



Arlington Baptist School

FACTS & INFORMATION

It is our desire to minister to the needs of our students by promoting their spiritual and moral growth, their academic and intellectual progress, and their physical and social development (Luke 2:52). Our main goal is clearly stated in our school verse: “But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18).

Why a Christian Education?

We believe a Christian education is important because *all knowledge comes from God*. “In whom (Christ) are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Colossians 2:3). “For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding” (Proverbs 2:6). A child cannot be truly educated without God and the Bible.

We believe a Christian education is important *to learn a Christian philosophy of life*. “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ” (Colossians 2:8). Children need to learn a Christian philosophy of life and living.

We believe a Christian education is important because *Christians are commanded to learn God’s Word*. “And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children” (Deuteronomy 6:6-7a).

General Information

Arlington Baptist School came into existence in 1969 as an educational ministry of Arlington Baptist Church. Students enrolled at Arlington are given a quality Christian educational experience, where Christ-likeness is the goal of instruction and the Bible is at the heart of every curriculum. There are over 1,300 Arlington alumni, many of whom are serving the Lord, throughout the world.

Mission Statement

Through rigorous academics and Biblical curriculum, Arlington Baptist School, a ministry of Arlington Baptist Church, guides students to pursue a Christian worldview, a passion for life-long learning, and a successful career.

Educational Philosophy

- The development of Christian values and character is fundamental to education.
- Academic excellence is worth the diligent investment and should be the goal of our students.
- Students must be equipped for future educational and professional success.
- Parents are critical participants in the education of their children.

- Students must connect classroom experiences and knowledge to real world situations.
- Differentiation is essential to meeting our students' individual needs.
- A strong foundation of academic knowledge, effective study habits, and organizational proficiency is fundamental to education.

Accreditation

Arlington Baptist School is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, one of the seven regional accrediting associations in America.

Academics

Class size is generally limited to 20 students in the elementary school and 24 students in the middle and high schools. Exceptions may be made only upon approval of the administration. In addition to the core curriculum of the three R's, students in the elementary school generally take Bible, art, computer, music, band, Spanish, and physical education. Kindergarten students are taught to read as part of their academic program.

Some of the course offerings in the high school include pre-calculus, advanced biology, physics, chemistry, speech, computer, yearbook, Spanish, art, choir, and band.

Arlington offers both a college prep diploma and a general diploma. Most Arlington students attend college after graduation.

Qualified high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors may be elected into the National Honor Society.

Each spring, students in grades K5-9 take the Stanford Achievement Test.

School is in session Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Extended Day School is available for an additional fee, both before school beginning at 6:30 a.m. and after school until 6:00 p.m.

Doctrine

Here is what we believe and teach:

- All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- God is eternal in three persons: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:16-17)
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God and was born of a virgin. (Matthew 1:20-25)
- Through His substitutionary atonement, Jesus Christ died for us so that we might be able to be justified by His blood and saved from the wrath to come. (Romans 5:8-9)
- Only those who have received the Lord Jesus Christ by faith as personal Savior are the children of God. (John 1:12)
- Man, made in the image of God, fell because of unbelief and became separated from God, is dead in trespasses and sin, and cannot enter the kingdom of God, unless born from above. (Romans 5:12)
- The true church is made up of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Head. (Ephesians 2:20-22)
- All believers are baptized by the Holy Spirit into this one true body and are set apart to a holy walk. (1 Corinthians 1:30-31, 12:13)

- All true believers, having been born again into the family of God, are possessors of everlasting life, will never perish, and are eternally secure in Him. (John 10:28-29; 1 Peter 1:23)
- Immersion is the Scriptural method of baptism and is for believers only. (Acts 8:36-38)
- The Lord's Supper is a commemoration of His death and is to be celebrated at certain intervals until He comes. (Luke 22:17-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)
- Christ's return is imminent, pre-millennial, and personal. (Matthew 24:44; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 3:11)
- As children of the Lord, we will endeavor, by God's grace, to live a consistent Christian life and to refrain from those things which would dishonor our Lord, and thereby discredit our Christian testimony. (Colossians 3:1-17)

Faculty

Arlington's faculty consists of more than 20 professionally trained, dedicated Christian individuals from diverse backgrounds who have graduated from various Christian colleges and secular universities. Several faculty members have earned advanced degrees; others are continuing their education in order to obtain advanced degrees.

To encourage excellent classroom performance, the faculty attends professional workshops and conferences yearly.

Arlington's faculty is well equipped to train your child in a competent, Christian manner.

Facilities

Arlington is conveniently located on an attractive 17-acre campus in Baltimore County, just west of Baltimore's Beltway (I-695).

The school uses two main buildings on the campus – the elementary school building for grades K3 through 6th and the high school building for grades 7th through 12th. Each building houses a library, a gymnasium, a cafeteria, a computer lab, and an art room. The facilities also include two high school science labs, music rooms, and numerous classrooms for teaching academic subjects. A small auditorium is used for school chapel services, and a larger, 800-seat auditorium is available for school concerts, programs, and graduation.

Well-maintained baseball, softball, and soccer fields are available for PE classes and scheduled athletic games. The younger students enjoy recess on a large, fenced-in playground.

Sports

Students in grades 5-12 may participate in soccer, volleyball, basketball, and baseball. Sports offered will be determined by student interest. Competitions include invitation, regional, and state tournaments. Arlington's athletic facilities include two gymnasiums and excellent outdoor playing fields, for hosting home games for various sports teams and our annual invitational basketball tournament each school year.

Registration process

Enclosed you will find several different forms for application. Registration requests will be processed in the order that they are completed and received. The registration process is as follows:

1. **Complete all enclosed registration packet forms, including those to be completed by a leader in your church, and return them to the school office along with the \$250 non-refundable Registration/Testing Fee.**

Required Forms from this Packet:

- *Student Registration*
- *Parent/Student Interview*
- *Church Information*
- *Church Leadership Recommendation*
- *Release of Records*

Other Required Forms/Documentation:

- *Common Referral Form*
- *Transcript for students entering grades 9-12*
- *Latest Report Card*
- *Achievement Test Scores*
- *Record of Attendance*
- *Record of Discipline*
- *Legal Proof of Age**
- *Immunization Record*

***All students must have *legal proof of age* to enroll in school. For proof of age, one of the following documents must be provided, listed in order of preference:**

1. Birth certificate
2. Birth registration notice
3. Passport/Visa
4. Physician's certificate—signed statement by physician or midwife in attendance at birth regarding the date shown on their records
5. Baptismal or church certification
6. Hospital certificate—gives the child's full name, parent's name(s), DOB, and physician's signature
7. Official school record
8. Official court document indicating the child's birth date

All forms must be received by the school office in order to continue the registration process.

2. **Once all the above materials are received, the school will contact you to schedule a time for student testing.** All students are required to be tested before entrance into the school.
 - Students entering preschool or kindergarten are given the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test and a school readiness test.
 - Students entering grades 1-12 are given the Reading Comprehension and Math Problem-Solving sections of the Stanford Achievement Test and the complete Otis Lennon School Ability Test.
3. **On the testing date, you will receive a Parent/Student Handbook and a Parent/School Agreement form.** Before your final appointment, you will need to familiarize yourself with the Handbook and sign the Agreement, indicating that you and your child are aware of and will abide by all of the policies, rules, and regulations of the school. This form is to be returned at the final interview appointment.
4. **The school will set up a parent/student interview with the Administration.** If the student is not accepted, \$150 of the Registration/Testing Fee will be returned to the parent. If the student is accepted, but the class is full, the student will be placed on a waiting list for that grade. If the class is still full on the first day of classes, the Registration Fee, less the Testing Fee (\$150) will be returned to the parent.

Non-Discriminatory Policy

Arlington Baptist School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, financial programs, athletic programs, and other school-administered programs.

If you have any questions concerning our school, please contact us at 410-655-9300 or eagles@arlingtonbaptist.org. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and to give you a tour of our campus and facilities. We hope you will prayerfully consider enrolling your child(ren) in Arlington Baptist School.