

Standing Firm

THROUGH A WORLDWIDE PANDEMIC



CORNERSTONE
SCHOOL

2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT



Excellence in Education

TEACHING AND LEARNING:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was evident immediately that we would need to adapt to a virtual education platform. We were committed to ensuring our students received the best instruction possible. We quickly assessed technology needs and provided internet connections and computers for all students who didn't have access to these. Some highlights were:

- 0 missed days of instruction
- 100% of our students had internet available or provided
- 100% of our students received direct teacher instruction or virtual instruction
- 100% of our students had computers available or provided



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“ In a year filled with a lot of questions, God never stopped providing for Cornerstone. This allowed us to go above and beyond to care for our students. We were able to open a middle school, provide direct instruction to students 5 days a week, provide meals for our families, and meet academic standards despite the obstacles. ”

LATOYA SEALS Middle School Principal & Director of Admissions

ASSESSMENTS:

Throughout the year, our teachers continued to use adaptive tests to make sure our students were on track academically. We also gave the IOWA end of the year summative test.

- Standardized testing showed our students maintained grade level or better
 - Dual Enrollment: Cornerstone partners with a local college to enable our high school juniors and seniors to receive dual credit at both the high school and college levels. This enables our students to graduate college earlier, with less student debt.
- Cornerstone is the only school in Birmingham that pays for dual enrollment courses for every student.
- 21 Juniors and Seniors participated in Dual Enrollment. This gives our students the opportunity to earn college credit while at Cornerstone.
 - 126 college credit hours completed



CLASS OF 2021:

100%

GRADUATION RATE

100%

OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HIGHER EDUCATION, MILITARY, OR A CAREER PREP PROGRAM

\$1,334,776

IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



OUR KINGDOM PURPOSE: EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO GLORIFY GOD.

Excellence for God

CARING FOR OUR STUDENTS:

- Daily integration of Biblical principles
- Daily Bible classes
- Weekly Chapel

CARING FOR OUR FACULTY & STAFF:

Through a partnership with Christ Health Center, we provided access to COVID-19 vaccines for all of our faculty and staff.

“What sets Cornerstone apart is the way we pour God’s love into our community. We get to be the hands and feet of Jesus every single day. Even teaching online gave us the opportunity to speak openly about God’s unchanging love, and His word filled the houses of our students during a very challenging season.”

HALEIGH DAVIS 2nd Grade Teacher



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Excellence in Character

Cornerstone is committed to character development. Our five character pillars are love, perseverance, respect, integrity and responsibility. Some character highlights for this year include:

- Cornerstone was recognized for 2 promising practices by the international organization Character.org. Promising practices were:
 - Daily character emphasis backed with biblical scriptures in all subject areas
 - Character Connections: Student-led peer groups discussing character words and lessons from the prior day’s chapel
- Students participate in a Cornerstone developed, award-winning character self-assessment several times a year at all grade levels.
- Nine Cornerstone leaders have participated in professional development with the Hope Institute.

“We have continued to develop character because that is something that will always matter. One of our character words is perseverance, and I have seen our students show incredible perseverance this year. Some of my students haven’t missed a tutoring session this whole year. They continue to make the daily choice to keep working hard. I am proud of them for making it through such a difficult year.”

JAKIERA LUCY
High School Math & Computer Science Instructor



Excellence for Students

Cornerstone’s student body grew despite the global pandemic. More and more families have come to Cornerstone seeking a better educational alternative during uncertain times.

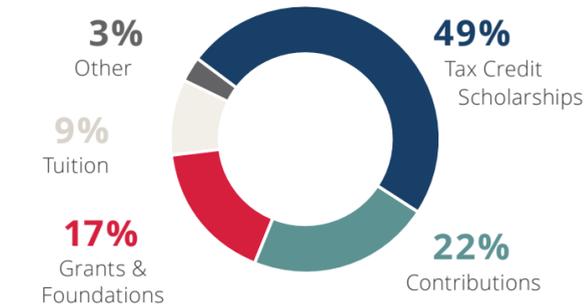
- Ongoing remediation was provided to keep students on track academically
- A summer program was provided for remediation and intervention

11%

INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT OVER THE LAST YEAR

The Numbers

INCOME



DEMOGRAPHICS

645 TOTAL STUDENTS

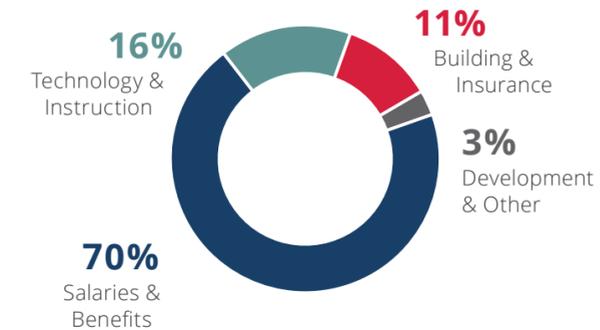
334 ELEMENTARY | 181 MIDDLE | 130 HIGH

100% OF STUDENTS RECEIVE TUITION ASSISTANCE

98:1:1 BLACK:LATINO:WHITE | 57% FEMALE | 43% MALE

406 STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR KIDS

EXPENSES



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2020 - 2021

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EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

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