

DCS Mission Statement - Damascus Christian School's mission is to assist Christian parents in the Biblical training of their children spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally, and physically to help prepare them to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ for God's glory and the building of His Kingdom.

If there is any way we can be of further service in your search for a Christian school, please feel free to contact us.

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***So You're Thinking About
Christian Schools ...***

**How Do You Choose The Right
One For You?**

Here Are Some Suggestions ...

Welcome!

You have begun an exciting but sometimes confusing and overwhelming adventure - that of selecting a Christian school that will be the right fit for your family.

- *Where do you start?*
- *What do you look for?*
- *What questions do you ask?*

Help!!!!

This pamphlet has been designed to assist you in choosing a Christian school that will support those values and core issues significant to you.

Tip #1 - Begin the selection process early. *January is not too early to start investigating schools. You do not want to wait until school is out for the summer. Start your search while schools are still in session so that you can see them in action.*

Tip #2 - Visit several Christian schools. *The best way to get a feel for a school is to be there. Call the offices to arrange an appointment with schools in which you are interested. Each school will be distinctive. While on campus there are things that you will want to look for - facilities (adequate, clean, neat and in good repair?), technology - science and computer labs? The spirit of the students and staff - positive, warm, friendly and helpful? Proximity - close enough to you?*

Tip #3 - Talk with the Administration - *Set up an appointment to meet the principal. How long has the school*

been in existence? How long has he/she been at the school? Seek to get a feel of the school's philosophy of education and mission (why do they exist?). Teacher qualifications? What grades are offered? Extra-curricular offerings? How many of their graduates go on to college? What are the tuition and other fees? What curricula do they use - all Christian? A mix of Christian and secular? Predominately secular? Learning disability program? What makes their school distinctively Christian?

Tip #4 - Visit the Classrooms *(for more than a casual step-inside-and-look, an appointment should be arranged ahead of time so that you can see the teacher/class in action. Try to get a sense of the "atmosphere" of the class - is there a good teacher-pupil relationship? Is there good interaction between teacher and students. Do you sense that the teacher cares about the children? Is individual help being given to the students? Check out the room - is it "distinctively Christian" with verses and reminders of Truth?*

Tip #5 - Talk with parents whose children are in the school. *Are they pleased? Why did they choose to send their children to the school? Do they recommend the school? Why or why not?*

Tip #6 - Pray. *We believe that God can and does direct His children in response to their prayers of faith. Ask Him to show you specifically where you should enroll your children. He will give you a unified sense of peace and direction.*