



Kindergarten – 6th Grade Frequently Asked Questions

What about before and after school care?

Calvary Day School operates an extended care program from the end of school in the afternoon until 6:00 pm Monday through Friday for children in Transitional Kindergarten through 6th grades. Fees are \$255 per child per month for 5 days per week and \$173 per child per month for 3 days per week. Emergency/Drop-in care is available for \$20/day as needed. We do not offer before school care.

What is your student to teacher ratio?

The class size is limited to 18-22 students in grades K through 6th. Each Kindergarten class has a teacher and assistant. Each first grade class has an assistant one-half of each day. The second grade classes share one part-time teaching assistant.

What curriculum do you use?

The biblically integrated curriculum is selected by the teachers with guidance from the Curriculum Coordinator and Lower School Principal for each grade and is based on the appropriate developmental level. The textbooks in each grade are chosen from a variety of Christian and secular publishers. The reading curriculum in K through 2nd is heavily phonics based.

What about “Specials”?

All students in grades K through 6th have art, music, PE, media center, and computers/STEM weekly. Students in grades 3rd-6th have Spanish as least twice per week.

What is your discipline plan?

The Lower School has a unified discipline plan. Under this plan, teachers clearly explain their expectations to students. Positive reinforcements for correct behavior and negative consequences for inappropriate behavior are explained. Schoolwide discipline is based on 1 Peter 2:17 which commands us to show respect to everyone. Students are expected to adhere to the following biblical principles and each individual teacher has developed specific classroom expectations based upon these principles:

- Respect God - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Matthew 15:8-9
- Respect yourself - Psalm 119; 1 Corinthians 6:19
- Respect Everyone! - Philippians 2:3; Proverbs 18:24
- Respect property - Proverbs 3:9
- Do your best - Colossians 3:17
- Do what is right - Philippians 4:8
- Treat others like you want to be treated - 1 Thessalonians 5:15; Matthew 7:12

What about after school sports and activities?

Calvary Day School offers organized athletic teams starting in grades 5 and 6. Students have opportunities to compete in school-wide, regional, and state competitions in areas such as spelling, math, speech, creative writing, STEM, and art. Lower School chorus and band are offered to students in 4th through 6th grades.

Do you have a cafeteria?

Yes. We have a cafeteria that serves lunch each day. All students eat in the cafeteria (whether they bring or buy lunch). Current lunch cost is \$5.00.

What is the dress code? Do students wear uniforms?

CDS's school culture is one of modesty and a desire not to offend others.

- Dress and hair should not be distracting to teachers and students, and modesty is expected in all clothing choices.
- All clothing should be clean and in good repair.
- Clothing and accessories must not have inappropriate or controversial messages, logos, or marketing as defined by the mission of Calvary Day School and the administration.
- Students may wear long pants, jeans, or knee-length shorts. Girls may wear knee-length skirts or dresses. Jeggings and leggings may only be worn with dresses and skirts that are knee length or longer. (Knee-length is defined as *no more than 3 inches above the knee*.)
- Sleeveless dresses and shirts must be at least three-finger-width wide at the shoulders. No undergarments should be visible at any time. Clothing must be modest and must not reveal cleavage, backs, or midriffs. Form-fitting or sheer clothing is not appropriate for school (unless clothing underneath meets dress code).
- Athletic pants such as nylon shorts, sweatpants, yoga pants, etc., are not appropriate for classroom attire. (Knee-length athletic shorts may be worn for Lower School Field Day).
- All students must wear footwear. Preschool through fifth grade students are to wear closed-toed and closed-heeled shoes for safety reasons.
- No body piercing jewelry is to be worn at school or school related events. Only girls may wear earrings.
- Hats and head coverings are not to be worn inside the building during school hours.

Do you have a parent organization?

We have a Parent Association which actively seeks parent participation. Parents are always welcome at school. For security reasons, parents and other visitors check in and out at our B Building Welcome Desk and wear a visitor tag while on campus.