

Top Ten Reasons for Enrolling in Emmanuel Lutheran School

10. Academic Results – On standardized tests, our students consistently score at and above average. As a school, we score in the top 10% nationally! Our graduates are easily accepted into all local high schools, public and private, often moving right into advanced math as well as various Honors and AP classes. The academic foundation received at ELS has propelled many students through such high school success that they have eventually been accepted at a variety of top tier universities for continuing their education.

9. The Kids Love Our School! – Any visit to our campus quickly shows how much our students love their school. The joy on their faces, the excitement in their activities, the energy in their classroom discussions all point to how much they value ELS. They love their teachers, their classmates, the field trips, music, computers, art, athletics, and on and on. They come in each day eager and ready for another opportunity to participate, eager to share the experience with each other and tell their parents all about it when they return home.

8. Parents Appreciate ELS, and Choose to Be Involved. – At all grade levels and many activities parents are vitally involved in our school. They help in the classroom, work concessions at basketball games, chaperone field trips, and participate in fundraising support for the school. Parents are in high percentage attendance at our performance events. They remain our number one source for publicizing the school to the community, sharing their Emmanuel experience with friends, family, and co-workers.

7. We Have an Excellent Early Childhood Program. – Early Childhood Education (ECE) sets an excellent foundation for the years of elementary schooling to come. Under the guidance of Director Caroline Marino, our ECE has established and maintained a reputation for excellence in program, nurture, value, and service that is second to none in our community. Our Christ-centered preschool program helps children fall in love with learning while being surrounded by the love of our Savior. Our program is in such high demand that our waiting list is typically 50-100 annually.

6. Tuition Assistance is Available. – If a family qualifies for need-based tuition assistance, up to 50% of tuition may be covered by an assistance grant. We strive to ensure that money never interferes with parents' desire to give their children the gift of a lifetime, an excellent Christ-centered education, preparing children for life in the world today as well as life eternal.

5. We are Affordable. – Visitors are surprised at how reasonably priced our quality education program is compared to other high quality private schools in our area. To choose a different private school in the Asheville area that comes anywhere close to a similar combination of program, staffing, and facility found at Emmanuel Lutheran,

families have to pay \$1000-\$5000 or more per child over our school tuition. Families are able to spread payments out over various monthly plans. Families who pay in full up front even receive a discount off of that rate. We are positive we offer the absolute best value in Christian education in Asheville!

4. **Outstanding Teachers** – Our professional educators are fully qualified and thoroughly educated, with many already holding or pursuing Master’s degrees. They all have years of experience in Christian education, and have demonstrated their commitment and passion to sharing Christian faith and values with children and families while passing on their lifelong love for learning.

3. **Our student-teacher ratio is kept low.** – Small class sizes at all grade levels allow students to receive excellent attention, with teachers able to appropriately address learning hurdles and intellectually challenge students. The children stay interested and motivated all day long. Each child is treated as unique, a gift from God, and known by name on campus.

2. **Core Curriculum** – In pursuit of academic excellence, greater fairness, and higher literacy, our school implements a solid, sequenced core curriculum, establishing strong foundations of knowledge, grade by grade. The Curriculum provides a clear outline of content to be covered at each grade level, PS-8, ensuring our students enter each new grade ready to learn while also preventing the many repetitions and unfortunate gaps that characterize much current schooling. We strive to meet or exceed NC Curriculum standards.

And the Top Reason for Enrolling in Emmanuel Lutheran School:

1. **We are Christ-centered.** – We believe the Bible is the completely accurate and true Word of God. We believe we have salvation and eternal life through faith alone, by the grace of God and not by anything we have earned or accomplished for ourselves. We believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior, the Lord of our lives. These core beliefs impact and influence **every aspect** of our school. Our School Mission Statement says it clearly: Emmanuel Lutheran School provides an academically challenging, Christ-centered education in a caring environment. Our mission is to prepare children for today, for tomorrow, forever.