



VERITAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY *of* HOUSTON

Frequently Asked Questions...

- **Is Veritas Christian Academy accredited?**
Veritas Christian Academy has dual accreditation through the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).
- **What time does school begin and end?**
School starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 3:15 p.m. for PreK-3 through 4th grade and 3:30 p.m. for 5th through 8th grade. Half-day PreK-3 and PreK-4 ends at noon. Students may be dropped off as early as 7 a.m. at no extra charge. After school care is available until 6 p.m. for a fee.
- **What extracurricular activities are available to the students?**
Offered through our After School Care program, activities include Taekwondo, cooking, chess club, art, guitar, piano and clarinet lessons. Also, throughout the school year, students are given opportunities to participate in the Spelling Bee, Speech Meet, Creative Writing, Math Olympics, Math League, Science and History Fair, Art Festival and Choir competitions. We won the state championship in algebra in the past and every year our students bring in numerous gold medals in all of the above competitions.
- **What other activities are available at Veritas Christian Academy?**
We offer flag football, volleyball, basketball, and Taekwondo in 1st through 4th grades, cheerleading in 3rd through 4th grades, and flag football, volleyball, basketball and track in Middle School. In Middle School, students are also encouraged to be part of the writing/editing team of the Ram Reporter, our quarterly school newsletter. They also may apply to become members of our "Coram Deo" chapter of the National Junior and Elementary Honor Societies, of our Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Student Council chapters. All students in grades 5th through 8th are required to do community service hours each year.
- **What "special" classes do you offer?**
In addition to the core subjects, which include Bible, we teach French, Spanish, Latin, choir, recorders, hand chimes, band, art, drama, computer and physical education. Additionally, logic is taught in middle school.
- **What age must my child be to enroll in Pre-Kindergarten?**
We offer a full day and half-day PreK 3 and PreK 4 program. These classes are for children who will be 3 or 4 respectively by September 1st of the year they are entering.
- **Do you administer an entrance exam as part of the application process?**
Part of the application process is an entrance exam in basic math and English concepts. Veritas also accepts ISEE testing if sent directly to the school from the ERB office (Veritas ERB #447624).
- **Where can I find the application?**
You may start the application process online at our website: www.OneGreatSchool.com. Click on the "admissions" tab then click on the tab to the right "Getting started". All forms needed may be found online. You can also call our office for a packet to be mailed to your home.
- **How long does the application process take?**
We first need the application and the fee in order to test the child. Once we receive all the other required forms and the child has been tested, a decision will be made by the admissions committee within one week.

- **What curriculum do you use?**
We use a variety of curricula in order to stay competitive. A list appears on the “Academics” page of our web site.
- **What is your student-teacher ratio?**
Our student-teacher ratio averages 15 to 1.
- **Do you teach from the perspective of one denomination?**
We are a non-denominational school with a clear statement of faith. We do not teach from any denominational approach. Our instruction is Bible-based and all subjects are Bible-integrated.
- **How involved can parents be at Veritas Christian Academy?**
We encourage parents to be involved in their child’s school in order to strengthen the partnership between home and school. We ask each family to donate at least five hours of their time throughout the year at Veritas. We have a very active and involved Parent Teacher Fellowship.
- **How do your students perform in standardized testing?**
Our students perform an average of 2.5 grades above national level on Standardized testing. Our middle school students are able to transfer two to four high school credit classes when they graduate from Veritas.
- **What do you offer for gifted children?**
Just as in HISD Vanguard programs and others, we identify gifted and talented students when they take their standardized testing, as early as in Kindergarten. Our teachers are fully equipped and trained to challenge each student. We have different levels of reading groups and a math curriculum to challenge students to their full ability.
- **Do you offer advanced/honors studies?**
Every classroom has Accelerated Math and Accelerated Reader; programs that provide children with advanced reading and math. We offer advanced and honor classes in Middle School. Our 8th grade graduates have the option of transferring high school-approved credit classes such as algebra, geometry, Spanish and science.
- **What technology instruction is offered?**
Children in Pre-K through eighth grade attend computer classes, learning a broad spectrum of programs, Internet safety and multimedia, including the full range of Microsoft Office, typing, photo editing and video production. A mobile lab enables teachers to bring computers into the classroom for technology-integrated instruction. We also have interactive white boards in almost every class. Middle school students have the opportunity to create videos for Veritas events and qualified 7th and 8th graders participate in yearbook production. In the algebra class they experiment with the TI-84 graphing calculators.
- **Do you offer studies in the fine arts?**
Our fine arts program has been highly commended in both the academic and the arts communities. Artwork by our students has been exhibited at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts and at the Galveston Moody Gardens Hotel. In addition, music, including music theory, music appreciation, recorder, band, choir, hand chimes, and the dramatic arts are included throughout the curriculum.

