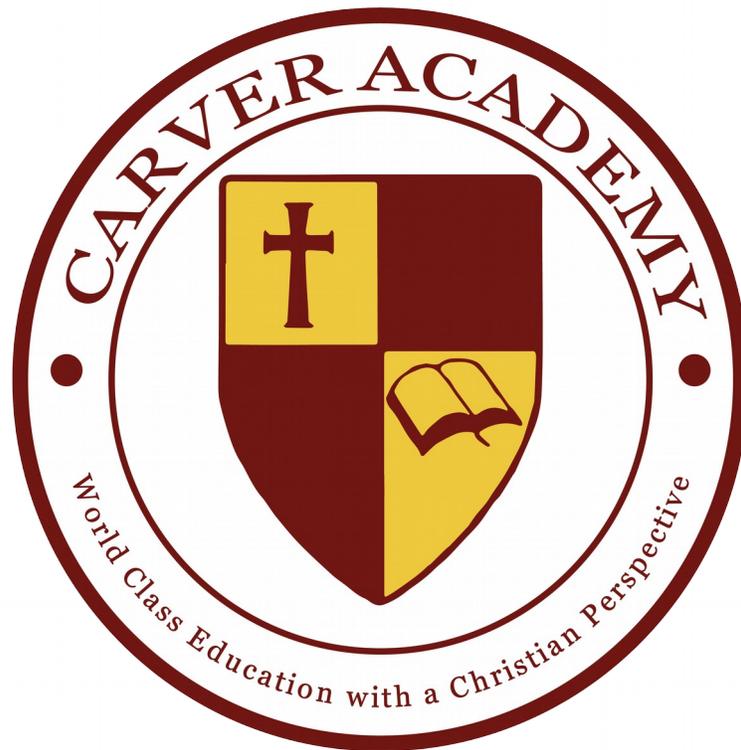


Carver Academy



Parent Handbook

Our Promise to You

We know that nothing is more important to you than your children, and we are honored that you chose Carver Academy. We are delighted to partner with you as you follow the Biblical mandate to “train up a child in the way he should go.” Proverbs 22:6.

The teachers and staff of Carver Academy promise to consistently strive for excellence in character and education. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with our policies and procedures to ensure a smooth transition for you and your child.

Carver Academy is a ministry of



The Carver Academy Difference

We Offer Excellent Academics in a Caring, Christian Environment

Giving your Children the Competitive Advantage in Life

In a world where America is falling behind, our policy-makers invent a new educational program almost every election cycle -- carelessly tossing aside the tried and true methods of the past. The latest is "Common Core", which has had terrible results, leading to frustrated students and parents. When you enroll your child at Carver Academy, you are investing in your child's future where they will have a definite edge over public school peers in college and in the workplace. Your children will be equipped with the tools they need to succeed.

Exceptional Curriculum

Carver Academy uses the A Beka curriculum, which is research-based, time-tested, and produces proven academic results.

Strong Foundation in Reading

Reading is the basis for every other type of learning. A Beka lays a strong foundation in phonics, so that every student will be able to read by the end of Kindergarten, and then build on that knowledge in first and second grade.

Qualified and Gifted Teachers

Our teachers are gifted, tested, experienced, and hired from within. We see them in action and know their giftedness to teach along with their caring concern for children before we hire them.

High Standards

Carver Academy has high standards of excellence academically, spiritually, and behaviorally to prepare students for success in college and in life. As a result, students are able to read in Kindergarten, write in cursive in first grade, do multiplication and division in second grade, and advance in every area through every grade of Carver Academy!

Proven Results

Students take standardized tests every Spring and on average perform one grade level higher than their peers nationwide. When we hire the best teachers and use the best curriculum, we get the best results!

Low Student-Teacher Ratio

We believe every student is different and benefits from individualized attention. As a result, we keep our student to teacher ratio at 15-1 or lower.

Strong Character Education

The Bible and Christian character are woven into every subject at Carver Academy, so we partner with you in laying a foundation to complement the values that you are trying to instill in your children at home.

Critical Thinking Skills

Teachers encourage and address age-appropriate life questions with students during the school day. They also support students as they wrestle with deeper assignments that advance their abilities to take academics beyond memorization.

Close-knit Community

Relationships between students and teachers are greatly valued at Carver Academy. Another unique goal of the school is the interaction among all age groups. Many schools do not have this age span of students on one campus.

Diversity

Carver reflects the diversity of the communities it represents. Students will learn to respect and interact responsibly with a broad variety of cultures.

Moving into the Future

Due to the growth of Carver Academy, we are building a brand new facility on our beautiful, 58-acre Mountain Ridge campus! We will be adding a technology/STEM-focused classroom with computer classes and Spanish classes woven into the curriculum. Carver Academy is dedicated to training your child in preparation for the advanced technological world in which we live!

Statement of Faith

1. About God

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God. Genesis 1:1,26,27, 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

2. About Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Matthew 1:22, 23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5; 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14,15; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4; Romans 1:3,4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14,15; Titus 2:13

3. About the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. Jesus baptizes every believer in the Holy Spirit and gives spiritual gifts the instant they are born again. As Christians, we seek to live under His control, daily, by an ongoing process of the filling or fullness of the Holy Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 14:16,17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25;

4. About the Bible

The Bible is God's Word to us, written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because God inspires it, it is truth without any mixture of error. 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20,21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105,160, 12:6; Proverbs 30:5

5. About Human Beings

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin". This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life. Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1, 2

6. About Eternal Life Eternal

Life is God's free gift to us but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith. Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8,9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1

7. About Eternal Security

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot "lose" it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and filling power of the Holy Spirit, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security. John 10:29; 2 Tim. 1:12; Heb. 7:25, 10:10,14; 1 Peter 1:3-5

8. About Eternity

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence. John 3:16; John 14:17; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:17-18; Revelation 20:15, 1 Cor. 2:7-9

Admissions

Carver Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship program, athletic and other school administered programs. Final admissions decisions are made after the entire application process is complete and is at the complete discretion of the administration of Carver Academy.

Since the goal of Carver Academy is to provide a “world class education with a Christian perspective”, at least one parent of admitted students must be a born again follower of Jesus and in regular attendance at a local church of like faith. This ensures that the parent and the school are united in the pursuit of Christian character and academic excellence for their children.

Carver Academy is a Bible-believing institution providing education in a distinctly Christian environment, and it believes that its biblical role is to work in conjunction with the home to mold students to be Christ-like. On those occasions in which the atmosphere or conduct within a particular home is counter to or in opposition to the biblical lifestyle, the school reserves the right, within its sole discretion, to refuse admission of an applicant or to discontinue enrollment of a student.

Since our goal is to provide the finest education possible for all students, Carver Academy is unable to provide quality educational experiences for children with severe learning disabilities, serious emotional or social problems, or severe physical handicaps. Careful consideration is given to each applicant to make certain the program is a good match for the applicant's needs.

Because of our advanced curriculum, prospective students may be required to take an entrance exam to determine grade placement. Final grade placement is at the discretion of the administration.

A student must be 4 years old by December 31st to be eligible for our K4 program. A student must be 5 years old by December 31st to be eligible for our K5 Kindergarten Program. A student must be 6 years old to be eligible for our First Grade Program.

Admission is complete upon receipt of completed Enrollment Application, Registration Fee, completed Health Assessment Form with Immunization Record, and enrollment in automated withdrawal payment system (FACTS). The first month's tuition payment is due in August. Please see Tuition Schedule included in enrollment packet or on website, CarverCT.org.

The Admissions decision will be communicated by written or electronic notification.

*Please note, any tuition payment that is not made within one month of the due date will require the withdrawal of the student(s) until the account is made current.

School Hours

Extended Care opens 6:45 am

Academy doors open for students 7:45 am

Classes begin 8:00 am

Dismissal 3:00 pm

Early Dismissal 12:00 pm (no extended care)

Extended Care closes 5:30 pm

Cancellations

In the event of inclement weather, Carver Academy will follow the Meriden Public Schools System for information of closings, delays, or early dismissals. Parents should monitor their preferred local news station (or sign up for text alerts) for closings or delays. Parents will be notified if the school will be closing early due to dangerous weather. Please keep your personal information up to date in case of an emergency.

Attendance Policies

Regular attendance is of utmost importance to your child's academic progress. If your child is unexpectedly unable to attend school, please call the school office by 8:30 am to notify us. If your child will need to be released early from school, please send in a note to the teacher including the time of pick up, the reason for early dismissal, and the name of the authorized person with whom he/she will be going.

Tardies

A tardy is considered excused for doctor appointments (with written documentation from doctor at time of drop off) and inclement weather only. All other tardies are considered unexcused. Upon five unexcused tardies, a parent meeting with the Administrator will be scheduled.

Absences

Any student who misses more than one hour of school will be considered absent for one half day. Any student who arrives later than 11:00 am will be considered absent for that day.

Parents should note that class work and homework missed during an unexcused absence is due to the classroom teacher upon the student's return to school.

A student who is absent twenty school days of the school year will be considered for retention from the next grade.

Excused Absences - Absences are considered excused by written parent note for medical appointments, illnesses, extenuating circumstances, or bereavement.

Unexcused Absences - Absences are considered unexcused for reasons other than those listed above.

Vacations

Parents planning vacations during school days should secure work in advance and ensure its completion during the absence.

Lunch / Parties

Parents should provide nutritious lunch, drink, and snacks for their children each day. Children will have a mid-morning snack break. They will finish the remainder of their food at lunch time. If a student does not have a lunch, we will attempt to reach you. If a lunch is not provided by lunchtime, we will provide lunch, snack, and drink at a cost of \$3.00.

Birthdays for each month are celebrated on the last Friday lunch of that month. The school calendar has the dates listed and Carver Academy provides the cake.

Health Policies

Carver Academy is in compliance with Connecticut State Law regarding physicals and immunizations. Physical Assessments are required upon entrance to our school.

Illness and Injury

Any student who is injured or becomes ill during school or Extended Care hours will be sent to the office and a parent will be notified immediately. Students with vomiting, excessive diarrhea, or with a fever over 100.1 degrees will have parents contacted to pick them up as soon as possible.

In the case of an emergency, emergency services will be notified. A staff member will accompany the child in the ambulance to a local hospital.

Students should not be sent to school within 24 hours of a fever (temperature over 100.1 degrees Fahrenheit without medication) or vomiting.

Medication Policy

Please do not send any medication in with your child unless you have received approval from the Administrator, and all necessary forms are on file. Teachers are not permitted to administer medication other than those prescribed for a chronic condition such as inhalers and epi-pens.

Dress Code

Students must come to school dressed according to the dress code (found on CarverCT.org). Students found out of compliance will need a parent to bring in the appropriate clothing. On P.E. days, students may wear their uniforms or their official Carver P.E. attire.

Standards of Conduct and Discipline Policy

The Carver Academy community holds scholarly pursuit and personal ethics in highest regard, as reflected in God's word, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord" (Col. 3:23). To this end, we seek to instill a sense of personal integrity in all areas of life by fostering moral and ethical values in a climate of mutual respect.

A sense of the need for spiritual growth in our students has led Carver Academy to adopt the following standards which are based upon biblical principles and are conducive to the spiritual growth and development of young people. In addition, a well-ordered and loving environment is critical to maximize biblical and academic learning for all students. Students are expected to abide by the following standards throughout their enrollment at Carver Academy.

Carver Academy students will:

1. Maintain Christian standards in respect, courtesy, kindness, and morality toward teachers and other students.
2. Avoid swearing and indecent language, sharing inappropriate online or media content, possession of weapons of all types, promoting [or participating in homosexual or transgender lifestyles, or] any lifestyle contrary to Scripture.
3. Refrain from harassment, gossip, fighting, violence, or threats of any kind, regardless of provocation. Refrain from disruptive behavior in the classroom.

Students found to be out of compliance or harmony with Carver Academy's Standards of Conduct will be subject to any or all of the following, depending on the severity of the offense: Verbal warning,

parent contact and behavioral log in permanent record, suspension, or administrative withdrawal. Physical violence will result in immediate suspension for the rest of the day and the next, regardless of provocation.

Academic Policies

At Carver Academy, excellence in academics is held in very high regard. This is why we have chosen A Beka Books as our primary curriculum, the very best in Christian Academic Training.

Report Cards will be issued every nine weeks; however, parents will be kept informed of academic progress all throughout the year through our Jupiter Ed online system.

All subjects will be given a percentage and letter grade except Poetry, Art, Music, and P.E. in grades K-6, and Science, History, and Health in Grades K-2. These subjects will be graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory system.

Percentage

A+ 98-100	
A 93-97	Excellent
A- 90-92	
B+ 88-89	
B 83-87	Average
B- 80-82	
C+ 78-79	
C 73-77	Fair
C- 70-72	
D+ 68-69	
D 63-67	Below Average
D- 60-62	
F 0-59	Fail

- **Highest Honors:** Students earning a grade point average of 3.8 or higher.
- **High Honors:** Students earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.
- **Honor Roll:** Students earning a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
- Students with an “Unsatisfactory” cannot make any honor roll.