



## **Gilbert Christian High School**

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## **Gilbert Christian High School International Student Program**

Gilbert Christian High School is located in Gilbert, a fast growing suburb of Phoenix, the capital of Arizona. More than 4.5 million people live in the Phoenix metropolitan area, with over 239,000 of those people living in Gilbert. The school's enrollment for 2016-2017 is 865 for Grades PreK-12, with an additional PreK-8 campus opening in Fall 2017. The International Student Program has included students from Korea, Thailand, Japan, Romania, Macau, China, Sweden, Kenya, Germany and Vietnam.

### **Mission**

Student instruction is centered around the maturing of each Christian in their faith or the witnessing of Jesus, the Son of God, to those who do not believe. Within this context, we provide an academic education that furnishes the skills necessary to further their education and to function in our society. These skills include college preparation and the ability to grasp, analyze, and communicate varied concepts clearly and articulately. This education is provided while looking at the individual needs of the student within the educational goals of the school.

### **Admission Requirements**

*Spiritual:* It is the strong desire of the school that the adults in the host family and at least one parent have made a profession of faith in Christ. The students, parents, and hosts should understand and affirm agreement with the Gilbert Christian Schools mission statement and statement of faith. In the case of an unbelieving student or parent, there must be agreement, understanding, and support of our teachings and beliefs.

*Behavior:* Students abide by a code of conduct, requiring discipline, respect for authority, neatness in physical appearance, courteous and appropriate speech, abstinence from sexual contact, tobacco, drugs, and alcohol, and a commitment to the use of leisure time which is consistent with Christian character.

*Academic:* We seek students willing to accept the challenge of a rigorous program of academics, fine arts, extracurricular activities, and athletics in a caring Christian environment designed to prepare students for college and for life.

### **Athletics**

Students are encouraged to participate in athletics. Gilbert Christian Schools is a member of the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and competes with other schools of similar size. As of July 2012, the AIA made the following ruling regarding the eligibility of all international students attending AIA member schools: J-1 Visa students using an AIA-approved international exchange organization are eligible for a maximum of one school year; and F-1 Visa students are eligible for non-varsity level competition ONLY (i.e., at no time is an F-1 international student eligible for varsity level competition).

GCS Fall Sports: Varsity Cross Country (men and women), Varsity Swimming (coed), JV & Varsity Volleyball (women), Varsity Football (men), Varsity Cheer (women)

GCS Winter Sports: JV & Varsity Basketball (men and women), Varsity Soccer (men and women), Varsity Cheer (women)

GCS Spring Sports: Varsity Tennis (men and women), Varsity Baseball (men), Varsity Softball (women), Varsity Golf (coed), Varsity Track (coed), Varsity Volleyball (men)

### **Advising/Grade Reports**

Conferences are held two times each year and are required for students and their parent/legal guardian or host. Report cards are issued each quarter.

### **Dress Code**

Gilbert Christian Schools has a dress code which requires students to wear a polo shirt with the Gilbert Christian logo embroidered on it. The shirts can be ordered on-line. Please see the most current high school handbook at [www.gilbertchristianschools.org](http://www.gilbertchristianschools.org) for more details.