

International Student Application

Kindergarten - 12th Grade

2020 – 2021

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM ADMISSIONS

mnelson@heritagechristianschool.com

Available via email 24 hrs, weekends included

**Meetings will take place at the
Elementary School Campus**

Preschool / Elementary Campus

22081 Hidalgo

Mission Viejo, CA 92691

Phone: (949) 598-9166

info@heritagechristianschool.com

www.heritagechristianschool.com

Junior High / High School Campus

23302 El Toro Road

Lake Forest, CA 92630

Phone: (949) 446-8133

info@heritagechristianschool.com

www.heritagechristianschool.com



HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Dear Prospective International Students and Parents,

Thank you for considering Heritage Christian School for your International student's education. We are proud to serve the Orange County community in providing an excellent educational experience based on the authoritative and inerrant Word of God. Our goal is to facilitate the development of each student spiritually, academically, physically, emotionally, and socially.

Heritage Christian School is authorized by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to issue I-20's for the F-1 Visa Program. The Heritage Christian School Preschool through High School program is fully accredited through WASC and ACSI. We are committed to surpassing all state standards mandated by **The California Board of Education**, as well as far exceeding regional and national standardized test scores.

We offer a challenging core curriculum that is complimented with auxiliary classes: Physical Education, Art, Music, Bible, Spanish, and Technology.

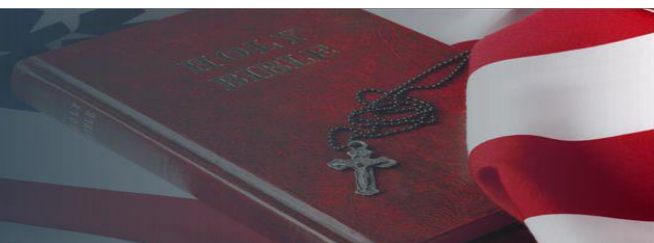
We also integrate our International Students in all classes from Preschool through 12th Grade to ensure the best possible educational, emotional, and social experience. Our small teacher to student ratio average allows the teacher to spend more time with each individual student, building the student's academic potential, as well as growing their English competency skill. With a teacher/class ratio of 1:15, Heritage Christian School is designed to prepare each student to succeed by exceeding traditional academic benchmarks.

Our printable School Year Master Calendar as well as our scrolling calendars for Preschool, Elementary, and Jr. High/High School can be found at <https://heritagechristianschool.com/myhcs/>.

Again, thank you for your interest in Heritage Christian School. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me.

Blessings,

Mary Nelson, M.S., DSO
Director of International Program, Dean of Guidance
(949) 446-8133
mnelson@heritagechristianschool.com
<https://heritagechristianschool.com/>



ADMISSIONS PROCESS

1. To apply for admission, please submit the following documents:

GRADES K to 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Application (return pages 6-12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Passport copy
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank statement or property ownership sufficient to cover tuition and housing for 2 years – <u>English translation required</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Official School Transcripts: at least 2 years - <u>English translation required</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Immunizations
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Medical Insurance Proof of Coverage – students are required to have medical insurance while studying in the U.S. Insurance may be obtained in home country prior to coming to the U.S.
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of residence with mother and/or father must be provided prior to issuance of I-20.
<input type="checkbox"/> I-901 Fee is \$350. Further information can be found at https://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901 .
<input type="checkbox"/> Pay Application and International Registration Fees – NON-REFUNDABLE

GRADES 7 to 12
<input type="checkbox"/> Application (return pages 6-12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Passport copy
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank statement or property ownership sufficient to cover tuition and housing for 2 years – <u>English translation required</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Official School Transcripts: at least 2 years - <u>English translation required</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Immunizations
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Medical Insurance Proof of Coverage – students are required to have medical insurance while studying in the U.S. Insurance may be obtained in home country prior to coming to the U.S.
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of residence with mother and/or father must be provided prior to issuance of I-20.
<input type="checkbox"/> I-901 Fee is \$350. Further information can be found at https://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901 .
<input type="checkbox"/> Pay Application and International Registration Fees – NON-REFUNDABLE
<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Recommendation: one letter is required and must be in sealed envelope upon arrival
<input type="checkbox"/> Student hand-written essay when they arrive: <i>Why do you want to come to the United States to study?</i>

2. Documents may be submitted by email, mail, or dropped off in person at our campus. ***Please note that any missing or incomplete documents could delay the processing of applications.***

★ To email, please send to: mnelson@heritagechristianschool.com

★ To mail, please send to:
 Heritage Christian School
 Attn: International Admissions
 22081 Hidalgo
 Mission Viejo, CA 92691

★ To submit in person, please come to:
 Heritage Christian School
 22081 Hidalgo
 Mission Viejo, CA 92691
 (949) 598-9166

★ All documents will be reviewed by the International Director, DSO

- An I-20 will be issued to the student along with an acceptance letter so that an appointment could be made with the U.S. Embassy for a visa interview.
- Once the student has received their F-1 visa, the student/parent will receive instructions on completing registration and enrolling in school.

SEVIS ELIGIBILITY FORM

MANDATORY: Only Fully Completed Form will be Accepted for Submission

Visa Type: **F-1** Passport Number: _____
Family Name: _____ First Name: _____
Middle Name: _____ Suffix: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____
Country of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____
Education Level: Elementary (K-6) Jr. High School (7-8) High School (9-12)
Current Grade: _____ Entering Grade in the U.S. _____
Initial Date of Schooling: _____ Email: _____

Foreign Address: _____
City: _____ Province: _____
Country of Residence: _____ Postal Code **MANDATORY:** _____
Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____
Email for Parent(s): _____

U.S. Address: _____
Physical Living Location MANDATORY, not PO Box or Business Address
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Name of Parent / Relative living with: _____
Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____
Email for Parent / Relative living with: _____

REASON FOR ISSUANCE OF SEVIS I-20:

- Initial Attendance
 Initial Attendance – Change or Status Requested
 Continued Attendance (Transfer Only)

Current School: _____

2020-2021 Tuition and Fees Schedule

	GRADES K to 6	GRADES 7 to 8	GRADES 9 to 12	Payment Due
Application Fee	\$300	\$300	\$300	With application
I-901 Fee	\$350	\$350	\$350	Payable to U.S, Gov't
International Registration	\$1,400	\$1,600	\$1,600	With application
International Student Tuition	\$12,400	\$14,400	\$18,400	May 31, 2020* #
Textbook and Supplies	\$250	\$450	\$450	May 31, 2020* #

* For students who apply after May 31, 2020, tuition payment is due when the student receives their visa.

All payments must be paid in full when due. Any non-payments will result in cancellation of the I-20 in SEVIS.

Other Fees

Payable as needed	
Documents Mailed Overseas with Signature Required	\$80 (FEDEX Only)
Hot Lunches – ordered monthly (optional)	\$5 per day
School Uniforms (required)	~ \$200
Athletic Fees	~ \$50 to \$150
Heritage Harbor	Depends on need (see page 6 for Rates)
Class Field Trips	Depends on Grade

All fees and tuition are payable in cash, check or wire transfer. Checks are payable to ***Heritage Christian School***.

Wire Information

BENEFICIARY NAME: HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

BENEFICIARY LOCATION: 22081 HIDALGO, MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

BANK LOCATION: CHASE BANK (SWIFT #CHASUS33)

BANK ADDRESS: 270 PARK AVE, NEW YORK, NY 10017 ROUTING NUMBER: 021000021

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 900012308

PAYMENT AND REFUND POLICY

1. All payments are due in full. **There is no monthly payment plan for international students.**
2. All Application, Registration, and Tuition Fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE.** **There are no refunds under any circumstances.**

2020-2021 Finance Contract

MANDATORY: Only Fully Completed Contract will be Accepted for Submission

Fill out only ONE Finance Agreement per Family with multiple students

Date: _____

Start Date: _____

Student Information

Student #1 Name: _____

Grade 2020-2021: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Student #2 Name: _____

Grade 2020-2021: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Student #3 Name: _____

Grade 2020-2021: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Student #4 Name: _____

Grade 2020-2021: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Financial Agreement

Heritage Christian School is a non-profit organization and the budget is projected solely on the basis of the tuition, fees and gifts of the parents. As such, I/we agree to the following Financial Terms and Conditions:

I/We agree to pay the annual tuition of \$ _____

If Payment is not PAID in FULL prior to arrival, I-20 will be cancelled

1. **Early Withdrawal:** I/We understand that enrollment in HCS is an annual commitment. In the case where withdrawal before the end of the academic school year is necessary, the following policies will apply:
 - A. You must notify the school office in writing if you plan to withdraw your child(ren). Your child(ren) will be considered enrolled and you will be responsible for tuition until this notice has been turned in.
 - B. A student may be expelled prior to the end of the term for failure to maintain passing grades of D or better.

_____ **Parent Initials**

2. **Heritage Harbor Rates (before and after school care):** If your student(s) will require before or after school care, please indicate your desired times by checking below. I/we agree to pay the following monthly charges beginning September 1, 2020 and each consecutive month thereafter while care is utilized during the 2020-2021 school year:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Before school | 7-8:30 AM | \$100 per month, per student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> After school | 3-6 PM (<i>Minimum Day 12:30-6 PM</i>) | \$200 per month, per student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Before and After school | 7-8:30 AM & 3-6 PM (<i>Minimum Day 12:30-6 PM</i>) | \$250 per month, per student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional Use | | \$30 per any part of an hour, per student |

_____ **Parent Initials**

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- 3. **Absences/School Closures:** I/We understand that tuition is due in full regardless of absences or school closures (please refer to School Calendar).

_____ **Parent Initials**

- 4. **Holiday Day Care:** I/We understand that HCS is closed for certain holidays throughout the school year (please refer to School Calendar) and that when Holiday Day Care is offered, there will be an additional charge of \$50 per day and pre-registration and pre-payment is required. No drop-ins will be allowed.

_____ **Parent Initials**

To Be Valid: No 3rd Party Representation will be accepted on this Contract

We have read all the information in the Finance Agreement and are in full agreement with all terms and conditions.

Father Signature

Date

Mother Signature

Date

If more than one parent is financially responsible for enrolled student(s), both must sign this agreement.

2020-2021 International Student Enrollment Application

MANDATORY: Only Fully Completed Application will be Accepted for Submission

Complete One Form PER Student

Today's Date: _____

Start Date: _____

Student Information

First Name: _____ Family/Last Name: _____

English Name: _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Gender: Male Female

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Parent Information

Father's Information

Name: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

Job Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Business Phone: _____

Mother's Information

Name: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Province: _____

Country: _____

Job Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Business Phone: _____

Person Financially Responsible

Name: _____ Relation to Student: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Agent Information

AGENCY Name: _____ AGENT Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

While a student at Heritage Christian School, the student will be living with (check one):

Parent*

Relative*

Host Family

**Proof of residence with parents or blood relative (i.e., aunt, uncle) must be provided. Water bill, electric bill, or tax bill with name of resident and physical address (not PO Box or Business Address) will be accepted.*

Contact Information for Person Checked Above

Name: _____ Relation to Student: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I/we declare that all the information given in this application is true and correct:

Father Signature

Date

Mother Signature

Date

Relative Signature

Date

Host Family Signature

Date

Statement of Faith

"Generations of Christian Education" Psalm 89:1

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HCS BELIEVES:

There is One Eternal, Almighty and Perfect God in Three Persons; The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: John 1:1-18, 4:24, 14:11-12

The Bible is The Inspired, The Only Infallible, and Authoritative Word of God: Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:4-16, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Isaiah 40:8

In the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His Atoning death on the cross through His shed Blood, in His bodily resurrection on the third day, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His return to earth to raise the dead, judge the world, and establish His Glorious Kingdom: Luke 1:26-28, 23:69, 44-49, 24:8, John 1:1-4, 14, 3:16, I Corinthians 15:3-8, Act 1:10-11, Revelation 22:7, 21:1-4

Salvation and the Forgiveness of sins are based on God's Redeeming Grace and through the shed Blood of Jesus on the Cross: John 3:16, Ephesians 1:7

Mankind was created in God's image and exists to Glorify God: Genesis 1:26-27, Isaiah 43:7

The Holy Spirit lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truths, and guides the Christian on a daily basis: Romans 8:26-27, Galatians 5:16-25

In the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ: Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:26-28

The Bible teaches that baptism (immersion) is essential to Christian Living: Acts 2:38, Romans 6:1-7, Galatians 3:26-27

The saved will spend eternity with the Lord and the lost will receive eternal condemnation: Revelation 20:11-15, 22:3-5

Your signature below grants Heritage Christian School permission to teach your child these Biblical Truths.

Name of Student

Parent Signature

Date

Family Commitment

"Generations of Christian Education" Psalm 89:1

MANDATORY: Only Fully Completed Form will be Accepted for Submission

Please read the following statements carefully and sign below to indicate your agreement to the following:

I hereby commit that I will pay all my financial obligations to Heritage Christian School before the first day of school attendance.

With or without notice, should I withdraw my child(ren) I forfeit any tuition, materials or family assessments that have been paid up to the time of withdrawal.

I give permission for my child(ren) to participate in all school activities, including sports and school sponsored trips away from the school campus.

I understand that the school reserves the right to use disciplinary measures that are deemed necessary, even expulsion, if my child(ren) fails to comply with the established regulations and policies.

I understand that my child(ren), as new students to Heritage Christian School will automatically be placed on a minimum 1st Semester (JH/HS)/1st Trimester (K-6) probationary period.

I commit to uphold and support all the spiritual, academic, behavioral and financial standards and policies set forth by the Board of Trustees of Heritage Christian School.

I understand that it is my responsibility within the first week of school to read the Parent Handbook at <https://heritagechristianschool.com/myhcs/>, and to signing and returning the Parent Signature Page of the Handbook to the School Office.

I have read the statements above and agree to them.

Student Name

Parent's Signature

Date

Parental Permission and Medical Consent with Liability Release

MANDATORY: Only Fully Completed Form will be Accepted for Submission

Student Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

The undersigned(s) being the lawful parent(s) and/or guardian of the above child (the "Child"), hereby consents to the participation by the Child in any school sponsored activity conducted by Heritage Christian School and to the participation of the Child in all events relating to the activity.

The undersigned hereby further authorize(s) any of the staff, employees, agents and representatives of Heritage Christian School to provide for, approve and authorize any health care at any hospital, emergency room, doctor's office or other institution; employ any physicians, dentists, nurses, or other person whose services may be needed for such health care; review and if necessary disclose the contents of any medical records; execute any consent form required by medical, dental or other health authorities incident to the provision of medical, surgical or dental care to the child. Health care shall include but not be limited to the administration of anesthesia, X-ray examination, performance of operations, diagnostic and other procedures.

If there is no medical emergency, the guardian will first use reasonable efforts to contact the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) before administering or authorizing any treatment.

Notwithstanding other provisions in this Consent Form, Heritage Christian School shall not have the authority to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining procedures for the Child.

The undersigned assume(s) all risk of injury or harm to the Child associated with participation in the Activity/Activities and agree(s) to release, indemnify, defend and forever discharge Heritage Christian School and its staff, employees and agents (collectively the "Organizer") of and from all liability, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions and causes of action (collectively the Claims") in respect of death, injury, loss or damage to the Child, howsoever caused, arising or to arise by reason of or during the Child's participation in the Activity/Activities.

This Consent Form may be revoked at any time with written notice to Heritage Christian School.

Father/Guardian Signature

Date

Mother/Guardian Signature

Date

Release and Authorization to Use Student Image

MANDATORY: Only Fully Completed Form will be Accepted for Submission

During the 2020-2021 school year, Heritage Christian School may produce, participate in, or cause to be produced video, motion picture, audio recording, Web page, digital imaging, or photograph productions, broadcasts, school social media posts, and/or publications which may involve the use of students' images, names, likenesses, and/or voices. Such productions will be used for non-commercial education, exhibition, promotional, advertising, instructional, publicity, or other purposes by Heritage Christian School and will not be sold to other school systems or education professionals. Such productions may be copied, copyrighted, edited, and distributed by the school in the manner described above.

I understand that my image (if over age 18) or my child's image, name, likeness, or voice may be used, photographed, taped, or recorded in the manner described above. I hereby grant Heritage Christian School, and anyone authorized by the school the right to use, reuse, and reproduce the video, motion picture, audio recording, Web page, digital imaging, or photograph productions, broadcasts, and/or publications as described above, without any compensation to me and/or my child. I agree that all such videos, motion pictures, audio recordings, Web pages, digital images, or photographs shall be the property, solely and completely of Heritage Christian School. Heritage may copyright such work(s)/product(s) in its own name. I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished work(s)/product(s) or the uses to which they may be applied. I hereby forever release and discharge Heritage Christian School from any and all claims, actions, and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of said video, motion picture, audio recording, Web page, digital image, or photograph, including, without limitation, any and all claims for invasion of privacy and libel. This release shall also apply to the assigns, licensees, and legal representatives of Heritage Christian School, the party/parties for whom Heritage Christian School took the video, motion picture, audio recording, Web page, digital image or photograph, and the party/parties for whom Heritage Christian School took the video, motion picture, audio recording, Web page, digital image, or photograph.

I have read the foregoing and fully and completely understand the contents hereof. I understand that I may rescind my authorization for use of my image or my child's/student's image at any time in writing.

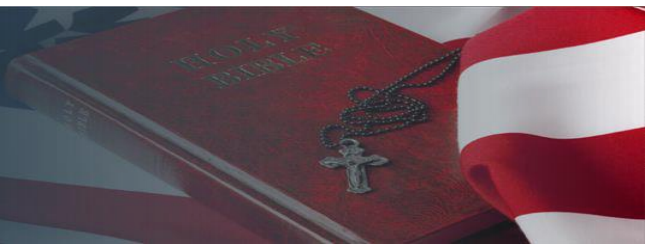
Date: _____

Student Name

Parent/Guardian Signature Required for students under the age of 21:

Print Name of Parent

Signature of Parent



2020-2021 International Student Emergency Contact Form

MANDATORY: Only Fully Completed Form will be Accepted for Submission.

One form PER student must be completed in full. This form is given to Teachers, Athletic Director, Heritage Harbor, and School Office, as needed for school activities and events.

Date: _____ Grade Entering: _____

Student Information

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Student Birthday: _____ Gender: M F Student U.S. Phone: _____

Student Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

U.S. Home Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

LIVES WITH:

Mother/Father Mother/Stepfather Father/Stepmother Mother Father Other _____

Emergency Contact OTHER than Parent/Guardian:

Name: _____ U.S. Home Phone: _____ U.S. Cell Phone: _____

Parent Information

Father's Name: _____ U.S. Daytime Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

U.S. Home Phone: _____ U.S. Work Phone: _____

U.S. Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Employer's Name: _____ City: _____

Mother's Name: _____ U.S. Daytime Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

U.S. Home Phone: _____ U.S. Work Phone: _____

U.S. Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Employer's Name: _____ City: _____

Stepparent/Guardian Name: _____ U.S. Daytime Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

U.S. Home Phone: _____ U.S. Work Phone: _____

U.S. Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Employer's Name: _____ City: _____

Medical / Allergy Information

Does the student have any medical conditions? Explain: _____

If yes, is it life threatening? _____

Does the student have any food allergies? _____

If yes, list instructions for treatment: _____

Is the student allergic to bee stings? Yes No

Personal Epi-Pen on site?: Yes No

Parental Release for the Administration of Medication by School Personnel

Administration of medication at school by non-medical personnel is a service/accommodation for parents. By signing this form, I agree to hold the school and its' employees free from any responsibility and liability including but not limited to negligence regarding the medication and the manner in which it was administered and to indemnify each of them against loss by reason of any civil judgment arising out of these arrangements which may be rendered against them. I also release HCS from all liability for drug reactions that my child may suffer from this medication.

I give permission for the staff of Heritage Christian School to administer the following over-the-counter medications as needed according to the recommended dosage chart for weight and age:

Tylenol

Motrin / Ibuprofen

Benadryl

Student's Age: _____ **Student's Weight:** _____ **Student's Height:** _____

Carpool Information

I give permission for the following people to pick my student(s) up from school: _____

I/We declare that all the information given is true and correct:

Father Signature

Date

Mother Signature

Date



Student Record Release Form

MANDATORY: Only Fully Completed Form will be Accepted for Submission.

**For International Students transferring from another U.S. Elementary School,
U.S. Junior High/Middle School, or U.S. High School**

Date: _____

School Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Dear Releasing Counselor:

Please release my child(ren)'s academic and health records to the following school:

**Heritage Christian School
22081 Hidalgo
Mission Viejo, CA 92691**

Students Names, Age and Grade Level at withdrawal time:

Name(s) of students withdrawing	Age	Grade Level
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

Signature of Requesting Parent

Date

Thank You!

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Bella Embroider & Print



32118 Paseo Adelanto #3A
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
949-226-1957

Uniforms

All HCS students are required to wear approved school uniforms, which can be purchased at Bella Embroider & Print. HCS uniform requirements for each grade level can be viewed at the store or online.

Store Hours

Monday - Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday: Closed

Shop Online

<https://squareup.com/store/bella-embroider-and-print/>

Order by Phone

You may order by phone for delivery to your home or office. Please be ready with your Visa or Mastercard, along with the size and quantity of items you wish to order. Shipping Charges will apply.

Return Policy

Unworn garments may be returned within 90 days of purchase for a full refund. Unworn garments over 90 days from purchase date can be returned for Exchange only. No refunds or exchanges for washed, worn, altered, personalized or special garments.

Directions

From I-5 S, take exit 81 for Camino Capistrano, turn right onto Camino Capistrano, Destination will be on the left

ACSI ACCREDITED SCHOOLS

WORLD-CLASS ADVANTAGES

Spiritual

- ACSI accredited schools have remained the **most theologically stable** and consistent over the past five years of any surveyed.**
- Christian school graduates are significantly **more likely to pray** and read Scripture both alone and with a spouse and children.*
- ACSI accredited schools have these **top priorities**: for students to have a close, personal relationship with God and for students to develop a Christian worldview.**
- Christian school graduates are more likely to **attend religious services** and respect the authority of church leadership.*

- All ACSI accredited schools that were asked responded affirmatively that the **Bible is the inspired Word of God** and that it does not err in moral, spiritual, and religious matters.**

- On average, ACSI accredited schools require **more rigorous course loads** in math, science, English, languages, civics, social studies, art or music, and Bible than all other programs surveyed.**

- ACSI accredited schools, on average, offer more **Advanced Placement courses** than other Protestant schools.**

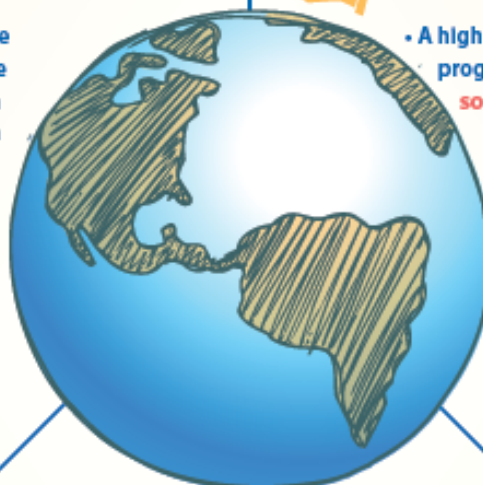
- ACSI school graduates **attend college at a significantly higher rate** than the national average (86 percent compared with 68 percent).
- Since 1974 ACSI schools have **scored significantly higher** than the national norm in every grade level on a national achievement test.
- A recent study shows that religious school graduates, on average, exceeded the SAT College & Career Readiness Benchmark while public school students, on average, failed to meet the same standard. On average, religious school graduates scored **44 points higher**.

Cultural

- A greater percentage of ACSI accredited schools offer mission and **social service opportunities** both in the United States and Canada.**
- Christian school graduates **donate significantly more money** to their churches, religious causes, and other charitable causes overall.*
- A higher percentage of ACSI accredited programs have official ties to **student social service organizations****

- Christian school graduates **give more of their time** to volunteer in their congregations, on mission trips, and on relief/aid trips.*

- A higher percentage of ACSI accredited schools report **student involvement** in political campaigns, meetings, or rallies.**



Academic

Top Emphasis

ACSI Accredited vs. Public Schools



More than two-thirds of administrators in **ACSI accredited schools** said their top priorities for students were development of a **Christian worldview**, involvement in **evangelism**, or a **close, personal relationship with God**.



Eighty percent of public school principals said their top priority was for **student basic literacy**.

Find out more about these facts and the related studies by visiting www.acsi.org/about-acsi/why-acsi-schools. These comments do not promise the quality of an individual school; they are representative comments of ACSI schools as a whole.

* Protestant Christian schools compared with Catholic, public, and private nonreligious schools as well as homeschools

** ACSI accredited schools compared with other ACSI members, Protestant Christian schools, and Catholic schools