

Grace Christian Academy

Elementary & Preschool Profile

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Mission

To provide academic excellence from a biblical perspective to develop servant leaders of all walks of life who live and love like Jesus.

Curriculum

The curriculum is carefully chosen for each subject with the highest academic goals mind. A variety of publishers both Christian and secular are used. Educational field trips are offered at each grade level.

Enrichment classes Grace is pleased to offer enrichment classes in Computers, Art, Music, Spanish and Physical Education. Math and Multiplication Fact Clubs are also offered.

School and community Grace Christian Academy of Maryland was founded in 1986 as Grace Brethren Christian School, a ministry of Grace Brethren Church. Beginning as a preschool and adding a grade every year, the school graduated its first senior class in 2000. The school received Association of Christian Schools International and Middle States accreditation in 1996 and re-accreditation in 2002, 2012 and 2016.

Accreditation

Grace is accredited by Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Grace is also approved by

Calendar and school hours 8:30-3:00 daily school hours

Before care 6:30 am & After care 6:30 pm available (additional fee)

171 school days (2 semesters/4 quarters) w/4 built in snow days

Athletics

Athletics opportunities are for grades 6th-12th graders.

Educational support programs

The S.T.E.P. Center is Grace Christian Academy of Maryland resource program. It is designed to help students who are having learning difficulties in the regular classroom. There are five programs available through the S.T.E.P. Center: Tutoring, Accountability, Search & Teach, Language Therapy, and NILD Therapy. The goal of each of these programs is independence and success in the classroom and in life. Grace also offers a Gifted and Talented program. There is an additional cost for each of these programs.

Extra-curricular

Grace Christian Academy offers Chess

Club, Inventors and Makers club (6-8th), Art Club, School of Music with additional options added throughout the school year.

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Preschool

Our preschool program for ages 3 and 4 is a Maryland State approved program that promotes academic, spiritual, social and physical development. The program gives the students a variety of fun and interactive learning experiences. In order to accomplish these experiences the preschool day at Grace Christian Academy begins at 8:30 and ends at 3:00. Parents may choose a preschool option of half-day begins at 8:30 and ends at 11:45.

Chapel

Chapel is held weekly in the Grace Church sanctuary. An exciting time of praise and worship is followed by an engaging message centered on lessons from the Bible with practical life application.

Standardized testing

At Grace Christian Academy, TerraNova3 National achievement test is administered to grades K-11 in the spring of each year.

Renaissance Learning

Accelerated Readers program is used for grades 1st-12th. At the beginning of each new quarter, all students take a Star test. This test determines their reading level (ZPD). The students will select books based upon their ZPD, read independently, and then take short, computerized comprehension quizzes. Parents also have the ability to view the students' progress on Renaissance Home Connect.

6th Grade program

Our sixth graders are considered elementary. This is to improve academic performance, reduce peer pressure and produce better leadership qualities. The students have a traditional 7 period schedule with time to visit lockers. Students are offered a study skills class and other electives such as Art, PE, Computers and Spanish.

Elementary & preschool faculty

Each faculty member is hired on his/her testimony of Salvation in Christ, love for children, and academic preparation including a minimum of a Bachelor's degree.

Facilities

The 17-acre campus has grown continually since 1986, adding new classrooms as needed. There are also two fully-equipped, fenced playgrounds and a lighted regulation-size soccer field. Our handicapped accessible educational building contains two state-of-the-art science labs, an art lab, a gymnasium, an administrative wing, and 13 additional classrooms.