



Maybrook Elementary Life

Maybrook Campus - 11700 Maybrook Avenue, Whittier, CA 90604 (PS, Elementary)
 Newlin Campus - 6548 S. Newlin Avenue, Whittier, CA 90601 (PS, Elementary, Jr. High, WCSP)

Early Education (2-6 yrs.) • Elementary • Junior High (7th & 8th) • Homeschool (K-12)
www.whittierchristian.org

Our School

Whittier Christian School was established in 1947 and is dedicated to excellence in Christian education, developing disciplined, motivated students who are academically strong, have a personal faith in Christ, and are equipped to affect the world for Him. From kindergarten through sixth grade students not only receive instruction in phonics, reading, mathematics, science, social studies, and Bible, but also enjoy special experiences ranging from music to computers to physical education. Students are guided in the development of critical and creative thinking. Students have Bible class daily and participate in our weekly Chapel program. Students are introduced to Biblical concepts through monthly Christian character traits.



Our Students



WCS is large enough to offer a wide variety of experiences, yet small enough to give each student individual attention. The students represent families from a wide range of cultures and represent many of our local community churches. This diversity is celebrated and students are guided in the significance of knowing that each individual person is created by God who has a specific plan and purpose for his or her life.

Our Staff

The staff of WCS is a dedicated group of professionals averaging over 8 years of experience. They choose to serve at WCS because of their heart for students and their calling for ministry. All WCS classroom teachers must hold a Bachelor's degree. Many have (or are working towards) a Master's degree and/or their state teaching credential. Teachers are required to hold an ACSI certificate, are First Aid/CPR Certified, and are fingerprinted through the Department of Justice.

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Curriculum at WCS

- Grades K-6 **ACSI Bible** Curriculum (c. 1995) covers creation to a comprehensive overview of both the Old and New Testament and basic Bible doctrines.
- Grades K-3 **Reading** – Open Court SRA (c. 2001) has an emphasis on learning to read phonetically, as well as learning to comprehend what is read.
- Grades 4-6 **Reading** – Bob Jones aligns very nicely with other curricular areas, especially social studies. A variety of reading strategies are taught. Each grade also incorporates at least one novel study during the year.
- Grades K-6 **Saxon Math** (c.1997) is taught through a spiraling cycle that helps students retain what they have learned.
- Grades K-6 **Harcourt Brace & Co. Language** (c. 1993) has a strong emphasis on the writing process as well as parts of speech.
- Grades K-6 (K, 2nd - 6th grade) **Houghton Mifflin** (c2007) . (1st) **Mc Graw Hill Social Studies** (c. 2007)
- Grades K-6 **Mc Graw Hill Science** (c. 2008) includes many hands-on experiments. Units covered include electricity, space, the environment, and the human body.
- Grades K-6 **Words Their Way Spelling** - Utilizes word studies to discover regularities, patterns, and rules of English needed to read and spell.
- Grades K-6 **Scott Foresman D'Nealian Handwriting** (c. 1987) Manuscript is used through the end of 2nd grade. Beginning in 3rd grade students are required to use cursive.
- Grades K-6 **Coronado Art in Action** (c. 1987) Projects done follow the style of many different artists. Students also participate in **Art Masters** instruction in six assemblies throughout the year.
- Grades K-6 **PE** - Students work on skills to help them become physically fit for life.
- Grades K-6 **Music** - Students learn the basic elements of music theory, study some composers, and participate in musicals.

Special Programs

WCS provides a comprehensive and varied student activity program. The major objectives of our student programs are to foster unity among our students, to encourage participation, and enable students to discover and utilize their God-given abilities and talents within a Christ-centered atmosphere.

Band: Beginning, intermediate, and advanced band, strings and guitars

Music: Musicals and 4th-6th grade performance choir

EOP: For students who excel in math and science

Sports: For girls-basketball and volleyball
For boys-basketball and flag football

ACSI Student Activities: Speech Meet, Math Olympics, Spelling Bee, Geography Bee, Art Festival, Piano Festival, Choir Festival, and Science Fair.

MAJOR EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

3rd grade - 1 day to San Diego

4th grade - 3 days in Sacramento and San Francisco

5th grade - overnight on the Pilgrim ship

6th grade - 5 days at Nature Study Camp

Our extended field trip opportunities bring hands-on learning to students. These learning adventures allow students see that learning can be fun.



Standardized Testing

All students, first through sixth grade, participate in the Stanford Achievement Test Series 10, which includes a Bible comprehension component.



Students also participate in the Olsat test, a test of their ability levels. The SAT 10/Olsat tests are administered to the students in their classrooms by their teacher. The tests are taken over a one-week period in April.

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Behavior Procedures

The purposes of our disciplinary policy are to cultivate godly self-discipline and to ensure the rights of each student to attend school in a safe, positive, and productive learning environment.

Our discipline program focuses on specific behaviors to demonstrate six core values: Trust, Attitude, Work Ethic, Selflessness, Self-Control, and Responsibility.

Classroom teachers discuss the importance of the core values with the students in the class as well as individually. Sometimes it is necessary for the teacher to contact parents for assistance in reinforcing proper behavior or an administrator may be assist.

Extended Day

All WCS campuses offer before and after school child care from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. where students have a chance to unwind and play, an opportunity to complete homework in study hall, and spend time with friends. Extended Day is billed at either an hourly or monthly rate, whichever best suits your use and needs.



WCS is Accredited!

Accreditation is a rigorous inspection of a school's program, facilities, staff, philosophy and leadership. This inspection is conducted by a specialized outside team who has validated the integrity and quality of the program.



Whittier Christian Schools is accredited by ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) and WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges).

The accreditation process takes approximately 2 years to complete. It consists of a self-study covering questions on subjects such as the facility, curriculum, staff qualifications and community relations. Everyone working for the school is involved in the process. When the self-study is completed, a committee of educational professionals visits our schools to inspect and verify the quality. A recommendation for our term is then made.

We're very proud of the fact that we consistently receive a 6 year term of accreditation, the highest term granted.

Opportunity Program

We are happy to announce that our school has partnered with *Opportunity Schools* and is now offering *The Opportunity Program* to help our students with learning challenges unlock their hidden potential and achieve academic success.

Students with learning challenges or disabilities often experience frustration and failure with traditional classroom instruction. *The Opportunity Program* provides these students with research-based, multi-sensory instruction in a supportive environment. *The Opportunity Program* emphasizes a student's natural strengths and abilities while addressing areas of academic deficit.

Dress Code

Girls: Dresses, skirts or jumpers no shorter than four inches from the floor when kneeling. Only school approved uniform shorts, skorts or pants may be worn to school. Shoes and socks must be worn at all times. Athletic type shoes are preferred. Blouses should be worn with sundresses. Sleeveless blouses and tops must have straps at least 2 inches in width. Blouses or tops may have appropriate words or pictures. Hair should be neat, a natural color with no extreme hairstyles.

Boys: Casual pants, cords, or jeans may be worn to school. Pants should be neat, clean and free from tears. Sweat pants are not allowed. Pants must be worn at the waist. Only school approved uniform shorts may be worn to school. Shorts should be worn at the waist. Shoes and socks must be worn at all times. Athletic type shoes are preferred. Shirts must have sleeves and must be tucked in except during recess. Shirts may have appropriate words or pictures. Hair should be neat, a natural color. Hair length should not cover ears or collar. Hats may not be worn to school. No oversized or baggy clothing.



Our aim is to encourage students to dress in a manner that is glorifying to the Lord. Appropriate dress for school should be conducive to a positive, productive learning atmosphere. We desire clothing to be attractive, neat and modest - without extremes. Special dress days are announced and celebrated during the school year.

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A Day in the Life Of...

Kindergarten and first grade begin their day at 8:30 a.m. Second and third grades begin at 8:20 a.m. Fourth - sixth grade classes begin at 8:10 a.m.

Students participate in academic studies such as math, reading, science, spelling, social studies, and co-curricular classes which could include computer, music, PE, or library.



Students will enjoy morning and afternoon recess to unwind and have some time to exercise and play with their friends. Activities could be kickball, soccer, basketball, handball, swings, bars, and jump rope to name a few. At lunch time, students have the option to bring their lunch from home or purchase a hot meal from our kitchen on site. Monthly menus are provided.

Kindergarten and first grade dismiss at 2:00 p.m. Second and third grades end their day at 2:45 p.m. and fourth through sixth dismiss at 3:00 pm.

Want to Be Part of A Great School Experience? Here's how...

You have application and enrollment information, so you're already on the way to becoming part of the WCS family. Here are your next steps:

- Make an appointment for a tour of our campus and a visit to our classrooms.
- Complete and return your student's application along with \$375 application fee, birth certificate and any additional required items.
- Schedule a testing appointment for your child.
- When test results are available, an interview will be scheduled with an administrator. During this interview, test results, application and supporting documentation are reviewed. The school's philosophy and procedures are discussed. We'll talk about programs available as well as tuition and fees and answer any questions you have at this time. Enrollment acceptance will be determined at this time
- **I-20** student enrollment fee is \$575 and an additional application form is required.

Do you know others interested in an outstanding Christian school experience for their children?
Share WCS with them! Credit for new students to any of WCS' programs. No limit to number of coupons used.



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SCHOOLS

Refer A Friend to WCS

Credit for: _____ Campus of Enrollment: _____
(Current WCS Student)

New Student's Name: _____ Grade _____

Credit Amount: _____ School Yr: _____

One student's registration fee will be refunded (credited back to account at the end of the 1st quarter) for each new student referral (not applicable to additional/new children in a current WCS family).

After the first day of school, you can still qualify for **half your Registration Fee credited back to your account** as a "Refer a Friend to WCS" credit. Contact the office for details.

Date Received: _____ Processed by: _____



Whittier Christian Schools is a ministry of
Calvary Baptist Church of Whittier.

WCS reserves the right to alter the enrollment status of any student, or its policies and procedures, as the school deems necessary and in the best interest of the school and its ministries. The school reserves the right to be selective in its admission policies.