



# Nicaragua Christian Academy



*"ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE WITH A CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION"*

## School Profile

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**The School:** Nicaragua Christian Academy is an evangelical, non-denominational, non-profit preschool, elementary, and secondary educational institution. The school has a 2009-2010 enrollment of 285 students in grades Pre-K through 12. Founded in 1991, Nicaragua Christian Academy is fully U.S. accredited by ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) and SACS CASI (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools).

**The Mission:** Our mission is to equip children of Christian parents with the spiritual discernment, the moral courage and the academic excellence to impact society through Christian living motivated by a heartfelt love for God.

**The Location:** NCA is located at Km 11 Carretera Vieja a León in Managua, Nicaragua, Central America. The campus consists of five classroom buildings, the chapel, eating facilities, main office, and athletic fields, courts and facilities.

**The Faculty:** All of NCA's 33 teachers and administrators profess a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and have an average of 10.5 years of educational experience. All teachers have a bachelor's degree; 13 percent have master's degrees.

**The Students:** Students are admitted on the basis of previous school record, mastery of the English language, and student/parental spiritual commitment. More than 95 percent of our graduates go on to college. Class sizes are limited to 15-20 students, providing for individual attention for each student.

55 percent of our students are Nicaraguan, 25 percent are North American, 10 percent are South Korean, and the rest represent 9 other countries in Central America and around the world. NCA does not discriminate in its admissions policy and practice based on race, color, gender, national origin, age, disability or any other characteristic protected by law.

**The School Day:** 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Preschool, Kindergarten  
7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Elementary, High School

**Curriculum:** NCA has developed a detailed curriculum in compliance with the requirements for its ACSI accreditation. The following textbooks are used: Bob Jones (Social Studies and Science), Scott Foresman (Language Arts), Prentice Hall (Mathematics), CSI (Bible).

**Pre-School:** The Preschool and Kindergarten program is designed to prepare English and non English-speaking students for fluency in the English language and build the steps necessary for full participation in first grade.

**Elementary School:** Students in grades 1 through 6 receive a strong education in classrooms with individual attention from teachers who care about their students. In addition to the core subjects, students have daily Spanish class and weekly classes in Art, Computers, Music, and Physical Education.

**Middle School:** Recognizing the uniqueness of the middle school years, we seek to involve middle school students in challenging, interesting learning activities that will help them focus their direction academically and spiritually.

