# Ambassador Christian Academy

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## Ambassador Christian Academy High School Profile

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FOUNDED IN 1979, AMBASSADOR CHRISTIAN ACADEMY IS LOCATED ON THE CAMPUS OF GRACE BIBLE CHURCH IN ALLENWOOD, NJ. ACA OFFERS A QUALITY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS IN PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE.

At ACA, our high school program (Grades 9-12) is designed to provide a rigorous and nurturing environment that fosters leadership, independence, and academic excellence. With a strong emphasis on a Biblical worldview, our students are prepared to thrive in both their academic pursuits and their roles as responsible, compassionate members of society.

- Small Class Sizes: With a class ratio of 1:18 (most classes are even smaller), our teachers are able to give each student individual attention and foster a more personalized learning environment.
- State Standards: Our program meets NJ State Standards for graduation requirements, ensuring our students receive a well-rounded education that prepares them for success.

- We are an ACSI K-12 Accredited school.
- Certified Teachers: All of our teachers are state-certified, except for a few who are actively finalizing their certifications.
- Our school has the Ambassador Christian Academy Chapter of the National Honor Society.

**ACA HS Courses (unweighted)**

Bible
Algebra I
Algebra II
Geometry
Precalculus
Consumer Math
Calculus
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Health
Gym
Art
John Maxwell's Leadership course
Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III
Senior Capstone
Dream Big (College and Career Course)
English I
English 2
World History
US History I
US History II
Financial Literacy (Dave Ramsey-Foundations in Personal Finance)
Film

**Honors Courses (weighted)**

Precalculus
Physics
Calculus

**Dual Enrollment Courses (Partnering with Ocean County College) (weighted)**

English I (ENGL-151)
English II (ENGL-152)
Introduction to Business Administration (BUSN-131)
Principles of Marketing (BUSN-134)
Human Anatomy and Physiology I (BIOL-130) *New FA26

## Grading Scale

GPA scale: 4.0

| Grade | Average | GPA Regular | GPA Honors |
|---|---|---|---|
| A+ | 97-100 | 4.33 | 5.33 |
| A | 94-96 | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| A- | 90-93 | 3.67 | 4.67 |
| B+ | 87-89 | 3.33 | 4.33 |
| B | 84-86 | 3.0 | 4.0 |
| B- | 80-83 | 2.67 | 3.67 |
| C+ | 77-79 | 2.33 | 3.33 |
| C | 74-76 | 2.0 | 3.0 |
| C- | 70-73 | 1.67 | 2.67 |
| D+ | 67-69 | 1.33 | 2.33 |
| D | 64-66 | 1.0 | 2.0 |
| D- | 60-63 | 0.67 | 1.67 |
| F | Below 60 | 0 | 0 |

## GRADING WEIGHTED CATEGORIES (STANDARDIZED FOR GRADES 9-12)

Summative Assessments (tests, projects, final papers), Formative Assessments (quizzes, labs, journals, reflections, etc.) – 50%
Formative Practice - 30%
Participation, Classwork, and Homework - 20%

## PSAT/SAT Scores

ACA students' PSAT/NMSQT Fall 2025 total mean scores were 964, compared to the state average of 941 and the US average of 952.

ACA students' SAT Spring 2026 total mean scores were 1003, compared to the state average of 902 and the US average of 959.

In Fall 2025, 2 seniors were awarded the School Recognition Award from Collegeboard's National Recognition Program.

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving Col. 4:2"

**Scholarships received by our 2026 graduates:** on average $18,529

**Colleges attended by our graduates:** Grove City College, Cairn University, Ocean County College, Kean Ocean, Belmont University, Brookdale Community College, Rowan University, Automotive Training Center, Electrical apprenticeship, Gordon College, and Liberty University

## High School Awards:

**Daria R. Huber High School Christian Character Award-**

- Awarded to the student who exhibits sterling qualities of Christian Character and Christ-likeness.

**ACA Citizenship Award-**

- It is awarded to students whose example sets the standard of what we desire to see in every ACA student.
- Students receiving the ACA Citizenship award need to have:
    1. Good grades
    2. Positive attitudes
    3. Helpful and cooperative
    4. Good conduct in the classroom, lunchroom, on the playground, and in chapel.
    5. Demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22)

**ACSI Awards-** Given to students who place in the various ACSI competitions in which we participate throughout the year.

**Outstanding Sportsmanship Award-**This award goes to one High School Boy and one High School Girl who exhibit the greatest Christlike character and who play multiple sports at ACA.