



## Grace Christian School

7510 East Broad street  
Blacklick, OH 43004

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" II Peter 3:18

Dear Prospective GCS Parent,

My husband and I both attended public school, but as we began to consider schooling options for our growing family, we realized that we wanted something more for our children. We wanted our children to be nurtured and taught at a school that would reinforce the Christian values that we were teaching at home. We wanted God's Word to be the foundation for all that they learned, and we wanted teachers who loved Jesus to truly see and know them. We were blessed to send our four children to Christian schools from kindergarten through twelfth grade. I have dedicated my career to working in Christian schools and am grateful that God has brought our family here to GCS.

I trust that you now face some of the same concerns that we faced so many years ago, and I am so grateful you are considering Grace Christian School for your child. Our mission is to assist parents in growing children in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We believe students need to have a good foundation, be surrounded by a strong network of support, and have the opportunity to enjoy a vast array of experiences to grow into the individuals that God desires them to be.

Since 1981, Grace Christian School has been laying a foundation of academic excellence by exposing students to rigorous courses in math, science, history, and English. Subjects are taught from a Christian perspective, allowing students to see how God uses each one to help us explore, understand, and enjoy His creation. All students learn a world language and our all-day kindergarten is phonics-based, so that students are decoding words earlier and reading more quickly than their peers. Students have the opportunity to participate in creative writing, spelling, speech, science, and mathematics competitions with other private schools, furthering the development of their confidence and encouraging the creation of beautiful work.

Grace Christian School is a place where students are surrounded by Christ-filled instructors who nurture students to honor God in all they say and do. Their loving care provides students with the courage to take risks and learn from their mistakes. Growing students in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the essence of what we do, but we realize that cannot be done without partnering with you, the parent. We believe that experiencing community together is essential to the growth and development of godly families.

GCS is not just a school, but a community of believers who embody the Imago Dei (image of God) and seek to share the love of God with all of its members. We hope that our families will experience the transformative love of Jesus Christ and, in turn, will seek to transform the world by furthering the Kingdom of God.

In His Service,  
Mrs. Tandy Hicks  
Head of School



## A true PARTNERSHIP

A Christian school, like GCS, partners with parents and the church, helping them face cultural challenges in raising godly children. By connecting with other godly adults, parents enhance their influence. Faculty at these schools share the same values, creating lasting relationships that positively impact students.

## OUR MISSION

We engage students in an education of excellence enabling them to impact the world through a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

## OUR EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Grace Christian School's education is rooted in biblical truth and historical Christian faith. Students learn to live out their faith through worship, love, and obedience, guided by a creation-fall-redemption-restoration framework. We equip them for life pursuits to engage in Christ's redemptive work and deepen their relationship with Him.

### **Authentically CHRISTIAN, Distinctively CLASSICAL**

A classical Christian understanding profoundly shapes our approach to education. From curriculum content to teaching methods and the culture of students and parents, authentic Christian faith and a classical philosophy inform every aspect of our mission.



# AT OUR CORE, GRACE CHRISTIAN BELIEVES IN:



## + GLORIFYING GOD:

Is central to Grace Christian's mission, founded on the belief that our highest purpose is to honor Him and enjoy His presence. This conviction guides our educational approach as we strive to love God and serve others with the gifts He has given us.

## + IMPACTING LIVES:

Grace Christian aims to impact students, families, and the community beyond academics. We provide a safe, nurturing environment focused on discipleship, education, and service.



## + DARING TO BE WISE:

Reflects the classical Christian belief that true wisdom comes from the Lord, who provides knowledge and understanding (Proverbs 2:6). This conviction fuels our passion for learning within a biblical worldview.

## + CELEBRATING DIVERSITY:

As a diverse community of Christians, our purpose is to further biblical understanding of life through Christian education, in partnership with families and the church.



# EDUCATION

## *Preschool - 8th grade*



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### **Preschool**

Our educators recognize the importance of both indoor and outdoor learning environments. They create a rich atmosphere filled with safe stimuli tailored to each student's needs. A range of age-appropriate opportunities helps children master skills and concepts, with classroom resources selected to reflect a biblical worldview. We offer flexible options to fit your family's needs with full-day preschool classes available for 2 days, 3 days, or 5 days each week.

### **Elementary**

Our curriculum provides a cohesive learning experience based on a Christian worldview. Teachers support skill development while fostering students' natural curiosity. With a structured program that builds in complexity, students graduate from elementary school well-prepared and confident for middle school.

### **Middle**

Adolescence brings significant changes as students transition from childhood. Though they may feel self-conscious and unprepared for adult responsibilities, they seek maturity. We acknowledge these traits in our middle school design, guiding and encouraging students from sixth grade to eighth grade graduation to become Godly young adults committed to growing in their faith.





# ABOUT *EKKLESIA*

One of the most special aspects of our school is Ekklesia. Held weekly on Wednesday mornings, each chapel service gives the opportunity for worship through scripture, singing, prayer, and praise, and may include lessons presented by pastors, students, teachers, and guest speakers. Our students truly love and appreciate the worship and praise element that exists in every Ekklesia.



## Enrichment classes

Our college prep and honors classes offer challenging coursework that build critical thinking and advanced skills. These programs are designed to help students achieve academic success and prepare for their future.



## Beyond the classroom

We believe that meaningful activities outside the classroom are just as important as classroom learning. We encourage students to explore opportunities to develop their gifts and talents.

Activities include:  
National Junior Honor Society, Praise Choir, Drama, Art, DNow Discipleship Program, and Outdoor Education



## Athletics

In addition to regular physical education, middle school students can compete in interscholastic teams including: Co-Ed Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Boys & Girls Basketball, Girls Cheerleading, Co-Ed Track & Field, Co-Ed Tennis, and Co-Ed Baseball.

# Grace Christian School 2025-2026 Tuition & Fee Schedule

GRADE	Gross Tuition	Monthly Payments (July 2025 - June 2026)
Kindergarten - 5th Grade	\$8,500	\$708.33
6th - 8th Grade	\$8,800	\$733.33
<b>PRE-SCHOOL</b>		
Full day: T/Th	\$3,650	\$304.17
Full day: M/W/F	\$4,950	\$412.50
Full day: M/T/W/Th/F	\$7,200	\$600.00

## Tuition Payment Options

- Annual Payment – Due in full by July 1, 2025, or within 10 days of enrollment.
- Monthly Payments – Payments made through FACTS beginning July 2025, through June 2026.

## Tuition Reductions

- East Side Grace attendees – 10% (if the family regularly attends ESGBC and is actively involved in a church ministry program and financially supporting the church on a regular basis.).

## Scholarship Opportunities (Kindergarten - 8th Grade)

- EdChoice Scholarship Program – All families are encouraged to apply and will benefit based on either adjusted gross income (EdChoice Expansion Scholarship) or residency (Traditional EdChoice). Go to [Ohio Department of Education](#) for complete details.

\*Please note that the EdChoice scholarship does not cover the entire tuition amount and families will be responsible for any remaining tuition unless they qualify for low-income status. Families will also be required to pay other fees throughout the school year.

- Ohio Christian Education Scholarship Granting Organization (OCEN SGO) Scholarship – Students with a demonstrated need are prioritized. Go to [OCEN SGO](#) for complete details.

## Admissions-Related Fees (non-refundable)

- New Student Application Fee – \$190 per student; due at the time the application for admission is submitted.
- Returning Student Re-enrollment Fee – \$145 per student if enrollment is completed by January 19, 2025; \$190 per student if enrollment is completed after January 19, 2025.

FAMILY FACILITY FEE *Non-refundable fee Due April 25, 2025 or upon acceptance to GCS, whichever is later.	One student at GCS	Two students at GCS	Three or more students at GCS	Late Fee
Pre-School - 8th Grade	\$500	\$525	\$550	\$50/Month

## Extended Care

Extended care is offered before school from 7:15–8:15am and after school from the end of dismissal (3:30pm) until 5:30pm. The cost is \$6.50 per hour. There is a late fee of \$1 per minute after 5:30.



# EdChoice Scholarship

## **EdChoice Expansion Scholarship (all students grades K-12 eligible to apply)**

- Allows for students who are not assigned to an EdChoice designated public school building to receive a scholarship.
- Scholarship award based on family's household Adjusted Gross Income (line 11 of Federal Tax Return 1040).
- Scholarships ranged from \$616.60 to \$6,166.00 for the 2024–2025 school year.

## **Traditional EdChoice Scholarship (eligibility requirements exist)**

- Students enrolled at GCS who would otherwise be assigned to an EdChoice (low performing) designated public school building are eligible.
- Maximum amount of scholarship awarded (\$6,166 for the 2024–2025 school year).

### **How to apply for the EdChoice Scholarship:**

Step 1: Apply to Grace Christian School. A student must be enrolled at a private school before applying.

Step 2: If your student is admitted as a student to GCS, you will complete the EdChoice Scholarship Request Form and submit it to GCS along with supporting documents.

Step 3: Verify your income with the State of Ohio (if applying for the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship or applying for low-income status).

## **Who can apply for the EdChoice Scholarship?**

All families with students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade can apply, except students who already receive a scholarship such as the Autism Scholarship or Jon Peterson Scholarship.

Preschool students are not eligible.

## **Will we have out-of-pocket tuition?**

Families at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level qualify for low-income status. The law states that low-income families are not required to pay any remaining tuition balance. Those above 200% will be billed for the remaining tuition balance after the scholarship is applied to your account. All families, regardless of income status, are responsible for other fees (see Tuition and Fee Schedule). Families may also apply for additional assistance with the Ohio Christian Education Network Scholarship Granting Organization.

# ADMISSIONS PROCESS

## **Inquiry.**

**On our website under the ADMISSIONS tab find “Request information” and fill out the inquiry form**



## **Tour.**

**Our admissions office will reach out to you to schedule a group tour with an assistant principal**



## **Apply.**

**After touring please apply online at our website - [www.gcsblacklick.org](http://www.gcsblacklick.org)**



## **Assessment.**

**Schedule and complete the required academic testing or evaluations**



## **Interview.**

**Our admissions office will reach out to you to schedule an interview with our Head of School**



## **Decision.**

**You will receive a notification of acceptance or rejection**



## **Enrollment.**

**If accepted, please complete the online enrollment packet**



## **Medical Forms.**

**Provide required medical documentation, prior to start of school**