

FCA's Purpose and Beliefs

Family Christian Academy is dedicated to helping home educating families educate their children in the Lord. Our program is based on research and experience that results in creativity for parents and a love of learning for children.

Christian parents' major goal should be as God commands in Deuteronomy 6; to teach the commandments to their children. They should be examples of Christian life and conduct, exercising themselves above all other duties to care for their children, the highest of which is their children's spiritual welfare. According to Paul in Ephesians 6:4 and Colossians 3:21, as well as God's instruction in many Old Testament passages (Psalms 78:3, Proverbs 1:8, 6:20), it is the responsibility of parents to provide their children with an upbringing that prepares them for lives pleasing to God. It is the family, not the church or church school, that is primarily responsible for the Biblical and spiritual training of the children. The very core of Christian nature is this: The heart of the father must be turned to the heart of the child in order to bring the heart of the child to the heart of the Savior (Luke 1:17). One of the key goals of the gospel is to re-establish God's will for the family in a correct relationship between fathers and children. Through the teaching of repentance and the Lordship of Christ, fathers will become dedicated to their children in an attitude of righteousness.

We believe parent-directed education will:

- Control negative peer pressure, destructive influences, and various temptations.
- Give a child the ability and flexibility to explore their God-given interests.
- Develop a child's self confidence and greatly enhance their cognitive skills.
- Give a child the opportunity to learn about life from the rule book give to us by our Creator, the Bible, which is the source of true wisdom.
- Give a child the opportunity to develop loving relationships with parents and siblings.

We believe that because parents love their children (and God gave them to parents), they are best suited to teach, guide, and discipline them.

Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, supreme, and final authority for all faith and life.

We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily



ily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

We believe that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore lost, and only such as become truly born again are saved from their sins.

We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict men; and indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for Godly living for service.

We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost; of the saved to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord, of the lost to judgment and everlasting punishment.

Statement of Policy

The following policies have been established by the Board of Directors and apply to those families whose children are enrolled in Family Christian Academy.

It is the opinion of the Board of Directors that these policies are fair and just. Each family enrolled in Family Christian Academy, having signed at the time of enrollment the statement of policy, acknowledged their responsibility to the school and obligated themselves to the fulfillment of its policies. The attitude of the Board is not one of legalism but rather an expectation of responsible compliance with reasonable standards. Such an attitude allows for grace but also enforces just consequences when violations occur.

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Family Christian Academy, like all schools, adheres to a specific group of standards and requirements for the parents and children enrolled in the program. However, the school also maintains a "cafeteria-style" approach to those events and activities which are considered to be valuable but nonessential.

Application and Enrollment

Application for enrollment in FCA is open to all Christian households which are committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and are in agreement with our doctrinal statement, as well as, our procedures, policies and standards. FCA is not racially discriminatory and does not exclude families from enrollment in its program and activities based on race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin. However, because

the school is a religious organization, the Board of Directors does reserve the right to discriminate in areas of religious beliefs and affiliations. Consequently, the school is not obligated to accept those who may not meet admission requirements.

Christian Standards

Family Christian Academy fully endorses the Biblical standards that believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God, not open to argument or debate, but rather to be obeyed. It is therefore the policy of FCA that any family not adhering to Biblical standards in the home will be subject to suspension or expulsion by the Board of Directors. A thorough review by the Board will be necessary before reinstatement may occur.

Requirements

Registrations

Submit the following:

In Tennessee:

- a. Submit the official green Immunization form (see example). Public, private or Christian school transferees need not submit. May be obtained from your doctor or County Health Department, or you may sign a statement of Religious Exemption.
- b. Submit blue Tennessee School Entry Medical Examform (see example). This applies to new students coming in from out of state. It may be obtained from your doctor or County Health Department.
- c. Submit copy of student's birth certificate. Public, private or Christian school transferees need not submit.
- d. Submit FCA Progress and Attendance Reports, as required.

Other requirements:

- e. Teach the required 180 days of school with a minimum of 4 hours per day.
- f. You have read and in agreement with Family Christian Academy's Statement of Faith and Policy.

We will submit the transcript request, signed by you, to your prior school. If these items are not in your folder, we require that you furnish this information. It is important that you turn in to your previous school all books and materials belonging to them.

If you are transferring from another school, your folder should have the information listed in a, b, and c OR a, b, and d above. It is assumed that all information submitted by you is truthful and correct, and that you are not under

investigation by any type of authority (including truancy cases). Your admission is conditional, pending receipt of the above, and that information submitted is true and accurate.

Registrations-Other States

Some parents have moved out of state and have chosen to remain registered with FCA. For these and various other reasons, our out of state enrollment continues to increase. To meet the need, we have elected to offer FCA's services to parents across the nation irregardless of which state they call home.

To register with FCA from outside the state of Tennessee, use the regular registration form provided in this packet and send it to the closest FCA Boostore listed on the form. In the event that there is an FCA coordinator within your state, you will be placed in contact with them.

1. Submit a copy of birth certificate. Public, private or Christian school transferees need not submit.
2. Submit FCA Progress and Attendance Reports, as required.
3. Teach the required 180 days of school with a minimum of four hours per day.
4. You have read and are in agreement with FCA's Statement of Faith and Policy.

Education laws vary from state to state. Although FCA's high academic and attendance requirements meet or exceed those of most states, it is the responsibility of parents enrolling their children to become informed regarding the education laws in their particular state. In any case, however, FCA supports the right of parents to direct the education of their children and to choose any parent-directed home education program.

Requirements (continued)

Tennessee Tobacco Law

TCA 39-17-1505. Prohibited purchases by minors.-(a) It is unlawful for a person who has not attained eighteen (18) years of age to purchase or accept receipt of a tobacco product, or to present or offer to any person any purported proof of age which is false, fraudulent, or not actually that person's own for the purpose of purchasing or receiving any tobacco product.

Obligations

1. Re-enrollment: Failure to satisfy outstanding obligations (particularly student progress and attendance reports) by the end of the school term will prevent enrollment in the following term.

2. Transfers: It is the responsibility of parents to keep accounts and records current. No school records will be transferred until all obligations have been resolved.

3. Semi-Annual Reports: It must be stressed that it is very important that students records be kept accurate and up to date. For students transferring out of Family Christian Academy: transfers will be delayed unless a student's file is up to date and all reports are filed and posted. For students transferring in the middle of a

semester, semi-annual reports must be turned in up to the day of transfer.

4. FCA Membership Benefits: Benefits become effective upon acceptance of enrollment and are in effect so long as accounts are enrolled, not delinquent, records are up to date, and no disciplinary action has been taken against parents or student. All benefits expire at the close of the school year on June 30th.

5. Schools Previously Attended: It is the responsibility of parents or guardians of students to accurately report all information regarding student's previous educational involvement with authorities: including any suspensions, disciplinary actions, etc., while previously enrolled in any school. Caution-inaccurate information will result in immediate nullification of enrollment and loss of all fees.

6. Benevolence: FCA does have a shared Benevolent Program (50% by your local church and 50% by FCA). Families requiring assistance of any kind may apply for approval. The time required to process is approximately three weeks. It is our policy to verify all benevolence applications with your pastor.