

## ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### Frequently Asked Questions

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#### What is your enrollment?

Our present enrollment is 332 students in Preschool through the eighth grade. Most of our classes have two sections in order to keep the student/teacher ratio low.

#### How much are the tuition costs?

Tuition at Orange City Christian School covers only 70% of the total cost of education. For the 2019-20 school year, the cost of tuition for students in grades Kindergarten - 8th grade for the school year are:

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| • Kindergarten only                         | \$3,905  |
| • 2 Kindergarten only                       | \$6,380  |
| • 1 Student in grades 1-8                   | \$4,880  |
| • Kindergarten + 1 student in grades 1-8    | \$8,120  |
| • 2 students in grades 1-8                  | \$9,1058 |
| • Kindergarten + 2 students in grades 1-8   | \$11,580 |
| • 3 students in grades 1-8                  | \$11,600 |
| • Kindergarten + 3 students in grades 1-8   | \$12,375 |
| • 2 Kindergarten + 3 students in grades 1-8 | \$12,385 |
| • 4 students in grades 1-8                  | \$12,530 |
| • Kindergarten + 4 students in grades 1-8   | \$12,685 |
| • 5 students in grades 1-8                  | \$12,785 |
- Supporting churches are asked to contribute \$ 1,750/ student for 19-20 school year.
  - Partner Society members are asked to contribute \$1,400 per student for 19-20 school year.

Tuition can be paid monthly, quarterly, semiannually or on a yearly basis.

#### Do you provide tuition assistance?

Tuition assistance is available to families two ways:

1. Families can apply for the NICSTO (Northwest Iowa Christian School Tuition Organization) Scholarship. An application is available to fill out. Scholarships are awarded for the fall and spring semesters.
2. If a family is unsure of its ability to pay the full amount of tuition, a tuition assistance form is completed requesting assistance for part of the tuition obligation.

### **Do you have a hot lunch program?**

Hot lunch is served every school day to the students at a very low cost. We are also a part of the federal free/reduced hot lunch program for those families who qualify, based on their income.

### **Do you provide transportation for students?**

Transportation is provided for students who live more than 2 miles from Orange City Christian School through the bussing service of Unity Christian High.

### **How often do the kindergarteners meet?**

Our kindergarten program is 80% time. We meet four days a week for the whole year. Over the years, we have found through standardized testing that our kindergarten students do as well or better academically than students in an every day, all day kindergarten class.

### **Do you have support programs?**

We have several ways in which students are supported beyond the regular curriculum. We have a variety of programs called, "Extending Educational Programs to Equip Students with Exceptional Needs." this involves:

- Title I which is a federally funded, supplemental program designed to provide remedial reading instruction for students who qualify on the basis of scores obtained on the Iowa Assessment , the STAR Reading Tests, and teacher recommendations. Program evaluation is ongoing and students may be added or dismissed throughout the school year.
- Resource Room is a program that offers supplemental or alternative help for students having a difficult time learning effectively in the regular classroom. Students can be referred by either parents or teachers.
- Enrichment/TAG (Talented And Gifted) is available to assist students with high performance abilities and is motivated by the biblical principles of service and stewardship, not elitism and self-honor. The goal is that of all Christian education, to enable all students to do their best in serving God and others.

We also offer the following support programs:

- Guidance counseling for all students
- Library time for all students

- Band for students in grades 5-8
- Orchestra for students in grades 4-8
- Sports programs for students in grades 7 and 8 that includes soccer, girls volleyball, basketball, and track
- Intramural program for students in grades 5 - 8 every school day that includes softball, soccer, volleyball, basketball, and flag football

### **What is your curriculum?**

Our curriculum is based on Biblical principles and includes, Bible, mathematics, English/reading/phonics (language arts), social studies, science, health, physical education, music, visual art, and computer literacy.

### **Do you have a preschool program?**

Covenant Kids Preschool is the name of our preschool for four year old children and we offer two sections, meeting either in the morning or the afternoon. Covenant Kids Preschool believes that a Christian early childhood education is important. We want to assist parents in nurturing their children by having available a well-rounded program of Christian age-appropriate activities of Bible, exploration of God's world, creativity and imagination, music, physical activities and readiness activities. Covenant Kids Preschool is accredited by the Iowa Department of Education and also meets the state guidelines for space and room size, class size and adult/child ratio, as developed by the Department of Human Services.

### **Governance?**

Orange City Christian School is a nonprofit corporation of individuals, including all parents of enrolled children, who meet at least annually to elect members to a board of directors and adopt a budget. The board, through its administrative staff, assumes day-to-day operation of the school, including supervision of employees, curricula, finances and facilities. Orange City Christian School is accredited by Christian Schools International and certified through the Iowa State Department of Education. All teachers are licensed by the state of Iowa and many of the teachers have advanced degrees or areas of specialization.

### **Do you have a Moms - In - Touch program?**

Our Moms-In-Prayer meets in every Tuesday from 2:00 - 3:15pm with babysitting provided.

### **Is there a parents organization?**

We have several organizations; a Monica group for prayer and fund raising and grade level coordinator mothers or fathers who assist with special occasions and needs in the classroom. Other opportunities to volunteer are numerous throughout the school year.