



Educating

THE **WHOLE CHILD**
in Christ's Transforming Power

Parent Information Packet



DENVER CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL
Inspired Equipped Engaged



What are your
BIGGEST
PRIORITIES
as you consider school
options in our area?

Alignment with your family's values? Safety? Early drop-off or after-school care?

I believe our core values have something to offer that you won't find elsewhere, and I'm delighted you're considering Denver Christian School.

A commitment to biblical truth and a passion for demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ permeate everything we do in and around the classroom. This approach enables us to educate the whole child — body, mind, and spirit — as we develop their academic foundation for a lifetime of learning.

I'm eager to tell you about our school — a connected, intimate, thriving community. At Denver Christian, families don't need to choose between an outstanding, faith-based education or a school with a deep roster of athletic teams, fine arts offerings, and other exciting extracurriculars. We are pleased to offer all these options because we understand how God can use everything about your child's environment to shape them into the confident young man or woman they will become by graduation day.

Friendships, faculty mentoring, a rigorous curriculum, and spiritual formation all foster the most important things you could give your child: a strong start in life, an excellent education, and a desire to bless and serve others. We hope to meet you and your child one day soon. After reading this overview of Denver Christian School, [schedule a tour](#) so you can see what we're about first-hand.

Sincerely,

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Our Commitment to Families

Denver Christian School is a Christ-centered, college and career prep school that provides a world-class, whole-child education. Our mission is to inspire and equip students to engage the world with Christ's transforming power and love, while helping them **flourish every day in every way**.

By the time your child has graduated from DCS, they will:

- Have strong academic and spiritual foundations, with the ability to think creatively
- Understand their own interests and abilities, and how the development of these connects to their long-term success
- Seek God daily and discern His plan for their life
- Be able to take care of themselves physically and emotionally, and demonstrate empathy toward the needs of others
- Live intentionally in Christian community alongside others with diverse backgrounds, interests, and educational abilities

How do we put our mission into action to accomplish these goals?

Partner with parents.

DCS partners with parents to ensure there is a strong connection between each child's home and school. Every parent receives a weekly newsletter, teachers send classroom updates, and parents can check in at any time through Canvas, a web-based learning management system. On-campus volunteer opportunities are available through our Parent Association.

Place a strong emphasis on safety.

Environment matters, and students from early childhood to high school crave a sense of community, safety, and security. We offer small class sizes and a positive school culture where students are known well and mentored daily. Our campus is kept physically safe with a full time Director of Safety, surveillance cameras, locking doors, staff and volunteer background checks, and a radio communication network among staff. Our multi-level counseling team provides social-emotional support and has the tools to help students feel healthy and safe.

Teach biblical truths.

DCS provides a Christ-centered environment where teachers model their faith with intentionality and biblical truths permeate lessons across every subject. Students attend chapel regularly, are involved in a "Faith Family," where high schoolers get to mentor younger students, and participate in ongoing Christian service projects. DCS graduates embrace biblical truths as foundational components of their identity.

Value diverse learners.

No two children learn in the same way or at the same pace. Our Extend Learning Services and Inclusion program ensures that all students are supported and challenged appropriately. From those who need higher-level content in our Quest program, to children with special needs, every student is able to learn alongside their peers with the appropriate support.

Continue reading to learn more about our educational philosophy and approach to each age and stage. When you're ready, [schedule a meeting or campus tour](#) with our admissions team.



Early Childhood

(Preschool 3s | Prek 4s | Jr. Kindergarten for Young 5s)

*A loving, safe environment
where creativity and playful
learning meet*

Our primary goal at this age is to help children experience the fun and joy that leads to an early excitement about learning.

At DCS, early childhood students will:

- Enjoy a play-based program that promotes active learning and preserves the magic of childhood
- Be cared for and nurtured in a Christ-centered atmosphere that feels like a second home
- Explore the beauty of creation and learn about their place in God's world through our Creation rich outdoor learning curriculum
- Get ready for kindergarten using proven, age-appropriate curricula (Zoophonics, Handwriting Without Tears, CSI Bible, High Scope, etc.)

As an early childhood parent, you can expect:

- Experienced, dedicated teachers who hold ECE credentials and know how to foster an early excitement about learning
- Low student-to-teacher ratios: every early childhood classroom has two teachers which allows for individualized attention
- A partnership between home and school with regular, open communication between parents and staff

***Please see our website for
early childhood schedule options.***





Kindergarten

Exploring their natural curiosity

Each child learns at their own pace, and knowing when your child is ready to start kindergarten can be a challenging decision. How will they perform academically? Will they thrive socially? What type of learning environment will best meet their needs?

We've built our program with the flexibility to meet each child where he or she is while providing a meaningful, hands-on learning experiences. We offer two options to serve students and families — **Full-Day Progressive Kindergarten**, which begins as a three-day program in the fall and transitions to four days after Christmas, and **Full-Day Enrichment Kindergarten**, which is five days throughout the school year.

Key skills your child will learn in kindergarten at DCS:

- How to read through a research-based, multi-sensory phonics program
- Problem-solving skills, as well as addition and subtraction through math manipulatives
- How to apply God's word to everyday interactions and relationships through engaging Bible stories
- Ways to discover the world through hands-on science lessons

What do parents love about our kindergarten program?

A Whole-child Approach

Special subjects like STEM, art, music, library, and physical education allow students to discover their God-given gifts as they engage in active learning.

Exceptional Teachers

In small class sizes with dedicated kindergarten teachers and aides, students receive individual attention from energetic, creative educators.

Biblical Foundation

Students develop a biblical worldview early as they learn what it means to be kind, compassionate, honest, and forgiving.

Elementary School *(Kindergarten-Grade 5)*

Building a strong foundation for lifelong learners

Elementary students are engaged in hands-on exploration in a socially and emotionally supportive space. It's a time when deep and lasting friendships are formed, and students are challenged in an atmosphere that is collaborative and nurturing. Our small class sizes allow for differentiated instruction, which honors children as individuals who learn and develop at their own pace.



Academic Development:

Students will find a fun and challenging curriculum that includes Bible, Math, Reading, Social Studies, Science, Orton Gillingham Phonics, and Handwriting Without Tears.



Biblical Worldview:

At DCS, our Christian values extend beyond Bible class to permeate all areas of learning. Students participate in daily devotions, receive Christ-centered mentorship, complete service projects, and learn to effectively engage God's word.



Enriched Learning:

Art, music, library, physical education, STEM, and computer classes complement our core curriculum. Developing the whole child, we also utilize the [Harmony Social and Emotional Learning](#) (SEL) program in elementary school.



The leadership and teachers are dedicated and experienced educators that truly strive to know your child, meet them where they are at, and personalize and teach to the strengths of each student. It is such a gift that our kids are being prayed for by their teachers. The school also does a phenomenal job of educating the whole child, intentionally creating opportunities to build character, faith, servant leadership and critical thinking skills, as well as providing amazing enrichment opportunities.

- Lauren, DCS Parent

Middle School *(Grades 6-8)*

Nurturing Their Emerging Gifts and Academic Interests

Our middle school students are vibrant, budding scholars and confident pre-teens who will grow to become tomorrow's leaders. We continue to challenge our students to become more engaged, active, and self-advocating learners capable of handling a more rigorous curriculum that will prepare them for high school and college.



Core Classes

- Science
- Social Studies
- Math
- English
- Bible
- Spanish
- Music/Band/Choir
- P.E.
- Art

Elective Classes

- Bridge Class, which helps our 6th graders successfully transition to middle school
- Personal Finance
- Service
- Design Thinking
- Forensic Science
- Teacher Assistant
- Piano Lab
- STEM

Clubs & Activities

- Athletics
- SALT Leadership Program
- Fencing
- Gaming
- Robotics
- Travel
 - 6th grade trip to Estes Park
 - 7th grade trip to Camp Idrahaje
 - 8th grade Black Hills mission trip



High School *(Grades 9-12)*

A Capstone Education Experience for Young Adults

By the time our students reach high school, they are well on their way to being independent thinkers, organized time managers, and problem-solvers. Our academic program is enriched with opportunities for Honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment classes. We see high school as a time of bringing together all the threads of student development for academic, physical, and spiritual formation.

At DCS, high schoolers:

- Are active participants in the school community and thrive (not survive) in the classroom and beyond
- Understand that God has called them to make an eternal impact now and through their future vocations
- Expand their networks by trying new activities, getting involved with causes they care about, and serving the local community
- Get a jump start on higher education, with the opportunity to earn up to 25 college credits through 7 different Dual Enrollment classes
- Prepare to be successful not only in college, but in future careers, personal ministries, and life

Opportunities for growth outside the classroom:

- Clubs, athletic, and fine arts opportunities
- Monthly service projects
- Chick-Fil-A leadership program/Boss Club
- Student Council
- National Honor Society
- Discovery Week — an opportunity for students to pursue their passions through academic trips, mission trips, service projects, etc.

"We chose Denver Christian for many reasons — for its high academic standards and focused curriculum, an adherence to foundational Christian principles, and its outstanding teaching staff. We are thankful for the opportunity for our kids to connect with kids from other Christian families."

-Jackie, parent of a DCS high schooler

Co-Curriculars

Character.
Excellence.
Perseverance.

Athletics at Denver Christian School

On or off the field or court — we're always proud of our athletes. Our Thunder teams play hard and have helped develop the character of a long line of DCS graduates. Athletic competition is offered beginning in middle school (with after-school sports clubs offered in lower grades), and culminates with 14 varsity sport offerings at the high school level. Over 80 percent of our students are involved in athletics and over 60 percent are multi-sport athletes.



43 Total Sports Teams Including:

- Basketball
- Soccer
- Golf
- Cross Country
- Track
- Baseball
- Football
- Cheer
- Volleyball

26 State Championships!



Creativity.
Innovation.
Greatness.

The collective resources we offer provide students with the opportunity to explore interests outside of their core academic strengths. Some of the favorite electives we most often hear about include graphic/production design, photography, drumline, forensics, and apologetics, or extracurriculars such as theatre, gaming, speech and debate. We also offer student-led advisory clubs, which include backyard sports, playwriting, yearbook, chess, and strategic games.



We can't wait to meet you.

When it comes to choosing a school for your child, nothing compares to experiencing the learning environment firsthand! Our campus tours will give you the best sense of what we have to offer and provide you with the opportunity to connect with someone who can answer your specific questions.

What to Expect On Your Campus Tour

Explore our beautiful campus by scheduling a personal tour with our admissions team. On your tour, you will have the chance to see:



- Classrooms and learning spaces for students from early childhood to high school
- Both of our libraries, where students develop a love for literature and hone research skills
- Our state-of-the-art athletic facilities where your child will develop a healthy sense of competition and good sportsmanship
- Lab environments where your child will explore computers, science, and STEM
- Our dining hall, where your child will build friendships over shared meals
- Our on-campus coffee shop and breakout spaces for students to study and chat
- Our band and music rooms, where budding musicians take their talents to the next level.
- Extend educational services, offering differentiated learning support for qualifying students through gifted and talented, inclusion, and academic support services

Your child can also join us for a shadow visit, where they will be partnered with a same-age student to attend live classes, meet teachers and friends, and experience a day in the life of a DCS student. It's a great opportunity to see if DCS is the right fit for your child.

Questions?

Please contact a member of our admissions team.

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