

# PARTNERING

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

A PARENT INFO PACKET FOR GILBERT CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS





**WHAT ARE YOUR**  
*biggest priorities*  
**AS YOU CONSIDER**  
**SCHOOLS FOR**  
**YOUR CHILD?**

Welcome to Gilbert Christian Schools! GCS exists to “partner with parents to prepare the next generation to impact the world for Christ.” We understand that God has blessed you with your children, and it is our desire to assist you in raising your children to know and follow God while providing an excellent education from a Christian worldview. It is our belief that parents do not need to compromise when pursuing a Christian education.

At GCS, we provide an exceptional academic experience that leads to success in higher education and opportunities for students to develop their God-given gifts in the arts and athletics, all done in a loving Christian environment that seeks to honor Christ each and every day in all that we do.

As you explore Gilbert Christian Schools, I believe you will find it to be a place filled with mature believers who desire to honor God by using their gifts and talents to support Christian families. We pray that God provides you with clarity as you seek the best education solution for your child.

For His glory,



Jim Desmarchais  
Superintendent

# OUR

# COMMITMENT TO



# families

## 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.

## OUR CORE VALUES

**K**now that you were made in the image of God.

**N**urture healthy, God-honoring relationships.

**I**nspire each other to be thinkers and learners.

**G**row in wisdom.

**H**elp one another reach their academic potential.

**T**hrive by using your God-given gifts and talents.

**S**how the love of God to one another, every day.

Continue reading to learn more about our educational philosophy and approach to each age and stage.  
When you are ready, schedule a meeting or campus tour with our admissions team.

# GIVING STUDENTS A

# BIBLICAL

# worldview

## KINDERGARTEN

Familiar Bible truths that emphasize God's loving care

## 1ST GRADE

Familiar Bible truths that emphasize God's relationship to people

## 2ND GRADE

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

## 3RD GRADE

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

## 4TH GRADE

Studies in the basic doctrines of the Church

## 5TH GRADE

Studies in the Old Testament that emphasize choices and their consequences

## 6TH GRADE

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

## 7TH/8TH GRADE

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

## 9TH GRADE

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

## 10TH GRADE

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

## 11TH GRADE

Teaches students how to formulate and defend the Christian position

## 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*



Visit our website to see our full [STATEMENT OF FAITH](#)

# GCS QUICK STATS

## COMMUNITY



Total Enrollment:  
**2400+**



Racial / Ethnic  
Diversity: **40%**



Students live in:  
**11 cities**  
**41 zip codes**



Alumni:  
**1,111**



Faith: Families  
attend more than **118**  
different churches

## CLASS OF 2026



## CAMPUSES



**94%** Reenrollment  
Rate



**22:1** Student/  
Teacher Ratio



Over **38** 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 hands-on materials, activities, and play to reach age-appropriate 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



*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.*

*"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**

## 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.

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 School has been an incredible choice for our family!*

*Pejman E., GCS Parent*



## ACADEMICS

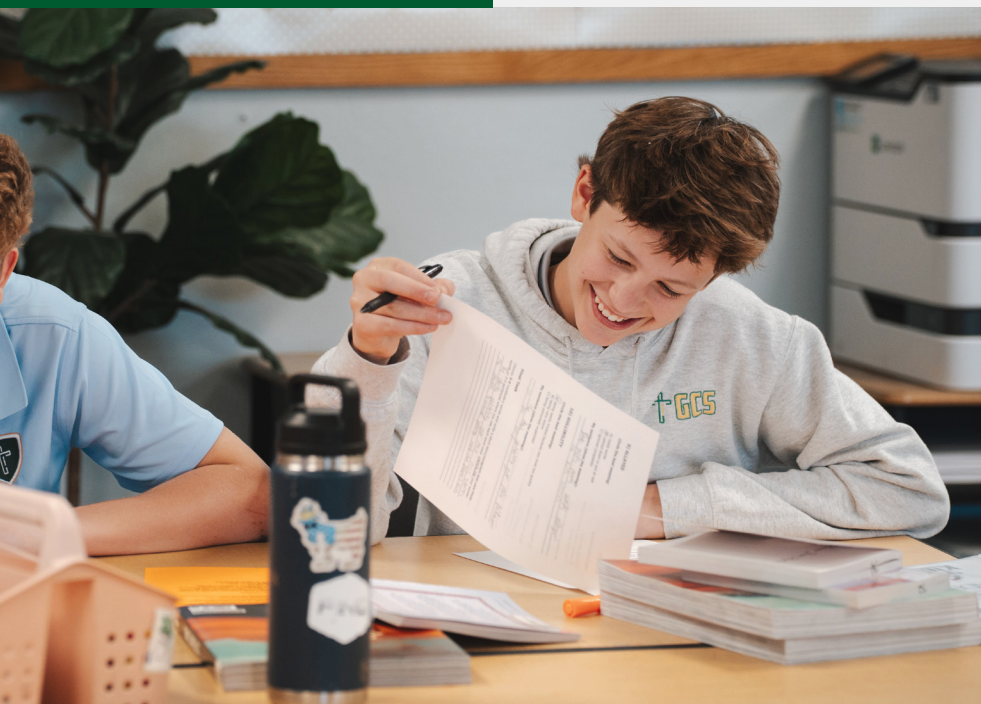
- Bible
- English
- Math
- Performing Arts
- Physical Education
- Social Studies
- Science
- Spanish
- Technology
- Visual Arts

## 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 also 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.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

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 will be the facilitator of these groups where students will 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 that is organized on a modified school year schedule. Seven credits per year is the expected course load for each student. Dual enrollment courses are offered in a wide range of subjects.



*My biggest takeaway from this experience was definitely learning that my emotions will never get me to the right place in life, but only through God and having faith in him will I be on the right path."*

**Luke Myers, GCS Alumni (Class of 2025)**

# 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*



**49**  
REGIONAL  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

**35**  
STATE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS SPORTS

Baseball WINTER

Basketball SPRING

Cross Country WINTER

Flag Football FALL

Football FALL

Golf SPRING

Soccer (Co-ed) FALL

Volleyball WINTER

## MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS SPORTS

Basketball SPRING

Cheer

Cross Country WINTER

Flag Football WINTER

Golf SPRING

Dance

Soccer (Co-ed) FALL

Softball WINTER

Volleyball FALL

## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SPORTS

Baseball SPRING

Basketball WINTER

Cross Country FALL

Football FALL

Golf SPRING

Soccer WINTER

Tennis SPRING

Swim & Dive FALL

Track & Field SPRING

Volleyball WINTER

## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SPORTS

Basketball WINTER

Beach Volleyball SPRING

Cross Country FALL

Flag Football FALL

Golf SPRING

Soccer WINTER

Softball SPRING

Tennis SPRING

Spiritline FALL WINTER

Swim & Dive FALL

Track & Field SPRING

Volleyball FALL

# AN INVESTMENT

# IN THEIR *future*



“ 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.



Learn more about [Tuition and Financial Aid](#).



**70%** of GCS families use ESA funds

**30%** of GCS families use tax credits

# NEXT STEPS

## checklist

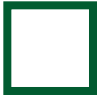


Express interest in becoming a **GCS Future Family!**



Schedule a campus tour!

[tour.gcsaz.org](http://tour.gcsaz.org)



Begin the online application process!

[gcsaz.org/apply](http://gcsaz.org/apply)



Set up an appointment with our Tuition Account Manager to discuss scholarship opportunities and other payment options!



[calendly.com/tara-turner](https://calendly.com/tara-turner)

### ON YOUR TOUR YOU WILL SEE:

- Outdoor courtyards with seating for fellowship and learning.
- Well-equipped classrooms for core subjects and specials like music and art.
- Playgrounds, gymnasium, sport courts, and fields for a well-rounded school experience.
- An in-person glimpse of what the love of God looks like through Gilbert Christian teachers and between peers.



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