

Open Bible Christian Academy

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SCHOOL PROFILE

Open Bible Christian Academy is a private independent, coeducational academy for grades K3-12th that offers distinctive opportunities for students desiring a quality Christian education.

Established in 1949, Open Bible celebrates over sixty years of successful operation as one of the oldest Christian schools in the Baltimore area. Founded on the belief that children need to be taught and nurtured in a Christian atmosphere, Open Bible has maintained a quality of academic excellence that is equaled by few. Our emphasis on strong academic skills, as well as Biblical knowledge and Christian behavior has produced many exceptional students. Based on this mission, Open Bible Christian Academy offers a challenging college preparatory program to middle and high school students. Also, we offer numerous opportunities in the arts and athletics through various classes, clubs and extracurricular programs.

MISSION STATEMENT

Open Bible Christian Academy exists to glorify God and enjoy Him by: **Forming** our hearts for learning about God and His world, **informing** our minds with truth for life, and **transforming** our imaginations with purpose in God's Kingdom. We are a school where **heart** and **passion** fuel learning.

FACULTY

The professional staff of the school is composed of 14 full time instructors, 2 part time instructors and 2 administrators. All teachers are highly qualified Christian men and women committed to young people, giving attention to all aspects of a student's growth.

FACULTY/STUDENT RATIO

One faculty member per 15-20 students.

ADMISSION

Open Bible Christian Academy follows a rolling admissions policy. The student selection process includes placement testing, transcript evaluation and student/parent interview.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

A college preparatory program is offered. Honors courses are offered in Science, English, Spanish, History and Math. Students in grades 9-11 must schedule seven credit-bearing classes each semester. The minimum number of credits needed to graduate is 26. Advanced courses on the Middle School level may be counted as part of the 26 credits for graduation. The distribution of credits is as follows:

Bible	4 credits
English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Physical Education	2 credits includes one year of Health
Spanish	3 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
Electives	2 credits

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular activities include athletics – soccer, basketball, volleyball, drama, choral and instrumental groups, chapel, yearbook, and various service opportunities.

GRADING SYSTEM

Evaluations of students' academic performance are reported quarterly, using a numerical (or percentage) grading system; 67.5 is the passing grade. The Grade Point Average is computed on a 4.0 scale as follows:

Percent	Grade	GPA	Percent	Grade	GPA
97-100	A+	4.0	77-79	C+	2.0
93-96	A	4.0	76-73	C	2.0
90-92	A-	4.0	70-72	C-	2.0
87-89	B+	3.0	69-67	D	1.0
86-83	B	3.0	66-0	F	0.00
82-80	B-	3.0			

Course grades are unweighted. Final exams are held at the conclusion of each semester. All course failures during the regular academic year must be made up in summer school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

Middle School requirements include:

Bible	Math
Science	Pre-Algebra
Social Studies	Algebra I
English	Physical Education
Literature	Computer
Music	Spanish

HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

BIBLE	Bible 9 Bible 10	Bible 11 Bible 12
ENGLISH	Composition & Literature Nine Composition & Literature Ten American Literature Speech	Writing & Grammar 9 SAT Preparation British Literature
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	Spanish I, II, III	
MATHEMATICS	Algebra I, II Geometry Trigonometry/Analytic Geometry	Pre Calculus Online AP Calculus Consumer Math
SCIENCE	Physical Science Physics Anatomy and Physiology	Biology Chemistry
SOCIAL STUDIES	American Government Psychology Economics	World History United States History/Online AP US History Family Living
MUSIC	Music Appreciation	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Health Physical Education	
BUSINESS/COMPUTER EDUCATION	Basic Keyboarding Excel & Power Point	Online Web Design Classes Online Advanced Computer Programming