



Cornerstone Christian Academy

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding enrollment at Cornerstone Christian Academy. We commend parents who are taking charge of their children's education by actively seeking the right school for them. This packet is designed to start you on your way toward determining if that school is Cornerstone.

We suggest you peruse the enclosed materials in this order:

- *Frequently Asked Questions*
Here you will find the details most parents want to know first, such as class sizes, hours, etc.
- *Curriculum Overview*
This is the small leaflet with the number of a particular grade on the front. We have tried to supply each packet with the grades being inquired about by your family. If we have made an error, please contact us immediately for the correct grade level(s). This is where you will see exactly what we teach in each grade.
- *The Book of Fives*
This is the volume in which we explain how and why we teach the ways that we do. It is a critical document for understanding our philosophy of education. It tells clearly why we are not like any other school choice in Tucson. Be sure to read the introduction first.
- *The application folder*, containing
 1. the application (outside folder)
 2. the family commitment form
 3. tuition information
 4. pastor recommendation form
 5. transfer of records request (2nd-6th grades only)

At the end of the application you will note that the **steps in the application process** are detailed. After the application is turned in (with deposit) and the pastor's recommendation has been received, we will contact you to schedule a New Family Orientation which we have approximately once per month starting in the spring. After that, you may request a principal interview, which will be set either with myself or Rebecca Shepperd, Administrative Assistant.

One of the topics we will discuss in the New Family Orientation is a clarification of why we call ourselves a “**covenant school**,” which you can read something about in the *Book of Fives*. The focus of our covenant centers around two principles:

1. Is either parent in your family a faithful member of an evangelical church?
While we know that there are many sincere Christians who do not believe that church membership is necessary, Cornerstone Christian Academy is designed for families who *do* value this affiliation.
By “evangelical” we generally mean Protestant churches with a **conservative and authoritative view of the Holy Scriptures**. If you have any questions concerning our view of your church, please ask us as early in the application process as possible.
2. Is one of the parents able to answer both of the questions below acceptably?

Question One: Have you reached the place in your spiritual journey where you know for certain that if you die tonight you would go to heaven, or would you say that’s something you’re still working on?

Question Two: If you were to die tonight and stand before God, and He were to ask you “Why should I let you into my heaven?” what would you say?

While there are a large number of possible answers to these two questions, there are very specific answers that we expect to hear from those who share our spiritual convictions and with whom we will be able to partner in the education of young covenant children.

Please understand that it is not our intent to be elitist or unkind toward those who think differently than we do. In fact, **Cornerstone Christian Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin in admissions or in the administration of its policies**. At the heart of our vision is the primary role that parents play in the lives of their own children’s education. Therefore, we must be faithful to the vision of the founding parents of Cornerstone in welcoming families who have the same vision.

As we anticipate getting to know your family through the enrollment process, we pray that we may all be...

United in Christ with His people,

John D. Saffold
Principal