

Covenant Christian Academy

“Providing excellent academic instruction for homeschooling families, in an atmosphere where godly friendships can develop.”

Introduction to Covenant Christian Academy

Covenant Christian Academy aspires to support engaged Christian homeschooling families in providing Christ-centered education for ages 4 years to 12th grade. CCA provide students with more time at home, while still allowing for the benefits of the classroom. This model can provide students with a challenging academic experience, while also promoting family values and faith. CCA aspires to an academic culture of joyful excellence, personal and academic rigor, and fun, engaging experiences while offering a place for godly friendships and camaraderie to develop.

The curriculum and teaching at CCA will strive to provide a framework and plan for one-day classroom and home instruction. All classes are al-la-carte, where you only choose the classes best suited for your students. Tutors and parents provide the skills, enthusiasm, and wisdom to encourage families. We will offer top-level courses for our high and junior high students, providing valuable classroom experience and individualized tutor feedback. We also offer enrichment classes for the younger grades.

As image bearers of Christ, education is more than acquiring knowledge. It is about soul formation. Therefore, education must involve the pursuit of rightly ordered virtues, culture, and affections. At CCA, we seek to come alongside parents to help raise a generation of young people who embody a genuine lifelong love of learning, love of Jesus Christ with all their hearts, minds, and strengths, and boldly proclaim the gospel with meaningful words, honorable actions, humility, and grace. In Christ-centered, classical education, we believe collaboration with parents is the best vehicle for undertaking this weighty calling, for it equips students with the knowledge, understanding and wisdom necessary to become effective servant-leaders for Christ. All of these efforts are to be done for the glory of God.

How it Works

A parent will fill out an inquiry form concerning their desire for their students to enroll in the classes offered at CCA. The application process is as follows:

1. Submit inquiry form that is found on our CCA website or contact the director.
2. Family interview with a team from the CCA supervising board where the Statement of Belief will be discussed and signed.
3. Register for classes and decide on a payment form.
4. Attend Open House for further instructions and introduction to tutors and other CCA families.

Tuition

Classes are \$150 per class, per semester, with the exception of Music/Choir, which are \$125 per semester. Two semesters are offered each academic year.

Tuition transparency:

\$100 tutor fee

\$50 supply and maintenance fee

(\$9.38 cost breakdown per week/per class for your students).

We are not an accredited school.

Covenant Christian Academy is a group of families who have joined together under the direction of a board as a ministry of First Baptist Church in order to hire tutors for their children. It is not a government “accredited” school. Semester grades can be used for their students’ transcripts, but parents will have final responsibility for grades and credits needed for graduation. CCA holds to the autonomy of the family having the final word in all grade issues.

Covenant Christian Academy Admission Policy

At Covenant Christian Academy, we seek to admit students who will thrive in our Christ-centered, classical education program. Our admissions process is designed to ensure that prospective students and their families share our values and goals. We are committed to equipping students with the knowledge, understanding and wisdom necessary to become effective servant-leaders for Christ, all for the glory of God.

Admission Criteria:

- *Academic Qualifications: Students and parents must demonstrate a readiness to succeed in our rigorous educational program.
- *Behavioral Standards: Students must exhibit behavior agreeable to our Christian values and be willing (students and parents) to sign our Statement of Belief, Behavioral Policy, and Code of Conduct. Any past history of disruption or criminal behavior must be disclosed during the interview process, and CCA board holds the authority to dismiss or not allow enrollment of any student it believes to not meet the requirements of the behavioral standards.
- *Parental Commitment: Parents must be committed to partnering with CCA in communication and support of their child's education.
- *Availability of Space: Admission is subject to availability in each grade level.

Admission Process:

- *Inquiry: Prospective families should complete an inquiry form on our school's website or contact our director to request more information.
- *Interview: A team of board members will schedule an interview/consultation with the students and parents to discuss and review the Statement of Belief, goals, and financial responsibility for application.
- *Register: After notification of approval by the CCA board, your student will register for the classes. At this point, curriculum needs will be given and a Signal app will be set up for communication with tutors and families.
- *Open House: CCA sponsors an Open House in August that is highly recommended for attendance. You will have the opportunity to meet tutors and other families who are attending CCA.

Non-Discrimination Policy:

Covenant Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the academy. CCA does not discriminate based on race, color, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship programs, and other school-administered programs.

*****CCA reserves the right to reject applications of students who do not hold to our code of ethics, past or present.**

Covenant Christian Academy Academic Policy

At Covenant Christian Academy, the curriculum and teaching will strive to provide a framework and plan for a one-day classroom and home instruction. Tutors provide the skills, enthusiasm, and wisdom to encourage families and assist in rigorous and valuable education. In addition, our academic program is designed to develop students' critical thinking skills, foster a love of learning, and instill a strong sense of character and Christian values.

Academic Support:

Collaboration with parents is the best vehicle for undertaking the weighty calling of equipping students with a Godly and rigorous education. Each class may differ in whose responsibility grading papers and exams will be. The final grades will in reality fall to the responsibility of the parents, considering each family has their own standard of what is appropriate for their student. There will be instances when only the tutor can grade papers and exams. But again, considering the autonomy of the homeschooling family, CCA respects the right for the parents to take the final responsibility of their student's grades.

Academic Integrity:

CCA has the expectation that all students will maintain the high standards of academic integrity and honesty. Cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action.

Academic Responsibilities:

CCA believes so strongly in the autonomy of each homeschooling family, and there is understanding that the parents control the amount of "homework" their students performs. The idea that "you get out of something, what you put into it" also applies. If a tutor sends home work that a parent believes is too strenuous or too much for the week or individual student, the weight of responsibility relies on the parent as to what you have your student do. The tutors will give clear and robust instructions for each class, but parents are the final authority on how much work is done during the days away from class. But we do emphasize that in class, the students are expected to participate with the instructions and direction of the tutors. If the instruction and participation of the classroom is weakened, then the integrity of the classes will be weakened.

Academic Withdrawal:

Before the two week calendar deadline, a student may drop a class with the following stipulations:

The student will first notify the tutor, then make the request known to the director. **The student will default the tutor's salary of \$100 if class withdrawal is confirmed, but will be refunded the \$50 maintenance/supply fee if dropping the class before the third week calendar date of classes.** After the two week deadline, there will be no refund for the withdrawal of the class.

Before the two week deadline, classes can be changed depending on the request and reasoning. This request will be brought to the director for discussion.

Covenant Christian Academy Student Discipline Policy

We are committed to helping our students develop Christian character in their studies. Therefore, encouraging one another to exhibit Godly character is essential to our program. This policy aims to maintain a positive and safe learning environment conducive to academic and spiritual growth. The desire is to encourage students to develop self-discipline, respect for others, and a sense of responsibility for their actions.

Student Rule of Conduct:

These are essential policies that each student must adhere while attending Covenant Christian Academy.

- *Students are expected to treat one another with kindness and respect.
- *Teasing, criticizing, and name-calling are not permitted.
- *Unnecessary physical contact such as hitting, roughhousing, fighting, pushing, and biting are not permitted.
- *Students are expected to obey authority with respect. (This includes exhibiting a respectful tone of voice with tutors and all other adults and students).
- *Students are expected to treat the church's facilities and all class materials with respect and care.
- *Profanity and vulgar and insulting language are not allowed.
- *No weapons are allowed.
- *Adherence to biblical principles and Christian values.
- *Participation in academy activities in a positive and constructive manner.

Dress Code:

All students and adults should dress in a way that honors God and makes others comfortable around us. Our clothing choices should be modest, drawing others to Christ, not to ourselves. Clothings should contain no inappropriate language or advertising on clothing. Tight and short clothing such as volleyball shorts are prohibited. Adults should be understanding to set an example of modest clothing for our students.

Electronic Devise Policy:

- 1). Laptop and/or tablet use on CCA grounds is restricted to word processing and/or computer-based training for study purposes.
- 2). Laptops and/or tablets must at all times be displayed in a manner that the screen is visible and viewable by CCA staff.
- 3). Cell phone use at CCA is restricted to voice and/or written communication (texting/Signal).
- 4). Student cell phone usage is confined to the interior of the educational building with the permission/oversight of CCA staff.
- 5). Student cell phones must remain in pockets or bags, and may only be handled as described in paragraphs 4.
- 6). The following disciplinary measures will apply:

- a. First-time discipline will result in a verbal warning instructing the student to stop use and return the electronic device to a pocket or bag.
- b. Second-time discipline may include taking the electronic device from the student for the school day.
- c. Third-time discipline may include the parent(s) having to pick up the students' electronic device from a CCA staff member.

Disciplinary Steps:

If there is an issue with a student disrupting class or acting in a manner that is disrespectful to others, they will be lovingly, but firmly advised to stop the disruptive behavior.

If the student continues to display disrespectful or disruptive behavior, the student will be asked to leave the room and sit with a parent if present, or the director.

If the issues persists, the director will speak with the parents and if needed, the board may take further action, which could result in the student being asked to leave or not return the following years.

Illegal activity will result in immediate dismissal from the CCA community.

Discipline Confidentiality:

All disciplinary matters will be handled with confidentiality to the extent possible. However, information may be shared with academy personnel as necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff.

Parents and tutors are privileged and responsible for encouraging and equipping our students for success in the classroom and group activities. Therefore, let us pursue an attitude of grace with one another and use discretion with our spoken words. Our communication should build up, and not tear down.

Covenant Christian Academy Health and Safety Policy

Covenant Christian Academy is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all students, staff and visitors. We strive to maintain high safety standards through proactive prevention, effective response, and ongoing training.

Health and Wellness:

Should my child stay home away from others?

*Does my child feel well enough to participate in the program's activities comfortably?

Sick children who are lethargic often gives clues that they would be better off resting at home.

*Has my child been fever free for 24 hours?

*Did the doctor diagnose a contagious illness that should keep your sick child at home? Illnesses such as flu, pink eye, scabies, head lice, strep infection, whooping cough, chicken pox, hand, foot & mouth disease, and covid are all highly contagious. In this case, your child should remain isolated until the risk of infecting others has passed.

*Does your child have any of these symptoms?

Fever, diarrhea, vomiting, or any rash accompanied by a fever of 100.6 or above...

If so, your child should stay home until the illness is no longer contagious and they feel well enough to participate in community activities.

Abuse Prevention:

Our goals are to protect children from sexual abuse, child molestation, and or any type of inappropriate sexual behavior by employees or volunteers in this academy; to protect employees and volunteers from false accusations, and to make staff aware of signs that may include abuse by others.

Emergency Preparedness:

CCA has a comprehensive emergency preparedness plan in place that outlines procedures for various emergency scenarios, including but not limited to fires, earthquakes, severe weather, medical emergencies, and intruders.

Security Measures:

All students, parents, tutors and visitors will enter through the front door of the First Baptist Church Park Hills Education Building. Those doors are guarded by a security guard who is stationed the day of classes. The doors are locked and will be opened by the security guard when needed. Attendance sign-up sheets are to be checked when students arrive so the staff will have knowledge of which students are in the building. The students will check themselves out as they leave the building. If a guest will be picking up a student, please let the director know by giving the name of the guest. We have implemented various security measures to ensure the safety and security of our campus, including but not limited to locked doors, on-campus guard, security cameras, and visitor sign-in procedures.

Inclement Weather:

The decision of class cancellation will be made by the CCA board and will take into account information involving the local school districts' cancellations, the majority of our student's ability to arrive safely, and whether or not cancellation is necessary for our specific manner of transportation to CCA classes. Please check Facebook and Signal for final decisions.

Covenant Christian Academy Participant Statement of Belief

Reading, affirming, signing, and abiding by the Statement of Belief are conditions of participation in Covenant Christian Academy.

Our Statement of Belief is based upon the truths of Scripture. The statement regarding the Person and work of Jesus Christ (the Gospel) as revealed in Scripture is that upon which all true Christian agree. The faith, once delivered to the saints, distinguishes believers from nonbelievers. There are many other precious truths taught in the Bible over which godly men have differed in understanding. Therefore, we as participants at Covenant Christian Academy affirm the following statements of belief:

*I affirm *The Nicene Creed*.

*I affirm *The Nashville Statement* concerning the understanding of our beliefs on human sexuality.

*I affirm *The Dallas Statement*, also known as the Statement on Social Justice and the Gospel.

My signature below affirms that the above statements are true of myself and I will abide by the Covenant Christian Academy Participant Statement of Belief. Violating the Participant Statement of Belief constitutes good cause for separation from participation in CCA.

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, the maker of heaven and earth, of things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the begotten of God the Father, the Only-begotten, that is of the substance of the Father.

God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten and not made; of the very same nature of the Father; by Whom all things came into being, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

Who for us humanity and for our salvation came down from heaven, was incarnate, became human, was born perfectly of the holy virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit.

By whom He took body, soul, and mind, and everything that is in man, truly and not in semblance.

He suffered, was crucified, was buried, rose again on the third day, ascended into heaven with the same body, [and] sat at the right hand of the Father.

He is to come with the same body and with the glory of the Father, to judge the living and the dead; of His kingdom there is no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the uncreate and the perfect; Who spoke through the Law, the prophets, and the Gospels; Who came down upon the Jordan, preached through the apostles, and lived in the saints.

We believe also in only One, Universal, Apostolic, and [Holy] Church; in one baptism with repentance for the remission and forgiveness of sins; and in the resurrection of the dead, in the everlasting judgement of souls and bodies, in the Kingdom of Heaven and in the everlasting life.^[78]

The Dallas Statement

<https://statementonsocialjustice.com/>

The Nashville Statement

<https://cbmw.org/the-nashville-statement/>