
*Whatever you do, do your work
heartily, as for the Lord*
Colossians 3:23

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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Cypress Christian School (CCS) rests upon three legs—academic excellence, biblical values and cultural impact. These three must be equally strong and secure. As an educational institution, the leg of academic excellence must always be a critical part of the mission of the school. CCS offers students, grades K-12, a carefully crafted, college preparatory educational experience.

Cypress Christian School, a TAPPS 4A school, is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and AdvancED. This accreditation is recognized by the state through the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission (TEPSAC). CCS was last examined and visited for reaccreditation in 2016 and received the highest level of accreditation.

There are currently more than 100 faculty and staff who care for, nurture, and educate our students each school day. All faculty are degreed and certified teachers with 30% teachers and administrators holding advanced degrees. Even though it requires employees of great variety to operate the school, the teachers are the heartbeat of CCS. A visitor to campus can easily see genuine compassion and love extended to the youngest student who has tears as he separates from his

parent in August to the senior who is anxiously awaiting a letter from the admissions committee of a university. The teachers are dedicated to providing an engaging, age-appropriate classroom experience that moves each child along the path of academic preparation for his unique future.

Beyond the instruction in the classroom, teachers and administrators diligently work to improve horizontal and vertical coordination and cooperation. Approximately seven years ago, CCS onboarded ATLAS curriculum mapping software. The data provided by teachers and administrators on ATLAS allows for greater strategic planning and development in curriculum and instruction from kindergarten all the way through 12th grade.

The secondary school seeks to offer students opportunities to add rigor to their academic trajectory. Beginning in seventh grade, a student may take advanced classes in English Language Arts and mathematics; this culminates in our Advanced Placement (AP) classes in high school. For grades nine through twelve, CCS currently offers 17 honors courses and ten AP courses, which potentially allows students to gain college credit by examination.



A great school is self-monitoring. Cypress Christian School has purposely placed several means of assessment throughout the grades to examine student academic progress and then, in turn, to analyze the results to seek strategic improvement. Students in grades K-8 take the Terra Nova 3 each April. This battery of tests is nationally normed and meets rigorous measurement standards. Students in grades 8-10 take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) to determine college readiness in specific academic areas. During the junior and senior years of high school, students take the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and American College Testing (ACT) college

admissions tests. Two full-time academic advisors walk students and parents through the high school planning path of college selection and the application process. All CCS graduates are accepted into colleges and universities, with many seniors accepted to multiple schools that offer substantial academic based financial aid packages.

Academic excellence—the pursuit of this portion of our school mission is never complete. We prayerfully seek new ways to serve our families and students by providing an educational experience that challenges the mind and impacts the world as a Warrior for the Kingdom.