



## Grace Brethren Christian School

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**The Mission of Grace Brethren Christian School is to provide an environment of academic excellence conducive to developing educated citizens with a Biblical Worldview who are prepared to represent the Lord Jesus Christ in all walks of life.**

Grace Brethren Christian School was founded in 1965. Today, GBCS is a Christ-centered, college preparatory school for students in K3-12th grade. GBCS offers many benefits. The following advantages are available to students:

- Advanced Placement and Honors Courses
- Foreign Language
- Athletics
- Music and the Dramatic Arts
- National and International Mission Trips
- Diversity in the Student Body
- Dedicated Christian Faculty with Bachelor's Degrees, Teacher Certification and 30% with Master's Degrees

**Grace Brethren Christian School is accredited or approved by the following organizations:**

- Maryland State Department of Education
- Association of Christian Schools International
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
- Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation
- National Institute for Learning Differences
- SEVIS Approved

## The School

- Founded in 1965 with three staff members and 11 students
- Current enrollment is over 670 students, with over 100 faculty and staff members
- College preparatory curriculum preparing students for college entrance and careers in the service of Jesus Christ
- Acceptance is based upon entrance/placement testing, previous teacher evaluations, and a family interview
- Tuition is: Elementary (K3-5) \$7,295  
Middle (6-8) \$7,495  
High (9-12) \$7,795
- Before/After School Care is available as well as Athletic and Regular Study Hall for grades 9-12

## Philosophy/Vision

- GBCS believes in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writings, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
- The school is in partnership with the church and the Christian home in developing the lives of students.
- The school will strive to produce, as the Holy Spirit enables, students who choose a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, desire Godly character, think and act Biblically and achieve levels of excellence in curricular and extra curricular programs.
- The school will keep the cost of Christian education as reasonable as possible so that it will be an option for all Christian families.
- The school community will be characterized by denominational, racial, and socioeconomic diversity.

## Student Body

- GBCS is a diverse community with different racial, religious and economic backgrounds.
- Approximately 80% of the students are African American, 15% are Caucasian and approximately 5% other.
- Students sign a Code of Conduct regarding character and behavior.
- A minimum of 75 hours of community service are required for graduation.

## Academic Program

- Graduation requirements for a General Diploma include 4 credits in Bible, 4 in English, 3 in Math, 2 in Science, 4 in Social Studies, 1 in Technology, 1 in Fine Arts, 1 in Composition/Speech, 1 in PE/Health, and 5 Elective credits.
- Graduation requirements for an Academic Diploma include 4 years of English, 4 years of Bible, 3 years of Math, 2 years of Foreign Language, 3 years of Science, 4 years of Social Studies, 1 year of Technology, 1 year of Fine Arts, Composition/Speech, 1 year of PE/Health, and 3 elective credits.
- An Honors Diploma is awarded for an 85 average and completion of the academic diploma core requirements plus two additional credits in an approved area of concentration for a total of 6 credits in that core discipline.
- GBSCS conducts college preparatory instruction with a numerical grading scale of 70% as the minimum passing grade. Student rankings are based on numerical average.
- GBSCS provides Honors and Advanced Placement classes to qualified students in Computer Science, Calculus, US History, English and Science. Weighted numerical grades are factored by multiplying 1.025 for honors and 1.05 for AP courses.
- GBSCS seeks to create in students, Christian minds which develop convictions and perspectives that influence life and culture for Jesus Christ.

## Student Activities

- Choir, Band, National Honor Society, Theatrical Productions, Yearbook, Student Government Assn., Mission Trips, Ministry to those in need through Food Drives, Coat Drives and “Operation Christmas Child”, and numerous competitions in Fine Arts and Academics
- Elementary Integrated Sports Program

## Faculty

- Each Faculty member is hired on his/her testimony of salvation in Christ, love for children, academic preparation including a minimum of a Bachelor’s degree for core subjects in grades K5-12, personal references, professional certification and his/her commitment to the goals, purposes, philosophy, standards and mission of GBSCS.
- Faculty and staff are supporting and participating members of Bible-believing churches in their communities.

## Arts

- Performing Arts: Concert Band, Work of Grace (High School Choir), Great Books, Introduction to Art, and various club opportunities.

## Student to Teacher Ratio/Class Size

Grade	Class Size
K3	12
K4	14
K5	18
1st-3rd	21-23
4th-12th	25

## SAT Scores (Average)

Class	Written	Verbal	Math	Total
2004		575	560	1135
2005		535	511	1046
2006	523	561	520	1081
2007	506	516	500	1522
2008	502	530	513	1545
2009	556	554	530	1640

**CEEB School code: #211011**

Historically, 90% of our graduates pursue post-secondary education. The following list represents some of the colleges and universities that GBCS graduates have attended:

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| Babson College                            | Art Institute of DC              |
| Berklee College of Music                  | Bennett College for Women        |
| Bowie State University                    | Bradley University               |
| Campbell University                       | Cedarville University            |
| College of Notre Dame of MD               | Columbia Int'l University        |
| Spelman College                           | Howard University                |
| Delaware St. University                   | Drexel University                |
| Florida Inst. Of Technology               | Georgetown University            |
| Florida A&M                               | George Washington University     |
| George Mason University                   | Goucher College                  |
| Grace College & Seminary                  | Grove City College               |
| Hampton University                        | Hardin-Simmons University        |
| Hood College                              | King College                     |
| Johnson C. Smith                          | John Hopkins University          |
| Lancaster Bible College                   | Liberty University               |
| Malone College                            | Mary Baldwin College             |
| Maryland College of Art & Design          | Marymount University             |
| MIT                                       | Messiah College                  |
| Morgan St. University                     | Mt. St. Mary's College           |
| North Carolina A&T                        | Ohio St. University              |
| Oklahoma Christian                        | Oral Roberts University          |
| Penn St. University                       | Philadelphia Biblical University |
| Saint Mary's College                      | Roberts Wesleyan                 |
| Salisbury St. University                  | Towson University                |
| University of AZ,FL,HI,MD,SC,TX,WV,NC, NY | VA Tech                          |

## Athletics

- Jr. Varsity/Varsity Girls:  
Soccer, Basketball, Softball, Cheerleading, Volleyball, Track & Field, Cross Country, Tennis,
- Jr. Varsity/Varsity Boys:  
Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Track & Field, Cross Country
- Elementary Sports Clinics & Leagues and Cheerleading camps

## Special Offerings:

- PLAN and PSAT administered annually
- WEB Program for new students (a buddy program)
- Spiritual Emphasis Days/Weekly Chapels
- Mentoring Program, Peer Tutoring Program
- Academic Competitions/National & Junior Honor Society
- Online Student Achievement Tracking System ([www.Edline.com](http://www.Edline.com))
- Music Programs and Drama Productions
- Field Trips

## Administration:

- School Director**  
George Hornickel
- Director of Education**  
Janet Harris
- Director of Student Service, Assistant Director of Education and Discipline**  
Jada Harris
- Director of Athletics**  
Steve Schools
- Director of Discovery**  
Charlene Bigham
- Director of Student Activities**  
Holly Hornickel
- Director of Student Ministries**  
Matt Geier

