



Kindergarten – 6th Grade Frequently Asked Questions

What about before and after school care?

Calvary Day School operates an extended care program from the end of school in the afternoon until 6:00 pm Monday through Friday for children in Transitional Kindergarten through 6th grades. Fees are \$255 per child per month for 5 days per week and \$173 per child per month for 3 days per week. Emergency/Drop-in care is available for \$20/day as needed. We do not offer before school care.

What is your student to teacher ratio?

The class size is limited to 18-22 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. The 2nd, 3rd, & 4th grade classes share one part-time teaching assistant.

What curriculum do you use?

The biblically integrated curriculum is selected by the teachers with guidance from the Curriculum Coordinator and Lower School Principal 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.

What about “Specials”?

All students in grades K through 6th have art, music, PE, media center, and computers/STEM weekly. Students in grades 3rd-6th have Spanish as least twice per week. All 6th graders take band.

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. School-wide discipline is based on 1 Peter 2:17 which commands us to show respect to everyone. Students are expected to adhere to the following biblical principles and each individual teacher has developed specific classroom expectations based upon these principles:

- Respect God - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Matthew 15:8-9
- Respect yourself - Psalm 119; 1 Corinthians 6:19
- Respect Everyone! - Philippians 2:3; Proverbs 18:24
- Respect property - Proverbs 3:9
- Do your best - Colossians 3:17
- Do what is right - Philippians 4:8
- Treat others like you want to be treated - 1 Thessalonians 5:15; Matthew 7:12

What about after school sports and activities?

Calvary Day School offers organized athletic teams starting in grades 5 and 6. Students have opportunities to compete in school-wide, regional, and state competitions in areas such as spelling, math, speech, creative writing, STEM, and art. 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 \$6.00.

What is the dress code? Do students wear uniforms?

Calvary Day School's dress code is designed for the school setting. It encompasses modesty and a desire not to offend others. The dress code is simple in its clarity. As CDS partners with parents in training up a child, the dress code is one more area for that development. The administration reserves the right to make decisions on items not specifically listed in the Calvary dress code policy.

Students MUST wear:

- Clothing that covers all undergarments
- Clothing that is opaque (not transparent or see through)
- Tops that cover the entire torso: middle of back, sides, front, and midriff (including all typical daily movements)
- Bottoms that cover the entire buttocks and extend to the thigh (including all typical daily movements)
- For Preschool and Lower School ONLY-closed toed shoes

Students MAY wear:

- Athletic wear: shorts (mid-thigh), sweatpants, sweatshirts
- Leggings (opaque): with a top that covers the buttocks (including all typical daily movements)
- Clothing with CDS logos, colleges, teams, or appropriate graphics

Students MAY NOT wear:

- Strapless tops, spaghetti straps, swimsuits, or pajamas
- Clothes that expose any private body parts
- Hats or Hoods: (hats and hoods on hoodies are allowed ONLY outdoors)
- Clothes that:
 - use explicit language or other offensive messages or images
 - depict or promote drugs or alcohol
 - reference political candidates or slogans
 - display hateful language or culturally insensitive messages or images

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.