



FAQ SHEET

How many grade levels does Heartland offer?

Heartland Christian provides classes for grades K5-12th grade.

What Church denomination is affiliated with Heartland?

The A.C.E. Curriculum is not associated with one particular denomination, but is best described as conservative evangelical. You can read more about A.C.E. on their website (www.aceschooloftomorrow.com) and about denominations represented at Heartland in the next question below.

What is the purpose of the uniform dress code?

At Heartland Christian School, we want the children to focus on learning and getting to know one another through genuine kindness, Godly character, and hard work. In reverence to 1 Peter 3:3-4, your beauty should come from a gentle and quiet spirit and not from any outward adornments.

>To encourage a productive class environment: uniforms help students focus more on their academics and less on the peer pressure associated with keeping up with the latest fashion trends.

>Modesty: uniforms eliminate inappropriate clothing and eliminate the question of what is modest as defined differently per family.

>Preparation for life: uniforms prepare students for their future jobs and situations where they will more than likely have a work dress code they will need to adhere to. Uniforms also help teach students professionalism and that there is a time to dress up: special events, job interviews, certain Church functions, and so on.

>Increased school safety: it is much easier to identify non students and strangers when the students are dressed uniformly, especially on field trips.

>Easier mornings at home: uniforms simplify the “what do I wear” question, making it much faster to get dressed and out the door!

>Money savings: uniforms eliminate the need for parents to buy a full wardrobe with changing seasons and fashions.

>A greater appreciation for dress-down days!



What accreditations does Heartland have? Will my child be ready for college?

Our school is fully accredited through American Association of Christian Schools, which is also why we qualify for state vouchers. Our alumni have had a very high success rate in college due to a focus on character training and integrating the Christian in to all of learning.

Does Heartland perform standardized testing?

Yes, because we are a part of the school choice voucher acceptance program, we adhere to the state required standardized testing. Grades 2-3 participate in iREAD, grades 3-8 do iLEARN, 9th graders take iLEARN biology and finally 11th graders participate in SAT school day. These markers have no pending on their PACE levels with Heartland.

How can I afford a private Christian education?

This may seem like a bigger question to include in our FAQ's but we wanted to share this insight. Tuition costs will vary depending on how many children you have attending Heartland Christian School. Many parents choose to make weekly contributions to a 529 plan, so the annual tuition fee is spread over 52 weeks, making the total amount much easier to achieve. It is important to remember that School Choice Vouchers will cover 80- 90% of tuition expenses, which makes the over cost much more affordable. We understand that it costs a lot of money to raise kids without the expense of private school, but when you consider what you are getting from sending your kids to Heartland Christian School, we hope it will make your decision much easier. When it comes to answering the most basic worldview questions such as where humans came from, the foundations of gender, the purpose of life, who determines our purpose in life, who judges right and wrong, what happens after we die, etc. all public educational institutions provide the wrong answers. At Heartland Christian School, we are very honored to have the flexibility and knowledge to provide solid, Biblical answers. The answers to these very important questions are what helps to shape our kids' lives. When they graduate from Heartland Christian School and move on, they will have this Biblical worldview to carry with them throughout the rest of their lives. It may stretch your budget now, but your children are worth the investment.



Does Heartland provide before or after school care?

Yes! Typically, you can drop students off at 8:00 am and they need to be picked up by 4:00 pm for no charge. If you need to drop them off earlier, they can be dropped off as early as 7:30 am for a \$5/child charge. If you need after- school care, they can be picked up as late as 5:00pm for \$5/child for each half hour. Please contact the office with any further questions.

Do you have a cafeteria that serves hot lunches?

Presently, we have a lunch room with microwaves, but we currently do not provide food for lunch. Parents will need to provide lunch every day. We do offer Papa John's pizza on a rotation to the different classes every other Tuesday/Thursday to purchase slices of pizza for \$1.50 per slice.

How do school choice vouchers work? Will state mandates affect Heartland's culture?

You can review the information on the "Tuition and Voucher Information" page of our website. If you still have more questions, you can also call the school at 765-465-4311. Our leadership stands as guardians of our Christian culture to protect our environment to keep it a safe space for children to grow in the Lord as they discover their God-given gifts.

What is the average number of students per class?

Our teacher-to-student ratio target is 1 to 12. Most of our classes are much better than our target, but we try not to exceed this ratio. Our younger grades have a 1 to 8 or better ratio. A low teacher-to-student ratio is very important at Heartland Christian School, where we focus on individualized learning through our mastery-based system. Each student has to master the concept before they can progress within their curriculum. Through this individualized learning, the teachers can tailor the amount of time that needs to be spent with each student.

If my child is transferring in, how will he/she adjust to pace work?

All students who transfer in get a diagnostic test to examine their academic ability in math, english, reading comprehension and spelling. Any learning gaps are identified and are dealt with on an individual basis. Heartland is uniquely different in that we focus on honoring God in every aspect and an individualized approach will keep transferring in as seamless as possible.



Will my child learn life skills like Home Economics and Wood Shop?

Most public schools have eliminated these courses. At Heartland Christian School, we have the opportunity for a unique, tailored approach to these life skills. Through Accelerated Christian Education, Heartland Christian School students can participate in annual leadership conventions. The convention is an opportunity for students to compete in disciplined skills in various areas of proficiency. There are 147 categories to choose from in the areas of music, drama, art, athletics and academics. Within the art section, they can choose projects like woodworking or sewing. In addition to the abundant opportunities that convention provides, we require all Seniors to go through our Economic and Personal Finance class. We utilize the Dave Ramsey Foundations in Personal Finance for High School students as the curriculum for this class.

Are students so shielded from the “real world” that it will be a shock to them upon graduation?

Socializing kids and teaching them about the reality of this world is largely a responsibility of the parent. It is at your discretion how much real-world exposure you decide to give them. Every student is sheltered from something, whether they attend a private Christian school or public school. The difference is evident in what they are sheltered from. We pray that, at Heartland Christian School, our students will be sheltered from humanistic and atheistic philosophies, as well as drugs, alcohol, vaping, swearing, etc. On the other hand, all public-school students are sheltered from a biblical worldview, teacher-led prayer, study of God’s Word, and a prayer team that prays for each of them. (Read here about our Prayer Team Ministry.) Being a Christ-like leader in the workforce will set you apart. At Heartland Christian School, we are focused on building strong character by teaching them to be loyal, honest, trustworthy, kind, gentle, caring, joyful, patient, and faithful to the Lord. These character traits will serve them well no matter what situation they are presented with as an adult.