



## ***CCS FAQ***

### **Is CCS accredited?**

Yes! Covenant Christian School has dual accreditation with both Christian Schools of Florida (CSF) and Middle States Association – Commissions on Elementary & Secondary Schools (MSA-CESS). Christian Schools of Florida is a charter member of the National Council for Private School Accreditation of Washington, D.C. Christian Schools of Florida is also a member organization of the Florida Association of Academic Nonpublic Schools (FAANS) and is an approved accrediting organization recognized by the state of Florida.

### **What curriculum does CCS use?**

Our basic curriculum consists of classes in math, science, language arts (literature, vocabulary, grammar, and reading), history, and Bible. Classes in Bible are taught from a Reformed perspective, which upholds the sovereignty of God, the inerrancy of Scripture and salvation through faith in Christ alone. A Reformed Biblical understanding is not limited to Bible class, but is central to instruction in all subject areas. CCS uses a combination of Christian and secular publishers for textbooks, including Christian Schools International, BJU, ACSI, Saxon, Harcourt and Sadlier Oxford. Covenant Christian School also offers enrichment classes in art, physical education, music, drama, leadership, computer, yearbook, graphic design and chorus.

### **What extracurricular activities are available?**

Covenant Christian School is a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA). Through the FHSAA, Covenant fields 13 sports teams, including: Boys' and Girls' Cross-Country, Girls' Volleyball, Boys' and Girls' Bowling, Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Boys' and Girls' Track, Baseball, Softball, and Boys' and Girls' Tennis. The Lions have won numerous district and conference championships and have participation at the JV and Varsity level, from 6th-12th grade. Elementary students also participate in Roar Sports throughout the year, competing in intramural leagues for flag-football, soccer, and basketball.

Students also have the opportunity to participate in math competitions, and retreats. The Fine Arts Department offers several options, including an annual Art Fair, as well as a student praise team that leads worship during chapel. Covenant also offers a first class music program, which is well known throughout the state of Florida. CCS choral students compete in Florida Vocal Association and Association of Christian Schools International events annually. In addition, CCS singers compete state-wide to gain a coveted spot in the Florida All-State Choirs. They have performed three times in New York's Carnegie Hall, and the Concert Choir performed a Cathedral Concert tour through England, singing in such remarkable venues as the Trinity Church in London, the Bath Abbey, and the Gloucester Cathedral. The Concert Choir has also competed and won many outstanding awards at the Atlanta Peachtree Festival in 2012.

### **Does CCS offer Honors or AP classes to its high school students?**

CCS is dedicated to academic excellence from a Biblical perspective. We believe all students, including gifted students, will find our curriculum challenging and effective in preparing them for college. CCS offers both Honors classes and Advanced Placement (AP) classes for students who want the extra challenge they present. CCS is registered for dual enrollment at Eastern Florida State College for students who want to attend college classes while still in high school.

### **How do CCS students perform academically?**

Covenant's past Stanford Achievement Test and other standardized testing results have shown CCS test scores consistently in the 80<sup>th</sup> and above percentile nationally. Terra Nova Achievement and In-View Ability tests are administered annually in elementary while secondary students are given PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 8/9 (7th-9th grade). What is not measured by standardized tests is the Christian perspective and Biblical world and life view CCS students receive in their accumulation of academic knowledge, preparing them for a life of service for Christ in whatever vocation they pursue.

### **Do CCS students wear school uniforms?**

Yes, our students do wear uniforms. Students have many uniform pieces to choose from including several color options of knit polo shirts, shorts, skorts, capris, pants and skirts. For grades 9 through 11, the school uniform is required for all chapel days with the exception of the last Friday of each month. On this day, students in grades 9 through 12 are allowed to dress in casual attire that must be modest, not tight fitting, clean and in good repair as to present a neat appearance,. The only exception is for the 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who can have a casual dress day every Friday. The standard uniform brands may be purchased through All Uniform Wear located at 2585 West New Haven Avenue, West Melbourne.

### **Where can I get more information on CCS?**

Questions about CCS or a request for a personal tour can be directed to the school office by calling 727-2661, Ext. 2. You can also visit the CCS web site at [www.ccsliions.org](http://www.ccsliions.org).