For more than 80 years, parents in Ripon, California, and surrounding areas have trusted Ripon Christian Schools (RCS) to provide a high-quality, faith-based education unlike any other. In RCS’s elementary, middle and high schools, academic excellence blends seamlessly with Christian values and service. All three schools share a safe, 35-acre campus where a loving, welcoming atmosphere is readily apparent.

RCS is a parent-controlled institution supported by a community that believes God is sovereign and controls all aspects of life.

“Biblical principles are integrated throughout the entire curriculum,” says David Lyon, superintendent of RCS. “We seek to develop students with character, students who mature in their knowledge of Jesus Christ. To that end, our faculty provides rich, rewarding experiences that help students excel academically as they build character and grow into accomplished, conscientious men and women.”

Nurturing Mind, Body and Spirit

At the core of an RCS education are strong academic programs that prepare students for the challenges of college and career. The elementary curriculum includes core subjects, computer lab, library, music, physical education and field trips. The middle school curriculum includes core subjects, art, computer lab, physical education, Spanish, and band and choral instruction. Parental involvement is strong in both the elementary and middle school grades, both in classrooms and in parent-sponsored school support groups.

At the high school level, students enjoy a rich, broad curriculum that is carefully planned at all grade levels to provide the best in science, math, language arts, social science, literature, art, music, industrial arts and culture. Advanced Placement (AP) and honors classes are offered, and the school boasts strong elective programs in art, music, technology, debate and an engineering-focused industrial arts program.

Ripon Christian High School students’ SAT and ACT scores consistently rank above national averages, and 97 percent of Ripon Christian High School graduates go on to college.

What truly sets RCS apart, however, is its emphasis on service. Throughout the school year, teachers and students look for ways to serve God and others. Recent examples include visiting the elderly at the local retirement home, sorting shoes to send to an orphanage in Uganda and holding bake sales to raise money for disabled people in other parts of Africa.

“Students are encouraged to develop leadership skills as they serve God throughout the community,” Lyon says. “Each high school student performs 80 hours of school-approved community service as a graduation requirement. RCS’s mission statement — “Serving God and others in His world” — comes alive in the form of students’ service to others. We not only prepare students for college and career, we prepare them to be Christian leaders for the rest of their lives.”

“RCS was a great place for me, both personally and academically. It provided essential spiritual preparation, and I am very grateful for the school’s dedication to service.”

— Ben Balding, J.D.
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2006 Graduate Harvard Law

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