



7th and 8th Grade Frequently Asked Questions

What is your student capacity in each class section?

Most classes average 20-24 students per class.

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 and choose one elective. Eighth grade students take physical education and will choose an elective. The electives include Rhetoric, Drama, Beginning Choir, Art 1 & 2, Math tutorial, Spanish, Computer Science, Band 1 & 2, STEM, and Christianity & Modern Media.

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, equitably, 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 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 earrings.
- Hats and head coverings are not to be worn inside the building during school hours.

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 \$6.00.

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, 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 spelling bees, math, speech, and art. 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 Honor Junior Society. Students are encouraged to either start a club, which beneficial to their college resume, or join an existing club.