



The Sword

“Let the high praises of God be in their mouth and a TWO-EDGED SWORD in their hand” PS 149:6

Grace Christian Academy – Home of the “Swordsmen”
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WHAT CAN GCA DO FOR YOUR STUDENT?

Grace Christian Academy opened its doors in 1995 as a ministry of Grace Baptist Church. The purpose of Grace Christian Academy is to train students in the knowledge of God and the Christian way of life while giving them a quality education in traditional subject matter. We believe that students need to be taught the accumulated wisdom of the past from God's point of view and trained in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6) so they will have a firm foundation from which to evaluate the present and make proper decisions for the future. **GCA offers classes for students who are four years old through grade twelve.**

A Beka Book - A Comprehensive Academic Curriculum

GCA uses the *A Beka Book* curriculum. This treasury of textbooks and teaching materials reflect the very best in scholarship, design, practicality and Scriptural fidelity. *A Beka* is recognized throughout the nation for its standard of excellence in the publishing of textbooks and other materials for Christian schools. *A Beka Book* materials have been developed and refined as the result of 50 years of actual classroom experience. The *A Beka Book* approach to Christian education keeps learning lively, interesting and memorable.

A Beka curriculum is built upon the firm foundation of Scriptural truth and is written by dedicated and talented Christian scholars who are well grounded in the practical aspects of classroom teaching.

Among the subjects taught in GCA are Bible, Language Arts, English, Science, Health, Mathematics, Social Studies, History, Government, Geography, Foreign Language, Music and Fine Arts.

America's Most Successful Reading Program

Beginning at age 4, GCA offers the highly acclaimed phonics-first *A Beka Book* Reading Program. This program leads to early independence in reading by developing early word-analysis and comprehension skills. By the end of first grade, all students can read with comprehension and write with understanding. The wide variety of quality reading selections stimulates the students' enjoyment of reading and appreciation of literature. **With an intensive phonics approach, students of almost any ability can learn to read successfully.**

Secondary Academics and Athletics

Grace Christian Academy offers a variety of academic courses and secondary activities for students in grades 9-12. High School students take general courses as required for graduation by the Department of Education of the State of California. Additional courses are offered that are particular to Christian education. GCA is a member of the CBAL (California Baptist Athletic League) and participates in a variety of High School team sports. Secondary students also have the opportunity to participate in the annual West Coast Baptist Fine Arts Competition. Areas of competition include Bible, Music, Speech, Academics, Chess, Arts, Crafts, Photography, Science Fair and Graphic Design. This competition is designed to increase the spiritual, intellectual and moral maturity of individual students, to strengthen their education, and to encourage them to further develop their personal talents and gifts.

Character Development

Character can be defined as, "The inward motivation to do what is right." Many problems in today's classrooms can be traced to a lack of character. These problems can hinder student achievement and safety. Building character leads to safer schools, orderly classrooms, responsible decision making, respect for others, cooperative attitudes, student achievement, and good citizenship. GCA stresses monthly character themes in which students are faithfully and lovingly trained to respect authority, obey willingly, work diligently, and do their best through discipline, exercise and practice.

Additional Yearly Activities Include . . .

Educational Field Trips, Exciting Sports Programs, Annual Fine Arts Competition, Science Fair, Hot Lunches, Extended School Day, Traditional School Year and a fun-filled Summer Day Camp.

Annual Achievement Testing

Grace Christian Academy has been using the Stanford Testing Series since 1999. The Stanford Testing Series is used in public schools nationally. Since that time we have discovered that the majority of students who attend GCA two or more years consistently achieve well above average scores in the National Percentile Bands.

The standard of excellence in achievement testing for 80 years, the Stanford Achievement Test Series offers a state-of-the-art tenth edition to measure student progress toward high academic standards. The Stanford 10 was administered to our students in April of this year. The results of this test describe the performance of the students in our school compared to students in the same grade across the nation. Once again we are pleased with the results of the test. As a whole, our school scored above the national average in each grade level.

Listed in the next column are the median Grade Equivalents for each class in the school. The GE is a norm-referenced standard score that represents the average performance of students tested in a given month of the school year. Grade Equivalents are best used to interpret the performance of groups of students rather than the standing of an individual. *(The first number indicates the grade level, while the second indicates month. For example 2.4 would be read as second grade fourth month. PHS = Post High School)*

Grade	Reading	Mathematics	Language
1	2.4	2.6	2.4
2	4.3	3.7	5.3
3	5.3	4.3	4.5
4	6.1	5.2	5.2
5	6.2	7.6	7.6
6	8.2	9.9	8.5
7	8.8	10.6	7.4
8	8.9	9.6	9.4
9	9.8	10.4	9.8
10	11.2	10.7	11.0
11	PHS	12.2	12.4
12	PHS	PHS	PHS

As you make future academic plans for your children, consider leaving them in the Grace Christian Academy program throughout their high school career. GCA annual statistics show that students who stay in our system for a MINIMUM of two years score higher on their achievement tests and have a much better opportunity to excel academically and spiritually.

Steps to Enrollment in Grace Christian Academy

Grace Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, and athletic or other school-administered programs. Applicants and personnel are screened on the basis of (1) Christian faith and lifestyle, (2) academic ability, and (3) character.

Grace Christian Academy openings are available for students who are four years old through grade 12. Prospective parents should call the school office to make an appointment with the principal. Parents will receive a packet of information, answers to their questions, and a personal tour of the school.

Call today and find out why "Grace is the Place" for your child.

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