

CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Frequently Asked Questions

What does it cost to attend Calvary Christian School?

Tuition costs are based on three things:

- Church membership and/or prior CCS enrollment
- Student grade level
- Number of enrolling children in a family

See our Tuition Rate Sheet for full details including preschool rates, lunch and book rates and the registration fee.

Is scholarship money available at CCS?

CCS works in cooperation with an organization called the Educational CHOICE Charitable Trust to match corporate sponsorship with families that have financial needs. This money is available to the following families and students:

- Low income families that qualify for the Free or Reduced Lunches
- Students in Kindergarten through grade 8
- Students wanting to leave public school to enter a private school
- Families that live in Marion County

CHOICE will pay up to \$1,600 per year for qualifying students. See www.choicetrust.org for more information on guidelines, deadlines, and how to obtain an application.

Is Calvary Christian School accredited?

Yes. CCS is accredited through the Indiana State Department of Education as a Freeway School. We also are a member of the Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (ACTS).

Does CCS have licensed teachers?

Yes. Nearly all of our teachers are licensed. Some elective class teachers are not but they have degrees in the topic they teach. Also, approximately one third of our teachers have Master's Degrees in Education. In addition to secular licensure, our teachers are true Christians who teach and exemplify the love of Jesus Christ.

What curriculum does your school use?

Calvary Christian School is a traditional school with a teacher and students in the classroom. As an accredited school we teach the Indiana Academic Standards using textbooks from a variety of publishers.

- Bob Jones in pre-school to Grade 7 for various subjects
- Saxon Math for grades K5 to 8
- Scott Foresman for Spelling and Social Studies for grades 1-5
- Concern Group for Science in grades 1-6
- Glencoe for some 7-12 Science, Spanish, Keyboarding, Accounting, and Math grades 9-12
- Prentice Hall for History grades 6-12, Computer Applications and Adobe Design
- Alpha Omega for Health and College Planner
- Bob Jones for Biology and Chemistry
- Holt Rhinehart for Language Arts grades 9-12

How do your students perform on achievement tests?

Our students take the Terra Nova test in grades Kindergarten through Second, the ISTEP+ test in grades 3 through 9, and the GQE in grades 10-12. Because our ISTEP and GQE testing are

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linked with accreditation the results are available on our school website (in School News) at www.ccs-indy.org. The results show that our students have a strong rate of passing relative to both state and national norms. The Terra Nova results show that our younger students' average percentiles are well above state scores with a high percentage of mastery. The percentiles are generally in the 80s and above.

What is your graduation rate and what percent of your graduates go to college?

We have a virtual 100% graduation rate with approximately 67% attending colleges and universities.

Is your school affiliated with a church?

CCS has operated as a ministry of Calvary Tabernacle since 1946. Though we have moved from our original location next to Calvary Tabernacle (902 Fletcher Ave.) we continue to be an integral part of that assembly with Pastor Paul Mooney serving as the President of CCS. The tuition for every student is subsidized through the generous support of the members of Calvary Tabernacle. Our new building and aspiration to excellence are possible due to the financial and spiritual support of Calvary Tabernacle Church.

Do you accept students who do not attend Calvary Tabernacle or those who are non-churched?

Calvary Christian School has had a long history of accepting students who are not Calvary Tabernacle members. We have had children of many faiths enrolled here. As a Christian school we accept students who regularly attend a church and are pursuing a relationship with Christ as their Savior. Our school policy manual gives further information on this matter.

Are you a non-denominational school?

No. We are a ministry of our sponsoring church, Calvary Tabernacle, which is affiliated with the United Pentecostal Church, International. As a branch of Calvary Tabernacle, Calvary Christian School offers a quality education with Bible classes, chapel services, prayer, and counseling that reflect our Pentecostal faith.

How diverse is your student body?

Approximately 16% of the students of Calvary Christian School are children of color. Currently we have 84% Caucasian, 10% African American, 2% Hispanic, and 4% Multiracial.

What is the student-teacher ratio?

We currently have 157 students enrolled and the equivalent of 17 full time teachers giving us a low student teacher ratio. Our class sizes currently range from 7 to 16. As our school population grows we will continue to have a good ratio as we have a limit of 24 children per class.

What grades do you offer?

Our classes begin with three-year-old pre-school and progress through the twelfth grade.

Do you have full time preschool and kindergarten?

Our three- and four-year-old preschoolers may attend part or full time. Our Kindergarten program is a full day, full week program.

Do you have a before and after school care program?

Our Extended Care program begins at 7:00 in the morning and ends at 5:30 in the evening. There is an additional charge for this service. See the tuition chart for specific charges.

Do you have transportation for enrolled students?

We do not have school transportation to pick up students but a number of our families car pool. The school office may be able to assist families wanting to participate in a car pool.

Do you offer a hot lunch program?

The great majority of our students eat full, balanced school lunches prepared fresh each day at our school. We cook to the federal lunch standards for a nutritious and balanced meal, all at affordable prices. We also participate in the Federal free and reduced lunch program which bases lunch prices on family income.

Do the students at CCS wear uniforms?

Yes. We have a variety of choices of uniform styles and colors for students to wear. Our girls wear skirts or jumpers and our boys wear long slacks. Students may choose from a variety of sleeved shirts and blouses. For complete information obtain a Uniform Guideline from the school office.

Do you have a Special Needs program at CCS?

We do not have the staffing to educate children that are in special needs classrooms. We accept a limited number of students that have minimal special needs requirements that can work in a traditional class setting. We work in cooperation with the Perry Township School District and Rise Learning Center to identify and assist children that have special needs.

Do you have a Gifted/Talented program?

We do not have a G/T program but with a standard that has been found to be higher than many local schools we have successfully challenged many bright students. Some juniors and seniors are eligible to take college classes during high school in a dual credit program. These classes can work to challenge students and speed up the college process at a less-than-normal college price.

What extracurricular offerings do you have?

- We currently have girls' volleyball and boys' basketball at three levels beginning at 4th grade.
- Many of our junior and senior high students attend a weeklong national convention where they can participate in approximately 140 different events including athletics, academics, fine arts, and performance arts. Our students regularly place very well at the much anticipated ACTS Student Convention.
- Students in grades 3 to 8 can participate in the First Lego League, an elementary engineering/robotics program in part by Rolls Royce.

Do you have a fine arts program?

CCS has art and music classes available to all grades. Our two art teachers have degrees in art. Our elementary music teacher is certified as a Kindermusik instructor. Our choir and band instructors have degrees in music and also teach at Indiana Bible College.

Do you offer laboratory science?

We have a complete science laboratory that is over 1500 square feet that is complete with full lab stations including gas, water,

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vacuum, electricity, and storage. For compliance with safety standards we have a fume hood, an eyewash station, teacher-controlled gas turnoff, and a separate storage room for chemicals and other potentially dangerous articles.

My child loves to read. Does your school have a library?

CCS has a 2500 square foot library that is designed with two open floors with younger and older books on the separate floors. The openness of the two story ceiling, the skylights, and the beautiful oak furniture create an atmosphere that encourages students to enjoy their reading experience. CCS reading students participate in the Accelerated Reading program where students read books and take computerized comprehension tests on them. This program is proven to encourage children to become lifelong readers with increased comprehension skills.

What type of outdoor play facilities does your school have?

CCS is situated on approximately 20 acres of property with approximately two and one half acres of green play space including a soccer/football/softball field, an outdoor basketball court, swings, climbing dome and a beautiful playground structure featuring various climbing areas, a slide, and interactive play spots. Over 60 native Indiana trees and thousands of flower bulbs were donated by Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and planted by school and church volunteers in the fall of 2007. We will soon be planting our outdoor plant classroom near the playground area.

What kind of a gym do you have?

Our gym features a 13,000 square feet wood floor with two full basketball/volleyball courts and a championship court all with top of the line retractable basketball backboards and removable volleyball standards. Our current bleacher capacity is 360 and we have plans for permanent bleachers as we grow.

What type of computer facilities does your school have?

Our elementary classes, preschool through sixth grade, all have their own bank of computers for student use. Our secondary grade students have access to computers in our computer lab and in our library/media center. Our teachers have computers on a separate server from student computers and are wired to minimize security risks. Our building also features wireless computer access. We plan to have 24/7 parent access to their children's grades via the internet.

Does your school encourage parent involvement?

Yes! Our Parent-Teacher Council is strong and active. Some of the annual events are: Parent Orientation, Fall Outing, Christmas Bazaar, Skating Nights, Men's Chili Cook-off, Student Convention Talent and Science Fair, and Teacher Appreciation Days. Parents may get involved in many ways including child's classroom as chaperones for field trips, class parents, PTC officers, PTC action committee members, volunteering to work in our library, or tutoring children. If you are interested in volunteering contact the school office for a volunteer application to begin the screening process.

I want my child to be in a safe environment. Is CCS a secure school?

Our building is designed with several entrances for children to use based on their grade. We have separate entrances for preschool through second graders, third through sixth graders, and seventh through twelfth graders. Each of these doors is locked during the day with video buzzer access at remote doors and full visibility at our glass entrance and glass walled office. Our office is at the rounded corner entrance where parents and visitors must check in. Our building is secured with a complete alarm and public address system.