

Ankeny Christian Academy Annual Report 2016-2017



Building Christian Character for Tomorrow's Leaders

2016-17 Theme Verse

Ephesians 4:14

...that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Mission Statement

Building Christian character for tomorrow's leaders

Vision Statement

The vision of Ankeny Christian Academy is that our students will attain an excellent Christ-centered education that will lead them to live both morally and ethically. This will successfully prepare our students to live, work, and raise their families according to the standards of Christ as they assume their adult roles in society and carry out the principles of the Great Commission.

School Administration

Administrator: Steve Robinson

Elementary Principal: Joyce Hansen

Board of Education

Josh Craighead	Chairman
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Goals and Student Outcomes

School Board Goals:

1. To see the increase of quality biblical infusion within lessons taught at ACA.

The work toward meeting this goal has been led by the Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) at Ankeny Christian Academy. The members of this team have focused on this goal in the following ways:

- a. A task force for evaluating biblical infusion and its potential at ACA has been formed. That task force has indicated the need to develop professional development opportunities for the faculty to better infuse scripture into each lesson. Plans for this professional development are ongoing.
 - b. The ILT has led the faculty in curriculum mapping work that has begun mapping the ways Scripture can be infused in various instructional units.
2. To increase the opportunity for service learning projects.
 3. To increase the use of technology in ACA classroom instruction.
 - a. We have one-to-one use of technology in our current 5th, 7th and 8th grades.
 - b. We are developing professional development for the teachers to increase the use of technology in the classroom.

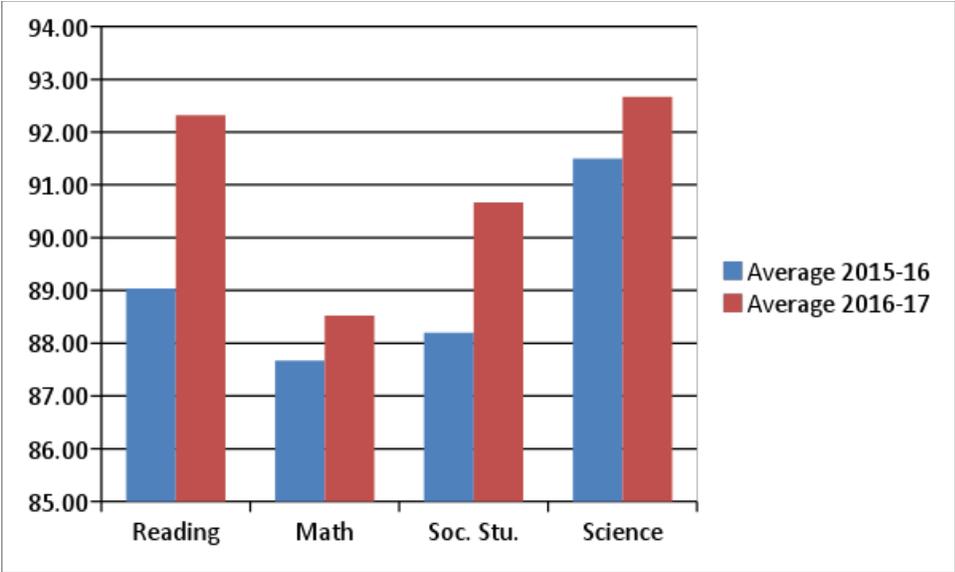
School Improvement Advisory Counsel

Phil Swift
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Alex Coleman
Dave Giles
Noah Field
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Steve Robinson
Payton Davis
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School Achievement Data

ACA School-Wide Test Scores 2015-16 Compared With 2016-17
Percentage of Proficient and Advanced Students



School-Wide testing results 2016-17 (Proficient and advanced students):

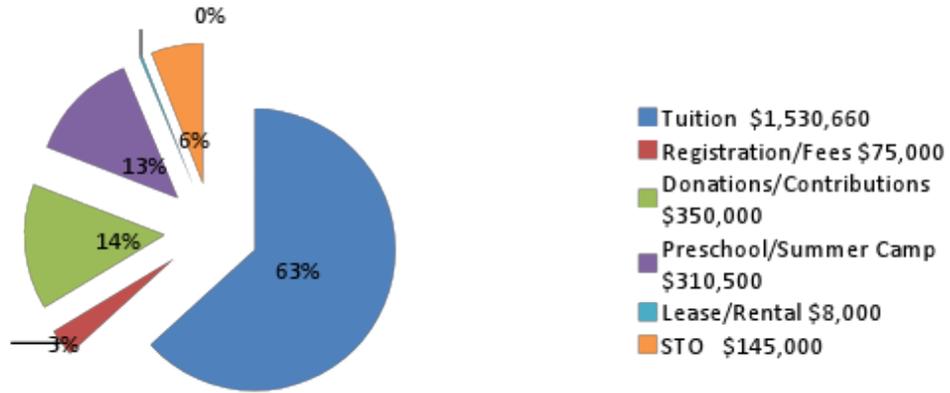
Reading 92.41% (Long-term goal 95%, short-term goal 89%)
Math 88.62% (Long-term goal 95%, short-term goal 89%)
Social Studies 90.67% (Long-term goal 95%, short-term goal 88%)
Science 92.74 (Long-term goal 96%, short-term 96%)

Community Service

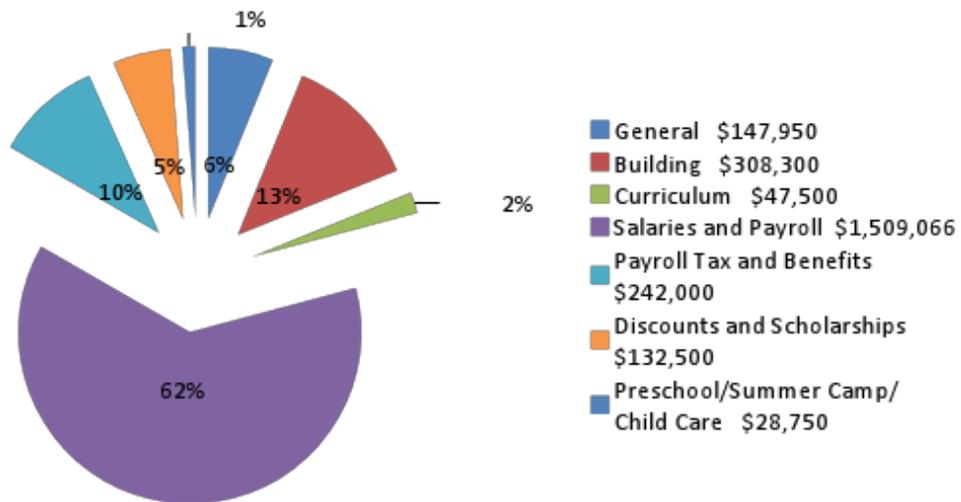
- Project Serve involved the whole school packaging 30,000 meals for the hungry.
- Visiting Vintage Hills in Ankeny to do yard work and play bingo with some of their memory care residents
- Visiting Camp Sunnyside (Easter Seals Camp) and did yard work
- Helping Lutheran Church of Hope in Ankeny do some cleaning and worked in The Cupboard
- High School students went to a local veterinary clinic and did yard work.
- Students collected baby items to for the Alpha Women's Ministry and the Freedom for Youth.
- Veteran's Day cards were made by the elementary students to be given to veterans.
- The 8th graders have worked on a project called "Faith in Action" where they were each given \$10 to multiply for a ministry of their choice. They have done various things throughout the year to raise money for their ministry. In May, a representative from each of the ministries is coming to a special assembly to be presented a check for the amount of money raised. The ministries that were chosen were: Agape Pregnancy Center, Life 107.1, Freedom for Youth, the V-Foundation, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Dorothy's House, and Make A Wish Foundation.
- One grade level collected shoes for the Soles4Souls organization. They collected 287 pairs to be donated to those in need in various locations around the world.
- Students visited a local assisted care and nursing faculty to share Christmas carols and cards.
- Two grade levels colored encouragement cards to send to children battling cancer.
- Canned Food Drive participation
- Raised money for cancer research with PJ and Hat day
- Phil's Friends--colored cards for Cancer Patients. These were sent to a Christian organization that distributes them with care packages to people with cancer all over the country.
- Jellybean Prayer Projects—The colors of the jellybeans represent Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. Students give these out during the Easter season.

Financial Data

Budgeted Income 2017-2018



Budgeted Expenses 2017-2018



Advancement

ACA's Advancement Office is managed by Advancement Director, Mrs. Lydia Quick. Mrs. Quick represents ACA as a member of the Iowa Association of Christian Schools (IACS) and Iowa Alliance for Choice in Education (ACE) board of directors, as well as the Heart of Iowa School Tuition Organization (STO) board of directors. She also sits on the Education Foundation of ACA's board and serves as the liaison between the school and foundation board. Mrs. Quick oversees all areas of advancement including but not limited to:

- Fundraising and Development
- Donor and Community relations
- Marketing
- Alumni relations
- Advancement publications

Project Serve Annual Fundraiser

The annual school fundraiser Project Serve brought in just over \$70,000 in 2016-17.

Student Tuition Organization (STO)

Every year, ACA is blessed to offer limited tax credits through the Heart of Iowa Student Tuition Organization (STO). These tax credits help ensure that scholarships are available to provide access to ACA's Christ-centered education to all who wish to enjoy that privilege.

Iowa law allows the STO to provide donors with a State of Iowa tax credit certificate equal to 65 percent of the donation amount. In 2016, ACA fulfilled our allotted tax credits, raising \$143,430 by December 31.

Education Foundation of Ankeny Christian Academy

The Education Foundation of Ankeny Christian Academy exists to maximize charitable resources to advance and expand quality educational experiences that equip students to become all that God wants them to be to glorify Him and to bring honor to their school, families, and communities. The Education Foundation Board of Directors is made up of Community members, Association parents, Teachers and Alumni who have a heart for Christian education.

The Education Foundation Board of Directors managed the “Forward in Faith” capital campaign which raised funds for ACA’s West End Renovations, completed Summer 2016. The Foundation released information in Spring 2016 about a new endowment fund, the “Founders’ Fund”. The Foundation is currently raising money to fund the endowment.

2017 ACA Foundation Board of Directors

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