



7th and 8th Grades Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the school day?

Upper School starts at 8:00am and ends at 3:15pm Monday through Friday.

When does the school year start and end? Does your school calendar follow the WS/FC school calendar?

Usually, we start in mid-August and finish the year in late May. Calvary Day School (CDS) sets its own calendar, which may be similar but does not match the schedule of the local public schools.

Is Calvary Day School accredited?

Yes, CDS is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and AdvanceED.

Are your teachers certified or licensed to teach?

All teachers are certified by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

What is your student to teacher ratio?

Our maximum number of students in each class section in 7th and 8th grades is 24, although most classes are smaller.

What curriculum do you use?

The biblically integrated curriculum is selected by Calvary teachers from a variety of Christian and secular publishers based on how well they fit the curriculum that we have developed. Currently we are using texts from a variety of publishers. In addition to the core academic courses (Bible, English, math, social studies, science) seventh grade students also take physical education, study skills, computer, and choose one elective. Eighth grade students take physical education, computer, and will choose an elective.

How do your test scores compare with the public school End of Grade Tests?

Private schools in NC are required to give standardized tests which are nationally normed. The NC public school End of Grade Tests are only normed (or made standard) for students in NC, therefore do not meet the private school requirement for a nationally standardized test. We give the Terra Nova 3 Test in grades 2-9 each year. School-wide, our scores average between the 83rd and 91st percentiles on the TN3.

Do you have a regular chapel program?

CDS students attend Chapel weekly. Parents are always welcome to attend Chapel services.

What is your discipline plan?

The **STUDENT CODE OF HONOR** is the heart of the discipline plan: *"I pledge on my honor as a Calvary Day School student to be honorable in conduct, honest in word and deed, dutiful in study and service and respectful of the rights of others."* Teachers diligently, consistently, fairly, and lovingly explain and train students in expected behaviors and then hold them accountable. A child is never physically or emotionally punished. No student has the right to behave in a manner that disrupts or interferes with the teacher's right to teach or another child's right to learn. Grace and mercy are granted when a student demonstrates a repentant heart and a change in behavior. CDS reserves the right to set discipline at whatever level is deemed proportionate to the offense including, but not limited to, admonition, counseling, probation, suspension, and expulsion.

What is the dress code? Do the students wear uniforms?

CDS's school culture is one of modesty and a desire not to offend others. Dress and hair should not be distracting to teachers and students, and modesty is expected in all clothing choices.

- All clothing should be clean and in good repair.
- Clothing and accessories must not have inappropriate or controversial messages, logos, or marketing as defined by the mission of Calvary Day School and the administration.
- Students may wear long pants, jeans, or knee-length shorts. Girls may wear knee-length skirts or dresses. Jeggings and leggings may only be worn with dresses and skirts that are knee length or longer. (Knee-length is defined as *no more than 3 inches above the knee.*)
- Sleeveless dresses and shirts must be at least three-finger-width wide at the shoulders. No undergarments should be visible at any time. Clothing must be modest and must not reveal cleavage, backs, or midriffs. Form-fitting or sheer clothing is not appropriate for school (unless clothing underneath meets dress code).
- Athletic pants such as nylon shorts, sweatpants, yoga pants, etc., are not appropriate for classroom attire.
- All students must wear footwear.
- No body piercing jewelry is to be worn at school or school related events. Only girls may wear earrings.
- Hats and head coverings are not to be worn inside the building during school hours.
- Students in all Upper School athletic classes will wear school-issued shorts with a CDS t-shirt.

Do you have a cafeteria?

Yes. We have a cafeteria which serves lunch each day. Students in 7th and 8th grades eat in the cafeteria (whether they bring or buy lunch). Current lunch cost is \$5.00.

Do 7th and 8th grade students play sports?

Yes. The Middle School teams include girls' and boys' soccer; girls' and boys' basketball; girls' volleyball; boys' baseball, girls' cheerleading and coed cross-country. At the current time, 8th grade students are permitted to try out for track, tennis, swimming, cross country, softball and golf teams at the JV or varsity level. (All teams are subject to having enough players to make a team and subject to having a qualified coach.)

What about other extra-curricular activities?

Middle School students have opportunities to compete in school-wide, regional, and state competitions in areas such as National Geography Bee, spelling bees, math, speech, and art competitions. Students may become involved in Student Council by being elected by their classmates. Students may volunteer to help with service projects sponsored by the school. Opportunities for participation in musical performances are offered through the school music and chapel programs, and for drama through the theatre elective. We also have a chapter of the National Junior Beta Club, and Junior National Junior Forensic League.

Do you have scholarships or financial assistance?

The school offers Variable Tuition for K through 12th grade students. There is a formal application process (with a processing fee) which must be completed. Families may apply online beginning January 1st for the next school year. Variable Tuition funds are limited. It is recommended that families apply for Variable Tuition as early as possible. Needs based/merit scholarships are available to existing students as well as new students who have been offered enrollment. Details regarding financial assistance and scholarships can be found on our website at www.calvaryday.school/admissions. **Calvary Day School does not award any athletic scholarships.**

What is the standard for admission and how do I apply for enrollment for my child?

Previous academic grades should be mostly A's and B's with an average to above average score on end of grade achievement tests. The student should have a clean discipline history and have a desire to be a student at CDS. The application for enrollment is completed from our website at www.calvaryday.school/admissions. Once an application is submitted and an admissions file is complete, the Admissions Committee will make the final decision about enrollment. For more information about our admissions process, please call the Admissions Office at 336-714-5479 or visit our website at www.calvaryday.school/admissions.