



# Educating THE WHOLE CHILD for a Lifetime of Learning

Parent Information Packet • Grades PreK-12



Asheville Christian  
ACADEMY

SWANNANOA, NC



# What are your **BIGGEST** **PRIORITIES** as you consider school options in our region?

**Alignment with your family's  
beliefs and values? Safety? Early  
drop-off or after-school care?**

I believe our core values have something to offer you won't find elsewhere, and I'm delighted you're considering Asheville Christian Academy.

A commitment to gospel-centered education and a desire to inspire faith-filled lives permeates everything we do in and around the classroom. This approach enables us to educate the whole child — body, mind, and spirit — as we develop their academic foundation for a lifetime of learning in a community of grace and truth.

Today we will tell you about our school — a connected, intimate, thriving community. At Asheville Christian Academy, families appreciate our reputation for providing an outstanding faith-based education that celebrates the distinct talents and passions of every child. We're delighted to partner with you in guiding your children to become individuals who excel not only in academics, athletics, and fine arts, but also in character.

Friendships, faculty mentoring, a rigorous curriculum, and spiritual formation all foster the most important things you could give your child: a strong start in life, an excellent education, and a desire to love others well. We hope to meet you and your child one day soon. After reading this overview of Asheville Christian Academy, [schedule a tour](#) or [sign up for an Open house](#) so you can see what we're about firsthand.

Sincerely,

Brenton Benware

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# Pre-Kindergarten (Ages 4-5 years)

**A loving, safe environment where creativity and playful learning meet**

Our primary goal at this age is to help children experience the fun and joy that lead to an early excitement about learning.

## At ACA, your child will:

- Learn through multisensory activities, such as spelling out letters with their bodies and using hand motions for Bible memory verses
- Feel valued with smaller class sizes (8:1 student-teacher ratio)
- Explore the wonders of God's creation in science through biblically integrated teaching
- Develop a solid foundation through early literacy and numeracy activities

## As a pre-kindergarten parent, you can expect:

- Dedicated staff who will love and care for your child within a gospel-centered learning environment
- The nurturing of a biblical worldview for your child, beginning as early as four years old
- A commitment to preparing your child for kindergarten, with careful attention to academic and spiritual growth
- Close partnership that includes open, friendly communication between home and school

## Pre-Kindergarten Program

- 5-Day Program (M-F), 8:10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Extended Care

- Morning Care (PreK-5), 7:25-8:00 a.m.
- AfterCare (PreK-8), 3:30-5:30 p.m.

# Lower School *(Kindergarten - Grade 5)*

## Building a strong foundation for lifelong learners

Lower school students are engaged in hands-on exploration in a socially and emotionally supportive space. It's a time when deep and lasting friendships are formed, and students are challenged in an atmosphere that is collaborative and nurturing. Our small class sizes allow for differentiated instruction, which honors children as individuals who learn and develop at their own pace.



### Academic Development

Students will find our curriculum fun and challenging. Core subjects include Bible, math, language arts, science, history, and geography. The engaging, hands-on learning approach brings every class to life.



### Spiritual Formation

At ACA, our commitment to Christian values goes beyond Bible class. We partner with parents by encouraging students to exemplify good character in areas of conduct, speech, love, faith, and purity.



### Enriching Electives

Art, music, library, and physical education enhance the core curriculum. Computer classes start in second grade. Students engage in service projects for local and global missions. The ACA Excel program provides after-school enrichment in academics, fine arts, and athletics.

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~ Joshua B.

# Middle School *(Grades 6-8)*



## ***Cultivating emerging gifts and academic interests***

Middle school is when our students really start to come into their own. They're busy discovering new passions and talents while also starting to better understand who they are and what they stand for. We prepare them for what's ahead by challenging them with a more rigorous curriculum and encouraging them to be more involved in our learning community.

**At Asheville Christian Academy, we introduce middle schoolers to what's possible and instill in them the confidence and spiritual foundation they need to achieve it:**

- Master core subjects, empower independent learners, and explore courses that personally interest them
- Nurturing faith through Bible programs, school-wide events, and retreats that inspire the pursuit of God-given gifts
- Explore growth opportunities through cocurricular activities that include art, band, choir, video editing, technical theatre, drama, foreign languages, and STEM



- Develop healthy relationships with peers and mentors through involvement in clubs, student organizations, and team sports
- Strengthen important life skills needed for success in upper school, college, and careers, including self-discipline, initiative, teamwork, and empathy

*"We came from another private school and the teaching here is at a whole other level. The people here really care. I told my boys that this is where they will thrive."*

*- Steve N., ACA middle school parent*



# Upper School (Grades 9-12)

## Preparing students to be confident young adults

By the time our students reach upper school, they are well on their way to being independent thinkers, organized time managers, and problem-solvers. Our academic program is enriched with stimulating extracurriculars, inspiring experiences, and leadership opportunities. We see upper school as a time of bringing together all the threads of student development for academic, physical, and spiritual formation.

### At ACA, upper schoolers:

- Are shaped by a commitment to follow Christ and spread the gospel, engage in restoring the culture in God's world, learn intentionally, communicate effectively, and demonstrate servant leadership
- Prepare for college with Dual Enrollment and AP courses, receiving comprehensive support from the College Guidance office
- Enjoy multiple opportunities to get involved in Student Government, National Honor Society, or student-led clubs and organizations
- Cultivate a welcoming community with strong relationships as a foundation for academic and personal growth
- Complete a Senior Integration Project (SIP) as a culmination of the ways they have grown as scholars

### Opportunities for growth outside the classroom:

- Tribes
- Community Service
- Winterim
- Upper School Retreat
- Clubs
- Student Government
- Honors Societies (National, Math, English, etc.)

*"We have had two kids go through the [upper] school, each with different skills and gifts. ACA's caring and extremely hard-working teachers have been able to meet the needs of both. The staff at ACA truly love the kids and point them to their Savior every chance they get."*

- Erin R., ACA upper school parent



Character.  
Bravery.  
Perseverance.

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## Athletics at Asheville Christian Academy

Our Lions compete in the shadow of a long line of successful ACA graduates, many of whom have participated at the collegiate and professional levels. Athletic competition begins in middle school with 35 teams and 11 different sports. State-of-the-art facilities include a 5000-square-foot custom-designed sports performance center and an indoor golf training center.

- Basketball
- Cross-Country
- Tennis
- Soccer
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Football
- Cheer
- Swimming
- Baseball
- Golf

## Creativity. Innovation. Greatness.



## Electives and Cocurriculars

Students enjoy many opportunities to explore interests outside of their core academic classes. Favorite electives include art, ceramics, band, choir, and yearbook, or cocurriculars such as Fall Drama, Spring Musical, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, International Thespian Society, Revelation 7:9 (Cross-Cultural) Club, student newspaper, and chapel worship team. We hope to meet soon to share everything we offer and learn more about your child's interests.

## Fine Arts

Our Fine Arts Department boasts of some of the area's top programs in band, choir, visual and performing arts. Fine Arts class and after-school offerings include:

- Band
- Choir
- Theatre (3 annual performances and support roles)
- AP Music Theory
- 6 different art classes including Ceramics, Digital Design, and AP Art & Design.





## We can't wait to meet you.

*When it comes to choosing a school for your child, nothing compares to experiencing the learning environment firsthand! Our campus tours will give you the best sense of what we have to offer and provide you with the opportunity to connect with someone who can answer your specific questions.*



### **What to Expect On Your Personal Tour**

Explore our beautiful campus, [schedule a personal tour](#) with our admissions team. On your tour, you will have the chance to see:

- Classrooms
- Science labs
- Art/Music rooms
- Gymnasium & weight room
- Cafeteria
- Auditorium
- Playground

**Consider attending  
one of our  
Open House events!**

Students in grades 6-11 are encouraged to shadow one of our student ambassadors during a school day. It's a great opportunity to see if ACA is the right fit for your child.

### **Questions?**

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