

Thank you for your interest in Friendship Christian School, a ministry of Friendship Baptist Church. FCS is a traditional school that has been in existence since 1970. Since the first graduating class in 1980, we have graduated over 500 hundred students. Our mission and purpose is “Working together with the home in training God’s child.” The primary goals of FCS are to provide a spiritual and academic complement to the Christian home, to assist the local church in reaching youth with the gospel, and to encourage young people toward fruitful service for the Lord Jesus Christ.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CLASS SIZES

Actual class sizes for 2010-2011

Preschool	13	Second	12	Seventh	26
Preschool	12	Third	19	Eighth	19
Transitional Kindergarten	15	Fourth	15	Ninth	21
Transitional Kindergarten	15	Fourth	15	Tenth	22
Kindergarten	21	Fifth	24	Eleventh	17
First	21	Sixth	24	Twelfth	23

TEACHERS

Our teachers are all certified with the North Carolina Christian School Association and some are certified by the State of North Carolina. Many are licensed in different specialties and have advanced degrees.

ADMISSIONS

FCS is most effective when working with families who share our commitments. The admissions standards and procedure are located on the school’s website, www.friendshipchristian.net, under “Prospective Families”. Friendship Christian School admits students of any race, color, national, or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

FOCUS LEARNING CENTER

Friendship Christian School recognizes the value of all individuals as "fearfully and wonderfully made" by God (Psalm 139:14). With this in mind, Friendship Christian School and the Focus Learning Center (FLC) are committed to partnering with the home to develop the spiritual and academic growth of all students. For students who have educational challenges, we offer help beyond the classroom through the Focus Learning Center. The goal of FLC is to provide a quality education that meets the individual needs of each child regardless of his or her strengths and weaknesses in a nurturing Christian environment. FLC supplements and reinforces classroom instruction for students who have identified exceptional needs.

PRESCHOOL AND TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

We offer both a full day and part day option. The children have a core curriculum that includes Bible, skills development, phonics, reading, writing, activity time and language development. We use a mix of BJU Press and ABeka curriculum. The students also enjoy the specials of music, physical education and library.

ELEMENTARY

The students have core subjects of Bible, English, reading (Phonics-based), math, history and science. We offer electives in physical education, music, art, library and computer. K5 – 6th grade classes use a mix of ABeka and BJU Press curriculum mainly, with supplements. We also use Sadlier-Oxford Vocabulary and Positive Action Bible.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

We offer a General Track and College Preparatory Track. We offer advanced classes like chemistry, physics, Honors English, Honors Anatomy, Pre Calculus, Advanced Functions, and AP Calculus. Students in middle school and high school use a combination of Prentice Hall Math, Sadlier-Oxford Vocabulary, Positive Action Bible, and an assortment of ABeka and BJU Press books.

BIBLE AND CHAPEL

Bible is a required subject at FCS. Chapel is held once a week.

FINE ARTS



Our students begin with music classes in Preschool. We begin to have choirs in the 3rd grade. Beginner band starts in 5th grade. Students may sign up for private music lessons starting in their earliest years. Students begin in 3rd grade to compete on the state level in areas such as art, musical solos, vocal solos, Bible quizzing, Sword drill, and science fairs.

We have a middle school band, high school band, honors band and a marching band. We also have a middle school choir and high school choir. We offer choir, band, art, photography, yearbook, and speech classes as electives as students progress into high school. Our students compete on the state and national level in art, science fairs, speech, choric speaking, reader's theater, band, choir and many other areas. Our facilities include a band room, choir/music room, practice rooms and two performance auditoriums.

ATHLETICS

FCS offers athletics on middle school, junior varsity Christian Middle School Athletic Conference (7 teams) North Carolina Christian School Association girls' volleyball, cheerleading, basketball and soccer.



and varsity levels. We belong to the Capitol for our 6th-8th graders. We are members of the Division AAA for Varsity sports (13 teams). We offer We offer boys' soccer, basketball, and baseball. We offer a co-ed golf team and are currently organizing cross country teams. The school has a fully air-conditioned gymnasium that seats 750 spectators. It contains full locker rooms, concession stand, classrooms, bathrooms and weight room. For our outside sports, we have a fully irrigated soccer/baseball field.

EXTRAS

While academics are important, we like to have fun. The preschool and elementary grades have class parties, school wide Fun Day, spring field days, field trips, Spirit Week, Grandparent's Day, Christmas concerts, piano recitals, Thanksgiving celebrations, Book Fair, summer sports camps and much more.

The middle school and high school have a Retreat, Spirit Week, field trips, Christmas concerts, spring concerts, Homecoming, plays, musicals, summer sports camps and much more.

ACHIEVEMENT TESTS



Each spring, the Stanford Achievement Tests are given to all students in grades K5 through 8th grade to insure on-going academic development. The 9th graders take the EXPLORE test. The 10th graders take the PLAN test. The 11th graders take the PSAT, and the 12th graders take the SAT test (recommended) and ACT test (mandatory).

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

Early drop off begins at 7:30. School begins at 7:55 for 6th-12th grade and 8:00 for Preschool-5th grade. School dismisses at 2:30 for Preschool-5th grade and 2:48 for 6th-12th grade.



LUNCHES AND SNACKS

About 40% of our students order a hot, nutritious lunch (fee). The rest of the students bring their lunches from home. Drinks, chips, ice cream, and other snack items are sold at the school.

AFTERCARE PROGRAM

We offer an aftercare program (fee) that starts at 3:00 p.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. The aftercare program operates only when school is in session. If school is closed, so is aftercare. We also offer a full summer camp program for students in K4-6th grade.

Thank you for your interest in Friendship Christian School. We look forward to the opportunity of serving your family with a quality Christ centered education. Please come and visit us here at FCS. Tours are available throughout the day. You may also find more information at www.friendshipchristian.net.

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