

# General Information

## **Philosophy of Education**

1. We believe in the centrality and authority of Jesus Christ, who is Way, the Truth, and the Life.
2. We believe the Bible is the authority for all issues of life, including education.
3. We believe that the knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Bible is essential to the proper growth and development of each individual student.

## **Background**

Heritage Christian School is a non-denominational private school founded in 1996 upon the belief that curriculum should be Christ-centered. Heritage Christian School promotes both academic excellence and the spiritual development of students.

The school started with 31 students in grades K-6 and has grown to its present enrollment of 150+ students in the pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

## **The Physical Plant**

Heritage Christian School is located in their newly acquired campus at 2000 NW Clay. The 37,000+ square foot campus includes gym, Cafeteria with full kitchen, lockers, library and computer lab and sits on six and a half acres of land including two playground areas and a soccer field. We have a growing library, affording our students the opportunity to read books which have been selected with high standards for both literary content and Christian principles.

## **Board of Directors**

Heritage Christian School is governed by a Board of Directors made up of parents of HCS students. Staggered three-year terms are served by Board members who are recommended by a nominating committee and voted on by the general parent body at a Parent/Teacher Fellowship meeting. The Board meets monthly in open meetings.

## **Academics**

A Beka biblically-based curriculum provides a strong academic foundation designed to prepare students to successfully compete in a variety of settings in life. Emphasis is placed on preparing students for higher education upon graduation, but adaptations are made for those who have other plans. Small class sizes provide the opportunity for all students to receive one-to-one time with their teacher(s), who motivate students to succeed and excel. Each year, students in grades K-11<sup>th</sup> undergo standardized testing (SATs) as a measure of their progress. Performance on these tests shows that Heritage students consistently score well above national averages. Our core curriculum meets or exceeds Kansas state guidelines for graduation.



## **Faculty**

Teachers at HCS are all Christian role models and mentors who are dedicated to assisting parents in bringing up their children in Christ. Teachers are selected on the basis of their Christian testimony and their training in particular areas of education. All core curriculum teachers are either currently state certified or are actively working towards obtaining certification. Teachers attend a yearly

Association of Christian Schools International (ASCI) conference that provides continued training and information on teaching techniques.

### **Memberships**

Heritage Christian School is a member of the Association for Christian School International (ACSI) and the Mo-Kan Athletic Association.

### **Uniforms**

Students in K-12<sup>th</sup> grade are required to wear uniforms. These consist of a variety of interchangeable separates. A list of specific styles, brands and locations for purchasing, may be obtained through the school office, or will be received, upon family acceptance, in a Welcome Packet.



### **Lunch Program**

Heritage Christian School has a hot lunch program. Meals, which include plain or chocolate milk, are prepared off-site and catered in each day. Heritage Christian School is a closed campus, that is, students may not leave for lunch on their own, unless special permission is given by parents and administration.

### **Discipline**

Heritage Christian School is designed to be an extension of the students Christian home and an environment where students can the very best learning experience. It is important that all children learn how to respond favorably to authority. Discipline standards are set, according to grade level, and are enforced fairly, consistently, lovingly and with amble parental involvement.

### **Hours of Operation**

School is in session Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Morning kindergarten hours are 8:15- 11:15 a.m. Pre-kindergarten classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, from 8:15-11:00 a.m.