



## What is the mission of TCS?

*Our desire:* To serve the Lord and the families He sends our way.

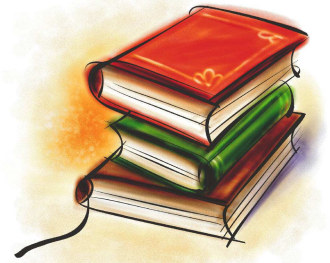
*Our purpose:* “That we should be to the praise of His Glory...” as we minister to families who purpose to fulfill God’s directive to “...train up a child in the way he should go...”

*Our vehicles:* To accomplish these biblical goals we view academics, the arts, and athletics as a means to fulfill our desire to see our students gain knowledge, understanding, and wisdom and to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## What curriculum does TCS use?

Curriculum and textbooks published by Bob Jones University Press and other Christian publishers are used. We believe the proper curriculum is essential for the highest possible quality education; TCS uses only those materials that have been proved successful and have been reviewed by the Administration. We begin with a challenging phonics-based reading curriculum that far exceeds minimal academic standards.

The core curriculum includes Bible, language, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students also develop skills in our computer lab and can receive specialized instruction in art, music, physical education, foreign language, speech, advanced math, physics, and chemistry.



Another essential difference in a Christian school education is the teacher. TCS faculty members are transparently Christian in their worldview, their philosophy of education, and its daily application to the teaching of their students. TCS provides the educational environment for teaching and learning that will bring honor to the Lord.

## Is TCS accredited?

TCS is not accredited by the South Carolina Department of Education. However, TCS is a member of the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools and the American Association of Christian Schools. SCACS does certify teachers and accredit Christian schools in South Carolina. Our faculty is either presently certified through SCACS or is working toward certification. However, we have not sought and will not seek faculty certification or school accreditation by any governmental agency for the following reason:

1. We would be required to use state-approved textbooks that teach and promote secular humanism and other philosophies that are contrary to the Word of God.
2. Psalm 1:1 commands us to “...walk not in the counsel of the ungodly.” By being accredited by a governmental agency, we would be subjecting the works of God to the approval of individuals who do not necessarily know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and who, at their own discretion, would upset the smooth and effective operation of the Lord’s work.
3. State accreditation on the elementary and secondary level is not required for a school’s graduates to be admitted to an institution of higher learning. Christian, private, and state colleges or universities accept students on the basis of entrance exams (ACT or SAT score) and the student’s individual performance in high school as indicated by his transcript.

## Is TCS a member of any school associations?

Tabernacle Christian School is a long-standing member of the American Association of Christian Schools and is a founding member of the South Carolina Association of Christian

Schools. Both organizations serve Christian schools by professional publications, certification of teachers, accreditation of schools, select financial and legal services, as well as sponsoring athletic and fine arts competitions.

## How much does it cost to attend TCS?

TCS strives to reach a balance for an affordable tuition for our families and the actual cost to provide a Christian education for our students. TCS's tuition is on the low side of average for a traditional Christian school in the Greenville area. Most of what is customarily charged as additional fees is included in the TCS tuition.

Registration: \$235(\$185 if paid before 02/28)

Admissions Testing: \$50 new students in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Book Purchase: It is the responsibility of the parent to make sure all of the required textbooks are purchased prior to the beginning of the school year. TCS will supply you with a required textbook list. We will also supply you with a list of suggested vendors you may use to purchase your books.

Monthly Tuition (12 payments): \$159 K4 and half day K5 \$304 K5(all day) \$322 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> \$364 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> \$374 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Technology Fee: \$75 per family

If sufficient need Extended School Care: \$225 for K5 -12<sup>th</sup> (monthly) \$15 (incidental - per day

User Fees: Students involved in sports, Fine Arts competition, specific activities/classes, or those who are graduating are charged additional fees.

## What is the length of the school day?

The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. for grades K5 - 12th. **K4 starts at 9:00**

Dismissal times are:

1:00 a.m.	K4
2:30 p.m.	K5
2:45 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>
3:00 p.m.	7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>



## What is the dress code for TCS?

Tabernacle Christian School maintains a high standard of dress in both modesty and excellence. It is our desire to "approve things that are excellent" in order to be "without offense till the day of Christ" (Phillipians 1:10). The TCS dress code is intended to be a step above the minimum standard required for modesty, so that as a Christian School we can demonstrate a spirit of propriety and unquestionable excellence.

There are four principles that should govern our dress. Our choice of clothing should be based upon Biblical principles and enable us to effectively influence others in a wholesome and Godly manner. Recognizing that guidelines are necessary for accountability and growth, we will adhere to these basic guidelines related to dress: safety, modesty, distinctiveness, appropriateness, and deference.

TCS students are expected to follow the school uniform described in the Parent/Student Handbook. The uniform is specific for grades and gender. Generally, the uniform is a jumper dress for elementary girls, polo or oxford blouse and skirt for the young ladies. Boys are to wear a polo or oxford shirt with slacks (no jeans).

## What extra-curricular activities does TCS offer?



TCS offers several extracurricular activities. Our teams are the TCS "Rams." Sports would include boys and girls volleyball in the fall. Winter sports are boy's basketball team.

We also are involved in spring fine arts competitions through SCACS for elementary and secondary students. School plays, music programs, yearbook and selected field trips would be included in our school activities.

## **What discipline methods are used at TCS?**

TCS depends on each family to fulfill the Biblical task of training their children to respond to authority. Scripture proclaims, *Train up a child...* (Proverbs 22:6). Children must be trained and taught. Spiritual training and guidance in self-discipline is the responsibility of each parent. We are willing to assist you in these tasks, but the school's primary task is to teach academics. Throughout a student's schooling God gives us ample opportunity to help children and teens grow and mature to become godly young men and women. Character development is part of how we can help you and your child. We focus on the traits of respect, obedience, and responsibility. Classroom discipline is the responsibility of the teacher. An orderly classroom is conducive to learning. Appropriate policies tend to prevent minor infractions from becoming major discipline issues.

**Elementary:** Teacher's reprimand, "Time Out," loss of privilege, extra class work, administrator's reprimand, or detention would be the initial steps. If a student is sent to the school office for disciplinary reasons the parents will be notified. Parental involvement and cooperation are imperative.

**Secondary:** Verbal corrections or reprimands from a teacher should stifle continued misbehavior. It is vital that we deal with the root causes for disciplinary issues. To address the outward behavior provides a starting place. In grades 7-12 demerits provide a record of character issues that need attention. Sufficient demerits will result in a sequence of disciplinary actions that could include 1) Detention, or 2) In-School Suspension (ISS), or 3) Out-of-School Suspension (OSS), or in an extreme case, 4) Expulsion.

## **Do students have to attend Tabernacle Baptist Church to attend TCS?**

No, TCS students attend several different area churches. Most of our families are members of local, independent, Baptist churches. There are other churches represented in our student body. Regular attendance at a Bible-believing, Bible-preaching church is vital to the spiritual condition and growth of each student. It is our expectation that TCS students are in church each week. We want to minister to each of the families that God brings to our ministry. Christian education is education and training for children of Christian families who desire a Christian environment in which their children can learn.

### **Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy As To Students:**

Tabernacle Christian School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

## **What do I need to do to enroll my child at TCS?**

1. Pray to discern the Lord's direction for your child's Christian education.
2. Read over the information in the enrollment packet.
3. Complete the Application for Enrollment.
4. Parent(s) or guardians and student(s) interview with TCS Principal. Please bring most recent grade card and other pertinent school records.
5. Schedule admissions testing (\$50.)
6. Registration fee and testing fees are due prior to admissions testing.

7. Complete registration forms: Student Reference Forms (2), Parent Questionnaire, and a signed copy of the Parent/Student Commitment Letter (MS & HS).
8. Copies of the following must be on file in the school office after enrolling: SC Certificate of Immunization, copies of an official birth certificate and social security card.
9. Finalize financial arrangements with the business office. Complete the Financial Agreement.
10. Transcripts and other pertinent school records will be requested from prior school.

Enrollment is not official until a member of the school administration notifies the parents that their child has been accepted at Tabernacle Christian School.

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