



ROUND ROCK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Dear Prospective Parents:

We appreciate your interest in the admissions process at Round Rock Christian Academy. Established in 1975, RRCA has provided quality Christian education in Round Rock for decades, equipping students with an excellent academic and spiritual foundation. Our desire is to partner with Christian families to help educate through discipleship, encouraging each student to develop a Christian worldview and to grow in their relationship with Christ. As a school, we strive to keep God's word at the center of everything we do, instilling Christian character in our students. We want to have students who are strong in their faith, sharing compassion and love as they serve others.

Our purpose is to serve families who desire not simply a private education, but a distinctively Christian education for their children. We have adopted an admissions policy that opens Round Rock Christian Academy for families:

- 1) who desire a distinctively Christian education for their children,
- 2) who agree to be supportive of our faith, philosophy, objectives, standards of education, and religious mission; and
- 3) whose children meet our enrollment standards.

Before applying for admission to RRCA, please read the Parent/Student Handbook, Statement of Beliefs and Biblical Morality Statement. The Parent/Student Handbook will introduce you to many of the school's policies, procedures, and expectations for both parents and students. If your child is applying for 6th – 12th grade enrollment, the student will also need to read the Student Conduct Covenant.

The first several pages of the Parent/Student Handbook explain our religious purpose, mission, and beliefs. The school unashamedly believes, teaches and practices a literal interpretation of the Word of God. If you do not agree to support our religious mission and teaching of our distinctive Christian beliefs, enrolling your child in our school will likely cause him or her confusion. For example, if a question regarding Christian lifestyle arises in chapel or your child's classroom, the teacher will answer from a biblical viewpoint consistent with our mission and belief statements. If you are unwilling or uncomfortable with supporting our school's mission, Christian teachings and Christian conduct standards because your beliefs and lifestyle choices are not in agreement with our doctrinal stance, enrolling your child will likely create conflict in your child's heart and mind and potentially within your family. We respect your desire to place your child in the best possible learning environment, but if you are not in full support of our religious mission and doctrinal positions, it will be best for all concerned if you do not begin the admissions process.

Biblical principles are integrated into every subject taught at our school. Our staff is committed not only to academic excellence, but also to teaching students how to apply the truths of God's Word to every aspect of life. If you desire a distinctively Christian education for your students and can fully support our religious purpose and mission, this school can provide a wonderful school home for your family, and we look forward to partnering with you.

Serving Him,

Rebecca K. Blausen
Head of School



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General Information

What classes do you offer?

We offer classes from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. The PreKindergarten M-F program is for 4-5 year olds. They must be 4 by September 1st and fully potty trained.

What are the academic school hours?

PreKindergarten:	8:15 am—2:00 pm
Elementary (Kindergarten—5th grade)	8:05 am—3:20 pm
Secondary (6th - 12th)	8:15 am—3:45 pm

What are the maximum teacher to student ratios?

Prekindergarten	1 to 16	2nd-5th Grade	1 to 22
Kindergarten	1 to 18	6th-12th Grade	1 to 24
1st Grade	1 to 20		

Is Round Rock Christian Academy an accredited school?

Round Rock Christian is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and COGNIA.

What degrees and certifications do your faculty hold?

The faculty at RRCA are degreed, certified, and professionally prepared to provide an excellent education. Many hold advanced degrees and are also required to become ACSI certified, which requires at least 6 credit hours in Bible and a Philosophy of Christian Education course. RRCA faculty must continue to pursue professional development opportunities to ensure that they are current on best practices and educational trends.

What are the qualifications for acceptance?

Entrance tests are given to assist administration and parents with making an informed decision regarding academic placement at RRCA. Readiness tests are given to prospective prekindergarten and kindergarten students. For grades 1-12, the reading and math sections of a standardized achievement test are given. Additional testing may be required for some students. If a student scores in the 60th percentile in these areas, he/she should be able to maintain at least a passing average in our courses. Students scoring in the 90th percentile should be able to maintain good to above average grades in our classes.

Our goal is to fill RRCA with strong Christian families. At least one parent must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and believe in Him as Lord and Savior. The student should have a strong desire to attend school at RRCA. All families will be interviewed by Administration.

Do you have to be affiliated with a specific denomination to attend RRCA?

Students and families do not have to be of a certain Christian denomination to be accepted at RRCA. In fact, over 140 churches and many Christian denominations are represented at RRCA. We welcome families of all Christian denominations, and RRCA families are encouraged to be active members in the church of their choice.

Do your students undergo STAAR testing?

No. STAAR tests are mandated for public schools. We administer national normed standardized tests in 1st-11th grades each year so that we can measure student progress and compare their performance to private schools nationally. Our philosophy is that standardized testing should be an assessment of the effectiveness of classroom instruction and curriculum; therefore, we do not require students to do any review for standardized testing.



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How would you describe your curriculum?

RRCA's college-preparatory curriculum is designed to encompass the intellectual, physical, and spiritual development of its students. The particulars of the curriculum of each discipline impart that God is the source of all truth and that His truth is the standard by which all knowledge is measured. We use a variety of Christian and secular textbooks to provide a challenging curriculum including Houghton Mifflin, Pearson, Saxon, ABEKA, Bob Jones, ACSI/Purposeful Design, Cengage, and Summit Ministries.

Do you only accept children who score high on the testing?

Although we have a rigorous course of study for college-bound students, we will accept students who score below 60th percentile with the understanding that outside support may be required (i.e. tutoring, academic therapy, speech therapy, etc.) RRCA has a limited resource program to support students with learning differences.

How does RRCA keep tuition so low compared to other private schools?

In order to keep tuition affordable, parent participation in the Annual Fund is encouraged. In recent years, the Annual Fund has provided the funds for classroom technology, facility enhancements, school vehicles, professional development for the faculty, and tuition assistance. Contributions to the Annual Fund are tax-deductible and are received from parents, faculty and staff, grandparents, board members, businesses, charitable grants, and friends of RRCA.

Does RRCA offer tuition assistance?

RRCA offers a limited amount of tuition assistance to its families based on need. RRCA uses an online application process called FAST (Financial Aid for School Tuition). The financial assistance application link can be found on the school website each spring. Families have the opportunity to apply for financial assistance beginning in February of each school year.

What sports are offered in the Crusader Athletics program?

RRCA believes competitive sports programs help students learn the value of hard work, determination, and teamwork. The Crusader Athletics program includes 5th grade sports through the Varsity level, including teams winning state championships in multiple sports. Football, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, baseball, track, cross country, soccer, swimming, tennis, and golf are offered at various grade levels.

What Fine Arts programs do you offer?

PK and Elementary students participate in art and music classes each week. Secondary students have a choice of choir, musical theater, art, digital design, yearbook, dance and needle arts. High school students compete in accredited fine arts competitions at the regional and state level and have built a phenomenal reputation in the community.

Can you tell me about the lunch program and snacks for younger students?

We do have a nutritional hot lunch program provided by a contract service that meets FDA recommended standards and is available for purchase. The menu and lunch orders are available online and can be ordered on a weekly basis. Should you choose to provide a lunch or snack for your child from home, we cannot guarantee the nutritional value. As part of voluntarily complying with Texas state recommended guidelines, RRCA provides a nutritious snack to Pre-Kindergarten students each day. Older students may bring a snack to eat at a time deemed appropriate by their classroom teacher.



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How do you help students get acclimated to student life at RRCA?

Crusader Orientation: A few days before school begins, we have Crusader Orientation for all students and families. This is a come and go event that allows students and families to meet their teachers, walk through the building and learn their class schedule, sign up for clubs and opportunities, and purchase spirit gear. Parents also attend an orientation session to help with all the questions that come with a new school year.

Academic Advisor: RRCA has an Academic Advisor on staff who works with new students in putting together their class schedule and is available to help students with academic advising and college readiness planning.

6th Grade Bootcamp: In early August each year, RRCA invites all 6th grade students to a 6th Grade Bootcamp. Incoming 6th grade students learn about 6th grade life, meet the middle school teachers, and participate in fun and engaging activities. Parents also attend a brief information session at the beginning of the bootcamp and come back later to pick up their student at the end of the half-day event.

Crusader Ambassadors: This program is for 6th-12th grade leaders from our student body who wish to serve RRCA while encouraging and promoting the mission of the school. These Crusader Ambassadors partner with new students and help them find their way around campus, meet new friends, and learn about student opportunities for spiritual and academic growth outside of the classroom through clubs and extracurricular opportunities.

What extracurricular opportunities do you have for students?

Elementary:

Math Olympics
PSIA Competition
Spelling Bee

5th Grade Only:

Safety Cru, Shepherd Cru, Rock the Flock, Athletics,
Elementary National Honor Society

Middle School:

Athletics
Choir Competitions
Crusader Ambassadors
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
Math Olympics
PSIA Competition
Jr. National Honor Society

High School:

Athletics
Book Club
Bowling Club
Choir Competitions
Crusader Ambassadors
Ecology Club
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
National Art Honor Society
National Honor Society
National Spanish Honor Society
Spanish Club
Speech and Debate Team
Student Council
Worship Team
Writers Club
Yell Cru



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Application Process

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to you as you begin the admissions process. We invite you to get acquainted with RRCA by scheduling a tour of the campus, attending an open house, or by contacting the Admissions Office. Our goal is to bring together students who desire to grow spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically. Each student is considered for admission on an individual basis. We request that you submit the completed application and all required forms so that we have the necessary information to make an informed decision regarding a student's potential enrollment at RRCA.

Admissions Open House

Each year RRCA hosts an Admissions Open House in January to give interested parents the opportunity to meet Becky Blausler, our Head of School, as well as the faculty and staff. Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the facility, view the curriculum and learn more about RRCA.

Visiting Campus

Parents are welcome to schedule a visit to observe classes during an ordinary school day. Appointments are required and may be scheduled by calling the Admissions Office. Students applying for grades 3rd-12th may schedule a visit to the campus and attend classes at certain times during the school year. Appointments are required and should be scheduled by calling the Admissions Office at (512) 255-4491.

Priority of Admission

Students who have siblings enrolled at RRCA have first priority. All other applications are prioritized by the date the application along with all fees are received by the Admissions Office. If no spots are available, qualified applicants are placed in a wait pool.

Application Procedures

- Submit all paperwork and fees listed on the Application checklist.
- Submit current educational records, behavioral records, test scores, and relevant medical records (including psychiatric data, diagnostic testing data, 504/IEP information) along with the application paperwork. RRCA will request official records from the student's former school. If for some reason the official records reflect a difference from the initial information provided, RRCA can withdraw the offer of student acceptance.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The following items are required before student enrollment application can be processed:

(Bolded items can be found on the website under Admissions and completed as PDF-fillable forms)

- Application for Enrollment**
- Parent Questionnaire (PK -12th)**
- Teacher/Principal Recommendation (2 per applicant)**
- Pastor/Spiritual Leader Recommendation (1 per applicant, 3rd-12th grade)**
- New Student Medical Forms (PK-12th)**
- Immunization Record
- Family photo (digital)
- New Student Fees and Registration Fees
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Copies of student's educational records (can be unofficial)
- Behavior records from current/most recent school
- Report Card
- RRCA Entrance Testing
- Parent Interview (Both parents and students must attend)

Additional items required for 6th-12th grades:

- Student Questionnaire (6th-12th)
- Student/Parent Covenant (6th-12th)

Next Steps—Admissions Process

- Upon receipt of all required and signed paperwork and fees, if space is available, parents will be contacted to schedule a student testing date and parent interview.
- After the interview, if the student is accepted at RRCA, the Enrollment Contract will be given to the parents.



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Tuition and Fees (2024-2025)

PROGRAM	NEW STUDENTS		RETURNING STUDENTS	ANNUAL TUITION	PLAN A	PLAN B	PLAN C
	New Student Fee (One-time)	Registration Fee (Annual)	Annual Registration Fee * Increases after March 1	Total Annual Tuition	3% discount Payment due July 1	10 Month Plan July-April	12 Month Plan July - June Bank Draft Only
PreKinder 4s 8:15 am - 2:00 pm (M-F, 4 years old by Sept. 1)	\$500.00	\$325.00	\$325.00 \$400.00*	\$8,950.00	\$8,681.50	\$895.00	\$745.83
Elementary (K-5th)	\$1,000.00	\$425.00	\$425.00 \$500.00*	\$10,150.00	\$9,845.50	\$1,015.00	\$845.83
Secondary (6th - 12th)	\$1,000.00	\$425.00	\$425.00 \$500.00*	\$11,500.00	\$11,155.00	\$1,150.00	\$958.33

What is included in the annual tuition amount?

PK-5th grade students: Tuition includes school supplies, field trips, curriculum, and a Chapel polo shirt.

6th-12th grade students: Tuition includes field trips, curriculum, use of a Chromebook, and one PE uniform. (Chapel shirts are not required at this grade level).

All Tuition and Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE

Tuition is due on the 1st of each month and a LATE FEE of \$35 will be charged for all tuition payments received after the 7th of each month.

Report cards will be held when tuition payments are one month behind. School records will not be released when a child leaves the Academy and has not paid all charges due. All returned checks and auto drafts will be subject to an additional collection fee. Only cash, money order, debit/credit card, or cashier's check will be accepted after the second returned check. **The Parent/Student Handbook contains the complete financial policies and procedures of RRCA.**

Family Discounts

The family discount is available to families with multiple children enrolled at RRCA. The discount is taken off the family's annual tuition amount (not a per student discount).

2 Children	\$500.00
3 Children	\$750.00
4 Children	\$1,250.00
5 or more	See Business Office

Round Rock Christian Academy is a Christ-centered, college-preparatory school equipping and developing students to effectively integrate Biblical truth and academic learning into their daily lives to impact their community for Christ.



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Other Fees (2024-2025)

EXTENDED CARE	TIME	GRADE	RATE/ MO.
After Care 1	2:00-3:20 pm	Pre-K	\$200
After Care 2	2:00-6:00 pm	Pre-K	\$400
After Care 3	3:20-6:00 pm	K — 4th	\$275
Hang Time (drop-in rate of \$5.00 / half hour)	4:00-6:00 pm	5th-12th	\$200

OTHER FEES	FEE
Yearbook (K-12th)	\$40
Discovery Enrichment <i>K-5th grade, per month</i>	\$35-\$55
Hot Lunch Program	<i>varies</i>
Graduation Fee (Seniors) <i>One-time, billed in January</i>	\$200
International Student Fee <i>One time fee</i>	\$1,500
Chromebook Case	No Charge
Chromebook Insurance (6th-12th) <i>Annual fee</i>	\$35

EXTRACURRICULARS	FEE
HS Speech/Debate	\$325
Choir Uniform (6th -12th)	\$55-\$125
Spring Show Costume	\$50 max
Dance Team <i>(*Plus the cost of camps and costumes)</i>	\$250*
Bowling Club (9th-12th)	\$300
Yell Cru (9th-12th)	\$75

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS	FEE
Football	\$325
Varsity Volleyball	\$325
JV Volleyball	\$275
Varsity Basketball	\$325
JV Basketball	\$275
Baseball	\$325
Track	\$250
Cross Country	\$225
Golf, Tennis or Swim	See Athletic Office
Cheerleading <i>(*plus the cost of camps and uniforms)</i>	\$300*

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS	FEE
JH Football (7th-8th)	\$225
Cheer (MS) <i>(*plus the cost of camps and uniforms)</i>	\$175*
Flag Football (5th-6th)	\$150
Volleyball (5th-8th)	\$150
Basketball (5th-8th)	\$175
Baseball (7th-8th)	\$110
Track (7th-8th)	\$150
Track (5th-6th)	\$ 40
Cross Country (7th-8th)	\$125
Soccer (5th-8th)	\$150
Golf, Swim or Tennis (5th-8th)	See Athletic Office