



GREENWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL . . . at a glance

(revised 9-1-19)

HISTORY: GCS was established in 1992 with a vision by Christians in the surrounding areas who recognized the need for an independent, non-denominational Christian school. The doors opened in the fall of 1992 with approximately 70 students.

ADMINISTRATION: The Head of School is Chris Johns, PhD. He is supported by 65 administrative staff and college-educated faculty. GCS policy is governed by a nine-member School Board of Directors.

ACCREDITATION: GCS is an accredited member of the Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (ACTS) and the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA). GCS is also accredited by AdvancED/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The school serves families from Abbeville, Anderson, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick and Saluda counties with an Aug. 25, 2019 enrollment of 477 students in K3 through 12th grade.

FACULTY: Teachers hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree. In addition, all faculty members are required to fulfill the teacher certification requirements set forth by ACTS with continuing education classes.

FAITH: GCS serves families from seven counties who represent about 75 churches. Being non-denominational, the Bible curriculum focuses on scriptural truths and not specific denominational doctrines. All students attend a weekly Chapel service at GCS, which includes worship teams composed of middle and high school students who express interest and talent in music.

STUDENTS: Admission is based on an application process that includes student testing, references and family interviews. While GCS does not issue a school uniform, the students adhere to a modest dress code.

ACADEMICS: GCS teaches a six subject core curriculum to all enrolled students with a strong emphasis on traditional values: Math, Science, History, Bible, Grammar and Handwriting/Literature. The adopted curricula is primarily Bob Jones University based. Graduation requirements are supervised by a high school guidance counselor. Foreign language, honors classes and dual enrollment classes are introduced at the high school level. National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society inducts students from grades 7-11 who meet the criteria.

TESTING: Students in K5-8 take the Terra Nova test annually. Grades 9-11 are given the PSAT each fall. Grade 10 students also take the ACT ASPIRE test. Since 1992, GCS has graduated 596 students, with about 99 percent accepted to 4-year or 2-year colleges. GCS Graduates are extremely competitive for scholarships to the college of their choice. SAT and ACT scores of GCS students are above the state and national average.

ENRICHMENT & FINE ARTS: Students do not thrive on academics alone. GCS offers various enrichment and electives to balance the rigors of academia. Related arts classes for elementary students include: PE, Media Center, Music and Art. Middle school students take a study hall and the following electives: PE, Music, Art, Life Skills, Basic Computer or Band. High school students may choose from the following electives: Band, Basic Art, PE, Communication/Speech, Pre-Engineering and Media Arts. Dual Enrollment courses include: Physics, English 101 & 102, Government and World Religions.

SERVICE: Middle and high school students have leadership opportunities by serving on student councils or the Chick-fil-A Leader Academy. Emerald City Rotary Club sponsors the GCS Interact Club. Seniors are required to complete 100 hours of pre-approved volunteer service to graduate. High School students also organize a Mission Day to provide service in the community.

ATHLETICS: GCS offers seasonal sports teams for male and female students in Grades 6-12: Cross Country, Football, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball, Softball, Golf, Soccer, Track/Field and Speed/Strength. School colors are Navy, Silver and White; athletic mascot is the Hawk.

CONNECT: Located at 2026 Woodlawn Rd. in Greenwood, SC, 29649. Office phone: 864-229-2427; Website at greenwoodchristianschool.org or like us on Facebook at Greenwood Christian School – Official. Follow [gcs_now](#) on Instagram.

GCS, accredited by ACTS (nationally); AdvancED / SACS (regionally); SCISA (statewide); does not discriminate against race or ethnic origin in administration of its educational, admission and athletic policies, tuition assistance or any other school administered programs. Revised 9-1-2019



GREENWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TEST SCORES

Revised 9-1-19

SAT:	CONCORDED SCORES <i>previous format:</i>	NEW FORMAT <i>revised 2016</i>
	National AVG 1471; SC AVG 1429	National AVG 1010; SC AVG 1056
	1549 (2017)	1052 (2019)
	1552 (2016)	1076 (2018)
	1601 (2015)	1080 (2017)
	1590 (2014)	

ACT: National AVG is 20.8; state average is 18.3.
 22.0 (2019)
 22.6 (2018)
 23.3 (2017)
 23.3 (2016)
 23.4 (2015)

Where recent graduates are attending:

Anderson University	Greenville Technical College
Auburn University	Lander University
Bob Jones University	Lipscomb University
Carson-Newman University	North Greenville University
Charleston Southern University	Piedmont Technical College
Clemson University	Southern Wesleyan University
Coastal Carolina University	The Citadel
College of Charleston	Tri-County Technical College
Erskine College	University of North Georgia
Furman University	University of South Carolina
Gardner Webb University	Wofford College

Acceptance rates for GCS students to 4-year or 2-year colleges averages about 99 percent. GCS students are extremely competitive for college scholarships including the South Carolina Palmetto, Life, Hope Award as well as Greenwood Promise. Through the high school guidance department, students receive encouragement and opportunities to pursue their choice of career or field of interest.

Terra Nova – Based on National Percentile (test taken in April; results reported in August)

GCS sets 65 Percentile for achievement. National AVG is 50.

ES (K5-5th grade) combined AVG:

Reading-77.4; Language-71.3; Math-74.1 (2019)
 Reading-78.3; Language-76.8; Math-73.0 (2018)
 Reading-67.4; Language-63.8; Math-65.6 (2017) **drop due to number of transfer students from previous year*
 Reading-75.9; Language-71.5; Math-72.3 (2016)
 Reading-83.7; Language-78.8; Math-78.7 (2015)

MS (6th-8th grade) average of Science, Math, History and English

70.6 (2019)
 67.0 (2018)
 65.2 (2017) **drop due to number of transfer students from previous year*
 76.9 (2016)
 73.9 (2015)