

Early Promotion of Home-Schooled Girls in Mpact Girls and Teen Girl Ministries Clubs

The national Girls Ministries Department often receives questions concerning early promotion of home-schooled girls into the next club-level. Please keep the following in focus as you consider the matter:

The national Girls Ministries Department strongly recommends keeping all girls in their age-level club for the following reasons:

- The curriculum is not only based on academic grade-level but on spiritual, social, emotional and mental development. Many home-schooled girls advance academically through the one-on-one attention they receive; however, they may not be socially or psychologically prepared for the next club level.
- Mpact Girls Clubs is not concerned with advancing girls on an academic basis. Rather it is concerned with discipling girls in a holistic manner. Teaching them what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to develop healthy relationships with their peers. Resulting in girls who grow into well- balanced women of God.
- The concepts and topics studied in the older clubs may be beyond a girl's ability to comprehend. Younger girls may not be developmentally ready to engage the material discussed particularly in the Friends and Girls Only Clubs.
- Peer acceptance is very important to girls. Early promotion may prove detrimental to the girl being promoted as well as to the other club members as younger girls may not be readily embraced by the older girls.
- If these girls find their corresponding club curriculum does not challenge them, sponsors can suggest more detailed unit projects or earning the merit badges to provide a greater challenge.

The ultimate goal of Mpact Girls Clubs is to do what is best for all the girls including the home-schooled girl and the other girls in the corresponding clubs. Mpact Girls Clubs is a tool used by the local church to introduce girls to Jesus Christ and to disciple them through a mentoring relationship with her club sponsor. It should never be a source of stress or anxiety for any girl.