

NEW ENGLAND CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following is a brief list of frequently asked questions about New England Christian Academy. Please contact us if your question is not answered or if further help is needed.

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What grades do you have?

Classes start at Pre-K and continue through 12th grade. Pre-K students must be 3 or 4 years old before November 1st. Kindergarten must be 5 years old before November 1st and pass a reading readiness test before acceptance.

Do you offer financial aid?

Financial aid is offered on a first come first serve basis. Financial aid forms are available upon request.

How are your test scores compared to other schools?

66% of New England Christian Academy students performed higher on the Stanford Achievement Test compared to other schools.

How many students are in a classroom?

The maximum number of students we would allow is 10 for Pre-K, 20 for K-5th and 25 for grades 1-12. Please note, these are the targeted number of students allowed in a classroom and do not necessarily reflect actual class sizes.

Are you affiliated with a church and is the church doctrine taught in the classroom?

We are affiliated with Grace Gospel Church; however, you do not need to be a member of Grace Gospel to attend N.E.C.A. Our students represent over 50 churches throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

N.E.C.A. is made up of students and staff members with a variety of religious backgrounds and denominations. We recognize that not everyone shares the same doctrinal beliefs but we serve the same God. Therefore, Biblical truth, not doctrinal differences, is taught in the classroom. We are a non-denominational, open enrollment school. We do feel that the school is an extension of the home and we recognize the importance of the home and school working together for spiritual and academic growth of the child. In light of this, we require one of the parents or guardians to be a “Born Again” Christian who knows the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior.

Are lunches provided?

At this time we are unable to provide a hot lunch program.

Does my child have to wear a uniform?

Yes. In order to reduce the amount of peer pressure among students, N.E.C.A. has adopted a uniform policy. Details can be found in the Student Handbook which will be issued to each parent upon enrollment. Certain days may be designated as “dress down” days where students are able to dress in modest casual clothing. Dress down clothing items are subject to the dress code policy as listed in the Student Handbook.

Where do I get my child’s uniform?

Our uniform supplier is Donnelly’s Apparel, 333 Niantic Ave., Providence, RI. You may purchase uniforms items in their store, online @ www.DonnelysClothing.com, or by phone: 800-498-0045. Our school also occasionally holds a uniform “swap shop”, where you can purchase slightly used uniforms for approximately half the cost of new items. Note: all sizes may not be available, but you are welcome to check. Please call the school office or see our website: www.necacademy.org for upcoming swap shop dates.

What is FACTS?

FACTS is a tuition management company that handles tuition payments for N.E.C.A. through automatic bank draft. Tuition accounts that are set up on monthly payments must use this system. This helps families meet their tuition obligation in a low cost, convenient way that is completely confidential and secure. A variety of payment options are available and will be tailored to each family's specific needs. You will have a "My FACTS" online account which enables you to view the current status of your tuition account with FACTS Management Company. Your account is password protected and the data is encrypted as it is transmitted to you.

Do you provide bussing?

N.E.C.A. does not provide bussing. Many families do take advantage of carpooling. As needs vary, we will be more than happy to give you a list of families in your area. You can contact them to see if they are able to carpool.

Is there a discount for multiple children?

The 4th youngest child free.

Do you require summer reading?

NECA does require summer reading. Students entering K-5 through 5th complete a workbook called "Vacation Station". The books are purchased through Bob Jones University and order forms are sent home with students. An order form will also be available on our web-site when they are sent to us from Bob Jones. Students in grades 6-12 have a list of books to choose from. The books can be found at local libraries/bookstores. The list of books for each grade will also be updated on our website.

Do you offer classes for home schooled children?

We do offer Stanford Achievement Testing, Phys Ed, and single courses for grades 6-12. Please refer to the Financial Information page for Home School fees.

What colleges have your students been accepted to?

Since 1995, N.E.C.A. graduates have been accepted at dozens of public, private, and Christian Institutions of higher learning in the United States and Canada, including, but not limited to: University of Massachusetts-Amherst, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, American University, Bentley College, Bryant College, Boston University, East Carolina University, Liberty University, New York University, Northeastern University, Oral Roberts University, Providence College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Siena College, Stonehill College, University of Connecticut, United States Military Academy, University of Rhode Island, Valparaiso University, Wheaton College, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

If you have any other questions, please call the school office at 508-676-3011.