

# HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE



**CORNERSTONE**  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## Mission Statement

CCA is an independent college preparatory School that exists to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by challenging its students to know Him as Lord, to think biblically, and to grow in knowledge and skill that they may serve and influence the world in His name.

## Vision Statement

To equip young people to become lifelong followers of Jesus Christ who impact others for the glory of God.

## Motto

“Educating World Changers”

## General Description:

Cornerstone Christian Academy has been educating students since 1997. CCA is located on a 78-acre tract of land 3 miles east of Towanda-Barnes Road. Students come from Bloomington-Normal and the surrounding communities in McLean County, and beyond.

## School System:

CCA has over 400 students enrolled in Early Education, Lower School (K – 5), and Upper School (6 – 12). CCA is governed by a self-perpetuating board of trustees.

## Philosophy:

As an independent, Christ-centered school, we believe the task of Christian education is one shared by the school, church, and home. We believe in equality of all persons before God and in the development of the whole child. We acknowledge that the avenues to understanding and knowledge are diverse and yet bound and guided by Biblical truth. We strive to develop life-long learners who seek genuine Christian maturity.

## Accreditation:

Cornerstone Christian Academy is fully accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). CCA is recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and is a member of the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) as well as the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). Cornerstone is also a member school of the Christian Coalition for Educational Innovation (CCEI).

## Graduation Requirements:

	General Graduation
<b>Bible</b>	4 Units
<b>English</b>	4 Units
<b>History</b>	4 Units
<b>Math</b>	3 Units
<b>Science</b>	3 Units
<b>Foreign Language</b>	2 Units
<b>Fine Arts</b>	1 Unit
<b>Physical Education</b>	1 Unit
<b>Health</b>	½ Unit
<b>Practical Arts</b>	½ Unit
<b>Winterim</b>	2 Units
<b>Core Electives</b>	2 Units
<b>TOTAL UNITS:</b>	<b>27</b>

All High School courses are college preparatory in nature.

## Standardized Tests:

Cornerstone Christian Academy administers the following standardized tests:

- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – PSAT 8/9
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade – PSAT 10
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade – PSAT/NMSQT

CCA encourages students to take the SAT or the ACT in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. The average ACT composite score for the class of 2018 is 27, as compared to 20.6 statewide and 21.1 nationwide. The CCA CEEB Code number is 140-341.

## Winterim:

One of the educational distinctives of CCA is the Winterim session. This two week “mini-mester” is held during January. Winterim provides an educational experience outside the traditional classroom. In-depth study is possible through academic and practical arts courses, work internships (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades only), and study/service trips. Winterim is about opportunities for growth. Every student who attends CCA will have opportunities for travel, career exploration and new courses as they discover how God has gifted them.

## Grading Scale:

All graded courses carry equal weight, with the exception of AP and Dual Credit courses. (See below.) Numerical, letter grades, and GPA's are as follows:

Percent	Letter Grade	GPA
100-93	A	4.0
92-90	A-	3.7
89-87	B+	3.3
86-83	B	3.0
82-80	B-	2.7
79-77	C+	2.3
76-73	C	2.0
72-70	C-	1.7
69-67	D+	1.3
66-63	D	1.0
62-60	D-	0.7
59-below	F	0.0

## Advanced Placement (AP) & Dual Credit (DC) Courses:

The following Advanced Placements courses are currently offered: U.S. History, English Literature, Music Theory, Calculus, Chemistry, and Biology. In addition, all AP courses and several of CCA's core courses have been approved as part of a dual credit program offered through Colorado Christian University. Grades are weighted on a 5.0 scale.

## Class Rank & Valedictorian Selection:

Cornerstone Christian Academy does not rank students. Valedictorians are selected from each graduating class based on academic achievement, contribution to school life, involvement in the community, leadership skills and evidence of spiritual maturity.

## Chapel, Bible Classes and Spiritual Formation:

Weekly Chapel services are followed by faculty-led Spiritual Formation Groups that are designed to build community, establish accountability, assist in applying what students are learning in Chapel, and train students to pray for one another. The Bible curriculum is designed to give an overview of both Old and New Testaments, with high school courses focusing on Church History, Theology, and Worldview development. In keeping with the school's mission, CCA has developed the “Acts 1:8 Project” through which students serve locally, nationally, and internationally via partnerships with other service organizations.

## Extracurricular Activities:

### • Athletics

Inter-scholastic competition is provided for both boys and girls. CCA competes with other Christian, private, parochial, and public schools. CCA is a member of the IESA, IHSA, and the ECIC (East Central Illinois Conference). Girls' sports include basketball, track, cross-country, volleyball, tennis, golf, and cheerleading. Boys' sports include baseball, basketball, cross-country, track, golf, and tennis.

### • Fine Arts

Students may participate in Concert Band, Worship Team, Pep Band, Strings, and/or Choir. These groups compete in the ILMEA (Illinois Music Educators' Association) district and state competitions as well as the ACSI Music Festival and several other honor ensembles.

### • Student Leadership

Opportunities for developing leadership skills include leadership council, spiritual formation groups, and service/mission trips.