

BARROW COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY Handbook

**ACCELERATED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
ACCREDITED QUALITY STATUS**

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Barrow County Christian Academy

(K-5 – 8th Grade)

Our History

In 1978, the Evangelist, Elders, and Deacons of the Whistleville Christian Church were asked by the members of the congregation to have a daily school ministry for the purpose of training their children in Godliness. For two years, the leadership prayed and prepared for such a ministry to begin. In the fall of 1980, the church-school was started. Barrow County Christian Academy is an integral ministry of the Whistleville Christian Church. The school belongs to Christ and His Church. The evangelist, elders, and deacons are ultimately responsible for the academy.

School Mission Statement

The mission of Barrow County Christian Academy is to assist parents to prepare their children spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially to become disciples of Jesus Christ and productive citizens wherever the Lord leads them. “Educating and equipping young people to be the Light of the World.”

Vision Statement

Barrow County Christian Academy seeks to provide a quality academic education in K-5 through 8th grade. It is our desire to challenge young people to grow in Christian character, integrity, and spiritual maturity. “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth” (Mark 12:30)

Core Value Statement

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” (Mark 12:30) “Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mark 12:31)

Philosophy

The educational philosophy of Barrow County Christian Academy is based on the Word of God. The Bible is the foundation, which integrates and unifies our entire program. Christ is the center of every academic concept. Children are a gift from the Lord (Psalm 127:3). All students should be treated with respect and treasured as the special gifts they are. Parents are to be the primary educators of their children. It is their responsibility and right to prayerfully choose the appropriate partner to assist in the education of their children. Parents and the school should work together in harmony to assist each child in discovering his/her God-given talents needed to fulfill God’s will for their life. Because of this belief, faculty members of Barrow County Christian Academy are to be faithful Christians. They must serve Christ as a member of the un-denominational Christian Church/Church of Christ. Teachers are selected by church school board. They are qualified Christian instructors. They receive specialized training for their tasks. They are required to attend update training every school year.

Meet Our Leaders

B.C.C.A. is a ministry of the Whistleville Christian Church. The school belongs to Christ and His church. The evangelist, elders, and deacons are ultimately responsible for the school. We're thankful for the following church-school board:

Ray K. Fumea, Evangelist
Tom Emerson, Elder
Cecil Highfield, Elder

Cory Landers, Deacon
John Landers, Deacon
Nathan Frazier, Deacon

These men meet once a month to conduct church-school business.

Welcome to
Barrow County Christian Academy

“Changing the World One Child at a Time”

K-5 – 8th Grade

What does B.C.C.A. offer?

- * **Daily Bible Classes**
- * **Christian Character Training**
- * **Outstanding Christian Curriculum (A.C.E.)**
- * **Advanced Reading Program**
- * **Computer Enrichment Software**
- * **Individualized Learning**
- * **Parent/Teacher Fellowships**
- * **Field Trips**
- * **Family Atmosphere**
- * **Individualized Learning**
- * **Accredited through Lighthouse Christian Academy**
- * **Chapel Services**
- * **Qualified Christian Supervisors**
- * **Excellent Student/Teacher Ratio**

NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

B.C.C.A. has a racially nondiscriminatory policy, and therefore, shall not discriminate against members, applicants, students, and others on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Whistleville Christian Church is devoted to the restoration of New Testament Christianity, its doctrines, its ordinances, and its fruits.

- 1.** We believe that Scripture of the Old and New Testament is inspired by God, and inerrant in the original writings, and they are the supreme and final authority in faith and conduct (II Timothy 3:16, 17; I Peter 1:22-25).
- 2.** God is the Creator and Sustainer of all things and the Source of all Truth. Everything we have and will have, everything we are and will be, is because of HIM (Genesis 1:1; John 14:6; Colossians 1:15-17).
- 3.** God maintains control over His entire universe . . . He is Omnipotent (Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:18-21; Philippians 2:9-11).

4. God had revealed Himself in a specific way in the Bible (Hebrews 1:1-4).
5. Man rebels against God because of sin (Romans 1:21,22; 3:23; 6:23).
6. God has provided a way whereby man can be brought into fellowship with Himself. Man's salvation is by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-10). Man appropriates God's grace by obeying the Gospel – through faith (Hebrews 11:1; Mark 16:16), repentance (Acts 2:38), confession (Romans 10:9, 10), and immersion (Acts 2:37, 38; Galatians 3:27, I Peter 3:21, Acts 8:26-40).
7. The Christian must be faithful unto death (Revelation 2:10; Acts 2:42).
8. The Church awaits the Second Coming of Christ (I Thessalonians 4:13-17; I Corinthians 15).
9. Satan is the liar, the deceiver, the accuser, and tempter (Matthew 4:1-11).
10. We believe that God has commanded that all intimate sexual activity be solely and exclusively within a marriage between one man and one woman. We believe that any form of sexually immorality including but not limited to, homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. (Gen, 2:24; Gen. 19:5, 13; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; 6:9; I Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4)
11. Christians are for life. We believe in the sanctity of life. Therefore we do not believe in abortion (Exodus 20:13; Psalm 139:1-16).
12. Christians do not bring lawsuits against brothers (I Corinthians 6:1-8).

General Policies

The staff desires a harmonious relationship with parents. If parents have a question about a school policy or an event that involves their child, they are first to notify their child's teacher. An effort will be made to resolve any differences and maintain excellent communication between parents and ministry staff.

1. **Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday – 8:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. / 12:30 pm – 3:00 p.m.
2. **School Hours:** Monday – Thursday – 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. **K5 Mon. – Thur. 8:30 – 12:30**

Students are asked not to arrive any earlier than 8:10 a.m. Doors will be unlocked at 8:10 a.m. Students are to report to Learning Centers. All parents are encouraged to pick up children at 2:30 p.m. A \$20.00 fee will be added to the bill each day there is pick up after 2:45 p.m. If pick up exceeds 30 minutes, a \$50.00 fee will be added to the bill.

Parents must authorize the school to dismiss students early. They must be picked up at the school office or in the designated area.

3. **Weather Closings:** When bad weather threatens school closings, please listen to the announcement concerning the Barrow County Schools. If Barrow County Schools are closed, we will be closed. If there are exceptions to the policy, parents will be notified.
4. **Attendance:** Regular and punctual attendance is necessary if the student is to achieve success in his/her academic pursuits. Parents should train children to be present and punctual. Attendance at B.C.C.A. is a privilege!
 - a. **Tardiness:** A student will be considered tardy after entering the classroom after 8:30 a.m. Students must report to the school office before going to their Learning Center with a note stating the reason for the tardiness. If no note is received the tardiness is considered unexcused. Every 3 unexcused tardies will result in a 45 minute detention. It is vital for students to be on time each morning as the day begins with devotions, pledges, and prayer. It is an interruption and distraction during this very important time when a child comes in late. We want to teach our students that being punctual is important and shows good manners to others.
 - b. **Absences:** A student who misses more than 4 ½ hours of the school day is considered absent. After an absence, if a student returns without an excuse it will be considered an unexcused absence. Every 3 unexcused absences will result in 1 summer school makeup day. If any absence is foreseeable, a note should be sent in advance. Doctor, dental, music, and other appointments should be scheduled after school hours as much as possible. Every effort will be made to contact the parent of any student who is absent. In the event of family emergencies, trips, protracted illness, etc., the school will work with parents in obtaining assignments. A written excuse or parental contact must accompany the students return to school. Students missing more than 10 days of class during a semester may fail to receive credit for that semester. If a student misses more than 20 days a year, they are required to attend the summer session.
5. **Transportation:** Transportation to and from school is the responsibility of the parents. Written permission presented to the school office will allow persons other than parents to pick up children. To insure maximum safety for all children, traffic patterns have been established by the school administration. Please follow those instructions when dropping off or picking up your child. Do not park your car in the drop off area.
6. **Visitors:** All visitors are required to check in at the office. If you need to leave something for a student or teacher, please bring it to the office. Please do not go directly to the classroom. Students from other schools are not permitted on campus unless approved by the administration in advance.
7. **Handbills and Sales:** Any individual or group desiring to distribute handbills (advertisements) or engage in a sale, must seek permission from the Administration. The church-school board reserves the right to accept or reject any idea.
8. **Deliveries:** All items delivered to students during the day must be delivered to the church-school office or to the appropriate designation.

Health

1. **Services:** First aid items and non-prescription medications are available to students in the event of sickness and minor injury.
2. **Illness:** A student who is ill or running a fever should not be sent to school. We ask that the student be fever free 24 hours before returning to school. When a student becomes ill at school the administration will contact the parent first. If unavailable the administration will contact the approved names submitted on the application form.
3. **Communicable Diseases:** It is mandatory that we protect the health and welfare of our school community from the spread of communicable diseases. In medically appropriate cases, any student whose medical condition poses a substantial threat to the health and safety of others may be removed from school until their attendance no longer poses such a threat. Parents are required to disclose if their child has a communicable disease.
4. **Medications:** All prescription medications must be properly labeled and brought to the church-school office. Students must not have any medications on their person while at school.

Day to Day

1. **Opening Assembly:** 8:30 a.m. Students are to be present in designated area for opening activities.
2. **Class Instruction:** 8:45 a.m. to 11:30. 12:00 p.m to 2:15 p.m.
3. **Break:** Students take 5- minute breaks at supervisors' discretion. A 15 to 25 minute morning "privilege" break is given to students who have earned privilege status. Students are permitted to purchase snacks and juices from the school store.
4. **Lunch:** Students are to bring sack lunches or microwave products. Microwave ovens and refrigerators are available for use. A variety of lunch items may be purchased from the school store. One soft drink is permitted at lunch time only. Juices or other appropriate beverages may be used at scheduled break times. Parents are welcome to eat with students.
5. **Bible Classes:** Monday - Thursday (Thursday is often used as "Chapel Day") One of the major purposes of B.C.C.A. is spiritual growth with Bible classes as an integral part of this growth process. Bible classes start at 8:30 a.m. Parents are always welcome to attend.
6. **Scripture Memory:** In addition to the individual Bible verses contained in each pace, students are encouraged to memorize a selection of Scripture each month. Students may earn extra privileges by quoting the passage. Students may also request extra Scripture passages for extra privileges.
7. **Lost and Found:** Students should mark all items brought to school. Articles found on premises will be put in the church-school office. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of as the administration sees fit. The school will not be responsible for any lost items.
8. **Personal Property:** The following list includes, but is not limited to, items students are permitted to have at school:

Bible (King James and New International Version), pencils, erasers, crayons, scissors (rounded point), glue stick, tissues, ruler, dictionary, colored pencils, single subject notebook, 5 subject notebook, black ball point pen, compass, protractor, calculator (math #75 up-Casio FX 115ES).

Students (K – 5 grade) may have book bags, positive approved items for office decorum, sports equipment, etc. The staff reserves the right to approve or reject any personal items brought to school.

9. **Articles Prohibited in School:** Guns, knives, or any other type of weapon; tobacco products of any kind, alcohol products of any kind, drugs or any drug paraphernalia, lighters, matches, books, magazines, music, music players. Office decorations, electronic games, or any electronic device must be presented to respective supervisor for approval in advance of use.
10. **Searches for Suspicion of Illegal or Unauthorized Materials:** The church-school reserves the right to search the student's person and belongings in the event the church-school suspects the student possesses an unapproved item. Searches may be conducted without the student's or parent's permission. The registration of the child in the church-school constitutes parental consent for such searches. The church-school has the right to search, including but not limited to: book bags, purses, pockets, lockers, desks, person, etc.
11. **Student Messages and Parent Visitation:** Students should be contacted in the classroom only on an emergency basis. All messages should be given through the church-school office. Parents who personally deliver messages or visit the school, should first report to the school office. Students must turn in their cell phones at the beginning of each day.
12. **Student Web Sites:** Any student who is on social media or contributes to a blog must do so with parent/guardian supervision (ex. instagram, tiktok, twitter, ect.). Any site that is deemed inappropriate to the purpose, mission, and moral standards of the academy will be in direct disobedience and will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including immediate ineligibility to attend the academy.

Extra Curricular Activities and Athletics

1. **Field Trips:** Regularly scheduled field trips are planned for students who have achieved "privilege" status. These are provided as useful learning experiences and recreational activities. Please remember field trips are regular school days. There may be incidental fees to cover items such as tickets, lunch, or transportation. Parents are encouraged to attend.
2. **State and National Student Convention:** A most exciting and rewarding event for students is the annual Accelerated Christian Education State Convention. Students are encouraged to prepare for competition in any of more than ninety events including athletics, music, arts/crafts, and platform arts. Winners are eligible for the National Convention held each Spring. Contestant Guidelines are available to assist students in preparing for competition. Preparation begins in the fall under supervisor's control. B.C.C.A.'s participation is determined by the church-school board on a year to year basis.

Student Standards of Conduct

The students' attitudes, conversations, and behavior reflect the character of the institution from which they derive their training, both home and church-school.

1. **Courtesy:** Christians are supposed to treat everyone with proper respect, and are to show proper deference to those in authority (Romans 13:1-8; Hebrews 13:7, 17; Ephesians 6:1, 2). All things are to be done "decently and in order." The following list includes, but not limited to, Biblical principles of conduct: use good manners, address authorities respectfully, not with sarcasm or talking back; address fellow students with kindness, no complaining, griping, gossiping, slandering, etc. Take care of all property (B.C.C.A. is considered as belonging to God. All students are required to respect and care for church-school property). Marked on, defaced, or broken property is to be replaced at offending student's expense, even if accidental.

2. **Moral Behavior:** Students of B.C.C.A are expected to live a life of Godly character. They are to strive to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. They are to refrain from any conduct condemned in the Bible. They are to adhere to any conduct commended in the Bible. The following list includes, but is not limited to, conduct in which students should refrain: cheating, swearing, taking the Lord's name in vain, smoking, gambling, indecent language (including vulgar and slang expressions), watching or listening to indecent movies, television shows and music. Students should give the impression to fellow-students, parents, and faculty that they are in harmony with the goals, aims, and standards of this church-school.

Moral violations will be handled by detentions, suspensions, corporal discipline, expulsion, or church discipline. The Administration reserves the right to determine the appropriate action of discipline concerning moral violations.

While all violations are handled in a loving, firm way, the church-school has the following non-tolerant policy:

- a. Firearms and weapons of any kind are not permitted on campus.**
- b. Any sexually immoral behavior on or off campus. ****
- c. Any use, possession, or favorable acceptance of any alcoholic beverage or other drug on or off campus.**

3. **Interpersonal Relationships:** Students should refrain from pushing, shoving, hitting, pinching, etc. "Sweetheart" relationships must be on a casual basis while at church-school. There should be no "pairing off" or physical contact by a boy and girl. Demonstrations of romantic involvement between students on school property are forbidden. Hand holding, embracing or any other contact that would contribute to undue familiarity will not be tolerated. This type of behavior will result in demerits, suspension or expulsion. Behavior should be above reproach.

4. A student may be refused admission, dismissed, or expelled, or asked not to return the following year if he/she is out of harmony with the Statement of Faith, the spirit, or the policies of the school whether on or off property as determined by the sole discretion of the administration. Readmission considerations following dismissal will be determined on a case-by case basis.

** (Definition of moral behavior discussed in "Student's Standard of Conduct and Discipline sections.)

In accordance with the ministry's statement of faith and in recognition of Biblical commands, no immoral conduct will be tolerated. The Bible strictly forbids such conduct which includes, but is not limited to, immoral actions as well as advocating for sinful behavior. The following will not be tolerated in any form and will constitute grounds for expulsion: any actions or identifying statements concerning the change of one's gender since birth, fornication, adultery, homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, or pornography. (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5, 13; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; 6:9; I Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4).

Definition of "identifying statement"

Bodily contact, actively undertaken or passively permitted, between members of the opposite sex or members of the same sex for the purpose of satisfying sexual desire and any bodily contact that a reasonable person would understand to demonstrate a propensity or intent to engage in an immoral or homosexual act.

Definition of “identifying statement”

A statement that a student is homosexual, bisexual, transgender, or otherwise immoral; words to that effect including language or behavior that a reasonable person could believe is intended to convey the statement that a student engages in or has a tendency or intent to engage in, immoral, transgender, and/or homosexual acts.

Examples:

“I am gay,” “I am a homosexual,” “I have a homosexual orientation,” “I am transgender,” “I identify as another gender.” Homosexual and/or transgender conduct, defined as acts or identifying statements, is incompatible with enrollment at the Christian school and is basis for dismissal.

Definition of “identifying act”

Any act taken by a student that shows a tendency toward, agreement with, or support for homosexual behavior, transgender behavior, or otherwise immoral behavior.

Examples: Wearing apparel and/or accessories that show and/or imply support for homosexual, transgender, and/or other immoral behavior. Wearing apparel, makeup, and/or accessories that are commonly associated with another gender than the student’s naturally-born gender. Attempting to use the bathroom and/or locker room facilities of another gender than the student’s naturally-born gender. Homosexual and/or transgender conduct, defined as acts or identifying statements, is incompatible with enrollment at the Christian school and is a basis for dismissal.

Discipline

B.C.C.A. is dedicated to the training of children in a program of study, activity and living that is Christ-centered. We challenge students to accept the responsibility to “walk honorably before all men”. The church-school does not take the place of parents and the home, but only augments them. Good discipline can best be developed through cooperation and communication between parents and the school. Discipline is maintained which is firm, consistent, fair, and tempered with love. Our staff maintains standards of behavior in the learning center through kindness, love, and a genuine regard for the students. However, when disciplinary action becomes necessary, it is firmly carried out, tempered by good judgment and understanding. Parents will be notified of any misconduct or infraction of church-school policies.

Discipline is training in the right direction (Proverbs 22:6).

Not all offenses warrant the same discipline. Minor infractions may be handled by giving of demerits, loss of privilege, detention (during or after school hours). More severe infractions may be handled with suspension or expulsion. The church-school reserves the right to discern and administer appropriate discipline for violation of church-school policies.

If your child comes home complaining about a policy or discipline, please follow this procedure: give the staff the benefit of the doubt, realize that your child’s reporting may be emotionally biased and may not include all the information, support the Administration and call the church-school for all the facts.

Dress Code

As a church school, we desire to reflect and teach modesty, propriety, and neatness in our attire (I Timothy 4:12). Appropriate clothing encourages responsible behavior. One’s personal appearance is a manifestation of self-esteem. In order to help create and perpetuate the proper atmosphere in the school we have adapted the following dress standards.

B.C.C.A. students are required to wear school uniforms. These may be purchased from various stores where style and color match requirements. (A list of required clothing has been provided) We strongly recommend that you go to the store for your first purchase to insure a proper fit. (Sizes will vary from other standard clothing sizes) Student uniforms are to be worn at all times even when outer garments are worn.

Boys: Slacks: Must keep slacks properly sewn and hemmed. (No ragged appearance)

Shirts: (Shirts are to be worn inside slacks)

Shoes: Casual or dress. Shoes must have closed toes, sides, and heels. (tennis shoe are permissible)

Socks: Socks must be worn.

Belt: Belt must be worn with slacks having loops. (Belts are not required for drawstring pants.)

Hair: Must be well groomed. No extreme cuts or scalp designs permitted. Eye brows and ears are to be exposed. Hair is not to extend below the top of the collar. No extreme hair colors or dyes may be used.

Jewelry: Small necklaces or bracelets permitted.

Field Trips/ P.E. Clothing: T-shirts (no inappropriate wording or logos), jeans, and tennis shoes are permitted

Hats: May be worn outdoors only.

Grooming: Boys are to be clean shaven – no mustaches or beards.

Girls: Skirts must come to the middle of the knee or lower. K5 – 5th Grade may also wear jumpers.

Blouses: Only the top button may be left unbuttoned.

(Appropriate underclothing must be worn with uniforms)

Shoes: Casual or dress. No open-toed shoes.

Hair is to be clean and well groomed. No extreme hair or scalp designs. Only natural colors such as blonde, brunette, black, red, or auburn.

Cosmetics must be worn conservatively.

Jewelry: Earrings may be worn on the ear lobe to middle of ear.

P.E. Clothing: Jeans (loose fitting, no holes, or ripped), solid colored shirt (no inappropriate wording or logos), and tennis shoes are to be worn.

Items not permitted:

No earrings are permitted. (Boys)

No tattoos or writing on body.

No body piercing.

No “baggy” or “low riding” clothing.

No “tight” fitting clothing.

Anything the Administration considers to be a fad, extreme or inappropriate to the spirit of the church-school will not be permitted. The Administration reserves the right to make this determination.

Academics

1. **Curriculum:** B.C.C.A. uses the Accelerated Christian Education curriculum. Their headquarters are located in Tennessee. They have been writing and producing Christian educational materials since 1970. The curriculum is being used worldwide. We use the “A B C’s Learning to Read Program” for our K-5 students. It is an excellent phonics program which prepares a student in excellent reading skills. Our 1st –8th grade students use the self-instructional paces. A thorough scope and sequence of materials are presented in the curriculum, providing the student with excellent academic materials. The paces also present 90 key character traits of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. **Grading Scale:**
94-100 “A”
88-93 “B”
80-87 “C”
3. **Standardized Testing:** The Iowa Assessments Test is administered every other school year in the spring for students grades 2-8.
4. **Homework:** The responsibility for scholastic achievement is placed on students. The goals set by the student and reviewed by the supervisor are not more than the student is capable of completing during the school day. Should the student not meet his goals for that day, he will be required, at the discretion of the supervisor, to complete the work at home or after school in the Learning Center. Should the student have homework, a homework slip giving the pages to be completed will be attached to the pace. The slip is to be signed by the parent and returned the following day.
5. **Progress Reports:** Progress Reports are given to students to present to their parents during the week following each nine-week period.
6. B.C.C.A uses the “PACE” system. 1st – 8th grade students are required at minimum to complete 12 paces in each subject per year.

Why PACES instead of textbooks?

One of the distinctives that makes A.C.E. unique is that the basic learning tool is a PACE rather than a textbook. Before we discuss the superiority of PACES, let’s answer a commonly asked question--- “What does ‘PACE’ stand for?

PACE is an acronym for Packet of Accelerated Christian Education. In the A.C.E. program, students work in PACES from K-5 through the 8TH grade level. Each academic subject for each level consists of 12 PACES, and each student should complete a minimum of 60 PACES in a school year. Some notable features basic to PACES are:

- ◆ Bite-sized units of self-instructional material enhanced with illustrations and examples.
- ◆ Specific, understandable goals for the student to read before he begins work.
- ◆ Controlled vocabulary with pronunciations and definitions.
- ◆ Appropriate activities for drill, practice, and mastery of each concept.
- ◆ Checkups, score strips, and a Self Test for assessment and learning control.
- ◆ Character Story features for Biblical character patterning.
- ◆ Scripture and wisdom principles that provide encouragement and guidance.

So, why are PACES an alternative to textbooks? Here are a few reasons.

Students see tangible results of their progress. Each time a student successfully completes a PACE, he gets a new academic PACE with new character stories to spark his interest. It's something to get excited about and something to which he can look forward. A new PACE is tangible evidence that the child has climbed another rung on his academic ladder.

PACES teach responsibility in ways textbooks cannot. Controls are built in. The student completes activities, Checkups, and the Self Test, and he does his own scoring and makes his own corrections. He knows when and how to review and prepare himself for testing. He experiences success and learns the importance of doing things right!

PACES are geared to mastery learning. Children have a limited attention span and a restricted capacity for grasping new concepts. They need to have new material introduced in bite-sized pieces; then they practice the concept and test themselves to see if they really understand the new material. A textbook is not designed to allow a student to catch his academic breath but keeps putting more and more information into his mental processing network. PACES not only provide instruction at the child's maturity level; they also allow him to learn and master concepts.

PACES provide self-instruction and mastery along with individualization. To achieve any degree of success, most textbooks require a teacher to interpret and explain the information. The teacher usually provides the examples and drills. Information is given, not on an individual basis, but to whole class of children who have different capabilities and learning styles. PACES, on the other hand, introduce one concept at a time, and each concept is visualized and illustrated by examples. Before he moves on to the activities, the student can go back over the information and examples until he understands them. No other students are held up while he gains mastery, and he is not held back by the rest of the class when he grasps concepts quickly. He learns on his own at the pace that he is capable of attaining.

A.C.E. is distinctively different!

Incentive Programs: The staff of B.C.C.A. will implement special incentive programs throughout the year to encourage excellence in learning. Student's are also rewarded with special privileges. A student may earn more and more privileges as he assumes more and more responsibility. Privileges are incentives designed to promote learning achievement. Any student desiring Christian Service projects for extra privilege may talk to their respective supervisor. A list of such projects will be provided from our church-school ministry.

Annual Awards: Gifts, certificates, plaques, letters, and trophies highlight the Annual Awards Ceremony held each spring. Students compete during the year to attain these awards.

Patriotism

Christian Americanism places emphasis upon the greatness of America's heritage and the sacrifices of her heroes. America's constitution guarantees liberties to educate in order to preserve freedom. We unashamedly teach the Biblical doctrines of self-discipline, respect for those in authority, obedience to law, and love for flag and country.

Daily we use the following pledges in our opening assembly:

1. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Bible**

“I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God’s Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Its words will I hide in my heart that I might not sin against God.”

2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag**

“I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savoir for Whose Kingdom it stands; one brotherhood, uniting all Christians in service and love.”

3. **Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag**

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

Financial Policies

1. **Tuition:** A cost sheet for fees and tuition is provided each year. Tuition is due on the 1ST of each month. Tuition payment includes paces for a year. It is necessary that all student fees and tuition payments be kept current throughout the year. Tuition payments will be made directly to office. See Jessica Garrett. If tuition is 10 days late, a \$50.00 fee will be added to the bill. If accounts become 30 days delinquent (from the first of the month) the student will not be allowed to attend class if payment is not made immediately. Accounts must be paid in full before a student reenrolls for the upcoming school year. It is parent’s responsibility to contact the school administration should unusual or extreme circumstances arise that preclude not making regular tuition payments. Please remember it is parent’s responsibility to contact us. The church-school reserves the right to use the money anyway it seems necessary or appropriate.
2. **Fundraiser:** Fundraisers are necessary from time to time for the financial advancement of B.C.C.A. All families are expected to participate and help in raising additional funds for designated school projects. B.C.C.A. receives no federal funding.

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K5-8TH Grade

2026 – 2027 FINANCE SHEET

Re-enrollment for returning students is due by June 15th.

Enrollment fee for new students due upon acceptance.

| | <u>1st Child</u> | <u>2nd Child</u> | <u>3rd Child</u> | <u>4th Child, etc.</u> |
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| Enrollment/re-enrollment | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 |
| Tuition | \$4,700 | \$4,200 | \$3,700 | \$3,200 |
| 10-Month Plan (Sept-Jun) | \$470.00 | \$420.00 | \$370.00 | \$320.00 |

We accept cash, check, zelle.

Accreditation

B.C.C.A is not a government institution. However, the Academy maintains an accredited quality status with Accelerated Christian Education. This allows students to register in a dual enrollment program with Lighthouse Christian Academy. We are under the umbrella of Lighthouse Christian Academy, which is an accredited institution.

Option:

Accreditation – If you are concerned about accreditation for this age level, we can dual enroll your child with Lighthouse Christian Academy for a one-time fee of \$275.00. (Pricing subject to change.)

Admissions

1. **Admission Policies:** The primary purpose of the Barrow County Christian Academy is to assist parents in the training of their children to live for Christ (Proverbs 22:6). Teaching is training. Training for life must include training for eternity. Students will be challenged to obey the Gospel and live faithfully for Christ. Unsaved young people may attend B.C.C.A. only if they agree to follow all school guidelines set forth by the church-school board. Unsaved parents and students must understand that they will be confronted with the Gospel of Christ, will be challenged to obey the Gospel, and take their place of service within Christ's Church. It is our purpose to bring academic knowledge from a Christian viewpoint. Attendance at this school is a **privilege**. **Excellence** is our goal. We desire to train youth in the highest principles of leadership, self-discipline, individual responsibility, personal

integrity, and good citizenship.

2. **Selection of Students:**

- a. Children of parents who are members of the Whistleville Christian Church will be given priority over new applicants.
- b. Students who can not attend our academy:
 - * above the age of 15
 - * married
 - * divorced
 - * with children
 - *children who identify as lesbians, gay, homosexual, transgender, or in question of gender.
- c. Parents should not enroll students in the church-school with the idea that we will “reform” him/her. This is not a corrective institution. We are here to work with the home, but not take the place of parents who have experienced difficulties in fulfilling their role.
- d. All new students are admitted on a 9 week probationary period. If at any time his/her conduct, academic progress or cooperation with the school authorities is not in keeping with the school’s requirements, the school reserves the right to terminate the child’s enrollment.
- e. The church-school board makes the final decision for student enrollment.

3. **Students Re-enrolling:**

- a. A re-enrollment form will be sent home in the spring. It must be completed by the designated date.
- b. When a student who has attended B.C.C.A. leaves and enrolls in another school system for any reason, and desires to re-enroll at B.C.C.A., he, along with parents, must meet with the church-school board for the purpose of sharing why he left and why he wishes to be re-enrolled.
- c. Any student who leaves B.C.C.A. the second time shall be required to follow the above procedure. There will be a one-year waiting period before being admitted back to B.C.C.A.

4. **Students Withdrawing:** A withdrawal form must be completed and signed by the parent(s) for any student who seeks to withdraw from the school prior to the end of the school year. Should a student withdraw or be dismissed, there will be no refund of tuition for any month in which the student has attended one or more days.

5. **Request for records:** Any request for records on a student who has left for any reason will not be honored if the student has a balance on their tuition.

6. **Admission Procedures:**

- a. Acquire and read all printed material included in the student handbook.
- b. Sign and return “Application for Student Enrollment,” “Authorization to Release Confidential Information” form, and “Financial Agreement Form.” Schedule a meeting for diagnostic testing.
- c. Schedule meeting with school administration. Administration will review the student handbook with student and parents. School facilities and curriculum will be viewed. Enrollment fees are to be paid at this time.
- d. A possible informal meeting with the church-school board may be required.

**Thank you for choosing
Barrow County Christian Academy.
It is an honor and a privilege to
have your child with us this school
year. We look forward to working hand
in hand with your family as we work
toward a successful year
spiritually and academically.**

**In Christ,
The Staff of B.C.C.A.**

***The church-school board has the right to amend or change student handbook policies at any time.**

Church Affiliation

Name of Church: _____
_____ Member _____ Attend Regularly _____ Attend Occasionally
Minister's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Specific Information

Does the student have any mental, emotional, or physical challenges that may affect his/her activities or learning progress?

Has the student ever been suspended or expelled from any school? If yes, explain: _____

Why do you wish to send your child(ren) to Barrow County Christian Academy? _____

Comments or suggestions: _____

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Emergency Information

Name of Student _____ D.O.B. ___/___/___ S.S.#: _____
Address of Student: _____
Home Phone of Student: _____

Father's Name: _____ Cell Phone/Pager: _____
Business Name: _____ Business Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Cell Phone/Pager: _____
Business Name: _____ Business Phone: _____

Guardian's Name: _____ Cell Phone/Pager: _____
Business Name: _____ Business Phone: _____

Other than the people listed above who is authorized to be contacted by the school in the event of an emergency or if transportation is needed:

_____ Phone: _____ Cell Phone/Pager: _____
_____ Phone: _____ Cell Phone/Pager: _____

Name of Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Is the student on any prescribed medications. If yes, please list.

Is the student allergic to anything? If so, what are the reactions.

Is your child allowed to be given Children's Tylenol? Yes____ No____
Is your child allowed to be given Tylenol? Yes____ No____

In the case of emergency when authorized people can't be reached, I authorize the school to take whatever action is responsible and appropriate under the circumstances for the welfare of the child. Yes_____ No_____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Liability Release Form

In consideration for being accepted by *Barrow County Christian Academy* for participation in all approved field trips and sports programs, we/ I, being 21 years of age or older, do for ourselves/myself and on behalf of our/my child hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless *Barrow County Christian Academy* and the directors thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the child that occur while said child is participating in the trip or activity.

We/I assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage, and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein.

Authorization and permission is hereby given to *Barrow County Christian Academy* to furnish any necessary transportation, food and lodging for my/our child.

The undersigned further hereby agree(s) to hold harmless and indemnify *Barrow County Christian Academy*, its directors, employees and agents, for any liability sustained by *Barrow County Christian Academy* as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said child, including expenses incurred thereto.

Permission is given to take my/our child to a doctor or hospital and hereby authorize any medical treatment, including but not limited to emergency surgery, and assume the responsibility of all medical bills, if any.

We/I understand this *Liability Release Form* will remain on record for all field trips and sports programs throughout the duration of our/my child's enrollment at *Barrow County Christian Academy*.

Further, should it be necessary for our/my child to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, we/I hereby assume all transportation costs.

Corporal Training Agreement

When warranted, corporal training will be exercised under the following guidelines.

1. The offense will be clearly discussed with your child.
2. A staff member will discuss Spiritual applications and will pray with your child.
3. A parent/guardian will be called to pick up their child. The child is to be taken home; and the parent/guardian must administer the spanking. (No staff member will spank a child; and no spanking will be done on our property).
4. After administering the corporal training, the parent/guardian should pray with their child, assuring him/her of their love.
5. The child will not return until the next school day.

We/I have read the above and agree to support the church-school in its policy of corporal training without reservation and personally pledge my support to the Scriptural approach to discipline.

Parent, Student, & School Statement of Cooperation

1. We have read and understand the student handbook of the Barrow County Christian Academy; and agree that we will abide by the regulations set forth. 2. We agree not to make demands, threaten to sue, make any kind of accusations, or litigate any matter whatsoever relating to or resulting from the enforcement of the school's policies. 3. We understand that B.C.C.A. is a ministry of the Whistleville Christian Church and that the educational program will be conducted in a godly, Scriptural framework and atmosphere in keeping with the teaching of God's Word. 4. All information given to the church-school is to be confidential and used for church-school purposes only. 5. We recognize the importance of a common bond of understanding and cooperation that must exist between the parent, student, and church-school. We pledge to speak well of the church-school ministry or not at all. 6. We will carefully examine all communications from the church-school. 7. We pledge to meet our financial obligations to the church-school. We understand that it is our responsibility to contact the school administration should unusual or extreme circumstances arise that preclude us making regular tuition payments. 8. We will attend the Parent/Teacher Fellowship meetings unless providentially hindered. We sincerely pledge our loyalty to the aims and ideals of the church-school and will bring all questions and criticisms directly to the administration so that they may be properly considered by those in authority.

(Signature of Father/Guardian)

Signature of Mother/Guardian)

(Signature of Student)

(Date)

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Authorization To Release Confidential Information

School Where Last Attended

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

You Are Hereby Authorized To Release Confidential Information
On:

Full Name of Student

Birth Date

To:

Hannah Fumea, Administrator
Barrow County Christian Academy
83 Patrick Mill Rd. S.W.
Winder, Ga. 30680

Signature of Parent/Guardian
(Please include a transcript of grades)

Date

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Withdrawal Form

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___

Reason for Withdrawal:

- _____ Dismissed
- _____ Transferred to other school
- _____ Dropped Out

New School: _____

City/State: _____

Attendance: Days Present _____ Days Absent _____ Days on Roll _____

Administrator's Signature

Present Courses and Grades:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Thank You For Choosing B.C.C.A.

B.C.C.A. will continue to provide an atmosphere conducive to achieving highest gains in wisdom, Christian character, knowledge and skills. It gives us joy to assist parents in the training of their children. As you re-enroll your child in this ministry, we trust that Christ and His Church are of primary importance to your family. We must know how to prepare our programs and classrooms for next year. **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE OFFICE.**

Re-enrollment Form

Barrow County Christian Academy 2026-2027 School Year

_____ YES, I desire for my child to be enrolled at B.C.C.A. for the 2025-2026 school year.

Student's Name: _____ Sex: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Grade Applied For: _____ Age: _____

_____ NO, My child will not be attending B.C.C.A. next year.

(Please state reason): _____

Thank you for choosing B.C.C.A.! Please return this form to the office.

The re-enrollment fee of \$300.00 is not due until June 15, 2025.

If form and fee are not returned by appropriate date we can not guarantee you student a spot. Please note that all accounts must be up to date in order to start the new school year.

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Financial Agreement

This Financial Agreement is entered into on this ____ day of _____, 2026, between:

B.C.C.A and Parent/Guardian _____.

1. Enrollment Fee

The parent/guardian agrees to pay a non-refundable enrollment fee of \$300 upon signing this Agreement. This fee secures the student's place in the program and covers administrative costs.

2. Tuition

The total tuition for the program is \$_____. Tuition may be paid in the following manner:

- Full Payment: The parent/guardian may pay the full tuition amount at time of enrollment.
- Payment Plan: The parent/guardian may pay in 10 monthly installments:
- \$_____ due on first of each month (Sept-June)

3. Payment Terms

- All payments shall be made via [cash, check, zelle] Checks are to be made out to Barrow County Christian Academy.
- If payments are not made according to the agreed schedule, B.C.C.A reserves the right to suspend or terminate participation in the program. This decision is made 30 days past the due date.

4. Refund Policy

- The \$300 enrollment fee is non-refundable.
- Tuition refunds (if applicable) will be prorated.

5. Agreement Termination

B.C.C.A reserves the right to terminate this Agreement if the parent/guardian fails to meet payment obligations or violates program policies. No refunds will be issued in the event of termination due to misconduct or policy violations.

6. Acknowledgment & Signature

I hereby pledge to pay my financial obligations to the school on the date due and understand that it may be necessary to withdraw my student if proper arrangements are not made on a past due account. In addition, I hereby pledge to pay any fees that may occur due to late pickup.

By signing this Agreement, I (we) acknowledge and agree to the terms stated above.

Parent/Guardian (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____