

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.

I have taken the time to list some of the answers to our most frequently asked questions. Feel free to contact us with any additional questions that you may have.

## CLASS SIZES

### Actual class sizes for 2009-2010

K3	7	3 <sup>rd</sup>	16	8 <sup>th</sup>	17
K4	13	3 <sup>rd</sup>	16	9 <sup>th</sup>	22
K4	14	4 <sup>th</sup>	27	10 <sup>th</sup>	18
K5	18	5 <sup>th</sup>	26	11 <sup>th</sup>	24
1 <sup>st</sup>	14	6 <sup>th</sup>	25	12 <sup>th</sup>	23
2 <sup>nd</sup>	20	7 <sup>th</sup>	17		

## TEACHERS

Our teachers are all certified with the North Carolina Christian School Association, which is accredited by the North Carolina Non-Public Education Association.

## 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](http://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.

## 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 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes use ABeka curriculum mainly, with supplements. Beginning in the third grade, we use BJU Press English, Sadlier-Oxford Vocabulary, and Positive Action Bible.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

We offer a General Track, College Preparatory Track, and College Preparatory Track with an Honors option. We offer advanced classes like chemistry, physics, Honors English, Advanced Biology, Pre Calculus, AP Calculus, and AP European History. 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 K3. We begin to have choirs in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Beginner band starts in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Students may sign up for private music lessons starting in their earliest years. Students begin 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 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 and varsity levels. We belong to the Capitol Christian Middle School Athletic Conference (7 teams) for our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. We are members of the North Carolina Christian School Association Division AAA for Varsity sports (13 teams). We offer girls' volleyball, cheerleading, basketball and soccer. 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

Achievement tests are given to all new K5-12<sup>th</sup> students who enroll at FCS. The results are used to determine academic deficiencies and to establish grade placement. Each spring, the Stanford Achievement Tests are given to all students in grades K5 through 9<sup>th</sup> grade to insure on-going academic development. The 10<sup>th</sup> graders take the PLAN test. The 11<sup>th</sup> graders take the PSAT, and the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and 8:00 for K3-6<sup>th</sup> grade. School dismisses at 2:30 for K3-5<sup>th</sup> grade and 2:48 for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.



## LUNCHES AND SNACKS

About 40% of our students order a hot, nutritious lunch. 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 afternoon extended care 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 K4-6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.friendshipchristian.net).