

Grace Christian Academy

Biblical

Most Christian schools would agree on certain fundamentals, but it is imperative that parents scrutinize the foundational beliefs of any school in which they may enroll their children. Therefore, below are the most important philosophical elements that we at Grace Christian Academy believe distinguish our approach to education.

1. We believe that the Bible clearly instructs *parents*, not the Church or State, to "bring children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." The Church's commission is essentially to spread the Gospel and train believers (Matt.28:18-20). The State has been directed to enforce God's laws and protect the innocent (Romans 13). The Church trains parents and the State protects families. The Family raises and educates children (Eph.6:1-4). Therefore, we seek to teach and discipline in a manner consistent with the Bible and a godly home environment.

2. We believe that God's character is revealed not only in His Word, but also in every facet of creation. Therefore, we teach that all knowledge is interrelated and can instruct us about God Himself.

3. God wants us to love Him with our minds, as well as with our hearts, souls, and strength (Matt. 22:37). Therefore we seek to individually challenge children at all levels and teach them how to learn, by using the centuries-old, proven classical method (see Goals), incorporating instruction in Latin.

4. We want to support parents as they teach their children that all they do should be done "heartily, as unto the Lord." Therefore, we seek to encourage quality academic work and maintain high standards of conduct. This includes biblical discipline principles.

5. We believe that as long as a child is under the parents' authority and undergoing formal education, he should be trained biblically (Deut. 6:6,7; Prov. 22:6).

6. Above all, parents can be confident that their student, at every stage of his development in school, will be loved with Christ's love at Grace Christian Academy.

Academically Rigorous

GCA's SAT Test Scores above the National Norms

ACSI

Stanford 10 Grade and Level	Total Reading Mean Scaled Score	
	Norm	Mar 09
	3 [Primary 3]	621
4 [Intermediate 1]	630.4	672.8
5 [Intermediate 2]	644.2	680.8
6 [Intermediate 3]	660.8	696.0
7 [Advanced 1]	668.4	684.0
8 [Advanced 2]	677.9	712.0

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ACSI

Stanford 10 Grade and Level	Total Mathematics Mean Scaled Score	
	Norm	Mar 09
	3 [Primary 3]	607.6
4 [Intermediate 1]	619	667.3
5 [Intermediate 2]	640.9	683.3
6 [Intermediate 3]	658.4	672.7
7 [Advanced 1]	668.6	690.2
8 [Advanced 2]	680.5	701.0

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ACSI

Stanford 10 Grade and Level	Language Mean Scaled Score	
	Norm	Mar 09
	3 [Primary 3]	616.9
4 [Intermediate 1]	621.5	679.5
5 [Intermediate 2]	637	685.8
6 [Intermediate 3]	651.2	681.7
7 [Advanced 1]	657.6	681.6
8 [Advanced 2]	666.1	716.0

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