

## *Statement of Faith*

Though we have a heritage from differing religious backgrounds, in order to maintain our diversity and come together in unity for the purpose of Christian schooling, all families entering ACCA agree and center around the following statement of faith:

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).

We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30).

We believe in the deity of Christ (John 10:33); His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:35); His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15; 7:26); His miracles (John 2:11); His vicarious and atoning death (I Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 2:9); His resurrection (John 11:25; I Corinthians 15:4); His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19); His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11).

We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature; and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith are we saved (John 3:16-21; 5:24; Romans 3:23, 5:8-9; Ephesians 2: 8-10; Titus 3:5).

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation (John 5:28-29). We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:26-28).

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Romans 8:13-14; I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19-20; Ephesians 4:30; 5:18)



Ark City Christian Academy

## **History and Leadership**

When this country was first settled, all education was church-sponsored. Our oldest educational institutions, such as Harvard University, were originally founded by religious organizations and had the study of the Bible at the center of their academic curricula.

However, the educational process, which was once the responsibility of the parents and run by the church, is now, in the main, controlled and run by the government. Biblical instruction has been eliminated from curriculums. Parents, who once took responsibility for the education of their children, now have delegated that responsibility to the government.

From a vision within a small group of community leaders, parents, and churches, Ark City Christian Academy, was founded in 1996 and began classes that fall with 78 students and 8 staff members. The school leased facilities from a local church. God placed in the hearts and minds of the staff and parents a vision to one day own property and build a facility that would provide the needed tools and space to equip our students to be successful in every facet of life. In April, 2000, ACCA purchased the first piece of property on North Fifth Street to begin the fulfillment of this vision.

A Board of Trustees elected by the membership of Ark City Christian Academy operates the school. The membership includes parents who desire to participate in the governance of the school. Other interested parties, i.e. teachers, alumni, grandparents, and others, may also become involved with the school. Members meet annually to discuss and vote on issues such as election of board members, yearly school budget, etc. The corporation's bylaws invest the board with the responsibility and authority to oversee the school. The board sets the educational and business policies of the school and charges the Administrator to implement these policies and provide leadership and supervision of the faculty and staff.

Ark City Christian Academy teachers are spiritually and academically qualified. Each teacher is a born-again, dedicated Christian who loves young people and has the gift of teaching.

## **Educational Philosophy**

The philosophy of ACCA shall be to address the needs of the whole student spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and physically by providing an education based on Biblical authority, truth and values.

ACCA starts with the premise that education is the prerogative and responsibility of parents. The Christian school is in partnership with the home and church to provide support and assistance in shaping a Christ-like view of truth and reality. There is a wide world of difference between Christian school education and education that is non-

Christian. Two basic differences underlying the philosophy of Christian education are covered in the following questions:

1. What is truth?
2. What is the nature of man?

To answer these questions, ACCA believes that the Bible is truth. It is the inspired, inerrant, infallible authoritative point of reference for our lives and the standard for all academic subjects. The student will be taught that he is not the final authority of what is right or wrong, and the education will not be “value free” or “neutral”. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom and knowledge (Proverbs 1:7, 15:33), and all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ (Colossians 2:3). Christian education is the integration of God’s word throughout the curriculum. It is a process led by the Holy Spirit in which students, aided by a teacher and/or in their own study, receive knowledge by which they modify their attitudes and behavior to conform more and more to the purposes of God and the character of Jesus Christ.

ACCA agrees with the Scripture that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23), and “all our righteousness are like filthy rags” before the Lord (Isaiah 64:6). Therefore, the student must know that his righteousness and goodness must come from the salvation experience in Jesus Christ, not because all men are naturally righteous. Christian education focuses on what a person becomes in Christ rather than on what he knows. A person’s greatest need in life is redemption through Jesus Christ.

These are the foundational truths of a Christian education. ACCA will endeavor to provide an atmosphere of love and nurturing in the teaching and training of students. The gospel and academic teaching must be presented and lived before the students in such a way that they will see the love of Christ to the extent that all will want to become His lifelong disciples. The Christian school is committed to discipling young men and women to be confident of their relationship with God and to be established through educational training to step forward and accept God’s leading in their lives.

Ark City Christian Academy’s guiding principle is to lift up the standard of Christ in all areas of school life, to challenge students to live a life that pleases and glorifies God, and our foundation for instruction, truth and values comes from the Holy Word of God.

### **Mission Statement**

Ark City Christian Academy  
is committed to equipping children for life as Christian leaders who choose:  
to seek the kingdom of God first,  
to live a life daily that pleases God,  
integrity before immorality,  
wisdom above knowledge,  
servanthood as a way of life, and  
love above all else.

## **Hours & Facilities**

Ark City Christian Academy currently observes a four (4) day school week.

K-3            Tues. & Thurs. 8:00-12:00  
K-4 & K-5    Mon-Thurs.     8:00-12:00  
All day Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
                  Mon. – Thurs. 8:00-4:00

Pre-K and elementary students are located at Calvary Chapel-1001 S. 3rd Jr. High & Sr. High are located at First Baptist-220 E. Central

## **Current Enrollment**

2009-2010 School year        78

Pre-K                                7  
Elementary (K-6)                33  
Jr. High (7-8)                    12  
High School (9-12)              26

## **Dress Code**

No aspect of Christian testimony is as readily obvious as the matter of appearance. Though true Christianity is a matter of the heart and not the outward appearance, our appearance is important. We hold that Christians should present themselves so that Christ would be pleased and honored. Appropriate clothing encourages responsible behavior.

Beginning in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, students wear a polo shirt, t-shirt or hoodie with the ACCA logo on it. On Tuesday and Thursday, grades 1-6 will wear shorts or windpants with the ACCA logo. ACCA clothing is purchased through Elite Advertising.

A full dress code description can be found in the school handbook.

## **Accreditation and Membership**

Ark City Christian Academy is not currently accredited. ACCA is a member of ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International). It is the desire of ACCA to seek accreditation through ACSI in the future.

## **Standardized Testing**

K-10    Stanford Achievement Tests  
11<sup>th</sup>     PSAT  
11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>    ACT encouraged

## **College Acceptance**

Since the beginning of ACCA in 1996, graduates have applied to and been accepted into many colleges across the country. Some of the colleges ACCA graduates have attended are: Pensacola Christian College, Cowley County Community College, Butler County, Southwestern College, Wichita State University, Kansas University, Kansas State, Oklahoma State and others.

## **Special Services**

ACCA is not equipped to meet the needs of students with severe learning disabilities. ACCA does work with the Special Services Coop to provide services for those with limited needs.

## **Lunch**

Students at ACCA bring their own lunches. Microwaves are available to warm lunches. Students in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades only have an open lunch and can leave during lunch.

## **Parental Involvement**

Parental support and involvement are vitally important to the success of ACCA. The willing spirit of parent volunteers exemplifies the cooperation between home and school.

Some of the many opportunities for involvement include:

- ✓ Lunch volunteer
- ✓ Room parents
- ✓ Field trip driver/supervision

### **Parental Support Policies**

In obedience to scripture “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:3) We have determined to work together in the body of Christ to protect against divisiveness.

To this end, we ask that each parent show his/her cooperation supporting ACCA’s doctrinal and teaching structure and sign the parent commitment (found in enrollment packet).

## **Discipline**

The purpose of discipline is to disciple students in the Lord’s way. While punishment looks back, discipline addresses the future. Discipline is instruction that molds, shapes, corrects, and inspires appropriate behavior. When discipline is used as a discipling process, it takes on greater meaning. At all times, we discipline from the viewpoint of love.

ACCA is committed to help mold student character in a fair and consistent manner. A detailed outline of discipline guidelines are in the student handbook.

## **Grading Scale**

Kindergarten students will be rated with an E for excellent, S for satisfactory or N for needs improvement.

In grades 1-12, the following scale is used:

90% - 100%	A
80% - 89%	B
70% - 79%	C
60% - 69%	D
0% - 59%	F

Any student receiving Ds or Fs will be placed on academic probation.

## **Athletics**

Ark City Christian Academy currently offers opportunities for our students to participate in soccer, volleyball and basketball.

Coaches will train players for the respective activity as well as encourage Christian character and teamwork from each player.

## **Pre-Kindergarten**

Ark City Christian Academy introduces 3 and 4 year olds to the basics of academics in the Christian school. The pre-kindergarten students will be taught in preparation for ACCA’s kindergarten program

## **Elementary School(K-6<sup>th</sup>)**

Elementary students at ACCA learn in an environment that provides a blend of strong academics combined with opportunities for spiritual and social growth, all from a Christian perspective. Emphasis on a basic foundation in fundamental skills in integrated with a challenge for each student to aspire to God's standard of excellence for his/her life.

### **Kindergarten**

Students must be 5 (five) years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Physical examinations are required for all kindergarten students.

### **Academics**

#### Curricula

- ✓ A Beka
- ✓ Positive Action (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Bible)

#### Subjects

- ✓ Bible
- ✓ Phonics K-2
- ✓ Reading K-6
- ✓ Math
- ✓ History
- ✓ Science
- ✓ Writing
- ✓ Language
- ✓ Art
- ✓ Physical Education
- ✓ Music

#### Other Activities/Programs

- ✓ Honor roll & other awards
- ✓ Musical programs
- ✓ Field trips
- ✓ Play day
- ✓ Chapel services

## **Junior High/High School**

ACCA is committed to training young men and women confident of their relationship with Jesus Christ to step forth and accept God's leading in their lives. Students are challenged to achieve full potential by a skilled faculty who are committed to Christian education.

### **Curriculum**

- ✓ A Beka
- ✓ Bob Jones
- ✓ Positive Action

### **Graduation/Credit Requirements**

Bible	4
English	4
Science	3
Social Science	4.5
Literature	2
Math	3
Physical Education	1
Foreign Language	1
Computer Technology	1
Fine Arts	1
Electives	3

Electives vary each year, but may include:

- ✓ Yearbook
- ✓ Art
- ✓ Music or choir
- ✓ Guitar
- ✓ Home Economics
- ✓ Additional Physical Education
- ✓ Speech
- ✓ Additional foreign language
- ✓ Personal finance
- ✓ Accounting

## **Admission Procedures**

### **Admission Policy**

We believe it is the parent's responsibility to train children and that the school's task is to assist the parents in fulfilling their God-given responsibility. Therefore, it is an admissions requirement that one parent, preferably both:

1. Bear testimony to a personal relationship with Christ as a born again believer.
2. Sign the school's parental commitment form.
3. Be actively involved in a local Bible-teaching church.

The admission process attempts to identify students in K-12 who demonstrate motivation to fulfill the school's spiritual, academic, and social standards.

ACCA welcomes students of differing spiritual, academic, and physical levels with the hope that we will provide you with the opportunity for growth. However, the school is not equipped to handle students who are in considerable trouble or have been expelled from public school. We trust other ministries of the churches will handle these situations. At this time, ACCA is also not equipped to handle special needs students.

### **Admission Process**

The following information is intended to be helpful and can be used as a checklist to assist in completing the admissions process at ACCA. Please call the school if you need further assistance. Before making application to ACCA, please read all the material to see if ACCA is the school you desire for your child(ren).

Fill out application form for each child and send it to the school office with the registration fee of \$60. (This fee is non-refundable unless admission is denied.) Include the signed **Parental Commitment** form, **Family information** form, **Student Health and Emergency Medical Release** form, and the **Records Release** form.

Send a copy of the student's most recent report card and achievement test scores. A readiness test may be given to students entering kindergarten.

Send the **Pastor's Reference** form to your pastor and the **Student Reference** form to non-family references for completion and forwarding to the school.

For each child, send to the school copies of the birth certificate and immunization records. Children entering kindergarten must have a physical examination. This must be completed prior to the first day of school and the results sent to the school office.

When the above steps have been completed and the student's file is complete, you will be contacted by the school office for an interview with the admissions committee.

At the interview, the following details will be explained.:

- School policies and guidelines
- Fees and financial responsibility
- Parental Commitment

You will be notified by mail or phone of your child's enrollment status.

## **Family Fee Schedule**

### **Registration Fees:**

Open registration begins by March 1 and runs through April 30.

Late registration: May 1

Registration is \$40 prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>. As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, the fee increases to \$60.

Registration for K3 & K4 is \$25 for early registration and increases to \$40 on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Payment Options:**

1. Annual- to be paid in full by July 1. (or when entering)
2. Semi-annual-two equal payments, with the first payment due July 1, and the second payment due Jan. 15
3. Quarterly-four equal payments, with the first payment due July 1, the second October 1, third January 1 and the fourth payment due April 1.
4. Monthly-Twelve equal payments, with the first one due July 1 and the last payment due on June 1.
5. Parents with students in K3, K4 or K5 only may choose to pay on a 10-month basis, with the first payment due August 1 and the final payment due May 1.

**Those who choose to pay by methods 2 or 3 and fail to make a payment on time will automatically be assessed a penalty and placed on the monthly payment plan.**

**Multiple Child Discount:** 100% tuition is paid for each of the oldest two children. A10% discount from the full tuition cost will be given for each child thereafter.

**Facility Fee:** Each family with 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be assessed a \$300 annual facility fee, which is due by September 1.

**Late Fees:** Monthly tuition accounts not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> of any month will be charged a \$25 late fee. After 60 days, past due accounts will be charged a 1 ½% fee monthly up to 18% annually.

**Early Withdrawal Fee:** There is an early withdrawal fee of \$150 for any student in grades K-12 that is withdrawn prior to the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

**Financial Assistance:** At times, discounts or donations become available for families who have sacrificed to make Christian education a priority in their budget, but who are still unable to meet their total tuition expense. Forms for consideration of a financial discount are available from the school office. A student's application process must be completed in order to be considered and apply for a financial discount. If the school is unable to secure a discount for a family, and therefore the family is unable to attend ACCA, the registration fees will be refunded.

**Gifts Above Fees and Tuition:** Tuition covers approximately 60% of the operating expenses of ACCA. The balance of operating expenses and capital improvement programs are provided through gifts and fund-raising events. All gifts to the school are tax-deductible.

### **Tuition Fees**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Annual Tuition</b>	<b>Monthly Fee (10 month)</b>
K3	\$600.00	\$60.00 (Aug-May)
K4	\$1200.00	\$120.00(Aug-May)
K5 (1/2 day)	\$1350.00	\$135.00 (Aug-May)
K5 (full day)	\$2200.00	\$220.00 (Aug-May)

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Annual Tuition</b>	<b>Monthly Fee (12 month)</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$2400.00	\$200.00 (July-June)
4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	\$2520.00	\$210.00 (July-June)
7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	\$2760.00	\$230.00 (July-June)
9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	\$3000.00	\$250.00 (July-June)

