



Quick Facts about Gaarde Christian School

- Gaarde was founded in 1967.
- We are an active member of the Association of Christian Schools International.
- We are registered with the State of Oregon Department of Education.
- Certified teachers.
- We offer classes for Preschool 3's - 8th grade.
- P.E., music and art classes are offered in the elementary and middle school department.
- Teacher: Student Ratios

Three-year-olds	1:12
Four-year-olds	1:16
Pre-K	1:16
Kindergarten	1:16
First - Eighth grades	1:18
- Certified Day Care open from 7:00 am - 8:10 am and from 11:30 am - 6:00 pm.



GCS is a ministry of Faith Journey Church



Preschool—8th Grade

Creating a loving, Christian environment in which children are educated to a standard of excellence.

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Welcome ...

... to Gaarde Christian School. One of the most important decisions parents must make is the one concerning their child's education. We hope this brochure helps you become familiar with GCS and our approach to education. We also invite you to come for a visit, which is the best way to see and feel what we are all about.

Affirmation

1. GCS is founded on a firm commitment to God and faith in Christ. Students learn that the content of the Bible is related to all areas of human understanding. They are taught to discover the significance of His Word in their daily lives.
2. The academic emphasis is to create an excitement of learning in an atmosphere where there is a conscientious search for truth and excellence.
3. GCS is committed to the Christian faith and our world. We see our role as a Christian school, not as a shelter from the world in which we live, but as a companion with the student as he/she encounters the world.
4. GCS students are encouraged to uphold the spiritual and moral values of the Christian faith which uphold and support the family, church and nation.
5. GCS endeavors to help each student realize his/her full potential. High standards of discipline are expected. In return, we listen and respond to each student in an attitude of love.

Curriculum and Program

Elementary - the curriculum offered to the students provides strong academics in the fundamentals of reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies and science as well as an opportunity to participate in music and physical education, all taught from a Bible-based perspective. Various classroom activities and school events provide avenues for student creativity. We emphasize critical thinking, decision making and problem solving abilities. Our small class sizes allow teachers to meet the needs and abilities of each child.

Middle School - The core curriculum of English, mathematics, science, and history are all taught from a Bible-based perspective. An emphasis is placed on leadership skills, effective communication and critical thinking. Students are being prepared for the next level of learning and attaining skills that enable them to have future success as life-long learners.

Staff

GCS has an extraordinary faculty whose commitment is to create a loving, Christian environment in which our students are educated at a standard of excellence.

The faculty is selected on the basis of training and experience. All regular classroom teachers have credentials from the Association of Christian Schools International or the Teachers Standard Practices Commission.

Admissions Policy

Admissions is done through the registration and evaluation process. An evaluation will be done for any new student entering 1st through 8th grade.

Admission to GCS for preschool or kindergarten is age appropriate by September 1.

GCS admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies or other school-administered programs.

GCS reserves the right to select students on the basis of academic performance, religious commitment, and personal qualifications, including willingness to cooperate with the GCS administration and abide by its policies.



Day Care

Gaarde Christian School Day Care, a ministry of Faith Journey Church, is a state licensed day care that provides care for GCS students, as well as children in our community.

The day care hours are 7:00 am - 8:10 am and 11:30 am - 6:00 pm. Registration is required and an hourly rate is charged.