PARTNERING

WITH PARENTS TO
PREPARE THE NEXT
GENERATION TO IMPACT
THE WORLD for Christ

A PARENT INFO PACKET FOR GILBERT CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS











OUR COMMITMENT TO Lamilies



A Distinctive Christian Education

GCS faculty continuously seek to uphold our core values, daily providing rigorous and excellent academic lessons from a Christian worldview. It is our prayerful goal that every student under our care will reach our desired student outcomes and make an eternal difference in the lives of others.



GIVING STUDENTS A BIBLICAL worldview

KINDERGARTEN

Familiar Bible truths that emphasize God's loving care

3RD GRADE

Studies in the life of Christ, the early Church, and missions from the time of Paul until now

6TH GRADE

Focuses on Bible study methods and applying biblical lessons to their lives

10TH GRADE

Shows who Jesus is, what He did, and what a Christian is and is not, in an interactive format

1ST GRADE

Familiar Bible truths that emphasize God's relationship to people

4TH GRADE

Studies in the basic doctrines of the Church

7TH/8TH GRADE

Yields both an understanding of Christian beliefs as well as an improved ability for self-study in God's Word

11TH GRADE

Teaches students how to formulate and defend the Christian position

2ND GRADE

Studies on character traits of various people in the Bible with application to students' lives

5TH GRADE

Studies in the Old Testament that emphasize choices and their consequences

9TH GRADE

Shows who God is, what He did, and how we should respond, in an interactive format

12TH GRADE

Gives students God's wisdom in how to defend their Christian convictions in our current cultural context

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Psalm 145:3-4



GCS QUICK STATS

Alumni:

995



Total Enrollment: 2360+



Students live in: 12 cities 89 zip codes



Faith: Families attend more than 50 local churches















Diversity: 32%

90% Reenrollment Rate



22:1 Student/ Teacher Ratio



Over 35 Athletic Teams and Offerings



Agritopia Campus (Higley & Ray) PK-8



Greenfield Campus (Greenfield & Germann) PK-8



Val Vista Campus (Val Vista & Ocotillo) PK-8



High School Campus (Higley & 202) 9-12

PRE-K AGE 4

The pre-k classroom uses a variety of handson materials, activities, and play to reach ageappropriate academic, social, and spiritual goals. The classroom environment is ever-changing to inspire and encourage a love of learning. It is the teacher's joy to provide an atmosphere that is loving, safe, and honoring to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.





PRE-K PROGRAMS

5-Day Program (M-F) from 8:00AM to 11:00AM half days 8:00AM to 9:15AM

3-Day Program (M, W, F) from 11:45AM to 2:45PM half days 9:45AM to 11:00AM

*Exact times vary by campus

ACADEMICS

- Social and Emotional
- Mathematics
- Language and Literacy
- Science Inquiry
- Social Studies
- Physical Development
- Health and Safety
- Visual Art
- Music Appreciation
- Bible

SPIRITUAL LIFE

All content is presented within the context of the Bible as the ultimate truth.

Students learn from Christian staff and from a Christian worldview

- Academic content
- Social-emotional skills
- · Spiritual growth

Bible instruction includes Bible stories, worship songs, Bible memory (verses and books of the Bible), character education, focus of holidays.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our goal is for every student to develop a Christian worldview as they are taught their core academic subjects in light of the truth that God is the creator of all life and worthy of our praise. Elementary students receive instruction in God's Word every day, along with time to pray and worship.

ACADEMICS

- Bible
- English
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science
- · Physical Education
- Technology
- Visual Arts
- Performing Arts
- Language Studies
- Study Skills

"From the very first day, we were blown away by the level of communication and personal engagement from the teachers and administrators. The love, care, and dedication to the mission of GCS were evident in every interaction. [We] witnessed profound changes in each of our boys. Their spirits were lifted, they became more excited to share about their days, and we saw a transformation in their kindness, obedience, and overall demeanor. The investment and love from their teachers were undeniable, helping them adjust to a new school and new friendships. As parents, we have been overwhelmed—not just by the Christ-like spirit of the school but also by the unexpected camaraderie and love we have received from other GCS families, staff, and administrators."

Matt B., GCS Parent



In addition to the core subjects, the elementary school curriculum is supplemented by Art, PE, and Technology, as well as Violin, Orchestra, Band, Choir, or Piano, depending on the campus.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Students attend chapel services featuring teaching and corporate worship. Special speakers are brought in or GCS staff/faculty speak to the students on the year's theme.

Our hope is that our students acquire wisdom, knowledge, and a Biblical worldview as they develop a lifestyle of character, leadership, service, stewardship, and worship.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The sense of community among families, teachers, and students is remarkable, creating a supportive and uplifting atmosphere that truly sets this school apart. My son loves a school that prioritizes faith, academics, and character development, and Gilbert Christian Schools has been an incredible choice for our family!

Pejman E., GCS Parent



ACADEMICS

- Bible
- English
- Math
- Performing Arts
- Physical Education
- Social Studies
- Science
- Spanish
- Technology
- Visual Arts

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Students attend a chapel service featuring teaching and corporate worship. Special speakers are brought in or GCS staff/faculty speak to the students on the year's theme.

Every year, Gilbert Christian Schools middle school students go on a trip where they focus on building relationships and spending time in God's word. These trips, which we call Signature Trips, are an essential part of the middle school experience at GCS.

Our hope is that our students acquire wisdom, knowledge, and a Biblical worldview as they develop a lifestyle of character, leadership, service, stewardship, and worship.



In addition to the core subjects, the middle school curriculum is supplemented by Art, PE, and Technology, as well as Strings, Band, Choir, or Piano, depending on the campus. Spanish is offered to 8th graders for high school credit on select campuses.

HIGH SCHOOL

Gilbert Christian High School is a four-year college prep, private Christian school serving students in ninth through twelfth grades.



Students are required to take a Bible course all four years.

Students attend chapel services featuring teaching and corporate worship. Special speakers are brought in or GCS staff/ faculty speak to the students on the year's theme.

Small groups are designed to foster close relationships between students and staff. Each student is assigned to a small group based on their gender and grade level. A faculty member facilitates these groups where students engage in conversations and Bible studies to better learn how to live out the Gospel in their lives.

Our mentoring program partners a student with a spiritually mature faculty member, leader, or coach from GCS to improve a student's emotional and spiritual growth.

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ACADEMICS

Gilbert Christian High School offers a rigorous academic program. Seven credits per year is the expected course load for each student. Dual enrollment courses are offered in a wide range of subjects.



ATHLETICS

"The need for focused and intentional ministry in the lives of our children through their education and activities has never been greater. GCS Athletics and our highly-qualified coaches embrace this mission, cherishing and **proclaiming our identity in Christ while also pursuing both competitive and character excellence.** I believe our community can be intently driven towards athletic goals and achievements in a setting where core Christian values and beliefs are not compromised, but rather amplified, and I am thrilled for our athletic programs to lead the way in that endeavor."

Mark Duitsman, Athletic Director



45
REGIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS

33 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

MIDDLE SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS SPORTS GIRLS SPORTS

Baseball WINTER	Basketball spring
Basketball spring	Cheer
Cross Country WINTER	Cross Country WINTER
Flag Football FALL	Flag Football SPRING
Football	Golf SPRING
Golf SPRING	Pom
Soccer (Co-ed) FALL	Soccer (Co-ed) FALL
Volleyball winter	Softball winter
	Volleyball FALL

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SPORTS

Baseball SPRING	Basketball WINTER
Basketball WINTER	Beach Volleyball SPRING
Cross Country FALL	Cross Country FALL
Football FALL	Flag Football FALL
Golf SPRING	Golf SPRING
Soccer winter	Soccer winter
Tennis SPRING	Softball SPRING
Swim & Dive FALL	Tennis SPRING
Track & Field SPRING	Spiritline FALL WINTER
Volleyball winter	Swim & Dive FALL
	Track & Field spring
	Volleyball FALL

AN INVESTMENT

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We like everything about the school
— the teachers, administrators, staff. We feel our daughter is getting a valuable education with reinforcement of our family values.

Matt F, GCS Parent



In your own experience, you likely understand the significant role school plays in shaping your child. From elementary school, where they are building the academic foundation to become lifelong learners, to middle school, where they are starting to claim their faith as their own, to high school graduation and deciding what comes next — you want to offer them an excellent learning experience and environment.

As you will learn during our admissions process, families find great value in the Gilbert Christian Schools experience and the distinctive ways we provide opportunities for our students. We are committed to making a high quality Christian education accessible to families and understand that each family has unique financial circumstances.





70% of GCS families use ESA funds

30% of GCS families use tax credits







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