We are dedicated to providing a “Christian Environment of Academic Excellence.” The goal of the school is to provide students with a high-quality, college preparatory education, ultimately producing future Christian leaders and responsible citizens.
A Message From the Principal

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in Aucilla Christian Academy. We are, first and foremost, a ministry for Jesus Christ. Our top priority is to impact the lives of our students and families for Him. We also take great pride in offering a high level academic education so that our students fulfill their God-given potential in the classroom and are given excellent opportunities to continue their education at the next level. Our primary focus is certainly the spiritual and academic development of our students. In addition to that, we offer a variety of other programs to enhance our ministry and better serve our families. These include a competitive athletic program, bus transportation, after school care, voluntary pre-kindergarten, and a need-based financial aid program. As you consider becoming a part of the Aucilla Christian Academy family, we encourage you to schedule a time to visit our campus and see firsthand how Aucilla Christian Academy is truly a school where Christ is first!

In Christ,
Richard Finlayson

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Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6
Mission & Philosophy

The mission of Aucilla Christian Academy is to provide educational opportunities and experiences within a Christian environment to help our children develop spiritually, mentally, and physically.

A Total Learning Environment

Students and faculty at Aucilla Christian Academy are part of a big family where love of learning, belief in God, appreciation of beauty, respect of one another, development of leadership, good citizenship, and self-discipline are fostered. A balanced, college preparatory curriculum from K4 through 12th grade encourages excellence in academics, the arts, and extracurricular activities.
Academic Excellence

Typically, over 90% of our graduating seniors go on to institutions of higher education. Over the past several years, Aucilla Christian Academy has produced seven Florida Academic Scholars. Since 1997, more than 50% of our graduates have received merit-based scholarships. Our students have continued their education at the University of Florida, Florida State, Vanderbilt, Cornell, Georgia Tech, Clemson, and Stetson, as well as many other colleges.

The curriculum is designed to provide solid foundational skills and to prepare students for higher education. In addition to core academic subjects, students will also take Bible, Spanish, art, music, physical education, and computer classes. A variety of Advanced Placement (AP) courses, in which students receive both high school and college credit, are available to high school students. Students also have the opportunity to participate in interscholastic academic competitions such as science and history fairs, Tropicana Speech, spelling bees, and Brain Bowl competitions.

Christian Emphasis

In conjunction with the emphasis of a high quality education, the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is also stressed. The faculty and staff are dedicated Christians who strive diligently to meet the needs of our students. Our belief is that serving Jesus Christ should always be the number one priority at Aucilla Christian Academy. Regularly scheduled chapels and a variety of biblical survey classes help instill Christian values in all of our students.
Admissions Process

ACA accepts student applications year-round. Admission to ACA is based on the applicant’s record of achievement, including grades, standardized test scores, and admissions testing. You must submit your application online with a non-refundable $50.00 application fee.

Please click the link below to apply online (*be sure to select the correct school year):

New Student Online Application

Instructions for filling out the form:

You will be instructed to create an account. Your user name will be your email address and passwords should be at least 6 characters and contain at least one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter, and one number. Parents that already have a child attending ACA will already have an account. Please use your PlusPortals login and password.

Information marked with a red asterisk is mandatory.

Students and parents MUST have different email addresses. The mother is the primary contact in our system and you must enter an email address for this contact. The same email address CANNOT be used by the father and the mother. If there is no email address for a contact, please enter this: nomail@nomail.com

In the Documents section of the online form, you can scan in your documentation (see #3 below) and upload them. Please make sure files are in PDF format.

In the Pay and Submit section, if you are paying by check instead of online, please check the box "Pay by Mail" and then click SUBMIT.

After the student’s application is received, ACA will call to schedule a 30-45 minute admission process for your student. The evaluation is given to students entering grades K5-12. These evaluations are typically scheduled beginning in late March prior to the new school year. The student will meet with an Admissions team for the evaluation.

The following items are required on the day of the evaluation:
- Most recent Progress Reports/Transcripts
- Most recent Standardized Test Scores
- Birth Certificate
- Certificate of Immunization
- Florida School Health Entry Form
- Legal Documents
- Discipline Record

The parents will be notified of the admissions decision as soon as possible after all academic records have been received and reviewed. Once accepted, the parents must submit a $200 nonrefundable enrollment fee that reserves a new student’s spot. The enrollment fee must be submitted within two weeks of notification of acceptance. This fee can be substituted with a corporate tax scholarship award letter, but this document must be on file in the office within the same two week time frame. Failure to submit this fee by the two week deadline will forfeit the student’s spot for the coming school year. The first billing statement of the new school year would be mailed July 1st.
Financial Assistance

Kindergarten (K5)-12th Grade Eligible
Aucilla Christian Academy offers a need based financial aid program which operates in conjunction with FACTS Grant & Aid Application from Lincoln, Nebraska. All parents seeking financial assistance must complete and send in a FACTS student aid form and their Federal Tax return by April 1st. Forms are available from Aucilla Christian Academy as early as February 1st. We cannot guarantee the processing of applications for financial aid filed after April 1st.

Once FACTS completes its review of all applicants, a report is sent to the school to be evaluated by the Financial Aid Committee. The Financial Aid Committee will meet and decide financial assistance for each family that applied based on the report from FACTS. The Financial aid award letters will be mailed around May 15th. All awards are made for one year and parents must submit a new application to FACTS each year they would like to be considered for the need based financial aid. In considering the renewal of an award, the financial need and payment history of the parent, as well as the student’s academic achievement, citizenship, and attendance are considered. If, in the judgment of the school, a student is not meeting the established criteria, then the award could be decreased or terminated.

An alternative for families is to apply for the Step Up for Students program which is the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship program established by the state of Florida. Aucilla Christian Academy has determined to accept a limited number of students for the Step Up program each year. In order to qualify for this program, families must be eligible for the free or reduced lunch program. Parents must apply online at www.stepupforstudents.org (see below for link). Once eligibility has been determined, the family will receive an Award Letter which needs to be presented ASAP to Aucilla Christian Academy. The award amount is determined each year by the Florida Legislature. Our school policy does not allow students to participate in both the Step Up for Students and FACTS financial aid.

Aucilla Christian Academy retains the privilege to make changes, amendments, and corrections of the fees, rules and policies of the school at any time, with or without prior notice, at the discretion of the Board. The Board of Directors sets all school policy.
Chapels & Special Programs

Aucilla Christian Academy elementary and secondary students are treated each month to a chapel program, featuring either a guest speaker, club or a class, who encourages students in their walk with Christ. View some of our chapels and other special annual programs on ACA’s YouTube channel and Facebook Page.
Athletics

ACA is a part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes whose mission is to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes. Available sports include: Baseball, Basketball, Cheer, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Softball, Tennis, and
Club Opportunities

Learning is a journey of exploration, which only begins in the classroom. Student Life at Aucilla Christian Academy is filled with opportunities for students to pursue their interests and grow as part of a dynamic school community. Aucilla Christian Academy offers a variety of activities

ACA Ambassadors

Aucilla Christian Academy was excited to start the new ACA Ambassador program in 2014 to allow student leaders with a servant heart for the Lord to serve the ACA community. ACA Ambassadors serve at many school events as helpful aides to campus visitors.

Brain Bowl

Brain Bowl is an academic competition that places Aucilla Christian Academy teams against the teams from other schools in NAQT tournaments.

Living Waters Praise Team

Living Waters organizes several of ACA’s bi-weekly chapel programs by leading worship, acting in skits, and delivering a devotion.

Yearbook

Through organization, ad sales, and digital photography, the Yearbook Club learns excellent management and technology skills. They ensure that ACA’s yearbook is completed on time and looks great every year.

BETA Club

Beta Club is a youth organization that builds leadership and character through service. Besides having to maintain a cumulative “A” average (90 or above) in their studies, students must compete a total of 25 hours of community service.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

FCA is an interdenominational Christian sports ministry to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.

Student Council

ACA’s student governmental body is Student Council. Each high school grade elects two representatives who intern collectively elect officers than can introduce change in school policy.