



# Texas Christian School Texas Christian Junior High Texas Christian High School

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**TEXAS....**We are built on a heritage as old as the west; pioneers who were strong and bold, with a vision as big as the Texas sky. Committed, determined and blazing a trail for those who would follow; confident, excelling and setting the pace for those who would contend; challenging, solidifying and paving the way to the future for those who would lead. A bright light shining in the distance, with a spirit of adventure, a standard of excellence and a vision of greatness: we are **Texas**. . . .

**CHRISTIAN....**Our middle name . . . the center of focus in all we do; the foundation on which everything else is established, and the very essence and nature of our ministry. Where the Lord Jesus Christ is pre-eminent, traditional values are emphasized and godly character is molded . . . pointing in His direction . . . following in His path . . . doing things His way . . . it is because of Him that we are. And, above all else, we are **Christian**. . . .

**SCHOOL....**We are an independent, nondenominational, Christian educational institution. Trained, experienced, loving, Christian professionals with a zeal for teaching . . . a body of believers working together to train our children and prepare them for the future; in this life and beyond . . . a source of higher learning, we are a **school**.

## Statement of Faith

1. **We believe** the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God. (2 Tim. 3:15, 2 Peter 1:21)
2. **We believe** there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30)
3. **We believe** in the deity of Christ (John 10:33); His virgin birth (Is. 7:14, Mt.1:23, Luke 1:35); His sinless life (Heb. 4:15, 7:26); His miracles (John 2:11); His vicarious and atoning death (1 Cor. 15:3, Eph. 1:7; Heb. 2:9); His resurrection (John 11:25, 1 Cor 15:4); His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19); His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Rev. 19:11).
4. **We believe** in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature; and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith alone we are saved (John 3:16-19, Romans 3:23, 5:8-9, Eph. 2:8-10, Titus 3:5).
5. **We believe** in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of eternal separation from God (John 5:28-29).
6. **We believe** in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:9, 1 Cor. 12:12-13, Gal. 3:26-28).
7. **We believe** in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Rom. 8:13-14, 1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19-20, Eph. 4:30, 5:18).

## Mission Statement

The purpose of Texas Christian School is two fold. First, as a ministry of the Lord, we provide the opportunity for a quality Christian education and strive for excellence in spiritual, academic, social and physical development. Secondly, because every student is designed by God for a specific purpose in this life; we seek to assist parents in molding character and training Godly leaders, who will make an impact on the people they touch for Jesus Christ.

## Affiliations

Texas Christian School is an independent, nondenominational Christian school, which seeks to serve the entire Christian community in the Northwest Houston and Katy areas. The student body represents more than ten denominations, many independent churches, and over ninety individual churches.

TCS is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International, the Association of Christian Schools of Texas, the Texas Association of Baptist Schools, and is fully accredited through the Accreditation Commission of Texas Association of Baptist Schools; fully approved by the State of Texas.

## Admission Policies

Texas Christian School admit students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The organization does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its education policies, admission policies, athletic or other school programs.

While it is the desire of the school to help whenever possible, TCS is not equipped to meet the educational needs of all children. It cannot, in any way, attempt to function as a correctional institution for problems arising beyond those usually encountered among school age children. Students with a history of disruptive or hostile behavior will not be admitted, and no student who is currently suspended, expelled, or on probation (academic or conduct), will be considered. Neither are we equipped to meet the academic needs of emotionally disturbed or mentally handicapped students. We reserve the right to request parents (or guardians) to withdraw any student who does not adjust to the TCS environment.

## Tuition

Tuition is relatively low in comparison to other Christian private schools and is kept at a reasonable rate in order to afford more students the opportunity of a Christian education. The tuition schedule is designed to accommodate families of more than one student. Tuition may be paid in full by August 1<sup>st</sup>, or in 10 equal monthly payments due the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month.

## Texas Christian School's Philosophy of Christian Education

God founded three institutions - the home, the church and the government. The home was to be the example of the love that exists between Christ and His Church, and the Church (a body of believers, not a building) was to be the example of different parts of a body functioning together as one unit. The government was God's way of establishing order, protection and justice in a community or nation. The home and the church were established to support and encourage one another and should never be in competition with each other.

The home is the center of God's master plan for educating children. The Bible clearly points out that the responsibility of education rests upon the father. Deuteronomy 6:5-9 says that the father, being the head of the home, is to both formally (teach) and informally (talk) instruct his children throughout the day (sitting, walking, lying down, and rising up). In the days of old, this was probably easier because a child would usually learn the trade of the father, and they would spend much time together. In today's culture, however, it is difficult to find enough time to eat together, let alone sufficient time to teach children what they need to know to live contented and satisfying lives and most importantly to lead them to Christ and an abundant life. Nevertheless, that Biblical principle still remains and "Dad" is still responsible for the education of his children.

In the early years of Christianity, the Church wisely started the Christian school for the purpose of educating children in academic as well as spiritual truths. This action certainly helped the family because the school could specialize in areas that the father may not have known about. But, unfortunately, two sad things gradually happened. First, many parents began abdicating their responsibility for training their children by assuming the school would do it; and second, very subtly, public schools took over, at times, with atheistic humanists at the helm and they secularized education. Consequently, the teaching of Christianity, morality, and character building were no longer a part of education, and most schools degenerated academically as well. It remains true that our lifestyles demand a good education, our culture demands a school, and our heavenly Father commands us to instruct our children daily in His ways and to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

The Christian school is termed the Church-in-Action during the week. The Christian school is never meant to take the parents' place in educating children. But as a body of believers, the staff and teachers want to work together with parents in this very serious business of rearing children to love God, and to equip them to serve Him and their fellowman.

Christian education is structured around God, and His Word. Education without God is limited in that it sees only what is here and now. An education that is Christian reveals that true reality originates with God, not man, and is spiritual and eternal, not material and temporal.

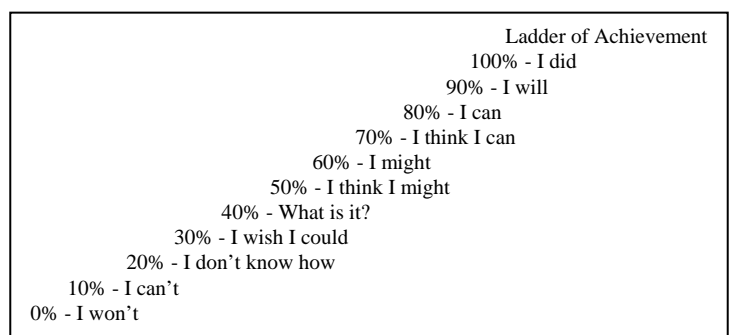
The truth here is that everything is revelatory of and has a relationship to God. Man, therefore, has a responsibility to God, about whom all else revolves. The Bible says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, Proverbs 1:7, and wisdom, Psalms 111:10.

Truth cannot be divided into secular and sacred but "all truth is God's truth". There are no secular studies, for every academic discipline originated, and was brought into existence by an all-knowing and all-wise God. Therefore, truth must be taught from God's perspective as recorded in His word.

Christian education is "impression" of truths carried out in "expression" of activities. Students must be challenged to explore, analyze, question, and discover in order to develop minds well prepared for the essential skills of problem solving and decision-making. They must be taught to integrate the pursuit of knowledge with spiritual values in order to produce a well-rounded individual who will not be corrupted by the philosophies of men, but learn to think creatively and independently, and to logically assimilate and apply information.

A Christian education is a life-long process. Every child is born with a desire to "know" and seek out answers to who, what, where, when, why and how. This natural curiosity will either be stifled or stimulated in the years that follow. Students must be encouraged to use their minds and powers of reasoning. They must learn to explore, test, and discover through the **Language Arts** what is true and good in the thoughts of writers and philosophers throughout the ages and be able to communicate ideas effectively... to examine **History** as the unfolding of God's plan and providence in the affairs of mankind and how the principles set forth by God are the most successful basis for civilization . . . to experience through **Science** and **Mathematics** that God has created and ordained an orderly and precise universe which can be examined, understood, systematized, and subdued.. to learn through the **Fine and Performing Arts** how to release and channel individual creativity to bring beauty and blessing into the lives of those with whom they come in contact... to understand through **Physical Education** and **Athletics** that they are "fearfully and wonderfully made" and to experience "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat", and ultimately through team-competition, unity, sense of purpose and confidence, but in all learn to discipline and dedicate their bodies to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A Christian education can only be accomplished in an atmosphere that encourages the development of a firm and adequate values system. Students are both consciously and subconsciously seeking a workable foundation on which to build their lives. Therefore, students must be guided into developing that foundation on the firm and unshakable principles found in the Word of God. The goal is that each student will see themselves as unique individuals created in the image of God, with a purpose in life, and will be challenged to take life's problems head-on with confidence in the security of God's Word.



## General Information

- Texas Christian School educate students from 3-year-old kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- We basically use the A Beka curriculum with supplemental materials in all grades; ACSI Spelling & Saxon Math, Bob Jones, Science, Language, and Literature is used in Jr/Sr High.
- K3 classes are limited to approximately 12 per class; hours are 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM. K4 classes are limited to approximately 14 per class, K5 classes are limited to approximately 16 per class; hours are 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM.
- 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades will be limited to approximately 18-22 per class, with a Teacher's Assistant made available as necessary.
- The students have Bible class every day with their teacher and Chapel once a week with the Administrator teaching character development to the students. We also have special Chapels periodically with special speakers and Christian singing groups.
- We offer a PE program, music, art, and computers with possible other programs being put into effect each year. We have various electives to choose from in our upper grades each semester such as Art, Music, Athletics, Cooking, Office/Teacher Assistant, Drama, Journalism, Yearbook and Wood Shop. Other choices will be added each year whenever possible.
- A catered lunch program is offered 5 days a week with the cooperation of local restaurants.
- Each class usually participates in 4 scheduled field trips throughout the year as well as 4 class parties. Jr/Sr High students normally attend an overnight field trip.
- TCS offers an after school care program (Prime Time) to our parents for an additional charge. The hours are from 11:30 AM - 6:30 PM.
- We have many extra curricular activities for Jr./Sr. High students such as tackle football, volleyball, basketball, track and field, baseball, softball, cheerleading, drill team, pep squad, attending local Christian concerts, and much more.
- There is a fee per sport which is generally \$65 for Jr. High students and \$75 for Sr. High students, and is payable before the first game and before a uniform is issued.
- An annual Yearbook of great memories is produced.
- We have a Parent Service Association, "PSA" whose purpose is to: 1. Promote the welfare of the students 2. Actively involve parents in the service and promotion of TCS 3. Bring into closer relation the home and school through parental involvement 4. Assist in the growth and development of Texas Christian School.
- All tuition payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and made payable to Texas Christian School. Tuition payments not received by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee which is to be included in your tuition check. There is a \$25.00 return check fee on all returned checks.
- Texas Christian School do not refund any fees; all books and materials remain the property of TCS. TCS is not responsible or liable for any personal property that is lost or damaged, broken or taken on the premises.

- Students participate in scholastic competitions through Association of Christian Schools International and Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools.
- Self-contained classrooms best describe the arrangement for all grades.
- Students will be non-ability grouped for homeroom.
- TCS is governed by the Executive Board of Texas Christian Educational Foundation, Inc. and also has a Parent Advisory Board from Texas Christian School.

## ***New Student Enrollment Procedure***

1. *Submit the following completed paperwork and forms to the TCS office:*
  - *Application with the application fee*
  - *Signed Policy Acceptance Document/Contract*
  - *Signed Statement of Faith*
  - *Signed Problem Solving Guidelines*
  - *Completed Pink Medical form (shot record)*
  - *Copy of Birth Certificate*
  - *Copy of latest Report Card (1<sup>st</sup> grade and above)*
  - *Copy of the results of latest standardized test (1<sup>st</sup> grade and above)*
  - *Completed Church Worker's Reference (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)*
  - *Completed Student Entry Form (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)*
  - *Request for records release form*
  - *Green Medical Insurance/Authorization Form*
  - *Two Blue Medical Release Forms*
  - *Copy of Social Security card*
- Note: Applications will not be processed until all of the above is submitted and the student will not be placed on the enrollment list until all paperwork is received.***
2. *After all the above has been submitted for consideration, you will be scheduled to attend a "New Parent Meeting". After a short meeting, the parents and student(s) will be interviewed by a Board Member or other qualified staff member.*
3. *A letter of determination of acceptance will be mailed after the interview process.*
4. *General admission standards:*
  - *The student must have successfully completed the prior academic grade to be considered for enrollment in the next grade level.*
  - *All new students enter TCS on a 6-week probation period. If the student does not make satisfactory academic progress or does not adjust to the TCS program, the parents will be asked to withdraw the student.*
  - *No provisions are made for children requiring special education.*
  - *In order to be considered for enrollment, an applicant for kindergarten must be 5 years old, and for 1<sup>st</sup> grade must be 6 years old prior to Sept. 1 of the current school year.*
  - *Consideration of applicants is in this order: continuing students, siblings of continuing students, new applicants.*
  - *New applicant registration begins February 15<sup>th</sup> of each year (or the 1st Monday of March).*

## History of Texas Christian School

The idea of Texas Christian School began in 1986 with a vision of greatness and a thought of developing a Christian school district in Houston. The idea was put into motion and by 1988 TCS incorporated under the Texas Christian Educational Foundation, Inc. The next step was to locate a growing area, which needed and would support a central Christian Jr./Sr. High School. After much research, many surveys, and a feasibility study, the Bear Creek, Copperfield area proved to be an ideal location for such a venture.

TCS was able to negotiate a lease with a church in the area to host the school and began the operation from that location. Curriculum was acquired, notices of public meetings were published through the neighborhood newspapers, flyers were distributed, and radio stations announced the opening of a new Christian school in the area. Interested families and potential staff members were invited to the public meetings to inquire about the program that TCS had to offer. Students were registered, a quality staff was assembled and history was made. TCS opened in the fall of 1990 with an incredible first time enrollment of 75 students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Texas Christian School was established as a college preparatory school with an advanced curriculum that would challenge eager minds, based on a character development program that would nurture the individual. TCS will train young people not only academically, but also in character traits which will prepare them as leaders in the work force with values that will enable them to be an asset to their employer, the community, state and nation.

Over the past thirteen years the Lord has blessed TCS to be able to:

1. Experience continued growth and expansion each year.
2. Meet ALL of its financial obligations and maintain sound financial stability.
3. Through good management, remain in the black while maintaining an affordable tuition, reasonable fees and more discount breaks than any Christian school in the area, or known nation wide.
4. Keep up with extensive growth through the wise and timely purchase of desks, lockers and other school equipment as needed
5. Have one of the best and progressive programs available in providing accelerated academic programs with results of our students being one to three years ahead of the comparable public school grade level.
6. Honor classes as well as dual high school and college credit courses through North Harris Montgomery Community College District.
7. Continue to maintain a top notch computer lab and offer a state of the art technology program not offered at any other school in our area, thus preparing our students with the technical knowledge to face the challenges in our ever changing technical world.
8. Formulate an athletic league with 7 other regional Christian schools for Junior High competition.
9. Establish an exciting athletic program with tackle football, volleyball, basketball, track and field, baseball and softball.
10. Be involved in yearly interscholastic competition in Speech, Science, Math, Spelling, Creative Writing, Yearbook Choral and Art.

11. Attain national recognition in written essays and cheerleader performance.

12. Acquire a quality office and teaching staff for three year olds through the 12th grade.

13. Secure 24 acres of property in the heart of Bear Creek and Copperfield in Northwest Houston.

14. Build a 30,000 square foot educational building containing eighteen classrooms, computer lab, science lab, Chapel, library and full size gymnasium.

15. Graduate our first senior class in the spring of 1997.

16. Build and equip a 13,000 square foot high school building, with future expansion planned.

17. Be a member of Association of Christian Schools International, Texas Association of Baptist Schools, the Association of Christian Schools of Texas.

18. Be fully accredited through the Accreditation Commission of Texas Association of Baptist Schools; fully approved by the state of Texas.

The families and friends of Texas Christian School have all worked together to make the beginning and future of TCS a reality. They have sacrificed many personal hours and donated thousands of dollars over and above tuition to make the Vision come true. The students of TCS are also phenomenal; they too have given from their allowance, baby-sitting money, etc., along with donating many of their free hours to serve and work at "their school". Put all this together with an experienced administrative team, an excellent staff who make a big impact on hundreds of students per year, and you have a winning combination that makes TCS what it is. . . grrrrrrreat!

*I have only just a minute, Just sixty seconds in it;  
Forced upon me – can't refuse it,  
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it;  
I must suffer if I lose it, Give account if I abuse it,  
Just a tiny little minute, But eternity is in it.*

### About the Founders

Herc Palmquist graduated from high school in 1968. He served in the military as a member of the Marine Corps and he received many meritorious promotions and medals. After his tour of duty he enrolled in Florida Bible College where he distinguished himself as a student and leader. Mr. Palmquist was a Dorm Head and was elected Student Body President in his senior year. He graduated in 1976 with a double major in Education and Theology and a minor in Pastoral Studies. He accumulated 158 hours over the four years and graduated Magna Cum Laude with an "A" average. It was at FBC that he met his bride to be, Elaine.

During her college years, Elaine worked at Sears, Roebuck & Co. in their Business Offices of credit, collections and audits units. After college, Elaine was employed by Westinghouse-7 Up as Personnel/Employee Benefits Manager. Herc and Elaine were married in 1978 and they moved to Houston in 1980 where Herc continued his work in Christian Education. He has been the Administrator of several schools in the area and received his Masters Degree in Administration from Grace College in 1986.

Through training, experience, determination and faith, Herc and Elaine have become the dynamic team leading an aggressive educational system that is setting the pace in education and as always, "Lighting the way to a brighter future" for all who enter the halls of Texas Christian School.

