

## **FAQs about Calvary Baptist Academy**

### **Is your Kindergarten full day or half day?**

Our five-year-old kindergarten (K5) is a full-day program, five days a week. Our four-year-old kindergarten (Pre-K) is a three-day (MWF) or five-day program from 8:15 a.m. through 11:50 a.m. Tuition is charged for the morning program, while an hourly rate is charged for the aftercare in the afternoon.

### **Is busing provided for your students?**

Indiana, Marion Center, Penns Manor, and Purchase Line school districts provide busing to students living in their school district. Students in Pennsylvania are provided busing to any school within a ten-mile radius of the school district in which they live.

### **Do you provide textbooks, or do the parents buy them?**

Parents pay for the books the students use during the school year. The school orders books for grades Pre-K through eighth grade, and the parents pay the school for them. Most of the elementary books are not reused from year to year. Any books that are reusable may be sold to another student for use in a future year. Students in ninth grade through twelfth grade order their books on [classbooks.com](http://classbooks.com). They may order bound textbooks or e-books which are used on an iPad or other tablet device. Please consult [classbooks.com](http://classbooks.com) to see which tablets are compatible with e-books.

### **Do you have classes for special education students?**

While CBA believes that every child should be afforded a Christian education, the Academy does not currently have a special education instructor. If the child has mild learning difficulties, the school and its teachers can help with extra instruction and the child may be able to attend by being placed on an alternate grade scale.

### **Do the students or families have to attend Calvary Baptist Church to attend the Academy?**

No. If you do not have a church home, we would encourage you to attend Calvary Baptist Church. We have many ministries that meet the need of each family member, from the nursery to children's programs to Senior Saints ministries. We find that when the home, the church, and the school are in harmony with each other, the child benefits by hearing the same philosophy and emphasis in all three institutions.

### **Are scholarships available for students attending CBA?**

Yes. Almost every year, students enrolling in CBA have the opportunity to apply for EITC scholarships. We have several organizations that work with us to help provide a choice in education. We give scholarship opportunities to those who are enrolled. Also, CBA is involved in a national program called Scrip. If a family is involved in this program, they can reduce their child's tuition each semester just by ordering gift cards to pay for their groceries, gas, and other items they regularly would purchase. This can add up to a sizable discount. Further information explaining the program is available from the school office.

**Are your teachers certified?**

Yes. Our teachers are certified through the Keystone Christian Education Association (KCEA). KCEA reviews each teacher's credentials (degrees and experience) and has given each a certificate of certification. Also, KCEA and the Academy require the teachers to continue training and accumulate CEUs each year.

**Do your teachers and staff have all of their clearances?**

Yes. All of our teachers and staff have their FBI clearance, PA State Police clearance, and the Child Abuse clearance required of those who come in contact with children on a regular basis.

**What kind of instruction do you offer students?**

Each class is offered as a traditional classroom. The teachers instruct and drill the students daily to prepare them in material for each subject. CBA also has the availability to offer individualized instruction through computers and distance online courses for some upper level classes. If juniors and seniors meet certain qualifications, they also may take college level courses for dual enrollment. CBA has a rigorous academic program to prepare students for college.

**Is technology taught or used in your classes?**

The Academy has worked diligently to keep up with technology in the classroom – from teachers learning to use PowerPoint to students using computers and iPads. CBA has most rooms equipped with multimedia projectors, flat screen televisions, or Mimio interactive projectors. CBA has a computer lab accessible to its students for classes and research.

**Does CBA have extra-curricular activities?**

Yes. The Academy traditionally has interscholastic sports (boys – soccer and basketball; girls – volleyball and basketball), choirs, yearbook, and Bible quizzing. Depending on the numbers needed and interests, the ability to offer some of the athletic programs has been affected.

**Do your students take standardized tests?**

Yes. Students in grades K5 through tenth grade take the Stanford Achievement Test in the spring. Students in the fall of their junior year take the PSAT to prepare them for their college board tests. Before graduation each senior is required to take either the SAT or ACT test.

**Does your school follow the Common Core curriculum?**

No. The Academy has a rigorous academic program that follows traditional curriculum and biblical values. After reading and observing the purpose of the Common Core, we believe it does not promote excellence in education.

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