

NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: PROFILE

COMMUNITY

Charleston is one of America's most historic cities, attracting thousands of tourists annually. The area benefits from a very active fine arts community. Situated here are the College of Charleston, the Citadel, Charleston Southern University, the Medical University of South Carolina, and Trident Technical College. The climate is mild in winter, delightful in spring and fall, and hot in the summer. Military installations are a vital part of the tri-county area.

SCHOOL

Northside is a private Christian school, founded in 1975, providing academic training for Kindergarten (ages 3-5), Elementary (grades 1-6), Junior High (grades 7,8) and High School (grades 9-12). The school enrolls some 430 students from over 95 area churches. There are more than 30 faculty members and two administrators. The school is an integral ministry of Northside Baptist Church.

ACCREDITATION

Northside is accredited by the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools. Teachers are also certified by SCACS or by the South Carolina State Department of Education.

GRADING SCALE

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| 93 - 100 | A | Reporting: Quarterly and at mid-term |
| 85 - 92 | B | Year: 180 days Semester: 90 days Quarter: 45 days |
| 77 - 84 | C | Day: 8:00-2:50 (1-3), 8:00-3:00 (4-6), 8:00-3:10 (7-12) |
| 70 - 76 | D | High school class period: 45 minutes |
| 0 - 69 | F | Half-day K3, K4, K5 meets from 8:00-11:15. |

COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS (24 units)

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| English | 4 | Social Studies | 1 | Spanish | 2 |
| Mathematics | 4 | U. S. History | 1 | Fine Arts | 1 |
| Science | 4 | Government/Economics | 1 | Electives | 1 |
| Physical Education | 1 | Speech | 1 | | |
| Bible | 2 | Computer science/Keyboarding | 1 | | |

Northside also offers an Honors Diploma. Honors studies are available in English, mathematics, and science. NCS offers a SC Minimum Requirements diploma but does not offer a Technical Preparatory course of study.

CLASS RANK

Rank in class is calculated at the end of the freshman year and every year thereafter. Honors, College Preparatory, Academic Required, and Academic Elective courses are included. Non-academic requirements or electives are not considered in class rank. College Preparatory and Honors courses are weighted for GPA and class rank calculations.

TESTING

Stanford 10, Otis-Lennon, PSAT, SAT, ACT

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| Stanford 9 | Typical percentile ranking on total battery: 81 st . |
| SAT | Typical score: 1,102.38 + Essay score |
| ACT | Typical score: 24.01 |

POST-SECONDARY ACTIVITY

| | <u>Five-year average</u> |
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| Per cent of graduates attending four-year liberal arts/Christian colleges: | 77% |
| Per cent of graduates attending Trident Technical College: | 15% |
| Per cent of graduates not continuing their education until later: | 6% |
| Per cent of graduates entering the military: | 2% |

ACTIVITIES: FINE ARTS

- Northside emphasizes the Fine Arts since these are lifelong ministry skills for every student.
- Art instruction is part of the weekly schedule for all elementary students. We make private instruction available for Junior High students.
- Music theory classes are given weekly to all elementary students.
- Private piano is available for students in grades 1-12.
- Elementary choir is offered for young people in grades 3-6, and Elementary band begins in fifth grade.
- Junior High Choir and Band encompass grades 7-8.
- Senior High Choir and Band complete the classroom musical training at NCS.
- NCS students compete in the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools Annual Fine Arts Festival, with over 1,500 students participating. Winners advance to the American Association of Christian Schools Fine Arts Festival at Bob Jones University in Greenville.
- In addition to the competitions, these bands, choirs, and ensembles delight us with formal concerts in the fall, winter, and spring.
- Some speech instruction is available to Elementary students. Junior High Speech and Senior High Speech are required secondary courses.
- Junior High and Senior High Forensics is an exciting and demanding challenge for Northside's best students. We debate other Christian schools and many of the better public and private schools in the area, state, and region.
- Northside's On-Stage Players present a major dramatic production each year. Recent plays include *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Diary of Anne Frank*, *Cheaper by the Dozen*, *Ten Little Indians*, *Our Hearts Were Young and Gay*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and *The Ransom of Red Chief*.

ACTIVITIES: ATHLETICS

- Elementary students have a structured physical education class each week. Students in grades 7-9 are required to take physical education daily.
- A fall soccer league for students in K5-Grade 6 practices during the week and plays on Saturdays.
- A spring basketball league for students in grades 2-6 practices and plays on weekdays.
- NCS fields Junior High and Senior High Girls' Cheerleading, JV and Varsity Volleyball, JV and Varsity Basketball, and fast-pitch Softball teams.
- The men play JV and Varsity Soccer, JV and Varsity Basketball, and Baseball.
- We compete in the SCACS Coastal Conference Division 2A, which alternates hosting the State Championship Tournaments.

ACTIVITIES: OTHER

- We have a very active chapter of the ACHS (American Christian Honor Society) for outstanding students in grades 10-12. Character, leadership, service, and scholarship are all entry requirements.
- The FCTA (Future Christian Teachers Association) uses students as teachers' aides. The Lord has called some of these young people into full-time Christian service because of this experience.
- The Sixth Grade has a three-day trip to Atlanta to celebrate their completion of Elementary School.
- The Junior Class hosts a formal Junior/Senior Banquet at one of Charleston's well-known venues.
- The Senior Class takes a trip to Washington, DC and surrounding areas. Memories of all the sightseeing and fellowship are an essential part of the NCS alumni mystique.