



Frequently Asked Questions

What are school hours? Is before or after school care available?

School is in session 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Extended Care is offered before and after school (7-8 am, 4-6 pm) at reasonable rates.

What are your age and birthdate cut-off policies? Can my preschool or kindergarten child attend part-time?

A student's birthday must be on or before Nov. 1 to enroll in a preschool (4 yrs.), kindergarten (5 yrs.) or first grade (6 yrs.) class. K4 and K5 schedules are formatted to achieve reading, writing and math skills at a productive pace. A full-time five (5) day school week is necessary to successfully meet those objectives.

How is lunch served? Do students have snacks?

Students bring a lunch each day; microwavable meals may be heated. We offer "hot lunch" on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for a fee with menus provided monthly. Students need to bring a refillable water bottle and snack for daily break time and an additional snack for after school care if applicable.

What supplies and books are needed?

The materials fee includes all school supplies for the year, as well as all curriculum items. Students need a backpack and lunchbox. K4/K5 students also use a small blanket and pillow (nap mat is provided).

How do I monitor my student's grades?

We use Gradelink, an online system allowing parents to view assignments and grades in each subject, monitor attendance, and communicate with teachers. Gradelink can also be used to view and remit miscellaneous charges, such as hot lunch fees.

What teaching format is used? Is your curriculum Common Core aligned?

We are a traditional school with teacher-led classrooms. Preschool and Elementary students learn in self-contained classrooms with one teacher covering core subjects. Middle and High school students attend class with subject-specific teachers. Abeka curriculum does not contain Common Core aligned materials.

What enrichment classes are offered?

Students participate in music, physical education, art and STEM computer classes weekly. Through our affiliate program, high school students have access to foreign language and computer science & technology courses, as well as electives such as Culinary Arts, Forensic Science, Digital Photography, and ACT preparation.

Do you offer financial assistance for tuition?

We operate completely from tuition and fees paid on behalf of students, with no government or state-awarded funds or assistance from other sources; for this reason, we do not have a tuition assistance program.

Our household is not religious. Will my student be required to participate in religious activity?

Because CCCA is a Christian school, spiritual instruction plays a large role in our overall program. Therefore, students are required to attend weekly chapel, participate in Bible as a daily class, and memorize age-appropriate scripture verses and passages.

Does CCCA participate in standardized testing?

We administer standardized tests recommended by the American Association of Christian Schools (e.g. *Iowa Test of Basic Skills*), as a tool for assessing quality of instruction and the progress of students at each grade level. We do not "teach to the test;" rather, the test is used as a gauge of effective teaching and grade level mastery.

How would you characterize the student population in terms of diversity, including race, ethnicity and background?

The racial and ethnic composition of our school population is consistently diverse, and includes African-American, Asian, Caucasian, and Hispanic students, as well as students from racially-blended families. As part of a Christian framework that holds biblical truth as our standard, students are taught that God created and values every human being as a unique and precious individual.