

PROFILE

- The School:** Shades Mountain Christian School is a ministry of Shades Mountain Independent Church with an enrollment of approximately 400 students in grades K3 through 12. The school, founded in 1974, is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International. The school provides a strong academic program within the context of the biblical worldview. The Educational Therapy program provides support programs for students with learning disabilities.
- Mission Statement:** The mission of Shades Mountain Christian School is to assist Christian parents in their responsibility to equip their children with spiritual, academic, physical, and social excellence in order to serve God effectively in fulfilling His will in their lives.
- The Community:** The school is located atop Shades Mountain just south of Birmingham. Students commute from Jefferson and Shelby counties. Our student body is comprised of individuals from over 100 local churches.
- The Faculty:** The faculty is composed of 42 degreed, committed Christians. Collectively, the faculty holds 18 graduate degrees and averages 15 years of teaching experience.
- The Students:** Students are admitted on the basis of interviews, admission tests, previous school records, recommendations from teachers and pastors, and parental and student commitments. Students have the opportunity to explore and develop their talents in a variety of areas such as music, art, and athletics. On average 95% of our graduates go on to college.
- Elementary School:** The elementary school consists of K3-6th grades. The curriculum emphasizes Bible, language arts (reading, spelling, grammar), and math. There is a strong emphasis on phonics in K-2nd grades and other subjects include science, social studies, art, music, and physical education. Band is offered in 5th and 6th grades.
- Secondary School:** The middle school (7th- 8th grades) and high school (9th-12th grades) curriculum includes Bible, English, math, science, social studies, and physical education. Various electives include Spanish, art, band, choir, and computer. Students may compete in a wide variety of athletic team sports.
- Grading Scale:**
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| A | 90-100 | C | 70-79 |
| B | 80-89 | D | 60-69 |
- Bible Curriculum:** A Beka Bible curriculum is used in K3-4th grades. The ACSI Quest Series is used in 5th and 6th grades, while our middle school and high school follows a scope and sequence that culminates with a course in Christian Apologetics.
- Advanced Placement:** Instruction on a college level is available for students in English Language and Composition and Calculus. Honors courses are available in English 9, 10, 11 and 12, Algebra 2/Trig, Advanced Math, Geometry, and Biology.
- Grade Point Average:** Grades earned during 9th through 12th grades are included in a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). Honors courses within a regular class are worth a +.5 GPA quality point. Advanced Placement courses are worth an additional +1 GPA quality point.

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Graduation Requirements: Three diploma plans are available: Standard Diploma (24 required credits), College Prep Diploma (25 required credits with a 2.5 GPA), and Honors Diploma (26 required credits with a 3.5 GPA). The following credits are required for all diplomas:

Bible	4 credits	Math	4 credits
English	4 credits	Science	4 credits
History	4 credits	Health/Physical Education	1 credit

Standardized Testing: K-8th grade students take the Stanford Achievement Test each spring. All Secondary students take the Explore Test (pre ACT) in 9th grade, the PLAN (pre ACT) in 10th grade, and the PSAT (pre SAT) in 11th grade.

Graduating Class Profile: Most of our graduates attend college and many receive scholarships. Several of our graduates have been National Merit Scholars. Approximately 93% of our graduates take the ACT with an average composite score of 24.8 while 19% take the SAT with an average combined score of 1150.

Extra Curricular Activities:

Boys' Athletics: Football, basketball, baseball, golf, soccer, and tennis (Member of the Alabama Athletic High School Association)

Girls' Athletics: Basketball, cheerleading, cross-country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track, and volleyball (Member of the Alabama Athletic High School Association)

Activities: Art, concert choir, concert band, pep band, jazz band, Student Government Association, scholastic teams, science fair, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Key Club

College and University Attendance

Asbury College	John Brown University	Stillman College
Atlanta Christian College	Judson College	Tennessee Temple
Auburn University	King College	Toccoa Falls College
Berry College	Lawson State Community College	Troy State University
Bessemer State Technical College	Lee University	Union University
Belhaven College	LeTourneau University	United States Naval Academy
Belmont University	Liberty University	University of Alabama
Bevil State Community College	Louisiana State University	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Birmingham-Southern College	Master's College	University of Alabama at Huntsville
Brenau University	Mississippi College	University of Central Florida
Bryan College	Mississippi State University	University of Hawaii
Columbia International University	Montana State University	University of Minnesota
Covenant College	Moorehead College	University of Mobile
Emory University	North Carolina State University	University of Montevallo
Grove City College	Pensacola Christian College	University of North Alabama
Hiawasse College	Purdue University	University of South Alabama
Huntingdon College	Samford University	University of West Georgia
ITT Technical College	Shelton State Community College	Vanderbilt University
Jacksonville State University	Southeastern Bible College	US Military Academy at West Point
Jefferson State Community College	Southern Union Community College	Wheaton College