

Dear Parent,

Thank you for your interest in GRACE. We are honored you would include us in your school search. As you look through the information in this packet, I encourage you to pray about whether the culture at GRACE is the right place for you.

Our vision is simple: we want to change students' lives so they can be a transforming influence on their world for Jesus Christ. In essence, we want to send students out into the world equipped to follow God the rest of their life and be involved in ministry regardless of the profession they choose.

The relationships we build with our students and parents are based on teamwork and trust. We view it as a partnership, where all parties involved -- students, parents, faculty, staff, volunteers, and churches -- are working together to educate students, bring them to maturity and draw them closer to Christ.

We are trusting God to bring us families who not only support this partnership in ministry, but who want to actively promote this at home, school and in the community. Also, we want to attract students who desire academic excellence with a proven track record of Christian character. Though it is not easy to get selected into our academy, we feel strongly that God will honor our desire for enlisting students who want to help us grow our ministry-driven culture.

Our school is a non-denominational ministry of Fayette Bible Church and is accredited by the Georgia Association of Christian Schools (GACS). This accreditation means our students are recognized by the Georgia Board of Education, Georgia Board of Regents, and the Hope Scholarship Commission as being entitled to all the benefits appropriated to public school students.

Our faculty and staff have a great desire to serve families. Each has a background in teaching and is dedicated to the academic, spiritual, and social enrichment of your child. Each has obtained certification through our state association and is required to maintain that level of professionalism. Most importantly, each has come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and has demonstrated a life of commitment to Him.

The enclosed material offers more detailed information about the school and its programs. If we can be of further assistance or answer any questions, please call the school office.

Thank you and we look forward to serving you in the future.

Our Beliefs...

Here at Grace, we believe strongly in the Word of God. Everything we do -- from our academics, to athletics, to the extracurricular activities we become involved in -- center around our beliefs in what God's Word, the Bible, teaches us about the Christian life. We believe our Statement of Faith outlined below accurately reflects our positions on what the Scripture teaches. We will follow this Statement of Faith as the framework by which Bible doctrine will be taught at Grace.

During the admissions process, after you have been accepted, you will be asked to fill out a Commitment Form (CF) acknowledging that you have read and understand our Statement of Faith.

Grace Christian Academy Statement of Faith

1. **We believe** the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (II Timothy 3:15, II Peter 1:21).
2. **We believe** there is one God, eternally existent in three persons- Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30).
3. **We believe** in the deity of Christ (John 10:33); His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35); His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, Hebrews 7:26); His miracles (John 2:11); His vicarious and atoning death (I Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9); His resurrection (John 11:25, I Corinthians 15:4); His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19); His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11).
4. **We believe** in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature; and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith alone we are saved (John 3:16-19, John 5:24, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8-9, Ephesians 2:8-10, Titus 3:5).
5. **We believe** in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation (John 5:28-29).
6. **We believe** in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9, I Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:26-28).
7. **We believe** in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life (Romans 8:13-14, I Corinthians 3:16, I Corinthians 6:19-20, Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).

...Your Commitment

When we enter into a relationship with a family, we view it as a long-term commitment. There are certain expectations that we have for our families, just as you have certain expectations of our school. Our relationship will function most effectively if we view it as a partnership that exists among you, your church and Grace.

During the admissions process, you will discuss the Family Covenant with the school administrator. After being accepted, you will be asked to fill out a Commitment Form (CF) acknowledging that you intend to commit to these expectations.

Family Covenant

I commit to...

1. Accept the Scriptural directive of Proverbs 22:6 which says “Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” We attest that Godly principles are being taught and reinforced in the home, and that our family is actively involved in a church where God’s Word is preached.
2. The unique relationship among the home, the church, and the school. I understand that the Christian school is an extension of the home and the church in supporting and helping parents raise Godly children.
3. Uphold and support the high academic standards of Grace Christian Academy by encouraging and working with my child on his or her assignments.
4. Allow my child to be disciplined by the teachers and administration in accordance with the guidelines established in the GCA handbook. I will assist the school in producing the peaceable fruit of righteousness in my child (Hebrews 12:11) as together we seek to develop in them a biblical standard of conduct.
5. Grant GCA sole discretion to suspend or dismiss any student who does not adhere to the standards in the handbook. In addition, I understand that disciplinary action may be taken if my child becomes involved in any activities outside of school that violate biblical principles, dishonors God, or that might damage the reputation of Grace Christian Academy.
6. Not involve another parent or third party should I have any questions that need to be addressed. Instead, I will bring all necessary questions to the proper school personnel and work with them toward a resolution. In all our discussions, I will maintain a proper Christian testimony, as I am an example for all children to see.
7. Honor my financial obligations to Grace Christian Academy. I will adhere to the policies set forth in the *Price Information Sheet* concerning the timeliness of payments and the accumulation of late fees.

About GRACE

Name: *Grace Christian Academy*
Established: 1990
Grades: K3-12th

School Colors: *Red, Black and White*
Mascot: *Eagle*
Website: *www.gracechristian.info*

Motto: GRACE is the place to change students' lives forever!

School Verse: I Corinthians 10:31. "Whether therefore you eat or drink or whatsoever you do, do it all to the glory of God."

Membership: Georgia Association of Christian Schools (GACS)

Teachers: All faculty and staff have given personal testimony to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and have a proven walk with Him. They are dedicated to the education and enrichment of their students so that they can excel in their academic and spiritual lives.

Facilities: Facilities include:

- 18 classrooms in two buildings
- Auditorium
- Lunchroom and kitchen
- iMac Computer lab
- Library
- Full gymnasium and practice soccer field
- Children's playground

Classes: Class size is limited based on grade level
Daily Bible classes with Scripture memorization
Curriculum: A Beka, Bob Jones, and Houghton-Mifflin
High School Honors and AP courses

Programs: Kindergarten Accelerated Reading Program
Stanford Achievement Testing Program (K5-11th)
Academic and fine arts activities
Music and Art classes
Weekly chapel services
Middle and High School Beta Club and National Honor Society
Higher Ground Christian Leadership
After School Activities: Tae kwon do, pep squad, dance, and piano
Athletic programs:
Grades 1st-5th: Intramural soccer and basketball leagues
Grades 6th-12th: Interscholastic cross country, volleyball, soccer, baseball, basketball, and cheerleading

Other Helpful Information

GRACE New Student Testing Program

As part of the admissions process, GRACE requires that every new student undergo a series of academic tests. The testing program provides the admissions team with a standardized assessment of a student's academic progress. The assessment is broken into two categories, reading and mathematics. The reading subtests measure various components such as phonics, word identification, vocabulary skill and comprehension. The mathematics subtests measure number concepts such as operations and patterns, relationships, mathematical connections, reasoning and problem solving.

It is our goal that the testing program will supplement the other information received during the enrollment process and allow the admissions team to make a highly focused decision regarding a student's admission into and placement at GRACE.

Before and After School Program

GRACE offers a before and after school program each morning from 6:45-8:05, and each afternoon from 3:31-6:00. Each student is charged \$2.40 per half hour, or any part thereof. The charges are calculated by GRACE personnel using the school clock as official time. We allow a grace period in the afternoon for all families as we start charging at 3:30PM. If your child uses this program, you will be sent a statement on the first of each month for the charges incurred during the prior month.

Further information and policies regarding extended care services can be found at www.gracechristian.info. Click on "Get the 411" under I would like to learn about on the home page.

Making Payments

Tuition is payable by cash, check, automatic bank draft, credit card or money order. Families can choose three payment plans: pay in full, semi-annually or 12 monthly payments. For the families who choose the 12-month payment plan, charges are incurred and due on the first of each month from June 1st through May 1st. If monthly payments are not received by the 7th of each month, late fees will be assessed. For the 12-month payment plan, a \$9.99 monthly processing fee is added to each payment to pay for this service.

Late Fees

There will be a late fee of \$35 for tuition and 5% for monthly statements on all accounts paid after 4 p.m. on the 7th. If the 7th falls on a weekend or holiday, the payment is due on the preceding business day. When your tuition payment is 30 days passed due, you will need to begin the process of withdrawing your student from GRACE.

Late fees will increase to \$50 on tuition after three late payments.

Payment of any returned checks need to be in the form of a cashier's check or money order. After two returned checks in any school year, all remaining payments that year need to be in the form of a cashier's check or money order only.

Early Withdrawals

Tuition and fees will continue to accrue until all forms are completed and proper withdrawal is made. An early withdrawal fee will be assessed based on the quarter of the school year in which the student withdraws.