



Kindergarten – 6th Grade Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the school day?

For students in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade, school starts at 8:15am and ends at 3:00pm.

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 sets its own annual calendar, which may be similar but does not match the schedule of the local public schools.

What about before and after school care?

Calvary Day School operates an extended care program from 7:15am to 8:15am and from the end of school in the afternoon until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for children in K through 6th grades. Extended care operates ONLY on regular school days and is not provided when school is closed or operating on an early dismissal schedule. Current rates are \$5.00 per day for the morning and \$15.00 per day for the afternoon.

Is Calvary Day School accredited?

Yes, Calvary Day School (Kindergarten through High School) is accredited through the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Cognia.

What is your student to teacher ratio?

The class size is limited to 22 students in grades K through 6th. Each Kindergarten class has a teacher and assistant. Each first grade class has an assistant one-half of each day.

Are your teachers certified and/or licensed to teach?

All teachers are certified by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). Teachers in grades K through 6th are either fully licensed or have been licensed in the past and are in the process of renewing their license to teach in North Carolina.

What curriculum do you use?

The biblically integrated curriculum is selected by Calvary teachers for each grade and is based on the appropriate developmental level. The textbooks in each grade are chosen from a variety of Christian and secular publishers. The reading curriculum in K through 2nd is heavily phonics based.

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 Iowa Test in grades 2nd through 9th each year. School-wide, our scores average between the 83rd and 91st percentiles on the Iowa Test.

Do you have a regular chapel program?

CDS students have a weekly chapel program. Parents are always welcome to attend chapel services.

What about "Specials"?

All children in grades K through 5th have art, music, PE, computer, and media. Children in 6th have art, music, computer and PE. Children in grades 2nd through 6th also have introductory Latin.

What is your discipline plan?

The Lower School has a unified discipline plan. Under this plan, teachers clearly explain their expectations to students. Positive reinforcements for correct behavior and negative consequences for inappropriate behavior are explained. Two simple guidelines apply school-wide: (1) Follow directions the first time they are given. Hebrews 13:17; (2) Treat fellow students and teachers in the courteous, cooperative manner in which you would like to be treated. Ephesians 4:32

What is the dress code? Do 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.

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- 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. (Knee-length athletic shorts may be worn for Lower School Field Day).
- All students must wear footwear. Preschool through fifth grade students are to wear closed-toed and closed-heeled shoes for safety reasons.
- 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.

What about after school sports and activities?

Calvary Day School offers organized athletic teams and clubs starting in grades 5 and 6. 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. Lower School chorus is offered to students in 4th through 6th grades.

Do you have a cafeteria?

Yes. We have a cafeteria that serves lunch each day. All students eat in the cafeteria (whether they bring or buy lunch). Current lunch cost is \$5.00.

Do you have a parent organization?

We have a Parent Association which actively seeks parent participation. Parents are always welcome at school. For security reasons, parents and other visitors check in and out at our B Building Welcome Desk and wear a visitor tag while on campus.

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?

For students applying for grades 4th through 6th, previous academic grades should be mostly A's and B's with an average to above average score on end of grade achievement tests. Students applying for K through 3rd grades will be asked to complete an age/grade appropriate academic assessment. In addition, 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 (with application fee) 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.