

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

What ages and grades do you serve?

We accept students from three years of age through twelfth grade. Admission requirements vary depending on a student's age or grade level. Our school is divided into four departments: Preschool (K3 and K4), Elementary (kindergarten through fifth grade), Middle School (sixth through eighth grade), and High School (ninth through twelfth grade).

How often do students receive spiritual instruction?

The Bible is the focal point of our curriculum. Teaching the principles of God's Word permeates daily instruction in all subjects. All students attend chapel one day each week. The chapel program includes worship through music and a lesson from God's Word.

Is financial aid available?

Assistance for low income families may be available through the Eagle Scholarship Fund. Financial aid applications must be completed online. The deadline to apply for financial aid is April 15, 2012. Contact the school office for more information.

Is the school accredited?

Yes, our school is accredited by the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools (TACS) and is approved by the Tennessee State Department of Education (SDE).

Do students bring their lunch or can they buy it?

We have a full-service cafeteria. Students may either bring their lunches to school or buy a hot lunch. This option is available to students from the first grade through high school on a daily basis. Depending on the option selected, lunch is included in the tuition cost for children in preschool and kindergarten.

Are uniforms required for students?

Preschool and kindergarten students do not wear official school uniforms. Students in grades 1-12 have a dress code but not a specific uniform.

Does the school have an athletic program?

Fourth through twelfth grade students have a variety of athletic opportunities. Physical education begins in the first grade and continues through high school. We participate in interscholastic competition in volleyball, cross country, basketball, soccer, golf, and tennis.

What opportunities are available in the fine arts?

Music instruction begins in kindergarten and continues for all students through elementary school; middle school and high school students may take music courses as electives. Art instruction begins in fifth grade, and high school students may take elective courses in the visual arts. We are well known for our exceptional speech and drama programs for upper elementary and secondary students. Students annually participate in local, regional, and state fine arts competitions, and high school students regularly qualify for national fine arts competition.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2012-2013 Academic Year

Preschool & Kindergarten

Registration Fee: \$235 per child

The registration fee covers the use of school textbooks, entrance tests, achievement tests, and subscriptions to Sycamore Education (a web-based communication service featuring access to homework assignments, students' grades, etc.).

Half-Day Tuition

Three-, Four-, and Five-Year Olds: \$3,100 (first child)
\$2,900 (second and third child)

Full-Day Tuition

Three-, Four-, and Five-Year Olds: \$4,900 (first child)
\$4,600 (second and third child)

The half-day program is from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on scheduled school days. The full-day program includes class, full daycare and lunch. Full-time hours are 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday. This includes non-school days that are not holidays from the start of school in August to the end of school in May.

Elementary & Secondary

Registration Fee: \$335 per child

Tuition

Elementary (Grades 1-6): \$4,725 (first child)
\$4,325 (second and third child)

Secondary (Grades 7-12): \$4,775 (first child)
\$4,735 (second and third child)

Tuition may be paid annually, semi-annually, or monthly. Monthly tuition payments are due the 15th of each month starting in August and ending in May.

Before & After School Childcare

Before school care and after school care are available to Academy students at the rate of \$3.00 per hour per child. Before school care begins at 7:00 AM, and after school care closes at 6:00 PM.

Sports Fees

Students choosing to participate in interscholastic athletics will be subject to a \$25 sports fee for the year. This fee includes family membership in the Talon Club – the Academy's booster club.

MISSION & VISION

Mission Statement

Berean Academy exists to provide an academic education with a Christian worldview, to promote physical, spiritual, and social growth through supervised activities and to prepare young people for a life of service to the glory of God.

Vision Statements / Expected Outcomes

By the term *vision*, we are describing what our students will be like when we effectively serve them. Therefore, our vision is a summarized composite statement of our expected outcomes.

It is the vision of Berean Academy that our graduates...

1. Have a personal relationship with Christ that exhibits the desire and ability to apply and practice biblical principles of Christian living as they serve God and others.
2. Have a Christian worldview that permeates all of life.
3. Participate actively in a local church by serving God and the community.
4. Successfully meet the challenges of university studies.
5. Effectively research, analyze, and evaluate information.
6. Think critically, communicate clearly, and use mathematics, science, and technology effectively.
7. Appreciate the fine arts.
8. Demonstrate citizenship by positively impacting their local communities and exercising their civic responsibilities.
9. Respond to God's leading in carrying out the Great Commission.
10. Demonstrate social skills by respecting and relating appropriately to others.
11. Practice principles of integrity, commitment, and biblical morality.
12. Solve problems, make wise decisions, and appreciate work.
13. Practice being a good steward of their physical health, resources, and opportunities.

ADMISSIONS POLICIES

Berean Academy admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

New students may apply to Berean Academy at any time; however, spaces for current students are reserved until the end of February for the following school year. The following are necessary for admission to The Academy:

1. Application for enrollment
2. Guardian/Administrator conference
3. Interview with the prospective student (secondary students only)
4. Tennessee immunization certificate with all required immunizations
5. Medical examination signed by the attending physician
6. Signed Parent Agreement Form
7. Entrance testing
8. Copy of birth certificate
9. Two completed reference forms (high school students only)
10. Verification of health insurance

Berean Academy reserves the right to deny admission to any student whose attendance may not be in the best interest of its educational philosophy or student body's spiritual, emotional, or physical welfare.

LOCATION

Berean Academy • 441 Berean Lane • Hixson, TN 37343

