



DENVER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Inspired Equipped Engaged

**Denver Christian School inspires and equips children of Christian parents
to engage the world with Christ's transforming power and love.**

2016-17 School Profile

Denver Christian School was **founded in 1916** to provide an exceptional education from a Biblical perspective. A century later we continue to offer an excellent and distinctive Christian education to families in the Denver metropolitan area.

2016-2017 PreK-12 Enrollment: 460 students

Denver Christian partners with the home and the church to educate “the whole child”—heart, hands, and mind. Our educational model is built on partnership: our teachers working closely with families who represent over 100 churches in the Denver area.

Average Class Sizes: Elementary—14 students; Middle School—19 students; High School—15 students

Overall Faculty/Student Ratio is 1:13

In addition to small class sizes led by amazing teachers, our counselors and academic support team, help all students succeed. An important Denver Christian distinctive is our commitment to helping all children know with certainty that they are **deeply loved**, that they are **uniquely gifted**, and that they **belong**—i.e., they have a special and exciting role to play in this, God's world.

We have a long-established reputation for academic excellence, and the rigor, depth, and breadth of our curriculum prepare graduates well for college and for life. Because we believe that Jesus is Lord over every inch of our world, *all of our classes* are taught from a Biblical perspective.

Preschool Years

Preschoolers at DC experience being part of a community with other students grades P-12 through Faith Families, Reading Buddies, and Mentors. Curriculum is designed to inspire an interest in learning and exploring God's World. Using a combination of play and structure prepares children for Kindergarten and fosters creativity, social, and emotional growth. Pre-K students attend Physical Education, Music and Library. Specials are added to compliment the integrated classroom experience.

Kindergarten and Elementary Years

The primary curricular emphases in kindergarten and lower elementary years at DC are reading and math.

The *Open Court* reading program

- grounds children's early reading in a strong phonics base,
- helps children develop excellent word attack skills, and
- invites children to enjoy interesting, engaging literature.

The *Envision* and *Reflex* math programs

- help children understand how numbers work,
- build logic and problem-solving skills, and
- develop age-appropriate computational confidence and fluency.

Children in grades K–5 also study science, social studies, language arts, and Bible. In addition to the core classes, every student, every week enjoys art, music, computers, library, and physical education taught by content specialists. Technology education is infused throughout the curriculum with devices in the classroom and frequent visits to the computer lab and tinkering lab to help children learn how to use these important tools to enhance their exploration of God's world.

Middle School Years

The middle school curriculum continues a strong emphasis on key academic subjects (English, math, science, social studies, and Bible) while also further developing the students' knowledge and skills in art, music, and physical education.

Middle school students also enjoy athletics (e.g., soccer, volleyball, cross-country, basketball, and track), choir and/or band. A distinctive middle school program is the *Friday Explores*. These elective classes invite students to investigate a new subject area as well as to develop a new passion or set of skills. *Explore* classes bring novelty, zest, and opportunity to students who are learning more about themselves every day and who are thinking about and getting ready to transition into the busy and challenging years of high school.

High School Years

The high school program at DC offers rich and varied learning opportunities to students, including more than 90 different course selections (with 15 honors, AP, or Dual Credit courses), spanning disciplines from English to worldview philosophy, and topics from calculus to C.S. Lewis. Students may participate in 14 different athletic options, drama, speech and debate, symphonic band, jazz band as well as various choirs.

**Denver Christian's graduation rate is more than 99%.
An average of 94% of our graduates go on to college and
virtually all graduates pursue some form of post-secondary education.**

Standardized Test Scores

All Denver Christian students in grades 1-12 are tested regularly using Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), a national adaptive testing system. High school students are tested using MAP as well as the PSAT and the ACT.

**Denver Christian students consistently score one-to-two grade levels above
national averages in math, reading, and language arts.**

Faculty and Accreditation

All Denver Christian teachers are fully qualified to teach in their areas of expertise: a bachelor's degree, state certification, prior experience in education, and ongoing professional development are required of all teachers. Our teachers care for your children, pray for and with your children, and challenge every child to grow academically, socially, and spiritually into all that God desires for him or her to be.

Accreditation

Denver Christian School is fully accredited through both
Christian School International (www.csionline.org)
AdvancEd (www.advanc-ed.org)

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