



SCHOOL PROFILE

2016-2017

MISSION

The mission of Whitesburg Christian Academy is to assist Christian parents by providing students an academically excellent and Christ-centered education for life-long service to Christ.

VISION

Our vision is that it would be said of the Academy that the students are passionate followers of Christ and well-trained servant leaders.

COMMUNITY

Whitesburg Christian Academy is a ministry of Whitesburg Baptist Church. It is located in the southeast part of Huntsville, Alabama. The school is divided into the grammar school for grades TK-6 and the upper school for grades 7-12. Students come from Huntsville and the surrounding areas of Madison, Meridianville, Hampton Cove, Owens Cross Roads, Lacey's Spring, Brownsboro, Somerville, Grant, Harvest, Scottsboro, Big Cove, New Hope, Gurley, Woodville, and New Market. The student body is culturally diverse with representation from the Hispanic/Latino, African-American, White, Indian, Native American, and Asian backgrounds.

HISTORY

In 1997 Whitesburg Baptist Church appointed a task force to develop a strategic plan for the establishment of a Christian school. The Academy opened in 1999 with one first grade class of 15 students and one teacher. Today the Academy has 30 classes, 489 students, and 62 faculty and staff. The dream of our pastor, Dr. Jimmy Jackson, has grown to be a passion for 327 current Academy families and many other alumni.

The school has seen dramatic and steady growth as each grade has been added. The Academy filled the facilities shared with Whitesburg Baptist Church. To experience continued growth, a capital building campaign to raise money for a new building became evident. A new upper school facility was completed and grades 5-12 moved into the campus in December of 2013.

Over the following year, four modular buildings were added to the campus providing a dining hall and classroom space for the entire grammar school. All children are now on the same campus. With continued growth, the Academy is planning another capital campaign for classroom buildings.

With new buildings, our purpose will stay the same.

Academy Today

We have begun to see the results of years of effort in training students for life-long service to Christ. Our graduating classes are taking their places in colleges, medical and law schools, corporations, businesses, government, and the military.

UPPER SCHOOL 22 Faculty (Full and Part-time) 9.7:1 Student-teacher ratio
55 % hold advanced degrees Average class size of 17.3 students

UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULUM The **academic program** is organized on a traditional eight period schedule. Eight (8) credits per year is the maximum course load. The program is a college preparatory program and requires one English, Math, Science, History, and Bible course each year in grades 9-12. Two years of Foreign Language and one year of Rhetoric are also required for graduation.

Students at Whitesburg Christian Academy may participate in **Student Leadership Institute (SLI) and Student Leadership University (SLU)**. SLU is held in the summer, and SLI meets during the school year to reinforce what students learned at SLU.

The **Dual Enrollment Program** enables juniors and/or seniors to enroll in freshmen courses and earn college credits at local institutions of higher education.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL 28 Faculty 10:1 Student-teacher ratio
32 % of Faculty hold advanced degrees Average class size of 14.9 students

GRAMMAR SCHOOL CURRICULUM Curriculum refers to the means and materials with which students will interact for the purpose of achieving identified educational goals. Curriculum alignment creates a seamless flow of instruction from one grade level to the next. It is also a process that helps teachers and administrators track the content standard across grade levels. Curriculum pacing is developing an understanding of what is being taught and how it is being taught. Curriculum mapping is a process that helps teachers keep track of what has actually been taught throughout an entire year.

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COLLEGE BOARD CODE 011509

MEMBERSHIPS Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools (SBACS)
Southern Association for College Admission Counseling (SACAC)

ACCREDITATION Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

GRADING

A – Excellent	90 – 100	4.0
B – Above	80 – 89	3.0
C – Average	70 – 79	2.0
D – Below Average	65 – 69	1.0
F – Failure	64 or below	0.0

GPA CALCULATION

GPA is computed using the above quality points. Beginning with grade 9, all subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation. A minimum of 26 credits is **required for graduation**. In addition to the required 26 credits, each student must complete a **100 hours community service graduation requirement**. **Dual Enrollment classes are weighted by three points**. Grades and grade point average are recorded on the transcript. We do not rank.

CLASS OF 2017

There are 18 graduates in the Class of 2017 (current averages are listed below).

- 17% earned a 4.0+
- 61% earned 3.5–3.99
- 11% earned 3.0–3.49
- 11% earned 2.50–2.99
- 0 earned 2.0–2.49
- 0 earned less than a 2.0

STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS

100% of the Class of 2017 took the ACT.
The average ACT score for the Class of 2017 was 25.8.
5% of the Class of 2017 took the SAT.
The average SAT score (Reading and Math) for the Class of 2017 was 1320.

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT CLASS OF 2017

- 89 % matriculated to 4-year colleges and/or universities
- 11 % matriculated to 2-year institutions

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS CLASS OF 2017

- 44% of the Class of 2017 scored a 30 or higher on the ACT.
- The Class of 2017 received offers of \$1.5 million in scholarships

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2010 - 2017

- American University*
- Anderson University
- Auburn University*
- Birmingham Southern College*
- Calhoun College*
- Highpoint University
- Hillsdale College*
- Southern Mississippi*
- Spring Hill College
- Tennessee Technological University
- Troy State University
- Tulane University
- Union University*
- University of Alabama*

- Huntington College
- Jacksonville State University
- Judson College
- Lee University*
- Louisiana State University
- Louisiana Tech University
- Mississippi College*
- Mississippi State University*
- O'More College of Design*
- Samford University*
- Savanna College of Art & Design (SCAD)
- University of Alabama in Birmingham*
- University of Alabama in Huntsville*
- University of Louisiana Lafayette*
- University of Miami
- University of Mississippi*
- University of Mobile*
- University of North Alabama*
- University of South Alabama*
- Wallace State
- Washington and Lee University

**Alumni have elected to attend.*