

Chapelgate Christian Academy

Assisting parents in the education of their children
about life in the Light of God's Word

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What grade levels does Chapelgate Christian Academy offer?**

Chapelgate Christian Academy (CCA) serves students in grades 6 through 12.

- **How many students are enrolled?**

CCA began the 2009 – 2010 school year with nearly 400 students. Just over 300 of these students are enrolled in the Academy's high school.

- **What is the average class size?**

The maximum for most classes is 26 students. In the middle school there are generally 2 sections at each grade level with space for a maximum of 26 students in each section. The high school has more than 2 sections at each grade level. If each section is not fully enrolled, class sizes can be smaller. It is often true that, as students progress through the school and take classes that are increasingly specialized, those class sizes tend to be smaller.

- **What curriculum does the school use?**

The Academy offers a college preparatory program for both average and advanced students. The curriculum is written and approved by the faculty and administration. Textbooks are selected from both Christian and secular publishers based upon the excellence and appropriateness of each book. Currently, CCA offers 8 advanced placement courses. The Christian world and life view is integrated in each subject at CCA. CCA is accredited by both the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSACS) and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)

- **Is bus transportation provided?**

CCA families are responsible for transporting their students to and from school; many families establish and participate in carpools.

- **What are the hours for the school day?**

Students are to be in homeroom by 8:15 each morning; they are dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Students are not to arrive earlier than 7:45 a.m. and must be picked up by no later than 4:00 p.m., except when they are attending extra-curricular activities under the supervision of designated school personnel.

- **How diverse is the student population at Chapelgate Christian Academy?**

The chart below shows the numbers and percentages of students, by ethnic category, who are currently enrolled at the Academy:

<u>Ethnic Categories</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
African American	80	20%
Asian (Including Korean)	52	13%
Hispanic	5	1%
Native American	3	1%
Unidentified/Other	0	0%
White	259	65%
Totals =	399	100%

- **What percentage of CCA students go to college?**

Generally over 95% of CCA graduates attend college. Chapelgate Christian Academy's *Profile* provides additional information, including some of the four-year colleges and universities attended by CCA graduates. The *Profile*, which is included in the Academy's admissions packet, can also be downloaded from the Guidance link on the CCA website at www.chapelgateacademy.org.

- **What is the cost of tuition? Are there other fees?**

For the 2010 - 2011 school year, tuition for a high school student will be for the full year. Tuition for 6th grade will be \$6,250, 7th grade will be \$6,750, and 8th grade will be \$7,500. Discounts are extended to families with more than one student in high school grades, and families who are members of Chapelgate Presbyterian Church. Several tuition payment plans are available. In addition to tuition, a \$250 registration fee must accompany each student's application. A non-refundable \$250 re-registration fee is charged annually for each current student who is re-enrolling for the following year. Chapelgate does not charge a text book fee.

- **Is financial aid available?**

Some need-based financial aid is available. Families wishing to be considered for financial aid awards for the following school year must complete an application, which is available on-line at www.factstuitionaid.com, and follow up by submitting all required back-up documentation by no later than May 1 of each year. The Academy's Financial Aid Committee uses data provided from all applications to help them determine how available funds will be allocated. Once awarded, financial aid is not guaranteed to continue. Families receiving financial aid in any given school year must re-apply by May 1 to be considered for aid during the following year.

- **What is the school's application and admissions process?**

Families can contact CCA to obtain complete information and application packets for their consideration. Application forms can be downloaded from the Admissions link on the Academy's website. Mrs. Cassell, Director of Admissions, is available to help families and respond to any questions they may have about the admissions process. She can be reached at 410-442-5888, ext. 122 or at lcassell@chapelgateacademy.org.

The application and admissions process requires:

- Parents to complete and submit all required application forms and supporting documents with the \$ 250 registration fee to the attention of Mrs. Cassell at the Academy.
- Prospective students to participate in the Academy's testing program.
- Both parents and prospective students to attend an interview with the Headmaster.
- Families to return tuition payment agreements within 7 business days of receiving letters of acceptance in order to finalize the admissions process.
- Prospective students and their parents are encouraged to:
 - Attend CCA's Annual Fall Open House on Monday, November 9, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m. (or one of the Mini-Open Houses scheduled for January 25, February 22, and March 22, 2010).
 - Schedule an appointment for the prospective students and/or parents to visit classes at the school for a day or part of a day. These visits can be scheduled on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from late October through the end of April by contacting Mrs. Cassell at the Academy.
 - Attend CCA functions such as school concerts, the school drama production, or athletic events.
- The Academy will:
 - Review all application documents and information gathered during the course of the interview to identify those students and families for whom CCA is a good match.
 - Follow guidelines published in the "Mission and Admissions Policy" and the *Parent-Student Handbook* in accepting students
 - Consider students for admission based on available space, completion of application, and the following priority:
 1. Returning students
 2. Siblings of returning students
 3. Children of Chapelgate members
 4. Other local Christian school students
 5. Others