

DEFINING SUCCESS AT WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY –
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Mission Statement

Westminster Christian Academy is an independent, college-preparatory school whose mission is to partner with Christian families in the spiritual nurture and academic training of students from preschool through the twelfth grade. We believe that by pursuing truth, pursuing relationships, and pursuing God, we will equip students to be redemptive agents working on God's behalf in the restoration of society and culture.

Core Value: Excellence that Leads to Success

Excellence is defined as a process that is measured by individual and corporate improvement. Striving for excellence (i.e. improvement) naturally leads to success. Through this approach, we believe that a Westminster student will be prepared spiritually, socially, and academically to succeed at the next level.

Defining Success

In keeping with our Mission Statement and our Core Values Statement related to student success, the teachers and administration have examined our total program and developed clearly defined criteria for determining student success at each level at our school.

Levels at Westminster

PK3 to K, 1st and 2nd Grades-Primary, 3rd to 5th Grade-Elementary, 6th to 8th Grade Middle, 9th to 12th Grade (High School)

Success in Westminster's PK3 to Kindergarten

When a student finishes kindergarten at Westminster, they should be prepared to succeed spiritually, socially, and academically in their transition to primary school. We define success in those areas as follows:

Spiritually

1. Pray individually
2. Memorize verses in Scripture
3. Know words to praise songs and hymns

Socially

1. Raise your hand to talk
2. Sit still and listen
3. Walk in line
4. Share and take turns
5. Follow directions

Academically

1. Identify the names and sounds of letters
2. Write letters correctly
3. Be able to read in the first-grade reading book by the end of Kindergarten
4. Identify the numbers from 1 to 100 and be able to use them to do simple addition and subtraction

Success in Westminster's Primary School

When a student finishes primary school at Westminster, they should be prepared to succeed spiritually, socially, and academically in their transition to elementary school. We define success in those areas as follows:

Spiritually

1. Understand that God loves us and forgives us
2. Understand that prayer is conversation with God
3. Understand the meaning of faithfulness, and that God is faithful and wants us to be faithful

Socially

1. Use conflict management skills
2. Include others in activities
3. Speak respectfully to adults

Academically

1. Be able to read fluently
2. Write a three-point paragraph
3. Know addition and subtraction facts

Success in Westminster's Elementary School

When a student finishes elementary school at Westminster, they should be prepared to succeed spiritually, socially, and academically in their transition to middle school. We define success in those areas as follows:

Spiritually

1. Understand the Gospel of Christ
2. Use the memory program to hide God's Word in their hearts
3. Begin to interpret Scripture and make life applications

Socially

1. Accept each other's gifts and talents with appreciation for their uniqueness
2. Be respectful of the time and situations of others (i.e. not interrupting conversations, not talking over others, listening when others speak)
3. Practice common courtesies

Academically

1. Independently read and comprehend directions and subject matter for all class work assignments
2. Assume responsibility for completion of all assignments, and initiate appropriate questions for clarification
3. Write sentences, paragraphs, essays, and reports with clarity and organization using proper grammar

Success in Westminster's Middle School

When a student finishes middle school at Westminster, they should be prepared to succeed spiritually, socially, and academically in their transition to high school. We define success in those areas as follows:

Spiritually

1. Have a working knowledge of the plan of salvation
2. Actively express their faith by living a Christ-like life
3. Value Christ above the opinions of the world

Socially

1. Display a spirit of humility
2. Demonstrate a willingness to serve others
3. Appreciate the value and worth in others as part of God's creation

Academically

1. Successfully complete Algebra I with an 80% overall average or an 80% on the end of the course test
2. Complete writing assignments within various writing genres with correct grammar and organizational criteria
3. Complete a full-length, cross-curricular research paper using MLA formatting

Success in Westminster's High School

When a student finishes high school at Westminster, they should be prepared to succeed spiritually, socially, and academically in their transition to college. We define success in those areas as follows:

Spiritually

1. Winsomely articulate and defend a Christian worldview
2. Assume a spiritual leadership role at school, church, or in the community
3. Act as a role model of servant leadership
4. Take part in the school missions trip prior to graduation

Socially

1. Demonstrate healthy and mature relationships with peers
2. Participate in ongoing community service
3. Demonstrate a commitment to civic responsibility
4. Demonstrate a deeper understanding of the role of authority in one's life
5. Understand the value of, and take responsibility for, one's own education

Academically

1. Complete an interdisciplinary senior project on a subject of their choice that integrates both academic and spiritual development
2. Show a measurable improvement each year in their PSAT and SAT scores, culminating in a score over 500 on each of the three test sections
3. Gain admittance to a college of their choice