



# CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH ACADEMY

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## INFORMATION SESSION

Parents should complete the Application Form and explain their reason/s for choosing home education and for considering CBCA. Parents must disclose any disciplinary charges pending against your student from any public or private school. Students should have a positive attitude toward home education and toward participating in our program.

### I. Calvary Baptist Church Academy is a ministry of Calvary Baptist Church

- Founded in 1996, CBCA was established to fill needs of home educating families through:
  - Academic accountability
  - Music/Drama/Art programs
  - Organized conference sports program
  - Social activities

A CBCA handbook will be provided at enrollment.

CBCA handbook states, "As we are a ministry of the Calvary Baptist Church and a Christian school, we expect Christian conduct from our students..." We uphold Biblical standards of conduct, modesty, and discipline. As a ministry of Calvary Baptist Church in Lakeland, Florida, CBCA adheres to and abides by all aspects of the Calvary Baptist Church Constitution and By-Laws.

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### II. Calvary Baptist Church Academy features:

#### - **Friday School**

Fine arts classes – Although we welcome parent involvement, parents are not required to be on premises every Friday, but are required to provide all necessary release forms for their student/s, and students are not allowed to leave campus during the school day without signed parental permission.

Classes offered, as available and grade-specific, may include:

Art/ Band/ Creative Writing/ Choir/ Consumer Science/ Drama/ Hand Chimes/ Conversational Spanish/ Science Labs/ Yearbook Publication / Geography

- Students on campus during lunch time need to bring a lunch / snack bar will be available. Menu items or items brought by other students may contain or come into contact with WHEAT, EGGS, PEANUTS, TREE NUTS, MILK, and other ingredients that your child could be allergic to. Parents should make children with allergies aware of their condition and remind them to be cautious while in an area with a variety of ingredients and foods.
- Yearbook is published by our high school students; ads are sold to offset cost of publication (each family is required to purchase one yearbook each year)
- Library on premises – hours of operation coincide with Friday sessions
- Chapel – each Friday (students are expected to attend chapel if they are on campus)

#### - **High School Fine Arts Competition** state and national levels

CBCA is a member of Sunshine State Association of Christian Schools, American Association of Christian Schools, Florida Parent Educators Association, Florida Music Educators Association, and Florida Vocal Association

SSACS/AACS:

- Music competition for choirs, band, ensembles, solos
- Drama competition
- Academic competition

- Bible competition
- Art competition

#### FMEA/FVA

- All-County Auditioned Chorus – middle and high school students
- All-State Auditioned Chorus – middle and high school students

#### Conference Athletics Program (member of Florida Christian Conference)

- High School Varsity/Junior Varsity and Junior High, as available, for girls 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> and boys 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> :
  - Volleyball – girls
  - Basketball – girls
  - Basketball – boys
  - Golf – co-ed
- Athletic Code of Conduct form required of all athletes
- Annual athletic physical required before first practice, dated after June 1 of current year (use CBCA form)
- Academic requirements as set forth by FCC

#### Other CBCA Activities

- Fine Arts programs throughout the year
- Awards program at end of school year
- Holiday Activities
- Kindergarten Graduation
- High School Graduation

All parents/volunteers serving in any capacity are required to complete a **Volunteer Application/Consent form**. Parents are expected to volunteer/assist with the school or with school related events to include:

- Teaching on Fridays
- Assisting teachers
- Athletic coaches or assistants
- Fine Arts competitions
- Fundraising events \*

\* Note: Each student enrolled at CBCA must participate in fall and spring mandatory school-wide fund raisers at a specified minimum level, or pay the established buy-out fee per student per fund raiser.

As stated in our handbook, CBCA does not allow students to use cell phones or electronic devices while on campus for Friday classes, at competitions, during assessment testing, or while participating in other CBCA events.

### III. Program Options offered at CBCA – all under the same price structure

#### 1. The Full Program – CBCA diploma/transcript provided

> Parents select curriculum - Academics must be taught by parent/guardian or certified teacher

- CBCA is a 617 non-traditional, non-public school - *State of Florida Statutes 232.021 in compliance with 229.808* **CBCA is not licensed or accredited, but is registered with the State of Florida, and has a state and federal school ID number.**

- CBCA administrative personnel offer guidance and assistance with record keeping, high school credits & graduation requirements, scholarship information, curriculum information
  - We provide all required record keeping forms
  - We review lesson plans to make sure that material being taught is applicable for grade level
  - We provide a diploma for high school graduates
  - We provide official transcripts
  - We are affiliates of Florida Virtual School, a free online program offered by the Florida Dept. of Education
  - We have articulation agreements for dual enrollment with area colleges
  
- Under Record Keeping Program, parents must submit to CBCA:
  - Projected quarter schedule (45 days/quarter – 180days/year)
  - Parents select quarter start/end dates
  - Lesson plans/grades/attendance records must be submitted to CBCA each quarter by the end date selected (failure to provide paperwork results in late fees and probation from participation in athletics or fine arts competitions/classes)
  - Academic assessment required ANNUALLY, by either:
    - Portfolio evaluation or assessment by a Florida state-certified source
    - Achievement test/standardized test\* (CBCA offers Terra Nova 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition by McGraw-Hill Publishers)

\*CBCA policy does not permit parents of CBCA students to administer/proctor standardized test for their own student/s, with the exception of parent/s who hold a current Florida teacher certification.

2. **The Remote Program** – for remote students seeking records

- Same academic requirements as CBCA record keeping program
- Remote students will be eligible to receive diploma/transcript, and will participate in graduation exercise at the discretion of CBCA administration

3. **The Associate Program** –offered to traditional home educating families who are not affiliated with CBCA record keeping program (no diploma/transcript provided)

- Register with your county superintendent of education or other record keeping source and report progress annually to your county
- Parents select curriculum and maintain all records and grades
- Academics taught by parent/guardian or certified teacher
- Students attend CBCA “Friday School” and may be involved with all CBCA activities
- Annual achievement testing (optional) is made available through CBCA

Chart recaps the above information:

	Record-Keeping*	Fine Arts/ Athletics/ Classes	CBCA Maintains Academic Transcript	Annual Assessment Required	May participate in Graduation Ceremony	Diploma/ Transcript Provided
Full Program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Associate Program		✓			✓	
Remote Program	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

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IV. Tuition, Fees, and Steps to Enroll - see Fee Schedule for prices

**Transcripts/diplomas/records will not be released until all financial obligations have been met. All fees and tuition are non-refundable.**

- Registration fee – due at registration
- Tuition – may be paid in full or by payment plan
- Additional fees as specified on fee schedule

**Steps to Enroll after completing information session based upon acceptance:**

- Submit completed registration forms and pay registration fee (remaining balance or a signed payment plan is due by first Friday session – no fees or interest charged for payment plan)
- Provide copy of student's birth certificate
- Provide Florida state health forms (*originals must be on file at CBCA*):
  - Student Entry Health Exam (form DH3040)
  - Medical immunization\* record (form DH680) that prove compliance to FSS 232.03 (Transfer students from out of state need to obtain Florida immunization form. Out-of-state school physical form may be used if on a comparable form and dated within one year.)

\* In accordance with Florida Statutes 232.032 parents may choose to exempt from immunizing their children for the following reasons and provide CBCA with either of the following form/s:

- Religious exemption (FL DEPT OF HEALTH FORM 681)
- Medical exemption (FL DEPT OF HEALTH FORM 680 - PART C)
- Provide grades from previous academic year (*record keeping program only*).
- Provide current results of a standardized achievement test administered by a certified teacher or provide an evaluation administered by a certified teacher - dated within 12 months (all students must comply, with the exception of transfers from a public school system, since certification requirements would have been met at that school) (*record keeping program only*)
- See the administrative assistant to obtain and review record keeping forms packet (*record keeping program only*)
- Arrange with the financial office to pay fees and/or set up payment plan (*if applicable*).

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### Information Session Acknowledgment

I acknowledge that I have read and/or been presented with and understand the information contained in the information session outline. My signature on this page does not obligate me to any program offered by CBCA. This is strictly an acknowledgment that I have read or been presented with the content of this informational publication.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Print Name