

PINNACLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: How much time outside of class will my child spend doing schoolwork each week?

A: The amount your child will need to spend on school work weekly will vary from child to child and from grade to grade. In the early primary grades, parents (and/or tutors) will often need to work along side their children for many of their assignments and to allow them time to practice reading aloud. In the upper-elementary grades students typically become more independent and will require less time and help from parents. As a rule of thumb, plan on one hour per day per class of homework. For example, a math class should average 3-5 hours each week of outside work time, but this number will vary greatly from one student to the next. Middle/high school students will spend on average 3-7 hours daily on assignments.

Q: Is this a part-time school? I want to make sure my child stays on track academically, and will be prepared for high school/college. Will I need to purchase additional curriculum to have my child complete at home?

A: Pinnacle Christian School is designed to provide you with a complete and comprehensive academic program. We will provide you with everything your child should need for success in their particular grade. Just like in any school, if your child struggles in a particular area, their teacher may recommend outside resources such as supplemental materials and/or tutoring. Each student enrolled in Pinnacle Christian School is expected to be on or above grade level academically. If your child is behind in one or more subject areas or has learning differences, we ask that you discuss these concerns with us prior to enrollment to make sure that your child will be able to succeed in this environment.

Q: Will my child's high school credits/diploma be acceptable for college admissions/scholarships?

A: The high school program at Pinnacle Christian School works in partnership with Enlightenment Academy to provide dual accreditation and NCAA-eligibility for student athletes. High school students at Pinnacle have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of elite programs including National Honor Society, dual-credit/AP/Honors courses, student leadership and mission/service projects. Each high schooler will receive a personalized four-year plan complete with specialized courses based on the student's individual interests and post-high school goals.

Q: Is Pinnacle Christian School a homeschool co-op?

A: No, PCS is not considered a homeschool co-op. Classes are taught by highly qualified teachers (many holding advanced degrees and certifications) rather than by parents as in traditional homeschool co-ops. Students who are enrolled at PCS are required to complete mandatory assignments and grades will be reported on report cards. Parents are welcome and encouraged to be involved at PCS, but are not required to stay on campus during school hours.).

Q: When is tuition due?

A: Tuition is due on the 1st of each month (August-April).

Q: What curriculum is used?

A: Pinnacle Christian School uses several curriculums including ABeka Reading and Language Arts (K-2), BJU Press (LA – 3rd & up), Singapore Math, The Story of the World/Answers in Genesis History and Bible and Apologia Science. These publications are chosen because of their proven track-record as Biblically-based, rigorous, grade appropriate and college preparatory materials. You and your child will find these materials easy to follow, engaging and yet challenging. We encourage you to visit the publications' websites to find more information about each curriculum. In addition, one factor which sets our teachers apart is their ability to supplement the curriculum with exciting, engaging classroom activities which provide opportunities beyond the basic lessons. Some of these activities include group STEM projects, experiments, logic and critical thinking activities and public speaking opportunities.

Q: How will I know how my child is doing academically?

A: Because of the "Partnership" design of our school and small class sizes, you will be in close communication with your child's teachers throughout the year. Graded work with teacher feedback is returned to students promptly, and report cards are issued quarterly. Some families choose to have their children complete standardized tests each year, and teachers work together with parents to facilitate diagnostic testing when necessary.

Q: Is Pinnacle Christian School a good fit for all families and students?

A: Because of the heavy parental commitment, Pinnacle Christian School is NOT a good fit for every family. In order for students to be successful, it is imperative that they have parent(s) who are ready, willing and able to dedicate many hours weekly to invest in their child's education. In addition, because of our accelerated model and abbreviated weekly class schedule, it is important that students are working at or above grade level in most subject areas. Any learning differences must be disclosed at the time of application to determine if each child's unique needs can be accommodated.

Q: Can Pinnacle Christian School be a good fit if both parents work outside the home?

A: We have had several families with both parents working outside the home whose children have been successful in the program. Parents may choose to hire a tutor and/or relative to work alongside their children to complete the daily parental role according to our Family Handbook.