

# SCHOOL DATA SHEET

## Community Christian School

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### The School

Community Christian School (CCS) exists for families who sincerely desire a Biblically based education for students in K2 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. CCS has provided traditional Christian education in Manatee and Sarasota Counties since 1968. Through the years the Lord has wonderfully guided and met the needs of the school.

### Church Affiliation

Community Christian School is a ministry of Community Baptist Church. Teachers who are hired are required to join the membership of the church or a church of like minded faith. Pastor Jesse Nicholson is senior pastor of the church. Pastor Nicholson is a graduate of Bob Jones University and has served in our ministry since 2002.

### Demographics

CCS is situated on 20 acres in the city of Bradenton lying on Florida's West Coast along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico. Sprawling over much of the western section of Manatee County, Bradenton is home to over 49,000 people.

Manatee County is an area just south of Tampa Bay at the southern approach to the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. The leading industries are agriculture (Tropicana), boat building, banking, and, financial services. The area's beaches attract thousands of tourists each year.

Bradenton has all the amenities offered by a large metropolitan area. Bradenton has a number of large

hospitals and shopping centers and is just a short distance from the cultural centers of Sarasota, Tampa, and St. Petersburg. The Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport is conveniently located just south of the city.

### Academics

CCS is a member of the Sunshine State Association of Christian Schools (SSACS) and has been continuously accredited since the 1970's. The school is also a member of, and accredited by the American Association of Christian Schools (AACS), a national education group. In addition CCS has regional and state accreditation through the North American Christian School Accrediting Agency (NACSA). CCS High School credits and diplomas are accepted by most schools throughout the country.

### Curriculum

Community Christian School offers a comprehensive curriculum to meet the needs of its students. In the traditional Christian education program at CCS, phonics is taught in K2-2<sup>nd</sup> grade; all the basics are taught in elementary classes; and science labs, computer labs, and all required courses are taught in junior and senior high classes. Music classes are taught to K5 through senior high students. Band is a requirement in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade as well as having a comprehensive program in senior high. CCS strives to produce students who excel in academics, athletics, and an appreciation of God-Honoring music. CCS uses ABeka and Bob Jones curriculum.

### Childcare

CCS now offers the VPK program that complements our preschool department. We also have childcare available for nursery age children starting at 6 weeks of age and we offer extended care for children up through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Graduation Requirements

CCS requires senior high students to complete a program that is at least equivalent to the State of Florida requirements. Students who graduate from CCS must accumulate at least 24 credits to graduate from high

school. A college-prep diploma of 28 credits is available to all high school students.

The minimum requirements for graduation in order to earn a 24 credit high school diploma from CCS are listed below:

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Bible	4.0
English	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies/Histories	4.0
Physical Education	1.0
Performing Fine Arts	1.0
Technical Arts	1.0
Foreign Language	1.0
Plus an Elective	1.0

### Grading Scale

<u>Grade</u>	<u>% Equiv.</u>
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

### Statement on Music

Community Baptist Church is committed to sacred music which is true to the Bible and which glorifies Jesus Christ. We use traditional Christian music ministered by believers whose lives back up what they sing. We do not use "Christian Contemporary" music or "Christian Rock" in any part of our ministry.

### Mission Statement

Community Christian School is a local church ministry that helps the family fulfill its God ordained responsibility to educate children to be Christ-like.



CCS admits students of any race, color, and ethnicity to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.