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MISSION AND VISION

American Christian Academy exist in partnership with parents to instill Christian Character and Academic Excellence

American Christian Academy is committed to graduating young men and women of strong Christian character who are academically prepared to succeed in college or career in fulfillment of their God-given destiny and to engage the society for Christ into which they are moving.

AFFILIATIONS

We have been fully accredited by AdvancED formerly the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1990 and we are a member of the Association of Christian Schools International. We are also members of the Alabama High School Athletic Association.

SCHOOL HISTORY

American Christian Academy was founded in 1979. We moved to 701 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. in Northport in 1984 with an enrollment of 110 students. We moved to our current location in 2003. We are a coeducational school operated as a nonprofit, nondenominational, independent Christian organization. The school is governed by a self-perpetuating Board of Directors comprised of parents of current students. We provide services for children from pre-kindergarten (starting at age two) through twelfth grade. Currently, our student population consists of 9 students. We have 65 in the preschool program with a staff of 25 working with them. We have 440 students in K4 – 5th grade and 563 students in grades 6-12. Average class for K4-K-5 is 16. Elementary grades 1-5 have an average class size of 20 while High school grades 6 -12 have an average class size of 15.

ADMISSIONS

Admission to American Christian is based on academic records including transcripts and standardized test scores, teacher recommendations, entrance exam scores for grades 2 - 12, parent and students interviews, and a discipline report for grades 6-12. ACA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin.

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid awards are needs based and handled by the independent organization Financial Aid for School Tuition (FAST). Awards are limited and are made on a first come – first served basis.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school operates under a two-semester system. Each semester consists of two, nine week quarters. The school day for 6 – 12 grades is divided into six, one-hour periods rotating through seven classes with eight minutes between classes. School begins at 8:00 AM and ends at 3:15 PM.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

American Christian Academy provides a rigorous academic program which provides our students with the courses requisite for college admissions. Students are provided courses that provide them a strong, Christian liberal arts education. Honors and AP courses are available for those who are motivated to handle the more demanding requirements of these classes. We offer a variety of online classes through *Ignitia* (Alpha Omega Publishing) . Students may also avail themselves of dual enrollment classes through Shelton State Community College and the Early College of the University of Alabama.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order for a student to graduate from ACA and be awarded a diploma, a student must earn the following credits (Carnegie Units)

4 English	4 AR (Reading)	1 unit of Computer
4 Social Studies	1 Foreign Language	1 Fine Arts
4 Mathematics	(two of same	5 Electives including
4 Science	language for Honors	
4 Bible	Diploma)	

Honors diplomas are awarded to seniors who take at least Eight Honors, AP, and/or dual enrollment classes that are available. They must have two units of the same foreign language.

HONORS AND AP CLASSES OFFERED:

HONORS ENGLISH 9 AND HONORS ENGLISH 10

AP ENGLISH 11 AND AP ENGLISH 12

AP US HISTORY AND AP US GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

HONORS ALGEBRA I, GEOMETRY, ALGEBRA II, PRECALCULUS

AP CALCULUS

HONORS CHEMISTRY AND HONORS PHYSICS

HONORS SPANISH II, HONORS SPANISH III, HONORS FRENCH II, HONORS FRENCH III

GRADING SYSTEM

ACA grading system is based on a hundred point scale. Passing grades range from a low of 60 to a high of 100. An **A** is awarded for numerical grades from 90 – 100. A **B** is award for numerical grades from 80 – 89. A **C** is awarded for numerical grades of 70 – 79. A **D** is awarded for numerical grades from 60 – 69. Any numerical grades 59 and below are awarded an **F**. Grades are awarded for each quarters work with semester averages posted to the transcript.

Grade Point Average and Class Rank

Only semester grades are calculated into a weighted GPA on a 4 point scale. Class rank is determined by the following quality point scale for final grades:

A - 4 B - 3 C - 2 D - 1 F - 0

Classes are weighted based on difficulty. Honors classes are weighted .1, AP classes are weighted .25. Dual Enrollment classes are weighted .2. For example, an A in an AP class would be a 5.00.

All academic subjects are included in the GPA. All students in a particular grade level are ranked by their cumulative grade point average from highest to lowest. In the event of duplicate GPA scores the numerical average will determine the rank. Honors classes and college level classes receive more quality points.

In many cases, numerical averages are used to determine eligibility to honor societies, and class awards. Semester grades, reported numerically, are used in these calculations.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Members of the 2016 graduating class were offered \$2,926,131 in academic, athletic, and special achievement scholarships.

RECENT ACA GRADUATES

American Christian graduated 54 students on May 15, 2016. Current senior class has 72 students.

GPA Average

GPA's for the 2016 graduating class ranged from a high of 4.322 to a low of 2.107.

ACT Participation – Fifty-four of our seniors participated in the ACT program in 2015-2016. We are waiting for the results. Our previous seniors had the following results:

ACT	English	Math	Reading	Science
23.0	24.0	21.3	24.1	22.1

Comparative scores for the State of Alabama;

ACT	English	Math	Reading	Science
19.1	18.7	18.3	19.7	19.1

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2016

University of South Alabama
Shelton State Community College
Auburn University
Mississippi State University
East Mississippi Community College
University of Alabama Huntsville
Martin Methodist College

University of Alabama
Judson College
Samford University
Troy University
Faulkner University
Birmingham Southern
Naval Academy

Colleges and Universities attended by Past ACA graduates

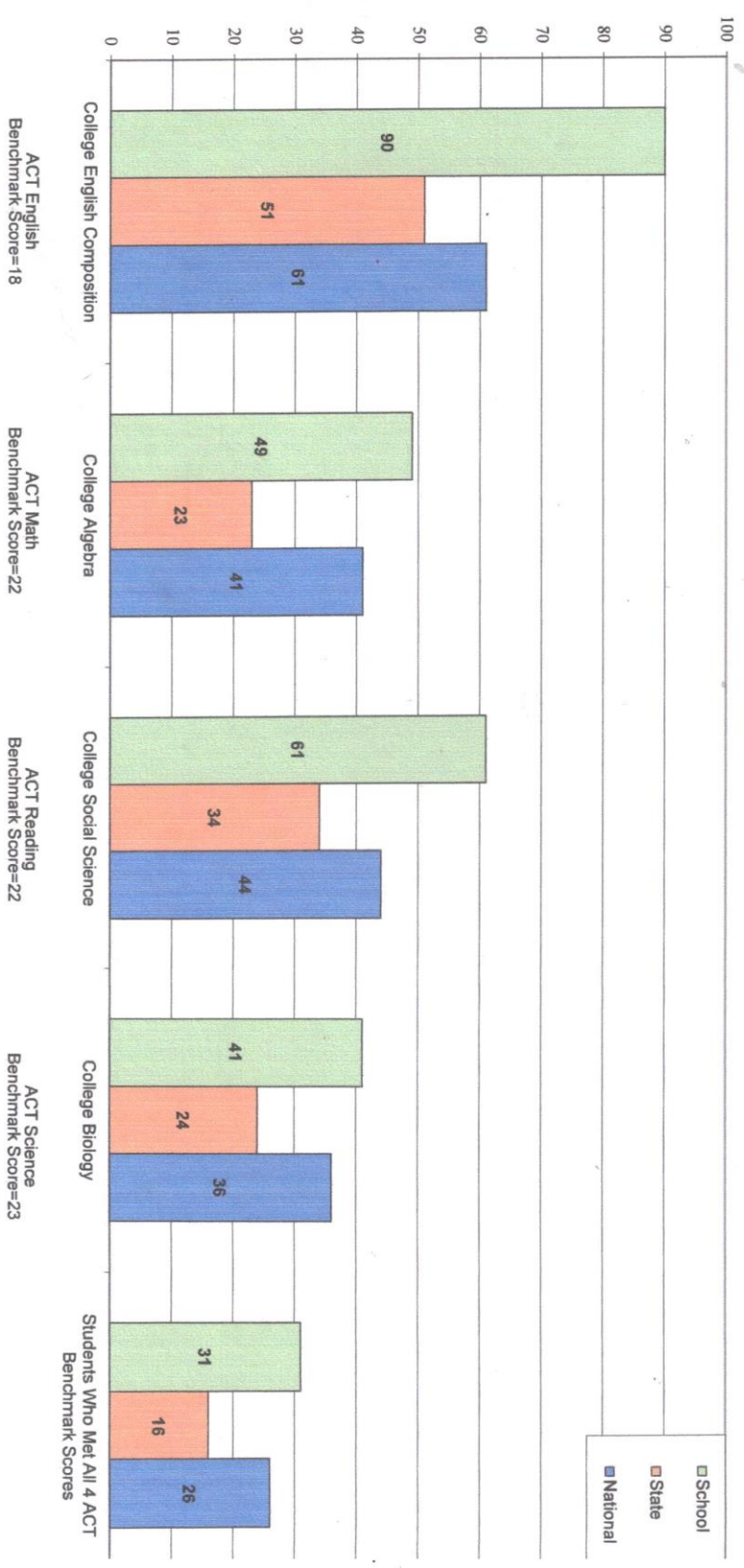
University of Alabama	Auburn University
Georgia Institute of Technology	United States Air Force Academy
United States Naval Academy	Samford University
Huntingdon College	Belmont
Clemson University	University of Montevallo
Birmingham Southern College	College at Charleston
University of South Carolina	University of Mobile
Mississippi State University	Harding College
University of Southern Mississippi	Covenant College
University of Tennessee at Knoxville	Bryan College
University of Georgia	Union University
University of North Alabama	Jacksonville State
Loyola University	University of Mississippi
Stillman College	University of Paris (The Sorbonne)
Bevill State Community College	Mississippi College
Shelton State Community College	Wallace State Community College

National Merit Scholars – 6 (4 of the 5 have been since 2004)

Scholarships Offered To Seniors:

2016 - \$2,926,131.00
2015 - \$3,059,320.00
2014 - \$4,047,668.00
2013 - \$1,455,715.00
2012 - \$2,891,853.00
2011 - \$1,586,939.00
2010 - \$1,880,160.00
2009 - \$2,107,124.00
2008 - \$1,857,206.00
2007 - \$ 834,447.00

Figure 1.1. Percent of Your Students Ready for College-Level Coursework



A benchmark score is the minimum score needed on an ACT subject-area test to indicate a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college course.

Table 1.1. Five Year Trends—Percent of Students Who Met College Readiness Benchmarks

Year	Number of Students Tested	Percent Who Met Benchmarks									
		English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Met All Four	
		School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State
2012	57	82	65	42	33	65	48	37	23	28	18
2013	68	82	66	46	31	68	41	38	30	26	20
2014	58	79	65	40	31	66	43	47	31	34	21
2015	67	81	53	36	23	55	34	33	25	25	16
2016	61	90	51	49	23	61	34	41	24	31	16

Table 1.2. Five Year Trends—Average ACT Scores

Year	Number of Students Tested	Average ACT Scores									
		English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite	
		School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State
2012	57	22.4	20.3	21.2	19.6	24.0	20.7	21.5	20.1	22.4	20.3
2013	68	23.1	20.5	20.9	19.5	23.9	21.0	21.5	20.2	22.5	20.4
2014	58	23.6	20.7	21.0	19.5	24.9	21.3	22.6	20.4	23.2	20.6
2015	67	22.4	18.8	20.0	18.4	23.0	19.7	21.0	19.1	21.7	19.1
2016	61	24.0	18.7	21.3	18.3	24.1	19.7	22.1	19.1	23.0	19.1

Table 1.3. Five Year Trends—Average ACT Scores Nationwide

Year	Number of Students Tested	Average ACT Scores									
		English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite	
		School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State
2012	1,666,017	20.5	20.3	21.1	19.6	21.3	20.7	21.5	20.1	22.4	20.3
2013	1,799,243	20.2	20.5	20.9	19.5	21.1	21.0	21.5	20.2	22.5	20.4
2014	1,845,787	20.3	20.7	20.9	19.5	21.3	21.3	22.6	20.4	23.2	20.6
2015	1,924,436	20.4	18.8	20.8	18.4	21.4	19.7	21.0	19.1	21.7	19.1
2016	2,090,342	20.1	18.7	20.6	18.3	21.3	19.7	22.1	19.1	23.0	19.1