# Welcome

# Christian Academy of Indiana Junior Academy

**Admissions Overview** 





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# **Admissions Policy**

Subject to the faith-based standards and beliefs stated in the Christian Academy policies and procedures, Christian Academy School System admits students of any race, gender, color, nationality or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, color, nationality or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, tuition grant program, athletic and other school-administered programs.

Christian Academy was established on the biblical principle that God gives parents the primary responsibility for educating their children. The school enters into a partnership with parents and Christian educators to teach academics in the context of a Christian worldview. Christian Academy's policy is to offer enrollment to students of Christian parents who desire a Bible-based education with academic excellence for their children. The Christian Academy staff partners with families who also teach their children what it means to live a Christian life regarding personal and family relationships. (See Section G.1.3 and G.1.4)

Notwithstanding anything else in this handbook, Christian Academy reserves the right to select students and families on the basis of academic performance, Christian commitment, lifestyle choices and personal qualifications including a willingness to cooperate with our administration and policies. Therefore, Christian Academy reserves the right, within its sole discretion, to refuse admission of an applicant or to discontinue the enrollment of a student on the basis of, but not necessarily limited to, the inability to support the moral principles of the school and/or the inability to live a life consistent with the Christian Academy statement of faith, mission, values, philosophies and goals, and any related policies and procedures. (See Section G.1.3 and G.1.4)



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#### Dear Prospective Parent:

Thank you for your interest in the Christian Academy School System. We understand your responsibility in selecting the school that is best for your child and your family. As you make this important decision, we want to provide you with as much valuable information as possible about our school system.

The mission of Christian Academy is to develop students with a heart for God who grow as Jesus did in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and men. The distinctiveness of Christian Academy is found in what we teach and how we teach it. Central to both of these concepts is curriculum and instruction based on Biblical principles.

Enclosed, you will find various items of information about Christian Academy that will answer many of your questions. We welcome and encourage you to visit our campuses so you can meet our faculty and staff who are dedicated to providing students with a challenging academic experience in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment each day. Daily and weekly tour opportunities are available at each of our three campuses. In addition to tours, we extend an invitation to prospective students entering sixth grade through twelfth grade to schedule a time to shadow a current student in the respective school being considered. This is an opportunity for your student to experience part of a day at Christian Academy.

Please contact the Admissions Department to schedule a tour, for Kentucky call 502-244-3225 and for Indiana call 812-944-6200. You may also contact us at <a href="mailto:admissions@caschools.us">admissions@caschools.us</a>. We invite you to visit our website, <a href="mailto:www.caschools.us">www.caschools.us</a>, with frequency for current Christian Academy information. For your convenience and timely processing, we encourage you to submit admission applications online.

We look forward to serving your family!

All for Him,

Lorrie Baechtel

Lorrie Baechtel Director of Admissions Christian Academy School System



# Christian Academy Mission

The mission of the Christian Academy School System is to develop students with a heart for God who grow as Jesus did in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and men.

### Program Certification

The Christian Academy of Indiana Junior Academy is accredited by The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and by the State of Indiana.

All lead teachers have degrees and/or years of experience teaching preschoolers. They are First Aid and CPR certified.

## Curriculum

We are currently using the following curriculum:

- Scripture Bites
- Handwriting Without Tears
- Learning Without Tears Math
- Heggerty Phonemic Awareness
- Little Spot of Emotions Social Emotional Curriculum

# Junior Academy Program Philosophy of Teaching and Learning

Junior Academy joins with the Christian family to provide for each child's individual needs entrusted to our care. We strive to focus on each child's individual needs in the light of God's Word. We desire for each child to learn about Jesus and how HE wants us to live. Junior Academy is a biblically immersed preschool program defined by developmentally appropriate academic learning and purposeful play. Academic learning is supported by the biblically-integrated curriculum, resources, and centers to develop students socially, emotionally, and spiritually. The curriculum is based on the understanding that young children's play is their "work." Junior Academy trains children to develop through a balance of child-initiated and teacher-directed activities to help prepare the children for future academic growth and development.



Our Junior Academy is open to children the ages of 3 - 4 (potty training is required for enrollment). Children must meet the age requirements on or prior to August 1.

#### Full Day Program

The full-day Junior Academy (Preschool) program is available for students, Monday-Friday, from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. A separate Junior Academy After-school Care program will be offered from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. at an additional cost for families who choose to register.

#### Part Day Program

The part-day Junior Academy (Preschool) program is available for students, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m

# Christian Academy of Indiana Gunior Academy

# The Christian Academy Story

In 1976, Christian Academy began with 120 students in two rented church facilities and has grown to serve over 3,000 students on our campuses in Louisville and Southern Indiana. Throughout this amazing growth, God has provided certain people with different gifts at different times, but always in His timing.



# Developing Studetns with a Heart for God

The mission of the Christian Academy School System is to develop students with a heart for God who grow as Jesus did in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and men. Our Deep Hope is that every student who walks through our doors will develop a heart for God and grow like Jesus did in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and men.



# Call 502-400-5420 for more information and to schedule a tour for your family!

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# Christian Academy

# SCHOOL SYSTEM

### HOW TO APPLY ONLINE

## WWW.CASCHOOLS.US/ADMISSIONS

- Click on Submit an Application on the right-hand side of the Admissions page.
- Once there, click on Create an Account.
- Follow the directions to create a login for your child's Renweb application. This login will <u>only</u> be used for the application process.

Please call an Admissions Coordinator for any assistance you may need with the application process.

### **English Station:**

Christina Johnson (Junior Academy - Grade 5) at 502-753-4575 Darlene Kutzner (Grades 6-12) at 502-753-4564

#### Indiana:

Wendy Smith (Junior Academy- Grade 12) at 502-400-5420

#### Southwest:

Emily Ahrens (Junior Academy - Grade 8) at 502-753-4522 Lorrie Baechtel (Junior Academy - Grade 8) at 502-753-4590

If you are an International Student, please contact the Admissions Office at 502-244-3225.

# Christian Academy of Indiana - Junior Academy 2023-2024 Schedule of Tuition and Fees

The mission of Christian Academy School System is to develop students with a heart for God who grow as Jesus did in wisdom, stature and favor with God and men.

#### **NEW STUDENTS:**

**Application Fee –** A fee of \$100 per Junior Academy student must accompany each application. The application fee is non-refundable.

#### **RETURNING STUDENTS:**

**Continuous Enrollment Fee –** A non-refundable fee of \$100 per Junior Academy student is due **February 10, 2023.** This fee will be paid in conjunction with the online continuous enrollment process through FACTS.

#### **2023-2024 TUITION RATES**

	1 <sup>st</sup> Child	2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	3 <sup>rd</sup> Child
Three / Four Year Olds (M-F, 7 AM – 4 PM)***	\$6,750	\$6,750	\$6,250
Three / Four Year Olds Part Day (M-F, 8 AM – 12 PM)	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$4,100

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>After-School Care program available. See rates on next page.

#### **TUITION/FEE POLICY**

Tuition and other fees are necessary in order for Christian Academy to fulfill its mission of developing students with a heart for God. In support of this, parents are expected to commit themselves to meet financial obligations promptly in accordance with Biblical stewardship and to comply with the following policy:

The Continuous Enrollment Fee is non-refundable unless for any reason Christian Academy does not readmit the student. If parents withdraw their student's enrollment for any reason, the Continuous Enrollment Fee is non-refundable.

The school has contracted with FACTS Tuition Management for the processing of all tuition payments. The following payment options are available through FACTS:

- Annual Payment due June 15, 2023.
- Monthly Payments (August through May). A \$50 annual processing fee per family is required for using this
  service and will be automatically drafted from your account by FACTS within 14 days of the agreement being
  posted to the FACTS system.

A one-month notice must be given for any withdrawals prior to the end of the school year because the hiring of teachers and staff and the ordering of classroom materials are based upon anticipated enrollment. Notice must be provided by completing the Withdrawal Form located in your Web Forms in FACTS Family Portal.

Tuition that becomes two months past due will subject the student to being withheld from attending school.

Because tuition is calculated on an annual basis, no adjustments will be made for absences, holidays or unscheduled closures.

#### **TUITION ASSISTANCE**

Tuition assistance awards are based on the family's demonstrated need as determined by a third-party agency that makes financial needs assessments for private and Christian schools. Each award is made for one year only, based on the availability of tuition assistance funds.

#### **ADDITIONAL FEES**

- Missed Payment Fee Missed payment fees are assessed by FACTS if payment is not received as scheduled.
- After-hour Fee An after-hour fee of \$2.00 per minute per student will be charged beginning at 12 PM (half-day program), 4 PM (full-day program), and 6 PM (After-School Care Program).
- Returned Check Fee A \$25 returned check fee will be charged on all returned checks.
- Miscellaneous Expenses During the course of the school year, other expenses may be incurred for
  various services or activities. Notice of at least two weeks will be given before such a fee is due, and
  participation in the activity is typically optional.

#### **AFTER-SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM**

- Families may opt to register to attend the After-School Care program from 4 PM to 6 PM.
- Registration opens in Spring 2023.
- Cost is \$1200/school year per student (\$600/semester), scheduled through FACTS.
- An after-hour fee of \$2.00 per minute per student will be charged beginning at 6 PM.
- Withdrawals from the After-School Care program must be made at the change in semester. Notice should be provided in writing to the Business Office at least one month in advance.

#### SUMMER SESSION (Full-day Program, 7 AM – 4 PM only)

- Families may opt to register to attend the Summer Session during June and July. Registration for this program will occur each spring.
- An activity fee will be assessed for each Summer Session.

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Christian Academy is committed to making Christian Education as affordable as possible. Over 80% of our K-12 CAI families receive tuition support through financial assistance and discount programs totaling over \$5.6 million in support\*.

\*Awards include 9 different tuition discount and assistance programs including Indiana Choice Scholarships.

# Frequently Asked Questions

#### How Do I Apply for Need-Based Assistance or the Indiana Choice Scholarship?

Go to online factsmut.com to create an account and submit a Tuition Assistance Application to Christian Academy of Indiana for your student.

#### What Sources of Assistance are Available?

Families can apply for the Indiana Choice Scholarship, SGO Scholarship, and our own tuition assistance.

#### What is the Indiana Choice Scholarship?

The Indiana Choice Scholarship, also known as the voucher program, allows for state funding to be used towards private tuition for qualifying students.

#### To Qualify for the Choice Scholarship, Students Must Be:

- A resident of Indiana
- In Grades K-12
- Within Income Guidelines (See eligibility chart on next page.)

#### What is an SGO Scholarship?

An SGO (Scholarship Granting Organization) Scholarship is provided by the generosity of donors for students in grades JA-12 to attend CAI. CAI awards the SGO scholarships to families based on qualifying need as determined by FACTS Grant and Aid.

#### How Do I Know If I Qualify?

Apply for the Choice Scholarship, tuition assistance, and SGO by submitting an application online through FACTS Grant and Aid at online factsmgt.com.

The 2024-2025 FACTS tuition assistance application for current families will be due March 8, 2024

### For Additional Information

#### Lisa Rehnberg

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Admissions Coordinator- *Junior Academy*Christian Academy of Indiana
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Choice Scholarship Coordinator Christian Academy of Indiana 502.400.5459 • epayne@caschools.us

#### **Wendy Smith**

Admissions Coordinator- *Kindergarten- 12th Grade* Christian Academy of Indiana 502.400.5420 • wsmith@caschools.us

# **Tuition Assistance**

## Qualification for Indiana Choice Scholarships 2024-2025 Available for K- 12 Students

Choice Income Guidelines						
Household Size	400% of Free/Reduced Lunch Eligibility Annual Household Income Limit					
1	\$107,892					
2	\$145,928					
3	\$183,964					
4	\$222,000					
5	\$260,036					
6	\$298,072					
7	\$336,108					
8	\$374,144					
9	\$412,180					
10	\$450,216					

Apply for the Choice Scholarship, tuition assistance, and SGO by submitting an application online through FACTS Grant and Aid at:

online.tactsmgt.com



# CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SCHOOL SYSTEM CAI Junior Academy After-School Care Program 2023-2024 POLICY

Advance registration through FACTS Family Portal is required to participate in the Junior Academy After-School Care Program (ASC). After-School Care fees will be collected through your FACTS agreement through automatic withdrawal along with scheduled tuition payments.

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

- JA ASC begins at 4:00 PM and ends at 6:00 PM. A late pick-up fee of \$2.00/minute/student is assessed and will be invoiced and paid through FACTS Tuition Management.
- As always, Junior Academy staff members will serve your children during the After-School Care hours.
   All staff members will continue to meet state requirements as well as Christian Academy School System standards to work with your children.

#### PROGRAM RATES:

\$1200 annually (\$600/semester) through FACTS Tuition Management. Payments will be automatically withdrawn on the same date and same account as your scheduled tuition payments.

#### **PROGRAM POLICIES:**

- Registration of new students and withdrawals of participation may only change at the beginning of the second semester with a one-month written notice to the Business Office. Opting in and out during the course of a semester is not permitted.
- No care will be provided for holidays, early dismissals, or unscheduled closures. Rates are calculated
  on a semester basis; therefore, no adjustments will be made for missed days, holidays, early
  dismissals, or unscheduled closures.
- After-School Care enrollment may be suspended for any student whose account becomes two months past due.

#### **Contact Information:**

Program Questions—Contact Jolinda Jones, <u>jiones@caschools.us</u> or 502-400-5402. Financial Questions—Contact the Business Office, 502-244-3225.



### CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF INDIANA 2023-2024 CALENDAR | JA-12

4 Independence Day, Closed

#### **TBD Student Information Due in FACTS**

- 19 Resume regular office hours: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm
- 24 First Day New Teachers & All JA **Employees**
- 27 First Day Returning Teachers

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- 1 New Year's Day, Closed
- 2 Christmas Break
- 3 Teacher PD/In-Service, No School for Students

#### 4 Begin 2nd Semester

15 M.L. King, Jr. Day, Closed

#### 2 First Day for Students

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5 Remote Learning Day, K-12 Students work from home; JA in Session 15-16 Teacher PD/In-Service, No **School for Students** 19 Presidents Day; Closed

- 4 Labor Day, Closed
- 5 Remote Learning Day, K-12 Students work from home; JA Students in Session
- 20 EL & JA Conference Day, No School for EL & JA Students; HS/MS Students in Session
- 29 End of 1st Quarter

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8 End 3rd Quarter TBD MS Conference Day; JA, EL, HS Students in Session 25-29 Spring Break 29 Good Friday, Closed

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- 3 Recess Day, No school unless needed for make-up day
- 23 Last Day for Students
- 24 Last Day for Teachers
- 25 Commencement Service
- 27 Memorial Day, Closed

19 End of 1st Semester
20-29 Christmas Break
26 Christmas Eve Observed, Closed
25 Christmas Day, Closed

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1st Qtr: 42 Days (Aug 2 - Sep 29) 2nd Qtr: 47 Days (Oct 9 - Dec 19) 3rd Qtr: 43 Days (Jan 4 - Mar 8) 4th Qtr: 49 Days (Mar 11 - May 23)

Total 180 Days for HS

Total 179 Days for Elem & MS

Make-Up Days: Remote Learning and/or May 3, 24, 28, 29, 30

**PD/In-Service:** July 27, 28, 31; Aug 1; Nov 6,7; Jan 3; Feb 15, 16; May 24

Paid Holidays: July 4; Sept 4; Nov 23, 24; Dec 25, 26; Jan 1, 15; Mar 29; May 27 Grading Period Remote Learning Day Conference Day

Holiday, School Closed School Not In Session Teacher PD/In-Service, No School for Students