



CHRISTIAN HERITAGE ACADEMY

Upper School Profile 2013-14



Christian Heritage Academy Upper School offers a challenging academic program based on biblical values to high school students who are committed Christians or actively seeking to discover how Jesus Christ can transform their lives. Our highly qualified Christian educators model what it means to love and follow Christ. The Upper School was established in 2009, an expansion of Christian Heritage Academy's three decades of commitment to excellent Christian education. The Upper School provides a 9th-12th grade college preparatory program with a challenging and relevant curriculum, electives and extracurricular activities.

We partner with parents to raise children who become known for their commitment, character and compassion. Each of these characteristics — the “3-Cs,” as we call them — emanate from knowing, loving, and following Christ. The CHA “3-C” student is not only prepared for college, but more importantly, is equipped for life.

Leading the Way

CHA is fully accredited by the **Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)**, recognized by the **Illinois State Board of Education** and is full member of the **Illinois High School Association (IHSA)** in athletics. Named “Best Christian Workplace” for five years by the **Best Christian Workplace Institute**, and honored as a **U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School**, CHA continually strives for excellence.

Faculty Distinctives

Our Upper School faculty, certified by the State of Illinois and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), serves as “Living Curriculum Teachers” who live what they teach. Whether instructing in a classroom or building relationships with students, these articulate men and women demonstrate Christ-like servant leadership on a daily basis. They prayerfully guide their students toward intellectual and spiritual maturity, with humble recognition that “a student, when he is fully trained, will be like his teacher” (Luke 6:40). A life-on-life mentoring program is an important distinction of the Upper School experience.

Two thirds of CHA Upper School faculty hold graduate degrees. The student/teacher ratio is 3:1, with an average class size of fewer than 10 students.

Faith Development

Over 100 churches are represented among CHA's PreK-12 student body. As a non-denominational, independent, parent-governed Christian school, a biblical worldview is integrated into every subject area in addition to daily Bible classes which are provided at every level. Students also participate in weekly chapel for worship, prayer and teaching, featuring relevant speakers from both within and outside the school.

College Preparatory

CHA Upper School's National Honor Society requires students to have a 3.3 GPA, with exemplary character, leadership and service. Over 65% of CHA juniors and seniors met these requirements. ACT scores are comparable to area public schools.

Co-curricular Activities

Christian Heritage Academy provides a broad range of co-curricular opportunities.

Current athletic offerings include Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football (including JV and Summer), Soccer, Track & Field and Wrestling

Strong programs in fine arts include theater, choral and instrumental music programs, as well as a student-centered media program which facilitates the creation of the school's annual yearbook and videography of major school events. Additionally, CHA Upper School offers a Rocketry Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, Worship Team and a school newspaper.

Winterim

In addition to two traditional semesters, each school year CHA features a unique curricular academic experience called Winterim.

This period of two weeks between semesters in January allows for intensive in-depth study in specific areas of student interest. Students receive 15-30 hours of classroom instruction in two to four different courses. Various elective courses are offered, including short-term mission trip, ACT Prep, Automotive Basics, Biblical Money Management, Disciplines of a Godly Man, Forensics, Woodworking, World War II, and much more. Juniors and seniors have the opportunity to explore a one-week internship in a professional field of their choice. Recent Winterim internships have included law, medicine, nursing, law enforcement, and occupational therapy.

Facilities

The Christian Heritage campus is conveniently located on 15 acres in the heart of Chicago's northern suburbs. With easy access to Interstates 294 and 94, CHA's Northfield Campus is located just south of Willow Road on Waukegan Road (Route 43) in Northfield, IL.

CHA's exceptional PreK-12 instructional complex includes: 35 classrooms, three science laboratories, gymnasium complex with climbing wall, state of the art 850-seat auditorium, tiered instrumental and choral rooms, networked computer labs and classrooms with



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video streaming and WiFi, contemporary library facilities with access to top-rated educational databases and an extensive literature collection, and spacious outdoor features, including a soccer field, and baseball diamond.

Advanced Placement

CHA Upper School currently offers Advanced Placement in four subject areas across two disciplines (Mathematics and Social Studies). In 2013, more than 40% of our students took AP exams, with 95% of our students scoring a 3 or better, which can result in earning college credit. Nearly 70% of AP test scores were over 4, and over 35% were a 5, the highest achievable score.

Grading Scale Data

Percentage grades are used to evaluate student progress. Letter grade and GPA equivalents are shown below. Christian Heritage Academy Upper School does not utilize a class rank.

To graduate, CHA Upper School students are required to obtain 56 credits across a broad range of core curricular and elective offerings.

GRADING SCALE			
Letter Grade	Percentage Scale	GPA unweighted (all subjects unweighted)	GPA weighted (academic weighted)
A	90-100%	4.0	5.0
B	80-89%	3.0	4.0
C	70-79%	2.0	3.0
D	60-69%	1.0	2.0

Global Perspective

CHA Upper School students have the opportunity to study and experience the rich diversity of peoples and cultures locally and from around the world. Inner city, domestic and global travel for both educational and mission/service opportunities allow faculty and students to taste, touch and experience different cultures. In 2013, Upper School students served as part of a short-term mission team in the Dominican Republic.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject	Credits	
Bible	8	
English	8	
Social Studies	7	including one semester of Consumer Education
Math	6	
Science	6	
Physical Education	8	including one semester of Health
Fine Arts & Technology	3	including one semester of Communications
World Languages	4	recommended
Winterim	4	2 week term



College Acceptance

Our students are well-prepared to attend four-year colleges, both Christian and secular. Some of the schools our graduates have been accepted to include Wheaton College, Northwestern University, University of Illinois, Indiana Wesleyan University, Judson College, Trinity International University, Cornerstone University, Cedarville University, and Moody Bible Institute.

Admissions

For information about our application process and financial assistance opportunities, Please visit the Admissions tab on our website at christianheritage.org

Administration

Dr. David Roth, *Chief Education Officer* Miss Joan Okamoto, *Dean of Faculty*
Dr. Ted Magrum, *Finance Director* Mr. Stuart Davis, *Dean of Students*

Christian Heritage Academy Mission

Christian Heritage Academy, an independent, parent-governed school, offers an exemplary education based on biblical values to children of Christian families, equipping them to be lifetime followers of Jesus Christ.