsibility

Parents remain responsible for primary academic instruction, curriculum selection, record keeping, grading, transcript documentation, and homeschool compliance requirements while participating in the Homeschool Bridge Program.

4MACS is an accredited school operating under the educational standards and curriculum requirements of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists (NAD). Classroom instruction, curriculum pacing, assignments, assessments, and instructional methods will not be modified to align with individual homeschool curricula or preferences. All instruction is provided by licensed and certified teachers according to established school and accreditation standards.

Participation in the Homeschool Bridge Program does not constitute full-time enrollment at 4MACS.

Students wishing to graduate from 4MACS must complete, at minimum, their 8th grade year as a full-time student at 4MACS.

Participation in Kindergarten Celebration of Learning recognition activities requires full-time Kindergarten enrollment at 4MACS unless otherwise approved by administration.

Section 11: Tuition & Fees

Registration Fee: \$100 per student

Tuition: \$125 per month based on ten monthly payments

Annual Total: \$1,350 per student (includes registration fee)

Pay-in-Full Option: \$1,250 if paid in full by Registration Night

Monthly tuition holds the student's place in the Homeschool Bridge Program and is not reduced or refunded for missed days.

Additional field trip fees or special event costs may apply depending on the activity.

Section 12: Program Goals

The 4MACS Homeschool Bridge Program seeks to:

- Connect homeschooling families with structured enrichment opportunities and experiences that may be difficult to replicate in a traditional homeschool setting
 - Provide students with opportunities for peer interaction and collaborative learning
 - Allow students to participate in the daily life and community of a Christ-centered school environment
 - Encourage spiritual growth
 - Foster leadership and presentation skills
 - Connect students with the mission and culture of 4MACS
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Section 13: Handbook Agreement

All Homeschool Bridge students and families are expected to follow the current 4MACS Student Handbook while participating in the program unless otherwise stated in this document.

Participation in the Homeschool Bridge Program indicates agreement to follow all school policies, procedures, expectations, and standards established by 4MACS.

Section 14: Introductory Enrollment Period

All new Homeschool Bridge students participate in an introductory enrollment period during their first four scheduled Bridge days.

Continued participation in the program is based on:

- Student participation
 - Attendance
 - Behavior
 - Ability to function within the classroom environment
 - Parent partnership and support of program expectations
 - Overall program fit
 - 4MACS reserves the right to discontinue participation in the Homeschool Bridge Program if the program is determined not to be an appropriate fit for the student or family.
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