

OPEN HOUSE FAQ'S

Do I have to be a Christian to enroll at Calvary Christian School?

Yes. Our desire at Calvary Christian School is to "co-labor" with parents who seek to provide a biblically centered education for their child. Consequently, CCS requires that at least one parent in the home has accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

When can I apply for admission?

Enrollment typically begins in February for the coming school year. We accept applications throughout the summer and on an ongoing basis.

Can I enroll my child at CCS after the school year has begun?

Possibly. We accept applications throughout the year and consider transfers on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the Admissions Office or call 732-479-0740 to discuss your child's situation.

Do you offer pastoral discounts?

Yes. For more information on pastoral discounts, please email our Business Office or call 732-479-0722.

Do you offer financial aid?

If finances are a concern, please apply for financial assistance [HERE](#). A third party service will make an independent determination of financial need that will match our available resources. Funds are available solely by private donations and are not guaranteed.

Do you have an international exchange program?

No. Calvary Christian School does not have an international exchange program.

What kind of transportation is available to and from school? Do you have a bus?

CCS does not offer busing services to and from school. Your local school district may provide a transportation stipend of approximately \$1000/year in lieu of busing services for your kindergarten-12th grade student if you reside within 20 miles of CCS. Details on how to apply for the transportation reimbursement from your township will be included in your admissions application.



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How old does my child have to be to start Pre-K? Kindergarten?

Pre-K students must be 4 years old by October 1st. Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by October 1st. We do not offer a preschool program for 3 year olds.

Do you offer a part-time Pre-K program?

We offer two full-day Pre-K options, 5 days a week or 3 days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday). We do not offer a half-day option.

Do you offer Special Education Services?

Calvary Christian School has two resource teachers on-site. Compensatory instruction, speech therapy, supplemental instruction, and a child study evaluation are available. These services are granted through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey. Certified instructors will be on the school premises to conduct these individual programs, if necessary. If your child has an existing IEP or 504 medical plan, it will be reviewed during the admissions process to evaluate whether or not the resources of CCS are able to address the needs of exceptional student learners.

What does “Education by Discipleship” mean?

We truly desire to pour into our students to love the Lord Jesus Christ with all their heart, soul, mind and strength (Matthew 22:37). Yet we do not look at Discipleship as a mere program; rather, it is embedded into everything that we do. It is for this reason that we prize the building of relationships to train students up in the ways of the Lord. This takes place through our day-to-day interactions with students, service trip opportunities, internship opportunities, and so much more.

Do you accept students with food allergies and how are they handled?

Due to the increasing number of students with food allergies such as dairy, peanuts, and tree nuts, we have an “Allergy-Free Zone” in the lunchroom which will be clearly identifiable and maintained throughout the school day and the aftercare session. On the elementary level, we also make the classroom Allergy-Free when a high sensitivity occurs in the class. All staff is educated on signs of anaphylaxis and the use of an Epi-pen or Avi-Q injector routinely.

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Do you accept students who do not have vaccinations?

Like all schools in NJ, we follow the guidelines from the CDC and the NJ Department of Health on vaccination requirements for school entry, [Department of Health | Communicable Disease Service | Immunization Requirements](#). As a private Christian school, we also recognize that children are given to their parents to raise as the Lord leads. We do accept students whose parents choose not to vaccinate based on religious exemptions as stated in the state statutes: N.J.S.A. 26:1A-9.1 provides an exemption from mandatory immunization "if the parent or guardian of the pupil objects thereto in a written statement signed by the parent or guardian upon the grounds that the proposed immunization interferes with the free exercise of the pupil's religious rights."

How does Calvary choose the curriculum?

Calvary Christian School is committed to a rigorous academic program utilizing both secular and Christian curriculum. Each decision is made with the utmost scrutiny to make sure that the students receive a solid foundation that encourages a vibrant relationship with Jesus while providing an exemplary academic education. The course curriculum is chosen to comply with all academic standards necessary for entrance into prestigious colleges and universities. As an accredited school, we are required to review curriculum on a regular basis to maintain our level of excellence.