

SUMTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OVERVIEW FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

GENERAL Sumter Christian School is an independent Christian school, founded in 1974 as a ministry of Sumter Bible Church. Instruction is offered from preschool through twelfth grades to nearly 200 students. SCS is accredited by the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools, an affiliate of the American Association of Christian Schools.

ACADEMICS The elementary and middle school curriculum emphasizes Bible teaching, language arts, and mathematics. The Bible teaching focuses on biographical studies, Bible memory, and Christian conduct. Language arts begins with a complete phonics program, and then builds on that foundation with reading, writing, grammar, and spelling components. Mathematics is taught in a modified traditional manner: for example, old-fashioned drill as well as modern set theory is included. We expend great effort in communicating the underlying concepts which are essential to higher level work. Progressively more intensive exposure to science and history is offered from grades 1 to 6. The high school program is college preparatory in nature. Courses such as chemistry, physics, algebra, pre-calculus, and Spanish, as well as upper-level Bible, English, and history, are available. Students in high school have the option of "Honors" courses or "college Prep" courses. Our students have transferred credits to high schools across the nation as well as to several foreign countries.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SCS offers soccer, basketball, fast-pitch softball, baseball, volleyball, and cheerleading for students in grades 7 to 12. Group music and art instruction are included in the elementary curriculum, and private music lessons may be taken during the day or after school. Band is offered to students in grades four through twelve. There is a yearbook staff, a chapter of the American Christian Honor Society, and an opportunity to serve in community involvement and ministry. Occasional banquets provide refinement in the social graces.

FACILITIES The beautiful thirteen and one-half acre campus is located at 420 South Pike West, a frontage road parallel to the 378/76 bypass. All rooms are modern and air-conditioned. SCS requests fire, safety, and sanitary inspections annually, and the reports are available for parental inspection at any time. We have elementary playground and a high school athletic complex with soccer, baseball, softball, and volleyball facilities, and all of these are completely fenced. The gymnasium provides indoor recess for preschool, kindergarten, and elementary as well as athletic programs for the middle school and high school.

ANCILLARY PROGRAMS SCS operates a Day Care service for students enrolled in the school. Early Arrival Day Care opens at 6:30 a.m. for those coming before school begins at 8:05. Late Stay Day Care begins at 12:00 for preschoolers and after school for kindergartners through eighth grade. This service closes at 6:00 p.m. Summer Day Care operates on a Day Camp format. All Day Care programs operate Monday through Friday except legal holidays, even when school is not in session. Any other Day Care closings are printed on either the annual or monthly calendars on the school's website.

CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS A truly Christian school is characterized first by a **faculty** composed entirely of born-again Christians. Each is also certified by the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools. Secondly, the **curriculum** is thoroughly Biblical: it is based on a Biblical philosophy and incorporates Scriptural applications in the presentation of all subject matter. Thirdly, the **student body** is predominantly Christian. Most students are professing Christians. Our primary goal of maintaining a spiritual community in the pursuit of academic goals is the feature which distinguishes Sumter Christian School from public and other independent schools.

WEBSITE The school's website (www.sumterchristian.org) provides announcements, updates, forms, and is a valuable tool for parents to keep informed. Parents are able to view their children's grades, assignments, financial statements, and much more.