

ACADEMICS

ACADEMIC MISSION

The educational mission of Evangelical Christian School is to create a vigorous academic culture that kindles a passion for learning, develops intellectual gifts and cultivates a Christian worldview that prepares students for collegiate success and equips them to lead lives of integrity and influence for Christ.

GRADING SYSTEM

Grade Point Average

Upper School students are given **letter grades** for academic achievement. The following numerical scale and conversion table will be used for academic achievement:

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Numerical %</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Numerical %</u>	<u>GPA</u>
A+	98-100	4.67	C+	77-79	2.67
A	93-97	4.33	C	73-76	2.33
A-	90-92	4.00	C-	70-72	2.00
B+	87-89	3.67	D	65-69	1.33
B	83-86	3.33	F	64-0	0.00
B-	80-82	3.00			

HOMEWORK

Homework in our Upper School will be suggested and strongly encouraged as a means of practicing skills as well as reviewing content. This will give students and parents some discretion over how to allocate hours at home. Some students will need lots of practice and some won't need as much. Students should allow sufficient time each day for homework. Study hall time is given for students to be proactive in their academic work. Proper planning and scheduling of co-curricular and out of school activities is crucial to a student's academic success. Teachers will be allowed to assign homework and give tests on any regular school day.

TEST OVERLOAD

A student should not have more than 3 major tests in one day. Quizzes before or immediately after a new lesson will not be counted towards the test total. ECS will make every effort to communicate and schedule with teachers to make sure that students have the best chance to succeed. If a student learns of a 4th test in one day, they should communicate with the teacher and coordinate a time to reschedule. The student should communicate with the teacher and a make-up date should be scheduled before the actual test date. Any attempt to schedule a make-up test on the actual test date will be left up to the discretion of the teacher.

POWERSCHOOL GUIDELINES

1. Upper School grades will usually be posted no later than 7 days after the assignment has been graded or turned in.
2. Conduct is listed as "Citizenship." Grades are S, N, and U for this category.
3. Passwords and ID's are issued to parents and students for access purposes. Passwords are available through the Guidance office.
4. PowerSchool may be accessed through the school website www.ecseagles.com.

SPECIAL SERVICES

ECS has three different types of tutorial programs available to students.

1. **Resource Tutorial Services-** For students in grades 9-12, tutorial sessions are scheduled during study hall or immediately before or after school. Subjects generally include Math, English, Foreign Languages, and Study Skills. No more than three students will be assigned for a given tutorial. Meetings are usually one or two times per week on an on-going basis. Tutorials are \$17.00 per session with a certified teacher/tutor.
2. **After-School Tutoring Program-** This is a free service sponsored by the PTF for grades 6-12. Subjects are offered as need arises. Classes meet once a week immediately after school on a

designated afternoon. No pre-registration is required for this free service. Students come to the sessions when extra help is desired.

3. **Honor Society Tutoring Services-** As a service to ECS, the National Honor Society offers free tutoring during study halls to students upon request. The availability of this service depends upon whether an NHS student proficient in the needed subject is available during the requested study hall period.
4. **Academic Resource Center (ARC) Program-** This program provides a range of services designed to support student learning, academic growth, and success. The program exists to serve students who have been identified with a learning disability.

All psychological forms that parents or doctors request from teachers should be given to the school learning specialist. The learning specialist will collaborate with teachers to complete the reports, collect them and mail them directly to the doctor who requested them. Reports will not be returned to the parents or student.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English	4
Bible	3
Social Studies	3 (including: World History, American History, Government, and Economics)
Math	4
Science	3
Foreign Language	2 (Both units must be in the same language.)
Physical Ed. Wellness	1/2
Health Wellness	1/2
Fine Arts	1
Electives	<u>2</u>
Total	23 credits