



A Case for Christian Schools

And why they are worthy of your investment



Thank you so much for your interest in The King's Academy!

Hi! I'm Shannon Bernard, the Director of Admissions here at TKA. I want to offer you four reasons TKA is a worthy alternative to public school. You might think that the reasons I will give will be that public school classes are too big, the bus ride too long, or the teachers are too busy.

But my vision for Christian School Education is much deeper and life-changing than that. Here is my "Case for Christian schools."

#1: A Life-long Faith Perspective



Philosopher Nicholas Wolterstorff once said, "The aim of Christian education must be to conduct education and scholarship from a *Christian perspective*." Christian schools offers an alternative perspective to secular and public school thinking – it trains students in what it means to be a life-long disciple of Christ. At The King's Academy, teachers walk and talk with their students through complex issues and explore the world through a Biblical worldview. They



remind students that there is a loving and good God, and they train them how to articulate a better story than the one the world is offering – one that reorients their hearts and minds towards God. And this faith perspective doesn't end at graduation! According to the Cardus Educational Survey, most students with at least four years of K-12 Christian school education continue to follow Christ and attend church well into adulthood and beyond.

#2: Twice the College Graduation Rate for Christian Schooled Children



In most parts of America today, a four-year college degree is the new high school degree. There are many college degree life advantages: higher average income, less likely to live in poverty, higher satisfaction with job, lower jobs lost, lower unemployment rate, and larger amount of kids who are high academic achievers. For the majority of young people, a four-year college degree is essential for success at life. Yet today in the United States, over 40% will drop out of college before completion, often

saddled with significant student loans. In 2014, a major study found that college graduation rates for private Christian school was about twice that of public schools! At The King's Academy, our SAT average is higher than the averages of our surrounding districts – in fact, 10.7% higher! This means that 95% of our graduates attend four-year colleges and universities. That's a 95% college placement! This certainly makes a Christian School investment worthy of your consideration.

#3: An Affordable Opportunity for Everyone



In a survey of 500 Christian school parents, less than half of parents at the average Christian school earn over \$100,000 in yearly household income. Christian schools are not just for high income families anymore! Through financial aid programs, Christian schools regularly work with families with average incomes, giving their children a lifetime of opportunities because they are 2-3 times more likely to graduate from college than their counter parts in

public schools. In fact, one study found that Hispanic students from Christian schools were nine times more likely to attend college! At The King's Academy, we are committed to enrolling a talented and diverse student body. Our variable tuition is need-based and mission-driven making TKA education available and affordable to families. If paying for a Christian education is within your means, can you afford not to enroll your child at The King's Academy?

#4: Christian Schools Produce Pillars of Godly Character



Adults who were educated at least four years in a Christian school are more philanthropic, more active in attending church, have better marriages, are uniquely optimistic about their future, are more likely to pursue jobs that fulfill a religious calling, and are leaders and pillars in their congregations (Cardus Study). Since 2000, the U.S. has doubled their divorce rate, tripled the teen suicide rate, and quadrupled the rate of violent crime. Furthermore, the average first sexual encounter is now 10 years old. Studies have

proven that children who attended a Christian school are attending church well into their 20's. At TKA, our four pillars of godly character are kindness, obedience, respect, and honesty. We are dedicated to developing our student's unique talents and gifts training them to be leaders who follow Christ and inspire others to follow Him as well. We graduate young adults who are able to exhibit strong Christian character now and in the future.

Here are what some of our students say about TKA:

TKA is a community where I feel accepted. I have been here for two years and it feels like I've been here forever. I love the relationships I've formed at this school.

Going to TKA has encouraged me to strive to be my best self and to honor the Lord in everything that I do. TKA to me is more than just a school, it is like a little

family that gives me great opportunities to love and care for others.

It's actually FUN to learn here, and I feel like I will use these skills in life.

TKA means a lot to me because I was never able to express my faith in public school but at TKA, they want me to embrace my faith. Since I started attending TKA, I recently

made the choice to get baptized. This school has changed me and helps me grow in my faith.

TKA is a school where the teachers try their best to show Christ's love while training us to be leaders.

The people at TKA are like a family to me. That is an advantage that small schools like ours have.



Thank you for allowing me to give you my “case” for Christian School – especially MY Christian School, The King’s Academy. Our mission is to “train Christ-centered leaders in wisdom, knowledge, and godly character.” Join us as partner with you to bring your child an academically excellent, Christ-centered, and biblically based Christian education in a rural and safe environment. I transferred my children to a Christian school when they were in elementary and

middle school. It was an investment that my husband and I have never regretted. They are still serving Jesus in their lives and careers. We are so blessed! At The King’s Academy, we are here to serve and to provide a Christian education that will prepare students to live intentionally and faithfully for Christ.

Will you join us?