

## A Partnership with Parents

To our students, American Christian Academy is more than a school. We are also a family, a community, and an environment that fosters a Biblical word view in our students. The decisions our youth make throughout their lives will impact the world for eternity. An education at American Christian is an investment that will yield life-long rewards.

### Admission Policy

American Christian Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

Students interested in enrolling in our school will need to apply according to the procedures listed on the New Student Application Procedure Form available from the Admissions Office.

Admission will be determined by the Admission's Committee based on the information received from the applicant. New students entering the school are required to submit all the information requested before admission can be determined. Acceptance will be based on entrance exam score, grades, standardized test scores, personal interview, teacher recommendation, and discipline report. All students are accepted provisionally and will be evaluated at the end of the first grading period.

### Registration

The registration fee is paid annually for each student. Students currently enrolled in the Academy may pay this fee during the Spring re-enrollment period. New students will pay this fee once they have officially been accepted to the school.

New students and returning students will pay the registration fee based on the schedule below.

January 22 – April 5	\$125.00
April 6 – June 7	\$165.00
After June 7	\$200.00

Note: All registration fees are payable in full and are non-refundable.

## Tuition Options

1. Annually – The entire year's bill paid by July 1.
2. Bi-annually – Two payments per year due by July 1 and December 30, 2019.
3. Post-Dated Checks – Tuition is paid on either a 9 or 12 month plan. The monthly payment is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Post-dated checks must be given to the bookkeeper by May 1<sup>st</sup>. They are kept in a locked safe and deposited monthly.
4. Bank Draft – Tuition may be paid with either a 9 or 12-month bank draft plan. The monthly draft is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Authorization form **and a voided check** are due at the time of registration.

Tuition	Bi-Annual	Annual
<b>Grades K4-6</b>		
First child	\$2741.00	\$5482.00
Second child	\$2467.00	\$4934.00
Third child	\$2221.00	\$4440.00

<b>Grades 7-12</b>		
First child	\$3131.00	\$6262.00
Second child	\$2818.00	\$5636.00
Third child	\$2537.00	\$5074.00

### Payment Plans

Post-dated checks are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Grades K4-6	12 months	9 months
First child	\$457.00	\$609.00
Second child	\$411.00	\$548.00
Third child	\$370.00	\$493.00

<b>Grades 7-12</b>		
First child	\$522.00	\$696.00
Second child	\$470.00	\$626.00
Third child	\$423.00	\$563.00

### Book Purchases

Books must be purchased for each student.

## Financial Aid

American Christian Academy has an excellent need-based financial aid program. Although any family may apply, preference is given to those families already enrolled at ACA. Family financial information is sent to FAST, a company in Delaware. FAST assesses the information that is submitted and then makes a recommendation to ACA's financial aid committee, who makes the final decision. Your child must either be enrolled or accepted as a new student and the registration fee paid before applying for financial aid.

### Past Due Accounts

Tuition payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. A late fee of \$25.00 will be added to accounts after 10 days. If an account is not paid within 30 days, the child may be asked to leave the school. There will be an insufficient funds fee policy of \$30 per item returned.

### Additional Information

When a child enrolls at American Christian Academy, a place is reserved for them for the entire year. When a change during the school year is unavoidable, tuition charges will be pro-rated on a daily basis. Report cards and transcripts will be released to students, parents, or other schools once the student's account is paid in full. *No refunds can be issued for books or registration fee.*

### Before and After School Care

Supervised care is included in tuition for 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after school. Students may participate in after school care when needed for \$5.00 a day or \$85.00 monthly. If your child is picked up later than 5:30 pm, there will be an additional \$6.00 charge from 5:30-5:35. Each additional minute after 5:35 you will be charged \$1 a minute. There is an additional charge for students in elementary daycare during Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break. Other non-school holidays are also included in tuition unless your child stays after 3:30 pm. There is a high school study hall for grades 7 – 12 from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm. for \$2.50 /day. High school students not involved in a sporting event, practice, or under the supervision of a coach must report to study hall at 3:30 pm.

## American Christian Academy

American Christian Academy is more than a school. We are a family, community, and an environment to develop a Biblical Worldview in our students. Our graduates go into the world prepared for whatever God has planned for them. The entire culture, curriculum, and mindset of our school is to prepare students not just for college, but for life. An education at ACA is an investment, but it is one that will be paying dividends for years to come.

American Christian Academy was founded in 1979. In 1989 our current Headmaster, Dr. Dan Carden assumed the leadership role while the school was still in Northport. In 2002, God blessed us once again by allowing us to move to our present location on Veterans Memorial Parkway. Grateful for the education that they received over the years, we have had a number of alumni choose to enroll their children in our school as well as returning as teachers, coaches and volunteers.

The environment at ACA is different from other schools. Because we have students from 2 years old through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, teachers know not only individuals, but often the entire family.

In addition to an excellent teaching staff, students are given the opportunity to learn outside the constraints of a typical classroom. Younger children visit parks, historical sites and museums. Older students are able to learn in a sea lab, visit cities like New York and Chicago, and travel overseas to places like Rome and Paris. From a kindergartner's trip to the zoo, to a senior exploring the ruins of Pompeii, our students are exposed to other environments and cultures, changing their perspective of the world around them.

American Christian Academy is a college preparatory school. We strive for excellence in all areas of life, and our students are challenged to reach his or her full potential. Over 95% of our graduates attend college, including world-class colleges and universities across the country and receive academic or athletic scholarships as well.

You invest in your child because you want to see them succeed in whatever endeavors they face. We share that goal, and we want to serve as partners with you to prepare your student for what God has in store for them.



### Serving a Second Generation

These are just a few of our parents who once attended ACA and now have their children enrolled as second-generation students. Many of these parents are still involved with our school serving as teachers, coaches, administrators or support staff.

A great deal has changed over the years, other faces have come and gone, but each one has contributed something to the school; each one has helped to make it better.

When it came time for our alumni to find a school for their children it was the atmosphere at ACA that led them home. Even with growth, progress and expansion, the heart of American Christian remains the same.

These second-generation students carry on the heart, the pulse of ACA. We serve this great generation today, confident that many more will come behind it.



## Financial Information 2019 - 2020

2300 Veterans Memorial Parkway  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35404  
Phone: (205) 553-5963  
Fax: (205) 553-5942  
[www.acacademy.com](http://www.acacademy.com)

Nancy Hastings  
Director of Admissions  
205-553-5963. ext. 12  
[nhastings@acacademy.com](mailto:nhastings@acacademy.com)