

When I asked in an email recently, **“Why do families choose to send their children to FCS?”**, I received the following responses. The responses were not edited.

- 1) “because learning at Friendship is based on God's Word.
because Friendship has caring teachers and strong leadership.
because Friendship does not compromise strong Christian principles.
but also . . .
because Friendship exercises grace in all they do.
because the staff and leadership at Friendship are good stewards of their finances.
because the Friendship staff practices what they teach from God's Word.
And, as you said at the beginning of the year - because someone somewhere will disciple my child at some point in time and the folks at Friendship have proven themselves worthy of this important task in the lives of my children.” 4th and 6th grade parent
- 2) “Friendship Christian School was an easy decision for us, because providing a Bible-based Christian environment for our children is by far the single most important thing we can do for them. There is no better use for the money, plus the tuition is very reasonable.
FCS teaches the same Christian values and Christian world view that we try to teach at home. FCS starts with the Bible as the foundation for teaching academics, behavior, and most importantly, the heart. In most other schools, even the environment teaches away from what we teach at home. Furthermore, the academic content at most other schools, by ignoring and even banning discussion of the truth of Christianity, effectively teach that God doesn't matter, or does not exist.
At FCS, children are taught how to live daily as Christians should, instead of being left to learn wrong behavior from their peers and the worldly pressures that are around us every day. Even some Christian schools don't really take the trouble to get down to the details of teaching the hearts of their young people. In academics, FCS teaches from a Christian perspective in all subjects, instead of endorsing worldly theories like evolution and modernist philosophies that deny the existence of truth.
Academically, the results are excellent. Graduates go to good colleges, often Christian colleges. There is a healthy and exciting set of sports programs too, and I love the fine arts emphasis and competitions.
Finally, the staff and teachers at FCS reflect their Christian faith in their dedication and love for the students. It's a joy to see.” 2nd grade parent
- 3) "Because of the strong academics Friendship provides its students. This is magnified by the Christian leadership of its faculty and staff." Senior parent
- 4) “We chose Friendship Christian School because the school puts God first and we wanted what was taught at home to be reinforced at school. We have been so pleased that we made the choice to go to Friendship as we see the changes happening in the world.
We think Friendship is a wonderful school and are so pleased with the help we have received from a truly caring staff. Thank you so much” 8th and 11th grade parent
- 5) “We chose FCS because it is a safe environment that allows our children to have both freedom and confidence to excel academically and spiritually.” K4 and 5th grade parent
- 6) “Because you work with my son's learning 'differences' and need for extra help.” 9th grade FLC parent
- 7) "In the 17 years I've had children at FCS, by far the biggest blessing has been the fact that both my daughter and my son received Jesus into their hearts with their respective teachers at school. Although there have been many many other highlights over the years, nothing compares to their salvation!
My daughter received a generous scholarship to a private college because of her academic success at Friendship Christian." 11th grade parent and college student
- 8) “Because my high school student is receiving a quality education in a Christian environment and I know that she will be well prepared for college as her older siblings were that graduated from Friendship Christian.” 9th grade parent and two college students

- 9) "We choose Friendship, firstly it is a school centered around prayer and Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior; and the teacher does a wonderful job posting lesson plans, grades, and keeping us well informed of our child's progress."
4th grade parent
- 10) "FCS has a great reputation and we believe our child is more advanced in his learning when compared to public schools.
FCS is a very safe school with caring teachers and this leads to a better learning environment.
Relatively small class size when compared to public schools, and teachers who care and respond to parents."
4th grade parent
- 11) "Because my son is getting a great education and he is in a Christian environment. I hear other children my son's age(8) talk about things they should not even be introduced to yet, and I am grateful all over again that my son is at Friendship." 3rd grade parent
- 12) "We chose FCS because it honors Christ in everything that goes on there. We love this school because the academics are integrated with the Bible. The gospel is constantly presented not only during Chapel time but also in the subjects. The teachers at FCS love the Lord and the children; they are burdened to see their souls saved. We really like FCS because the children's learning is saturated with the gospel." 6th and 9th grade parent
- 13) "Because it is a high quality education in a safe environment!" 3rd grade parent
- 14) "We are thankful for FCS because of the way that the teachers constantly remind our children that everything we do is for the Lord. As a pastor's family, having our children's school mirror our focus on the Lord and what is truly important in this life means so much!" 4th and 6th grade parent
- 15) "Because the teacher does not baby my child like I do....that is a good thing and the teacher shows her students God's grace in all that she does." 4th and 6th grade parent
- 16) "I think my kids are thriving there at Friendship. They love it, we love it, and we are completely happy and confident that God led us to this school." K4 and 3rd grade parent
- 17) "FCS is a valued part of our extended family, assisting the entire family towards becoming more Christ like and helping fill gaps in our child's education process." 6th grade parent
- 18) "When I saw the dress code that was enough for me, I knew that I would probably agree with Friendship's Christian perspective on all the other things." 3rd grade parent
- 19) "Because the teacher and after care staff and older students treat my child like one of their own" 1st grade parent
- 20) "Because we didn't want our child to get lost in the sea of normality in the larger schools. God made them each very special and we wanted her to shine" 12th grade parent
- 21) "FCS was actually our son's choice. But we will be choosing Friendship Christian for our grandson in a few years because of all the comments we receive from neighbors and friends who meet/know us. They ask us where does he go to school, because they feel our son is extremely polite and respectful to adults. One young lady in the neighborhood (who is in public school) comes by just to look in his math book. She excels in academics, is in the same year as he is, but can not understand why he is doing things in math that she does not know yet." 6th grade parent
- 22) "My husband and I chose Friendship Christian School many years ago, and continue to make that choice each year because FCS stands firmly on the Word of God. We are fundamental, independent, God fearing Christians and we need a school that holds to the same standards." 9th grade parent
- 23) "For our family, it has been a positive change in many ways. Coming from the Wake County public school system as well as a local charter school on a year-round calendar, it has, first of all, simplified our lives. We now have both children (ages 12 and 16) on the same schedule which has been a big "plus" for our family. Also, the

school creates a positive learning environment with smaller classrooms which leads to more individualized attention from the teachers. The middle and high school teachers at FCS are wonderful Christian role models who encourage and challenge each student to reach his/her full potential. There is always open communication between teacher, student, and parent. We have been impressed with the professionalism of all the staff at FCS. We see that the school is helping our children to build a strong educational and spiritual foundation for life.” 7th and 11th grade parent

- 24) “The curriculum seemed very challenging and would facilitate my child's growth both academically, as well as spiritually. Friendship Christian offered a high quality education at a very affordable cost. The staff members were/are warm, inviting and extremely helpful at all times. The philosophy that the school is there to help the parent and that it is a partnership. The professionalism and highly organized efforts of the administrative and teaching staff.” 3rd grade parent
- 25) "FCS offers a Christ-centered Kingdom education informing students' minds and affecting students' hearts as they grow in their relationship with the Lord and learn how to serve Him daily." 10th grade parent and a college student