# ABILENE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## MISSION STATEMENT

Equipping students to excel academically, serve meaningfully, and walk faithfully with God since 1906.

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## ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The admissions process is completed by simply following these steps:

- Online Application There are two consent forms within the online application that allow ACS to request supplemental forms (records) on your behalf. The application cannot be finalized until all tabs have green check marks and you are prompted for a NON-REFUNDABLE application fee.
- Academic Baseline Assessment ACS will contact you to schedule your student's assessment. Pre-K 4, Pre-K 5, and Kindergarten students participate in a student evaluation with teachers and/or principal. Ist-12th grade students complete an adaptive assessment that provides our administrators a snapshot of current academic aptitude.
- Academic Baseline Assessment Review The respective principal will call and review your student's Academic Baseline Assessment with you. At this time, students in grades 6th-12th will be scheduled for a family orientation with the respective principal.
- Email Notification Upon completion of the above admissions steps and acceptance to ACS, an email will be sent from Clara Garza. This email will contain final enrollment details including a link to the Online Enrollment Packet.
- Online Enrollment Packet When completing the Online Enrollment Packet, you will be prompted to upload required documents (birth certificate and shot records) and submit the NON-REFUNDABLE new student registration fee. After completion of the Online Enrollment Packet, your tuition statement will be finalized and you will receive an email notification.

## SCHOOL HOURS

PREK & KINDERGARTEN - 8:15AM TO 3:00PM (CLASSROOM DOORS OPEN AT 8AM)

ELEMENTARY (1ST-5TH) - 8:15AM TO 3:15PM (CLASSROOM DOORS OPEN AT 8AM)

SECONDARY (6TH-12TH) - 8:00AM TO 3:40PM (CLASSROOM DOORS OPEN AT 7:50AM)

AFTER SCHOOL CARE- DISMISSAL - 5:30PM

SECONDARY ATHLETICS MAY REQUIRE PRACTICE TIMES BEFORE AND/OR AFTER SCHOOL

## SCHOOL ATHLETICS & FINE ARTS

Art - Band - Baseball -Basketball - Cheerleading -Choir - Cross Country -Football - Golf -Track & Field - Tennis -Theatre - Volleyball



## SCHOOL FEES AND DISCOUNTS

#### **NEW STUDENT NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE**

Due at the submission of the Online Application. \$125 Pre-K and \$50 for K-12th grade.

#### **NEW STUDENT NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE**

Due at the completion of the Online Enrollment Form. \$200 for Pre-K-12th grade.

#### FAMILY DISCOUNTS / BENEFIT - ONE CHOICE PER FAMILY

**Military Discount** - 25% off Tuition for Pre-K-12th grade. Parent is full-time active military. **Ministerial Discount** - 25% off Tuition for Pre-K-12th grade. Parent is full-time minister and that parent's majority income is derived from the ministerial position.

**HSU / McMurry Discount** - 25% off Tuition for K-12th grade. Parent is full-time employee of either university.

**University Discount** - 15% off Tuition for Pre-K. Parent is full-time employee of Abilene Christian, Hardin Simmons, or McMurry University.

**ACU Benefit** - Tuition Benefit for K-12th grade. Please see the ACU Employee Handbook or contact the ACU HR Department for further details.

#### MULTI-CHILD DISCOUNT

10% / 20% off Tuition for Pre-K-12th grade. This discount is stackable with any of the non-ACU family discounts. 10% off for second child and 20% off for all additional students.

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

**One Time Payment:** A 2% discount on tuition will be given for a one time payment made by the July deadline. Payment must be made via online bank drafts through FACTS Family Portal. **Monthly Payment Plan:** FACTS allows you to create a monthly payment plan that best suits your family's needs. Monthly plans will have an additional annual payment plan fee of \$500. If this plan is selected, there is an additional annual FACTS account set up fee of \$55 for monthly bank drafts.

#### AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After School Care is offered for Pre-K-5th grade students every day until 5:30pm. The cost is \$145 per month from August through May and is also offered on a drop-in basis for \$10.00 an hour, billed by the quarter hour. Charges will be billed in FACTS separate from your tuition. Statements are sent out monthly on the 1st of the month and payments are due on the 15th of the month. Payments must be paid online through FACTS Family Portal.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## DO YOU HAVE EARLY MORNING CARE?

Yes, early morning care is available at no charge beginning at 7:30am for Pre-K3-5th grade students.

## DO YOU HAVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE?

Yes, after school care is offered every day until 5:30pm for an additional charge for Pre-K3-5th grade students. Please see the School Fees and Discounts Summary (page 3) for more information.

### WHAT CURRICULUM DO YOU USE?

At ACS, Pre-K-5th grade students experience a challenging curriculum called Core Knowledge. Based on the research and findings of E.D. Hirsch, Jr., Core Knowledge exposes students to a broad range of historical, scientific, and cultural topics that will build on one another to prepare them for educational success. This wide array of subject matter not only develops cultural literacy but also builds the strong vocabulary necessary for true reading comprehension. Critical reading, writing, and thinking skills applied to all subjects drives 6th-12th grade curriculum. ACS strives to be both college and life preparatory, fulfilling our school mission and reflecting the ideals of our graduate profile.

## HOW DO I APPLY AND WHEN?

Open enrollment for the upcoming school year begins in March. Submit a Request More Information form on our website to receive emails with open enrollment details. The online application will be available on our website when enrollment begins.

## ARE UNIFORMS REQUIRED AT ACS?

Each student (Pre-K3-12th grade) at ACS is required to wear a school uniform. There are a variety of mix and match pieces, as well as accessories, available for purchase. There is no dress uniform day. All uniform pieces need to be purchased through the designated uniform provider. More information will be provided at the time of enrollment.

## WHAT WILL MY CHILD DO FOR LUNCH?

Students may bring a lunch to school or charge for a tray lunch in the cafeteria. We ask that you load money onto your cafeteria account through FACTS Family Portal. A lunch menu will be available each week through the FACTS Family Portal under school announcements.

More Information: Clara Garza Director of Enrollment 325-672-9200, ext. 126 or clara.garza@abilenechristian.com

Education at Abilene Christian School is approached from a biblical perspective that acknowledges God as the Creator and Savior through Jesus Christ. This view shapes our faith and is integrated in all that we do.