

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

Chapelgate Christian Academy (CCA) serves students in grades 6 through 12. In addition, CCA has opened a preschool program serving for young children ages two, three, and four.

- **How many students are enrolled?**

Currently 338 students are enrolled for the 2015 – 2016 school year in grades 6 through 12. 238 of these students are enrolled in the Academy’s high school, and 100 are in our middle school. An additional 34 children are enrolled in our preschool program for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds.

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

The maximum for most classes in middle and high school is 26 students. In the middle school we can accommodate two 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 9 advanced placement courses and 8 honors 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 may arrive as early as 7:30 a.m. and are supervised by teachers until they are excused to go to homeroom. Supervision is available at no additional cost until 4:00 p.m.. Students must be picked up by 4:00 p.m. unless 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 in grades 6 through 12 as well as the children enrolled in our preschool program:

<u>Ethnic Categories</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
African American	117	31%
Asian	75	20%
Hispanic	1	< 1%
Unidentified/Other	15	4%
White	164	44%
Totals =	372	100%

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

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*, is included in the Academy's admissions packet and available at our website at www.chapelgateacademy.org.

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

Chapelgate provides a priceless education at affordable tuition rates. For the 2015 - 2016 school year, tuition for high school is \$11,815 (grades 9 through 12). Tuition for 6th grade is \$8,250, 7th grade is \$8,600 and 8th grade is \$9,300. Middle school tuition includes the cost of a retreat at each grade level. 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. Funds received from the State of Maryland through the *Nonpublic Student Textbook Program* assist the Academy in maintaining this practice. However, families are asked to pay for some consumable items such as workbooks that are on the annual School Supply List. A \$100 per sport fee is charged to high school athletes.

- **Is financial aid available?**

Some need-based financial aid is available. Families wishing to be considered for financial aid awards for the upcoming school year must submit an application at online.factsmgt.com/aid, and follow up by submitting all required back-up documentation by no later than February 28 of each year. The Academy's Financial Aid Committee uses data provided from all applications to help determine how the available funds will be allocated. Once awarded, financial aid is not guaranteed to continue. Families receiving financial aid in any school year must re-apply by February 28 to be considered for aid during the following year. More information is available on our website at www.chapelgateacademy.org.

- **What is the deadline for submitting an application for admission to Chapelgate?**

Chapelgate uses a "rolling admissions" process and does not have a deadline for submitting applications for admission. However, to maximize the opportunity for admissions and avoid being put on a "Waiting List" when classes are already filled, families are encouraged to begin the process in the fall for the following school year. When the admissions process has been completed by July 1, families are offered the opportunity to spread out tuition payments over ten months -- from July through April. When families complete the admissions process after July 1 there will be fewer monthly payments at a larger amount per month with final payments due in April.

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

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.
- To finalize the admissions process, families must select a payment plan and notify the Business Office of their choice

Prospective students and their parents are encouraged to experience CCA first hand by:

- Attending an evening Open House or one of our Welcome Wednesday events that are conducted during the school day. Refer to our website at www.chapelgateacademy.org for dates and times.
- Scheduling 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 from September through April by contacting Mrs. Cassell at the Academy.
- Attending CCA functions such as school concerts, the school drama production, or athletic events.

- **How can I get more information?**

Families can contact CCA to obtain complete information and application packets for their consideration. Application forms can be downloaded from the Academy's website. Mrs. Cassell, Director of Admissions, is available to conduct personal tours, assist 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.