

# MISSION – STATEMENT OF FAITH

## **Our Mission**

The mission of Central Texas Christian School is to educate students with the transforming truth of Christ, inspiring academic excellence, Godly character, and integrity in life pursuits.

## **Policy of Nondiscrimination**

Central Texas Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

## **Accreditation**

Central Texas Christian School has been an accredited member of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) since 1998. CTCS is accredited from grades K through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **Statement of Faith**

We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe in the deity of Christ; His virgin birth; His sinless life; His miracles; His vicarious and atoning death; His resurrection; His ascension to the right hand of the Father; His personal return in power and glory. We believe the Bible to be the only inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God. We believe in the necessity of regeneration of the Holy Spirit, for “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Rom 3:23). Salvation is not of works, lest any man should boast, but is the gift of God, whereby men are saved by grace through faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ (Eph 2:8, 9). We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: the saved unto the resurrection of life and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation. We believe that our salvation is eternally secure. (John 10:28, 29)

# LION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY/SLU

In 2009, Central Texas Christian School launched a new leadership initiative designed to train and prepare students for their role as the next generation of Godly, Christian leaders. In order to fulfill this responsibility, CTCS developed Lion Leadership Academy. This program will serve to educate our future leaders and provide them with year-round accountability and encouragement in choosing to read the right books, visit the right places, meet the right people, and memorize the right things.

Students entering 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to make application to the Lion Leadership Academy. All students must reapply to the Academy at the beginning of each school year. Each applicant will participate in a professional interview as a part of the

application process. Upon acceptance into the Academy, students are required to create a leadership portfolio. Updated yearly, the portfolios include reports on books they have read, notes from conference speakers taken throughout the year, leadership “report cards” from coaches and sponsors, attendance reports from church leaders, and detailed accounts of mission involvement. The students submit their portfolios at the end of the school year. The completed portfolios allow the students to participate in the Student Leadership University (SLU) program that takes place each summer.

SLU provides students many unique opportunities, including walking the beaches of Normandy, touring the war memorials in Washington, D.C., and listening to speakers as diverse as English royalty, professional athletes, politicians, self-made millionaires, and others who have been used in extraordinary ways to make an eternal difference. SLU students will have the chance to learn leadership principles from some of the most respected leaders in the Christian community.

Students who participate in Lion Leadership Academy and SLU will gain excellent leadership training and experience life-changing events. These programs are a key component in the continuing pursuit of Central Texas Christian School to develop and graduate authentic Christian leaders.

# ATHLETICS

Member of Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS), the largest private school competitive athletic organization in Texas. Competitive sports begin in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

<p><b><u>Lion Athletics</u></b>          11-Man Football          Basketball          Baseball (9-12<sup>th</sup> grades only)          Cross Country          Golf          Track and Field          Strengthening and Conditioning          Academic Counseling          Lion Character Program</p>	<p><b><u>Lady Lion Athletics</u></b>          Cheerleading          Competitive Cheerleading (grades 9-12<sup>th</sup> only)          Cross Country          Golf          Volleyball          Basketball          Track and Field          Strengthening and Conditioning          Lady Lion Character Program          Academic Counseling</p>
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**P.E. Program (Grades K-12):** Physical education classes are available for students through grades 12. The Elementary Physical Education Inclusion program provides opportunity for students in the elementary grades to learn fundamentals of competitive sports offered at CTCS. This is accomplished through a system of physical education classes and "Little Lion" summer camps for elementary age students.

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Chapter:** Active. FCA athletes meet every other week as a campus ministry to discuss God's word with the goal of getting involved in community matters and projects.

**Competitive Athletics:** In Lion and Lady Lion Athletics sports are divided into three separate categories according to their nature. Those categories are listed below:

**Developmental:** Middle School sports are developmental. Coaches allow each athlete an opportunity to play in every game as young athletes need the opportunity to develop. Coaches do not set a time limit on the amount of playing time an athlete will receive.

**Competitive/Developmental:** Junior varsity sports are competitive and developmental. Coaches do their best to make sure all athletes on a team receive some playing time; however, the amount of time is completely at their discretion and those with a higher skill level are awarded more playing time.

**Competitive:** Varsity level sports are competitive. Teams have the opportunity to win district and advance to the state playoffs. Playing time is awarded to students with a higher skill level. There are times when athletes may not get playing time.

## PRE-KINDERGARTEN

### **Pre-Kindergarten**

We at Central Texas Christian School are committed to teaching the whole child – spiritually, physically, socially, intellectually, and emotionally. This commitment is accomplished through Kingdom Education, a program centered on God, His son Jesus, the Bible, and the evidence of God in our world. The success of the Kingdom Education experience depends on the unity of spirit and purpose between the school and its families; therefore, our policy requires that at least one parent of enrolling students be a professing Christian.

Class time is from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Two, three, and five morning programs are available. The student-teacher ratio is 12:1 with shared aides. Students do not wear uniforms, but are encouraged to wear comfortable play clothes with closed-toe shoes. All PK students **must** be completely potty-trained.

If you need your child to stay all day, we offer our Early Childhood Enrichment (ECE) class. This is a combined-ages program with a different theme of extended learning each week using stories and crafts. ECE is from 11:30 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. Children eat lunch in their classroom and may pre-order Hot Lunch or bring a sack lunch.

<b><u>Pre-Kindergarten (3 year-olds)</u></b>	<b><u>Pre-Kindergarten (4 year-olds)</u></b>
Daily Bible Lessons	Scripture Bites
Pathways for Threes (BJU Press)	Footsteps for Fours (BJU Press)
Learning Centers	Learning Centers
Listening/Sharing	Music
Social Development	Listening/Sharing
Music	Social Development
Thematic Units	Thematic Units
Art	Art
Outdoor playtime	Outdoor playtime
Field trips	Field trips
Weekly library visits	Weekly library visits

The 3-year-old program offers learning through play, stories and art. Letters, colors, numbers, and shapes are areas of focus. Activities presented are age-appropriate in difficulty and interest.

The 4-year-old curriculum is built upon the foundation laid in our 3-year-old program. We continue with thematic and activity-centered curriculum, with the emphasis shifting toward the pre-reading and academic skills necessary for kindergarten. Field trips and guest readers enhance the fun-filled lessons.

# ELEMENTARY – GRADES K-6TH

The elementary program at Central Texas Christian School offers students Kingdom Education in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment. Our elementary classes are from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Classroom content is complemented through the use of hands-on activities, field trips, and extracurricular classes. Additionally, beginning in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, students may try out for competitive meets against local private and Christian schools in speech, Math Olympics, choir, science fairs and spelling bees.

A ½-day Kindergarten Preparatory class (8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) is offered as an option for students who are in transition between PK-4 and full-day Kindergarten.

<p>Our degreed and certified teaching faculty provides students with classroom instruction in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bible</li><li>Mathematics</li><li>Science</li><li>Social Studies</li><li>Language Arts<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Reading</li><li>○ Writing</li><li>○ Spelling</li><li>○ Phonics</li><li>○ Penmanship</li><li>○ English/Language</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>Students' learning experiences are enhanced with extracurricular classes in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Art</li><li>Computers</li><li>Music</li><li>Physical Education</li><li>Library Science</li><li>Chapel</li><li>Spanish Enrichment</li></ul>
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## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat

CTCS 6<sup>th</sup> graders participate in a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Mission Retreat to Camp Tejas in Giddings, Texas every May. This exciting experience offers students opportunities for:

- Class Unity
- Spiritual Growth
- Discipleship
- Leadership Development
- Missions

CTCS high school students serve as counselors for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade cabins. High school students apply and go through an interview process to be selected. Once selected, the counselors attend training meetings, read books and complete assignments in preparation for their time at camp. The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Mission Retreat is the first step in a plan to implement class retreats as a way to expand the educational experience for our students.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL – GRADES 7-8

Central Texas Christian School provides an academic, spiritual, and physical training environment that is centered on God’s truth. The courses in the middle school are selected and implemented in a way that provides for the attainment of knowledge, wisdom, skills, and application to inspire a desire for greater discovery.

## **Academic, Speech, and Fine Arts Competitions**

CTCS participates in a variety of academic competitions. Students may compete in math, spelling, and speech. Choir and band students are involved in vocal and instrumental solos, small ensembles, and large ensembles. Art students submit pieces to the ACSI Art Festival in the spring.

## **Curriculum**

The Mission of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at Central Texas Christian School is to develop and implement accurate, accessible and usable curriculum tools for guiding students to excellence in spiritual, personal and academic preparation for life through the application of Biblical, Christ-centered learning experiences in every area of instruction. We are committed to the primacy of Jesus Christ in every student’s experience and the importance of a Biblical World View in every discipline we teach. To achieve these ends we continually maintain a program of improvement that monitors the success of our students and guides them toward a Graduate Profile that embodies the qualities of spiritual, personal, and academic excellence. We seek to develop and employ the most effective curriculum documents obtainable, both in form and in content, applied through the most effective teaching strategies available. It is our utmost goal that Christ will be exalted in every classroom, in every activity, on every playing field, and in every heart of every member of our staff and student community.

### **Seventh Grade Course Offerings**

Bible  
English  
Pre-Algebra  
Science  
History  
Athletics or Physical Education

### **Eighth Grade Course Offerings**

Bible  
English  
Intro to Algebra or Algebra I  
Science  
History  
Athletics or Physical Education

### **Electives**

Art  
Band  
Choir  
Computer/Keyboarding

## HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-12

Central Texas Christian School was founded in 1987 and has developed into a complete program from Pre-Kindergarten through high school. The high school began with a freshman class in 1998 and graduated its first class in 2002. CTCS is a college-preparatory school with selective admission.

Grade point averages are based on an average of the student's core courses – math, science, history, English, and foreign language. Any transfer credits from accredited schools are calculated into the average; home school, dual-credit taken off campus, independent study, and correspondence courses are not included. AP course grades are weighted.

Only the valedictorian, salutatorian, and students comprising the top 10% of each graduating class are ranked. Students enrolled in CTCS for a minimum of their last four semesters are eligible for the valedictorian and salutatorian distinctions.

### **Academic, Speech, and Fine Arts Competitions**

CTCS participates in a variety of academic competitions through invitationals. Students on the academic team participate in calculator, computer science, current events and issues, math, advanced math, number sense, ready writing, social studies, Spanish, spelling, and science. Speech students compete in extemporaneous speaking, original oratory, poetry, prose, solo acting, and duet acting. Choir and band students are involved in vocal and instrumental solos, small ensembles, and large ensembles. Art students submit pieces throughout the year to various competitions. Individuals from all events have placed at the district and state levels.

### **Advanced Course Offerings**

Pre-AP English I and II

AP English Literature and Composition

AP English Language and Composition

AP US History

AP US Government

Economics Honors

Pre-AP Geometry

Pre-AP Algebra II

AP Calculus

Spanish IV Honors

AP Chemistry II

### **Winterm Classes**

CTCS is able to offer “mini-classes” in a variety of topics over a two week period following the Christmas Holidays. This short term provides the opportunity for the

student body to build and strengthen life-long bonds of Christian camaraderie with friends and the faculty. CTCS uses the community and parents as resources for these classes. New classes are developed each year and added to student favorites.

Logic and Argumentation  
 Drivers Education  
 Cooking  
 One-Act Play  
 Mural Design  
 Driver's Education  
 Creation Science  
 Communications and Media  
 Medicine, Business, and the Christian  
 Elementary Education  
 Looming  
 SAT Prep  
 Strengthening and Conditioning  
 Missions  
 Automotive  
 Introduction to Mosaics  
 Photography  
 Maintaining God's Temple for Ladies  
 Human Video  
 Dance

<b>Graduation Requirements</b>		
	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>*Distinguished</b>
<b>Bible</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Math</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>History</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Foreign Language</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Fine Arts</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Philosophy</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Speech</b>	<b>.5</b>	<b>.5</b>
<b>PE/Athletics</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Electives (Including Philosophy)</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

\*The Distinguished Plan requirements also include student achievement of four advanced measures, which include:

- A score on the PSAT that qualifies a student for recognition as commended scholar or higher by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.
- AP and/or Honors courses.
- An original Research project required for Distinguished Diploma.

\*\*A minimum of 110 Community Service Hours are required for graduation.

<p><b>Previous Graduating Classes</b></p> <p><b>Class of 2002</b> -6 graduates 4 enrolled in a 4-year university</p> <p><b>Class of 2003</b> – 13 graduates 12 enrolled in a 2 or 4-year university 1 enrolled in a world-wide missions program</p> <p><b>Class of 2004-</b> 11 graduates 9 enrolled in a 2 or 4 year university 1 enrolled in National Guard</p> <p><b>Class of 2005</b> – 19 graduates 17 enrolled in 2 or 4 year university 1 enrolled in U. S. Air Force Academy University 1 enrolled in technical college</p> <p><b>Class of 2006</b> – 25 graduates 1 National Merit Scholar 22 enrolled in a 2 or 4-year college 1 enlisted in U.S. Marine Corp 1 enrolled in technical college 1 enrolled in a vocational school</p>	<p><b>Class of 2007</b> – 14 graduates 14 enrolled in 2 or 4-year university</p> <p><b>Class of 2008</b> – 20 graduates 16 enrolled in 2 or 4 year college 1 enlisted in U.S. Army</p> <p><b>Class of 2009</b> – 22 graduates 1 National Merit Hispanic Scholar 20 enrolled in 2 or 4 year university 1 enlisted U.S. Air Force 1 enrolled in Technical School</p> <p><b>Class of 2010</b> -34 graduates 31 enrolled in 2 or 4 year university 1 enrolled in Technical College 1 enlisted in U.S. Army 1 enlisted in U.S. Air Force Academy</p> <p><b>Class of 2011</b> – 21 graduates 21 enrolled in a 2 or 4 year University</p> <p><b>Class of 2012</b> – 22 graduates 21 enrolled in a 2 or 4 year University</p>
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### College Choices

Colleges and Universities attended by CTCS graduates: \*Top Attended

Abilene Christian University*	Howard Payne University	Texas A & M University*
Asbury College	Houston Baptist College	Texas State University
Baylor University	Letourneau University	Texas Tech University
Belmont University	McMurray University	Texas Christian University
North Texas State University	UMHB*	Dallas Baptist University
Tarleton State University	University of Missouri	Hardin Simmons University
University of Texas	United States Air Force Academy	