

SPIRITUAL AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Education at Grace Christian School is the integration of Biblical teaching into our course of study so that students will learn to see God in all facets of life. Grace Christian School provides an excellent atmosphere for children to learn within a moral framework. Close relationships between students, parents, and teachers result in a unique and special community of learners. Within this environment, the students at Grace Christian School become the leaders of tomorrow.

*Educating
Children
Today to
Become Our
Leaders of
Tomorrow*

Our Grace Club program reinforces the belief that displaying Christ-like behavior as a child is critical to becoming a responsible adult. Likewise, academic excellence within an accelerated academic program is a significant achievement, equipping students cognitively for their futures beyond GCS. To promote the healthy development of excellence in spiritual and academic growth, a significant number of students are recognized for such superior achievement at the conclusion of each academic quarter by being awarded Grace Club and/or Honor Roll status.

Our national standardized testing results also reinforce the level of quality that can be expected from an education at Grace Christian School. Our students consistently average a superior ranking in both reading and math components. In these crucial performance areas, Grace Christian students perform better than 89.14 percent of students across the country in reading and 88.85 percent in math.

ACADEMIC BENEFITS



*The
Development
of Wisdom
is Promoted
at Grace
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The value of Christian education is identified by its ministry to the whole child with special consideration given to spiritual, emotional, academic, physical and social needs during a child's years of growth and development. Through the academic experience offered at Grace Christian School, every child is encouraged and given the tools necessary to reach their God-given potential. Some of the unique aspects of the academic environment offered at Grace Christian School are as follows:

- An exceptional technology program in conjunction with Boston University and the University of Richmond in which all students learn word processing, database management/spreadsheets, computer graphics, PowerPoint, web page design, and desktop publishing.
- SMARTBoard technology is integrated into all the core classrooms; a separate technology lab is equipped with desktop computers; and a mobile laptop cart is available for students' use.
- Instruction in foreign language (Spanish), technology, art, general music and physical education is provided to all K-8 students.
- A uniquely strong electives program is offered including String Orchestra, Drama, Choir, Latin and Club Soccer.
- A strong sense of community and serving others is developed by local and out of state missions efforts. Students have served at local senior citizen centers, homeless shelters, Children's Hospital, and on an annual two-day service project at the Central Baptist Mission Center in Akron, Ohio. Future missions projects are scheduled to include serving at Urban Hope in Philadelphia and in a Hurricane Katrina impacted community in Louisiana.
- Opportunities for leadership skill development in ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) events include: spelling bees, speech meets, math olympics, and creative writing competitions.

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- Nurturing teaching faculty have received post-graduate instruction at the Hoogland Center for Teacher Excellence.
- GCS received national academic recognition as a member of our teaching faculty received the Salvatori Award for Teaching Excellence from Hillsdale College.
- Students have benefited from additions to our course of study as provided by the Center for Gifted Education at the College of William and Mary.
- Extended distance educational opportunities include touring Washington D.C. to help students see evidences of Christ in our nation's history.

We realize that growth in knowledge cannot be equated with growth in wisdom. The development of wisdom is promoted at Grace Christian School as children are educated using a strong Christ-centered curriculum enhanced by unique academic learning opportunities. Within this environment, learners at Grace Christian School excel to become the leaders of tomorrow.

STRENGTH THROUGH DIVERSITY



*All People
are Uniquely
and
Wonderfully
Made*

Grace Christian School solidly embraces the Biblical teaching that each person is uniquely and wonderfully made in the image of God. Recognizing and appreciating the diversity within our student body demonstrates a Godly attitude towards our world. By embracing each student's uniqueness, we honor Christ and foster a generation of students who focus on Godly character and not on stereotypes or outward appearances. It is our responsibility as believers in Christ to offer a Godly perspective of love for each other in a world that is desperately seeking a love that only Jesus Christ can provide.

We have several denominations represented in our student body and experience great unity at Grace Christian School. Our current student profile is represented by fourteen different Christian church denominations and four different ethnicity groups: African-American, Asian, Latino, and Caucasian. Our student body geographically represents eleven different public school districts.