



Transitional 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. Transitional Kindergarten classes have 14 students per class. Kindergarten through 5th grade have 20 students per class. 6th grade class sizes average 22 per class. 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. Our 5th and 6th grade classes all share one 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 TK 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 twice per week. All 6th graders take band three times per week in addition to attending art, PE, and computers/STEM once per week.

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 \$5.50 for lower school students.

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.

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. We expect all students to exercise good judgment in their choice of dress. Dress should not distract from the learning process or attract undue attention to one's appearance but to the inward character of the individual. The school staff and administration believe that dress can influence the learning environment. Student attire should convey respect for oneself, for fellow students, and for teachers to maintain a positive learning environment. Parents are expected to review the dress code and assist the school in its implementation.

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. Questions regarding the dress code should be directed to the Upper School Dean of Students, Women's Dress Code Coordinator, Lower School Principal or Lower School Assistant Principals. It is impossible to list all forms of apparel that would be inappropriate for the classroom setting. Therefore, the administration reserves the right to make decisions on items not specifically listed in this policy.

Parents partner with CDS by assisting with adherence to the dress code policy before school begins each day. Parents of Lower School students in violation of the dress code will be notified on the first offense. On the second offense, parents must bring a change of clothes to correct the violation. Upper School students in violation of the dress code will receive a caution and must immediately correct the dress in one of the following ways:

- Change into dress code appropriate clothing that is provided in the school office.
- Call a parent for dress code appropriate clothing.

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)
- Shorts that cover the entire buttocks and extend to the mid-thigh (including all typical daily movements)
- Dresses and skirts that extend to the mid-thigh
- For Preschool through Kindergarten - **ONLY**-closed toed shoes

Students **MAY** wear:

- Athletic wear: shorts (mid-thigh), joggers, sweatpants, sweatshirts
- Leggings can only be worn under dresses, skirts or shorts which extend to mid-thigh
- Clothing with CDS logos, colleges, teams, or appropriate graphics
- For Preschool through 2nd grade **ONLY** - may wear leggings

Students **MAY NOT** wear:

- Strapless tops, spaghetti straps, swimsuits, leggings as pants, 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

Within the mission of Calvary Day School is the concept of training. It is within the concept of training that our dress code has been developed. Calvary recognizes that the parent is primarily responsible for training a child and ensuring adherence to the dress code. Calvary's school culture is one of modesty and a desire not to offend others.

The school expects parents to support the Calvary dress code and the school's enforcement of the dress code in a non-confrontational and non-defensive manner. Students will not be allowed to cover inappropriate dress with a jacket or other type of outerwear. Students will be excluded from class with an unexcused tardy or absence until the violation is corrected.