



WE ARE SOUTHLAKE CHRISTIAN.

2025-2026 VIEWBOOK

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OUR MISSION

SouthLake Christian Academy exists for the sake of God's glory and mission, proclaiming the gospel and discipling the whole person in all aspects of God's reality.

This is our community.



OUR COMMUNITY

Surrounded by nature just outside the city.

SouthLake Christian is conveniently located in the Lake Norman community north of Charlotte in Huntersville, NC. SouthLake Christian is one of the country's foremost Christian schools. The area around SouthLake Christian is dominated by Lake Norman, the largest man-made lake in the state, which provides unparalleled opportunities for recreation – boating, hiking, swimming, and fishing. Our campus has grown over the years to accommodate the growth of our community.

Our facilities include three academic buildings, a gymnasium, a newly renovated worship center, a field house (with weightlifting, classroom, and training rooms), a baseball complex, a cross country course, and a turf athletic field for soccer, lacrosse, and football. A replacement of the existing turf field was installed in the summer of 2024, and a new fine arts complex is expected to be completed in 2025.

But most importantly, it's our 650+ students who arrive on campus each day from seven surrounding counties bringing with them their unique perspectives and personalities, their energies and enthusiasm to create an environment unlike any other.

The view of our campus and Lake Norman.

EMPOWERING STUDENTS EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Our teachers are deeply loyal to our school community.

SouthLake Christian's faculty and staff members have an average tenure of over 12 years at the school. While the faculty is known for its continuity, teachers continue to innovate instruction, curriculum, and assessments, often using technology integration to enhance the students' depth of learning.

Upon graduation, SouthLake Christian students are prepared to be successful in college and life, pursuing excellence in service of the school's mission.



LEARNING THROUGH ENGAGEMENT

Students minds are inspired and their creativity unleashed.

SouthLake Christian emphasizes an academic rigor utilizing a college-preparatory, biblically-integrated curriculum. Through academic challenge, experiential learning, and extracurricular opportunities, students' minds are inspired and their creativity unleashed.

SouthLake Christian promotes an engaging and exceptional learning environment through the use of curriculum, technology, and individual teaching methods, we understand that children absorb information in a variety of ways and learn using different skill sets. Our multi-sensory teaching approach accommodates most learning needs, and we offer specialized instruction for students with learning differences.

In a balanced program that is forward-looking, the faculty provides students with a solid foundation in fundamental skills for academic success as well as college preparatory, honors and advanced placement courses in English, History, Social Sciences, Mathematics, World Languages, Science and Technology, Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Graphic Design.

LOWER SCHOOL

Junior Kindergarten through 4th Grade



Lower School Parent

“There was a lot that went into our decision to come to SouthLake. But ultimately, it was the Christian environment, the smaller class sizes, and certainly, the Academic Development Center, which was a huge opportunity for our daughter.”

JUNIOR-KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN

Committed to an early focus on academics and experiential learning.

A child’s academic and spiritual journey at SouthLake Christian begins in the Lower School, which serves grades JK through 4. The outstanding reputation of the Lower School program is evident in its growing enrollment. Simply put, families understand the value of SouthLake Christian and are eager to enroll their children at a young age. Classes are limited to approximately 18 students, staffed with a teacher, and a full-time assistant. Teachers are deeply committed to an early focus on academics and experiential learning.

With encouragement and guidance from teachers, Junior Kindergarten students identify their areas of interest, follow their inquiry, and learn by doing. In Kindergarten, students continue to be supported in their open inquiry and independent thinking, an approach that fosters curiosity, openness to differing perspectives, and the desire to keep learning. Biblical worldview is woven into the regular curriculum that includes a daily Bible class.

Our lower school students benefit from the Deep Roots curriculum, complementing our weekly chapel services. This program enhances their understanding of spiritual lessons, laying a strong foundation in Biblical knowledge and Christian character for a lifetime of faith and service. In addition to Deep Roots, we also use The Gospel Project chapel curriculum, further enriching their spiritual education and fostering a deeper connection with Biblical teachings.

Activities include launching boats that they constructed with their 3rd grade “buddies” and the end-of-year celebration, known as the Kindergarten Olympics. Additionally, every Kindergarten student is paired with a high school senior buddy who stays with them throughout the year, forging strong bonds that continue through their SouthLake Christian experience.



CLASSROOMS

- Junior Kindergarten student-teacher ratio of 16:2
- Kindergarten student-teacher ratio of 18:2
- Approximately 32 students in JK and 47 students in Kindergarten

SCHOOL DAY

- 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Daily recess outdoors
- Bring your own lunch or purchase school lunch

TEACHERS AND SPECIALISTS

- Two lead teachers and two teaching assistants (JK)
- Three lead teachers and three teaching assistants (K)
- A full-time school counselor and a full-time nurse
- Specialist teachers: dean, head of administration, art, music, library, physical education, and STEM

LEARNING SPACES

- Two large homerooms for each JK class and three large homerooms for each Kindergarten class with distinct learning areas.
- Covered outdoor space and dynamic playgrounds
- Dedicated STEM lab, library, gym, art and music classroom

AFTER-SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

- Students can be dropped off as early as 7:15 a.m.
- After-School runs from 2:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (M-Th) and 5:30 p.m. on Friday. (Not included in tuition).

Shannon H. Lower School Parent

“Picking a school is such an individualized choice, and there are so many choices these days for parents. For us, we just knew SouthLake was a really strong fit for our daughter. She benefited from the individualized support in and out of the classroom, The staff has comforted her in her times of need and celebrated her success along the way. We are thrilled to be a part of SouthLake.”

Grades 1-4

Introducing curious and creative young minds to active learning.

For students in grades 1-4, SouthLake Christian focuses its program on traditional academic skill building while supplementing these studies with curriculum-focused nature walks and personal writing projects. Studies in math and problem-solving are reinforced with hands-on projects related to real-world scenarios. Once a week, students attend Chapel services. A Biblical worldview is woven into the regular curriculum that includes a daily Bible class.

As part of their studies, students learn from experts, engage in cross-disciplinary projects and simulations, and take part in off-campus class trips to study specific topics out in the field.

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CLASSROOMS

- Student-teacher ratio averages 18:1 and teaching assistants support grade level instruction
- Approximately 145 students in grades 1-4

SCHOOL DAY

- 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (grades 1-2)
- 8:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m. (grades 3-4)
- Daily recess outdoors
- Bring your own lunch or purchase school lunch

TEACHERS AND SPECIALISTS

- Three lead teachers and three teaching assistants provide daily instruction (grades 1-2)
- Third homeroom will be added for 2nd grade in the 2025-26 school year
- Two large homerooms for each (grades 3-4)
- Homeroom teacher instructs in math, literacy, Bible, science, and social studies (grades 3-4)
- A full-time school counselor, a full-time nurse, and dean of students
- Specialist teachers: dean, head of administration, art, music, library, physical education, and STEM

LEARNING SPACES

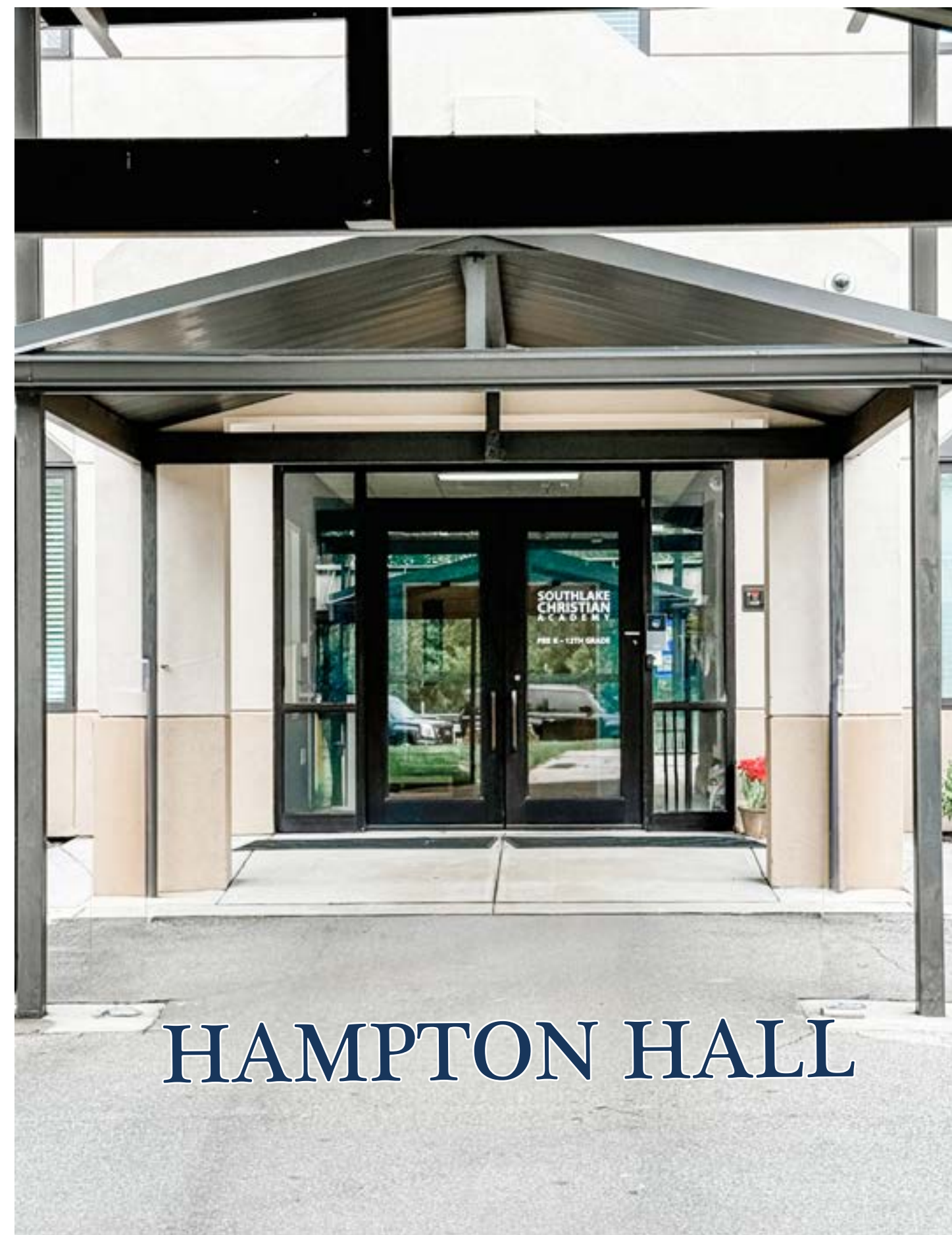
- Three large homerooms for each class grades 1& 2 with distinct learning areas.
- Two large homerooms for each class grades 3 & 4 class with distinct learning areas.
- Covered outdoor space and dynamic playgrounds
- Dedicated STEM lab, library, gym, art and music classroom

AFTER-SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

- Students can be dropped off as early as 7:15 a.m.
- After-School runs from 2:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (M-Th) and 5:30 p.m. on Friday. (Not included in tuition).

MIDDLE SCHOOL

5th through 8th Grade



HAMPTON HALL

Noah L. - Middle School Parent

“All the teachers are wildly accessible. If you have something to discuss, you have a concern related to your child, or if you want to talk about what they are doing well or not doing well - the teachers and administration are accessible and responsive. If I send an email at 9:00 p.m. at night, I’ll have an answer before school starts the next morning.”

Grades 5-8

An environment that is welcoming, safe, encouraging and inspired.

SouthLake Christian’s Middle School, students are divided into two distinct groups — the Intermediate School (Grades 5 and 6) and the Junior High (Grades 7 and 8).

At each grade level, the schedule, class structure, and curriculum are thoughtfully and intentionally designed to help students effectively transition from the self-contained classrooms of Lower School to the independent learning style required of a successful Upper School student.

Students in the Intermediate School have fewer classes and several structured breaks throughout their day including a 30-minute lunch and 30-minute recess.

Once promoted into Junior High, the day includes more classes, more teachers, and more rigor while still allowing students the room to grow and mature into the learner God has uniquely designed them to be.

As part of our educational program, students participate in weekly chapel services, scripture readings, prayer sessions, and religious studies classes. These practices provide students with regular opportunities for reflection, prayer, and connection with their faith, encouraging them to explore and understand their spiritual beliefs as they grow.



STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

- Average class size is 18 students
- 194 students in grades 5-8

SCHOOL DAY

- 5th grade: 8:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
- 6th-8th grade: 8:00 a.m.-3:10 p.m.
- Daily recess outdoors for grades 5&6
- Bring your own lunch or purchase school lunch
- Students can be dropped off as early as 7:15 a.m.
- After-School Care program for grades 5 & 6; hours: 2:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (M-Th) and 5:30 p.m. on Friday (not included in tuition).

CURRICULUM

- A full-time school counselor and a full-time nurse
- Specialist teachers: art, music, physical education, and Spanish

LEARNING SPACES

- Covered outdoor space and turf fields
- Dedicated library, gym, art and music classrooms

ADVISORY AND SUPPORT

- Small, grade level groups meet regularly with faculty advisors
- MS Assistant, Dean of Students, Assistant Dean, and Head of School

ACADEMIC AND EXTRACURRICULARS

- Middle School sports programs
- Performing arts program
- Clubs
- After the Academics enrichment program (not included in tuition)

UPPER SCHOOL

9th through 12th Grade



WILCOX BUILDING

Braeden M. - Class of 2019

“I feel like the relationships that you make at SouthLake with the teachers and the students are really special. You know, teachers you stay in touch with after you graduate. Whether texting them about certain college classes, or just going back and visiting them at school, there are so many great opportunities to learn from them and to know you are supported while attending SouthLake or as a graduate.”

Grades 9-12

A sense of purpose.

SouthLake Christian's Upper School is purposefully designed to develop critical thinkers who learn with and from each other and their teachers. It is a place where students in grades 9-12 collaborate in intellectual, artistic, athletic, and entrepreneurial pursuits within a framework of inquiry and care.

SouthLake Christian offers 14 different AP courses, which students can begin to take during their junior year. In addition, the school offers a variety of innovative elective classes, including Forensics, Philosophy of Film, Engineering, and Cybersecurity. As a Christian school, each teacher practices biblical integration of their subject matter in which they weave God's truth into their lessons organically to help students better understand the nature and character of God.

In addition, students take a yearly Bible course, which include Old Testament, New Testament, Apologetics, Systematic Theology, and Christian Ethics.

The extracurricular life of an upper school student can be full and rich. Besides its arts and sports opportunities, SouthLake Christian offers a wide variety of clubs and organizations for students. The school's most robust club, Student Mission Fellowship, offers service opportunities, weekly Bible studies and social events. Leadership Council, the student government organization, offers participating students opportunities for growth.

SouthLake Christian has grade-level Bible studies led by teachers, and clubs around specific interests such as speech and debate, chess, and robotics.



STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

- Student-teacher ratio averages 9:1
- 225 students in grades 9-12
- School day is 8:00 a.m.-3:10 p.m.

CURRICULUM

- 90 classes (college prep, honors, and advanced placement)
- English, social studies, mathematics, science, modern language (Spanish), computer science, the arts, and health
- Earn upper school credits on-line during the summer (not included in tuition)

LEARNING SPACES

- Classrooms and student lounge areas
- Engineering and robotics lab
- A field house (weightlifting, classroom, and training rooms), gym, a baseball complex, a cross-country course, and a turf athletic field for soccer, lacrosse, and football.
- New Fine Arts building is expected to be completed in 2025

ADVISORY AND SUPPORT

- Small, grade level groups meet regularly with faculty advisors
- A full-time school counselor, head of administration, dean of students, a college and career counselor, a full-time nurse, dean of students, and Specialized Academic Support (not included in tuition)

ACADEMIC AND EXTRACURRICULARS

- Over 15 faculty and student-led clubs
- Leadership opportunities
- JV and Varsity Athletics
- Multi-day class trips; Learn and Serve Week

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Helping students succeed in their academic endeavors.

Acknowledging the demanding nature of our curriculum, SouthLake Christian provides numerous learning programs for students requiring extra help. The Academic Development Center offers Math and Language Enrichment Groups, a tutorial study hall, speech and occupational therapy, mental health counseling, and resources from the National Institute of Learning Development and the Search & Teach program. These resources cater to students needing different levels of educational support and assistance.

Having a dedicated full-time school counselor is crucial in ensuring that students not only thrive academically but also emotionally and socially. Our counselor works closely with teachers, parents, and students to create a supportive environment where everyone feels heard and valued.

In collaborative discussions with parents, teachers, and students, our academic support specialists develop a variety of recommendations to support students outside the classroom and at home, as well as create strategies for teachers and parents.

Tutorial Study Hall is designed for Middle and Upper School students who have a documented condition which affects their learning. These study halls provide directed assistance in study skills, time management, test-taking strategies, and organizational skills.



READY FOR THE FUTURE

Looking ahead to what comes next.

SouthLake Christian's College and Career Counseling program prioritizes personalized guidance which helps students discover who they are and explore post graduation opportunities that complement their gifts and goals.

Working closely with teachers, advisors, coaches, and parents, the CCCO helps guide students through multiple future pathways, including education, employment, and enlistment.

Building honest and thoughtful relationships with students, encourages and empowers them to identify and express their unique talents and experiences. The result is that each student finds their own best fit for the next leg in their life-long learning journey.



AT A GLANCE

- Students in the in the Class of 2025 has been offered more than \$?? million in scholarships.
- 96% applied to four-year institutions, 4% applying to two-year institutions, a Gap Year program, or enlisting in the military.
- SouthLake offers a parent education series relating to all aspects of the college process.
- A College Application workshop offered to rising seniors and parents.

University of Alabama Appalachian State University Arrertan University Auburn University Barton College Baylor University Belmont University Belmont Abbey College Brevard College Campbell University Cape Fear Community College Catawba College The Catholic University of America Central Piedmont Community College College of Charleston Clemson University Coastal Carolina University Colby College Concord University Drexel University East Carolina University Eckerd College Elon University Flagler College Florida Atlantic University Florida Gulf Coast University Florida State University Gardner-Webb University George Mason University University of Georgia Guilford College Jacksonville University University of North Carolina at Greensboro University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill University of North Carolina at Charlotte University of North Carolina at Raleigh University of North Carolina at Wilmington University of North Florida Ohio University Pennsylvania State University University of Pittsburgh Queens University of Charlotte Roanoke College Samford University Shenandoah University University of South Carolina University of South Florida St. John's University University of Tampa University of Tennessee Tusculum University Virginia Military Institute Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Technology Wake Forest University West Virginia University Western Carolina University Western Kentucky University William Peace University Wingate University



CLASS OF 2025 SUCCESSES

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Student Activities and Extracurricular Programs



BUILDING SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Myriad opportunities await students.

Spiritual Life: In academics, arts, and sports, Biblical principles form the core of our identity. We aim to nurture each student's spiritual journey as they explore, comprehend, and follow God's teachings, developing a Christian perspective on life. From the earliest grades, students participate in weekly chapel services and receive daily Bible lessons tailored to their age.

Fine Arts: Music, theater, visual arts, and graphic design are an integral part of the curriculum. Middle and Upper school students can join choir, band, or take classes such as acrylic painting, Photoshop, yearbook, basic drawing, InDesign and Illustrator.

Clubs & Organizations: Student-led organizations offer diverse chances for students to interact through various activities. Programs are crafted around interests and receive support from teachers and/or staff members.

Athletics: Our athletic teams are known as strong competitors. We offer 14 different sports with MS, JV, and Varsity teams in basketball, baseball, cheer, cross-country, football golf, tennis, track and field, soccer, swimming, volleyball, and wrestling. In a typical academic year, 80% of Middle School students and 75% of Upper School students participate in at least one sport. This allows the students to obtain the required Physical Ed credit in upper school.





Community Engagement: A cornerstone of our educational philosophy is our Learn and Serve Week, a unique initiative that exemplifies our commitment to hands-on learning and community involvement. During this week, upper school students step out of the conventional classroom setting to engage directly with community projects. These projects are carefully selected to address real-world issues and provide meaningful contributions to local organizations and communities. This immersive experience not only enriches students' understanding of societal needs but also instills a strong sense of civic duty and empathy.

Extracurriculars: We believe that a well-rounded education includes opportunities for creative expression, physical activity, and leadership development. Outside the classroom, students can join a variety of clubs and organizations that enrich their school experience. Our newest After the Academics program has been designed to empower students to explore their interests, build new skills, and discover their potential in a dynamic and supportive environment. Our Student Mission Fellowship (SMF) club offers a unique opportunity for students to engage in global mission work and local community service. Additionally, our Beta Club, Chess Club, STEM Club, and National Honor Society (NHS) chapters are vibrant communities where students can engage in service projects, develop leadership skills, and build lasting friendships.

Missions & Service: Part of our Missions & Service is to provide our students with an education that is well-rounded and includes opportunities for learning. Students can experience diverse cultures and learn directly from local residents about customs, beliefs, history, art, politics, social issues, and daily life. Our global trips immerse Upper School students in different languages, cultures, histories, policies, and environments so they can gain cross-cultural understanding. Though the roster of trips changes each year, the program has included trips to Europe's Mediterranean Coast, Italy, Iceland, Israel, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, and Peru.

Outdoor Education: Retreats and special spiritual emphasis days are planned each year for Lower, Middle, and Upper school students as a time for spiritual renewal and relationship building. Lower school students in grades JK-6 embark on a number of day trips from the Billy Graham Library to the Duke Energy Exploratorium to the Annual Rural Hill Amazing 'Maize' Maze.

Junior High and Upper school students attend Windy Gap each fall, a Young Life-owned retreat center in the NC mountains, where they spend two days and nights bonding with their classmates and growing in their relationships with Christ. Time at Windy Gap consists of chapel in the morning and evening, friendly class competitions, and free time in the afternoon. We believe that education should encompass more than just classroom learning; it should prepare students to be responsible and compassionate members of society.

WHAT ELSE TO KNOW

Information and date reflects the 2025-26 academic year.

MISSION AND VALUES: SouthLake Christian Academy exists for the sake of God's glory and mission; proclaiming the gospel, educating and discipling the whole person in all aspects of God's reality. Our core values are: respect, integrity, kindness, and joy.

EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY: At SouthLake Christian, we believe that education extends beyond textbooks and classrooms. Here, we are dedicated to cultivating both the intellectual and spiritual growth of our students. Our mission is to provide a robust, Christ-centered education that prepares students to excel academically while fostering a deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ.

CAMPUS SIZE AND LOCATION: 30+ acre campus that includes three academic buildings, a gymnasium, a field house (with weightlifting, classroom, and training rooms), a baseball complex, a cross-country course, a new turf athletic field for soccer, lacrosse, and football and a new fine arts building is expected to be completed in 2025.

ACADEMIC DIVISIONS: Lower School (junior kindergarten-grade 4); Middle School (grades 5-8); Upper School (grades 9-12).

ENROLLMENT: 700+ students; approximately 58 in junior kindergarten; 32 in grades 1-4; 245 in grades 5-8; 423 in grades 9-12.

TUITION: \$11,000 for Junior Kindergarten; \$12,700 for Kindergarten; \$13,900 for grades 1-4; \$14,500 for grades 5-6; \$15,200 for grades 7-8; \$16,500 for grades 9-12.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: 14% of students are receiving financial assistance.

AFTER-SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM: After-School care is available at an additional cost for students in grades JK-6. After-school care runs from Monday to Thursday until 6 p.m., and on Friday, until 5:30 p.m.

LUNCH: The online menu will be accessible from the 10th to the 20th of every month, except for August, when orders will be accepted from July 20th to July 30th. Throughout the school year, a reminder will be sent to families to notify when the system is open for ordering and it will remain open for a span of 10 days, allowing ample time to place your order.

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER (ADC): The ADC provides specialized academic support for students working with teachers to provide reasonable classroom and testing accommodations. Because SouthLake Christian does not receive federal funding, academic accommodations are provided not out of legal obligation, but because we are committed to seeing all our students succeed academically regardless of their backgrounds and experiences.

SUPPORT PROGRAMS: Our full-time school counselor and learning specialists work closely with each division.

TRANSPORTATION: Getting to and from school is easy and convenient, whether students use SouthLake Christian buses or carpool. Our buses travel across the Charlotte metro area, servicing about 21 percent of our student population each school day.





SOUTHLAKE CHRISTIAN CAMPUS

- 1 SouthLake Christian Academy Entrance
- 2 Wilcox Building | Upper School & Gym
- 3 Admissions Office
- 4 Picnic Tables
- 5 Hampton Hall | Lower School & Middle School
- 6 First Building | Worship Center | Multi-Use
- 7 Athletics | Field House | Locker Rooms
- 8 Athletic Trainer
- 9 Eagles Stadium
- 10 Eagles Park
- 11 Gathering House
- 12 Practice Field
- P1 Visitor Parking
- P2 Visitor Parking



GET IN TOUCH WITH US

SouthLake Christian Admissions can provide further information about our school campus and programs and can connect you with teachers, students, and parents/guardians.

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