



AMBASSADOR CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

QUESTION AND ANSWER GUIDE

What is the philosophy of the school and the beliefs which guide the administration?

The educational philosophy of ACA is based on a God-centered view that the reverence and worship of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge (Proverbs 1:7). We believe that the Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God, and everything we teach is founded on the Word. Our purpose is to educate the whole student socially, mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually, preparing each child to be a valuable citizen for God's glory.

What is Ambassador Christian Academy's approach to learning?

Learning is a life-long process. We strive to help our students meet our high standards for learning and achieving through traditional instruction methods as well as individualized lesson planning. We do our very best to meet students' needs so they can experience success and enjoyment as they learn and grow. This generation of "computer natives" responds well to the use of technology in the classroom; therefore, we incorporate document cameras, Smartboards, and Chromebooks in instruction.

How is the curriculum implemented at ACA different/better than other curricula?

In order to provide our students with an excellent and challenging education, the curriculum used at ACA is evaluated annually. Our teachers use a combination of curriculum in their classes including publishers such as Abeka, Bob Jones, ACSI, and Sadlier Math and Vocabulary. Teachers also utilize online resources for research or review. Standardized testing takes place every spring; parents can track students' yearly progress online through the Terra Nova website.

Do you offer foreign language studies?

We offer Spanish one time a week for elementary students and twice a week for middle school students. Along with basic vocabulary, students learn about the cultures and geographical features of Spanish-speaking countries. They also practice conversational Spanish.

What extracurricular activities and clubs do you offer?

Our students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including athletics, drama, and community service projects. The Covid-19 restrictions may restrict our normal offerings of the following:

- Co-Ed Soccer
- Co-Ed Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Co-Ed Track and Field
- Drama Club
- Praise Dance
- Elementary Choir
- Community service opportunities
- Intramural Sports programs for our younger students

How does the school accommodate different styles of learning?

Small class sizes afford our teachers the opportunity to tailor each child's learning experience to the individual needs and learning styles in their classes. Teachers are able to provide attention to those students who may need an extra challenge or those who need some extra support.

What is ACA's approach to teaching?

In order to provide a well-rounded educational experience, students are given the opportunity to work in a variety of settings. Traditional instructional methods incorporate individual and group work. The use of Chromebooks offers additional unique tools for teachers. Since we know children are all uniquely "wired," a variety of assessments are available to test students in the way they learn best.

How do teachers work together?

ACA teachers work closely together each day. There are monthly full-staff meetings as well as team meetings. Some of our teachers serve as mentors to new staff members, others are lead teachers for their team. Whether it is to meet the needs of a student or to spend time in devotions and prayer for one another, the faculty and staff are a wonderful, insightful team of individuals who seek to serve their Lord and Savior.

What services does the school provide?

- ***Special Services:*** Through the Gloucester County Special Services School District, we can provide students with a Child Study Team evaluation should they need it. For those students who qualify, we offer speech therapy, math and reading support, teacher assistance, and supplemental instruction.
- ***On-site nursing:*** Our staff is trained to deal with day-to-day needs of our students. Gloucester County Special Services provides us with a part-time Registered Nurse. The nurse maintains student medical records, communicates with parents as needed, and provides needed medical attention.

How does the school communicate with parents?

Parents receive school communications via email, phone, and text messages. Grades can be viewed using our MSP (My Students Progress) parent portal. A weekly e-newsletter is sent to all parents along with daily Facebook and Instagram posts.

How are parents notified in case of an emergency, and what is the process?

The safety of our students is our primary goal in any emergency. In the case of an emergency, a faculty or staff member will contact parents immediately via phone. Students remain safely with a staff member until they are picked up by a parent or other authorized person. Website postings, emails and text alerts are also used for notifications.

After graduating ACA, what are the options for high school?

Upon graduation from 8th grade, our students are well prepared for the high school of their choice. Our recent graduates have attended Paul VI, St. Augustine, The Kings Christian School, GCIT, and local public schools. We are happy to guide you through the process of choosing a high school and applying.

What parent involvement is expected? Are there fundraising quotas/expectations?

Parent support is vital to our school's success. We offer opportunities for parents to be involved as room parents, event volunteers, field trip chaperones, and participants in our Parent-Teacher Fellowship. Participation in fundraising is expected from all our school families, but it is not required.