

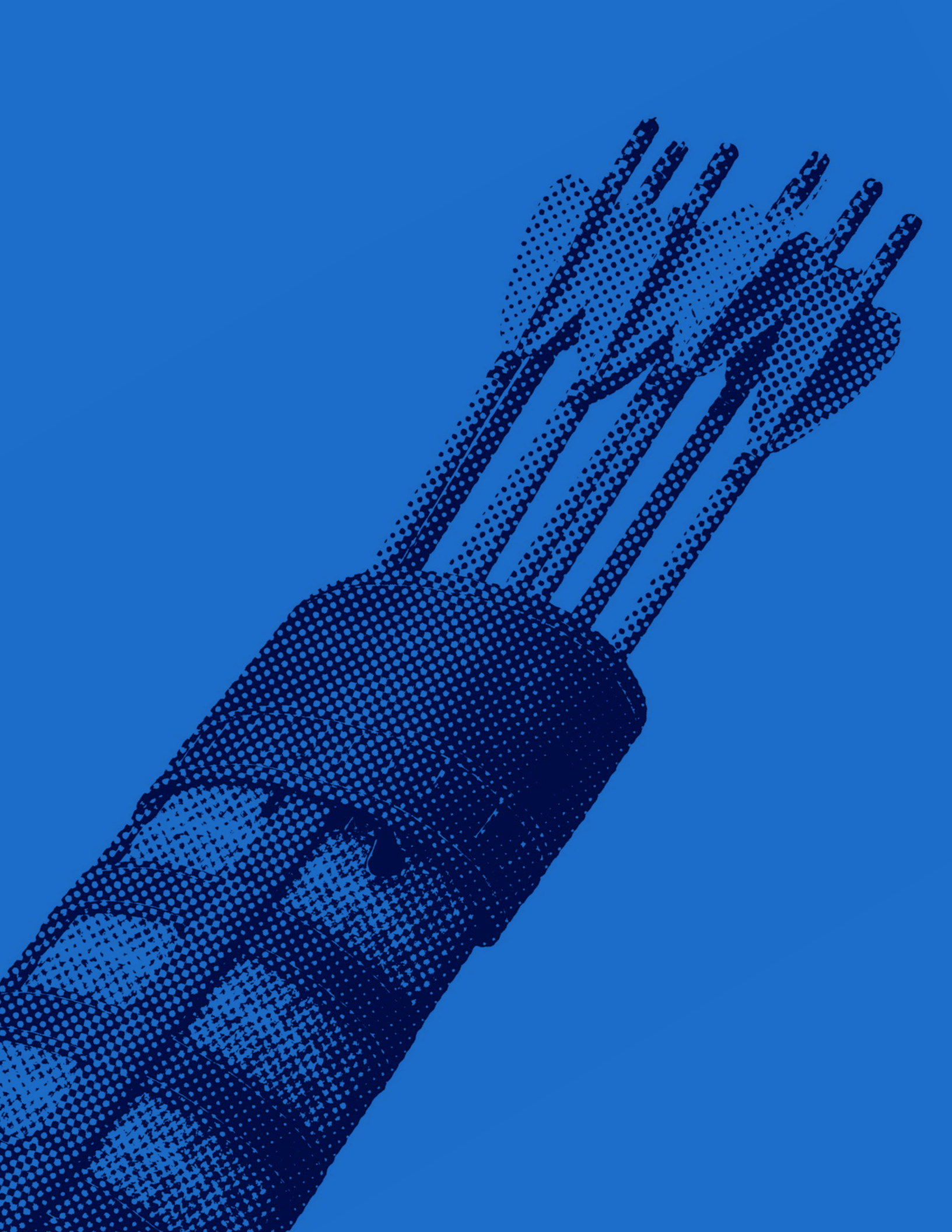


ARCHER

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Our founding vision

2025 Prospectus



Aiming true for the renewal of Englewood

In Englewood, we've learned that mending what's broken begins long before the break. For years, our ministry has walked beside families, tending hearts and hopes through seasons of hardship.

Now, we are turning our attention to the beginning, to shaping the next generation from the very start.

This is the vision of **Archer Christian Academy**: to aim true, to build strong, and to send forth lives that will bring renewal to our community.

We believe education is not only about what a child learns, but who they become. At Archer, every student is an arrow, carefully crafted, straightened, and sharpened for purpose. Our teachers draw the bow with discipline and patience, and our curriculum provides the strength and tension that give each arrow its power and direction. When the time comes, we release our students, steady in aim and true in flight, to make an impact that endures.

Our mission is simple but deeply rooted: to raise a generation of leaders who live wisely, act courageously, and serve faithfully for the renewal of Englewood and the glory of God.



A letter from the director

Living and working in Englewood means becoming intimately familiar with a grief that should not be. I have stood with too many families around caskets that should have been graduation stages, listening to their weeping as tears silently roll down my own cheeks at the loss of life.

For over four decades, our ministry has served families and young people in Englewood with compassion and faith. That work has been deeply meaningful, yet over time, we began to see its limits. We were often stepping in only after lives had already been shaped by difficult circumstances and broken systems. Despite our best efforts, the path forward was often constrained by what had already taken root.

The clarity of a new mission came to me while I was sitting in our after-school club, watching our dedicated tutors try to inspire children already exhausted by a failing system. The thought hit me: our focus has been on attempting to change a trajectory that has already been set and is further solidified in a broken system every day. What if our calling was not just to fix, but to aim? What if our ministry could become the Archer—the steady hand that chooses a better target, draws the bow with discipline, and ensures a truer aim from the very start?

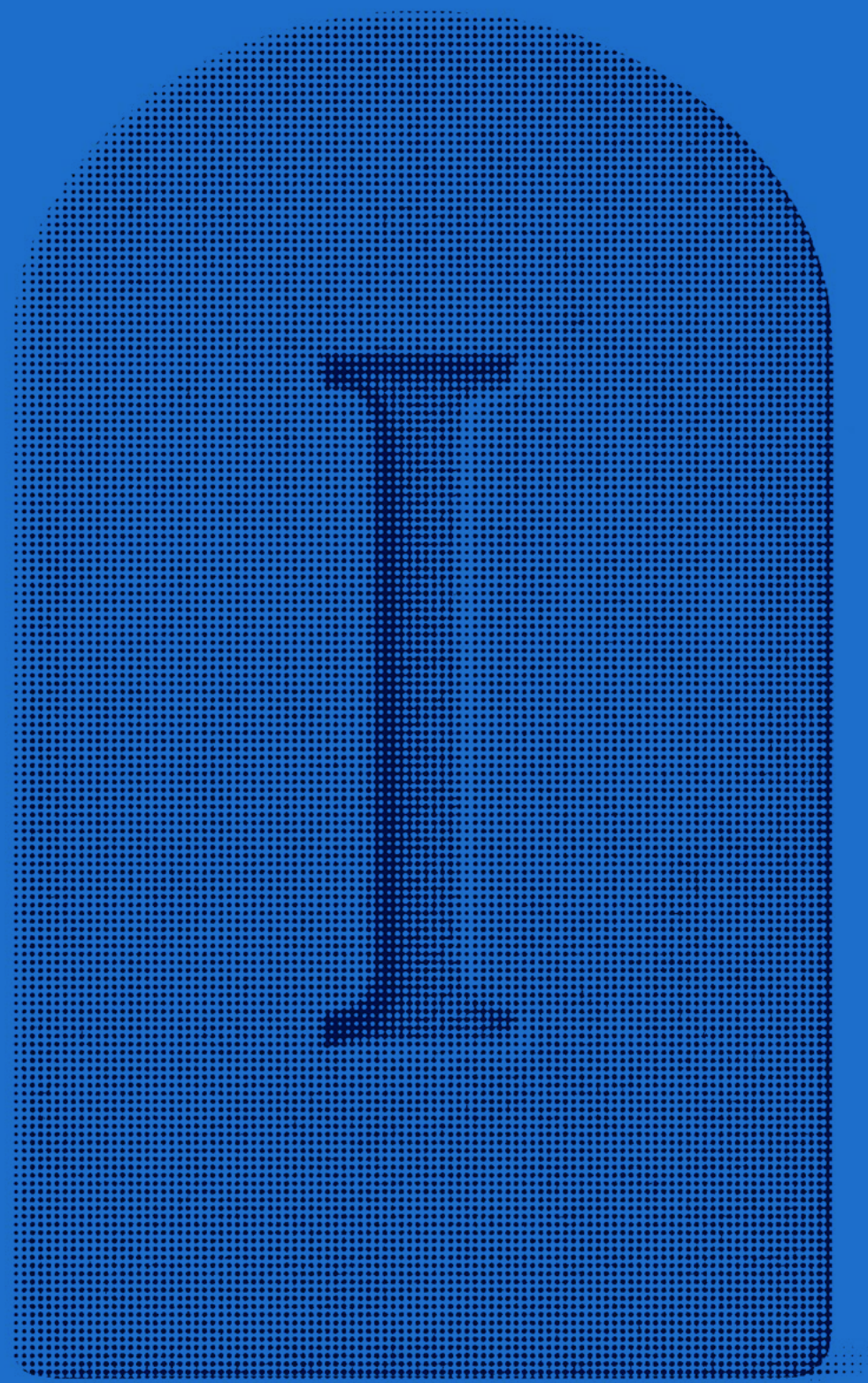
This vision is Archer Christian Academy. It is our answer, born from everything we have learned. As the Archer, we will be the personification of the school: disciplined, resilient, and servant-hearted. We will wield the strong bow of a Christ-centered, classical education. We will draw back the string with teachers who are mentors, transferring energy with care. And we will launch our students—the arrows—prepared to fly true.

For our families, this is our commitment. Your children are worth fighting for, and we are taking on the role of the Archer to equip, aim, and launch them toward lives of purpose, for the renewal of Englewood and the glory of God.

In His Service,

Daniel M. Bair
Executive Director





Who we are

Archer Christian Academy exists to form students who think clearly, love rightly, and serve faithfully. Rooted in Scripture and shaped by classical tradition, we seek to raise a generation of wise, courageous leaders for the renewal of Englewood.

Our purpose, vision, and mission



PURPOSE

To cultivate godly wisdom, virtue, and courage so that graduates are launched like arrows: strong in character, true in aim, and ready to serve and restore their community for the glory of God.



VISION

To see Englewood renewed by the hope of the Gospel, lived out by generations of servant leaders who build flourishing families, churches, and communities.



MISSION

To forge students as whole persons—mind, body, and soul—through a Christ-centered classical education.



MANTRA

More than a tagline, this guides every choice we make:

Launched true, for God and community.

Our Values

1

FAITHFULNESS TO GOD’S TRUTH

Rooted in Scripture and guided by wisdom, every lesson seeks what is true and good.

2

WHOLE PERSON FORMATION

Education shapes mind, body, and soul together, cultivating intellect, virtue, and practical skill.

3

COURAGE WITH COMPASSION

We stand firm with strength and integrity, but always with kindness, patience, and service to others.

4

HOPE FOR ENGLEWOOD

We believe God’s light can transform even the darkest places. Every child launched from Archer Christian Academy is a sign of renewal for their family, church, and community.



Our Guiding Metaphor

Our entire methodology is contained within the relationship between the Archer and the Arrow.

1

The Archer = The Academy

The school itself is the Archer, choosing the targets, timing, and stance, and activating the bow with discipline and a servant’s heart.

3

The Arrow = The Student

The student is the arrow, prepared, aimed, and launched with care, polished for God’s purposes (Isaiah 49:2) and sent out into the world like arrows in the hand of a warrior (Psalm 127:4).

4

The String = The Teachers

Our teachers are the vital connection. They are mentors who bear the tension of high standards and transfer the bow’s energy to the arrow with care and precision.

2

The Bow = The Educational Model

Our educational model is the bow, hewn from a classical legacy. It takes the form of an open book, storing the potential energy and setting the line of flight. Its pages carry the curriculum.

The Portrait of a Graduate: The Arrow

Every graduate is an arrow launched not for self-glory, but to bring renewal. They are shaped and sharpened for lasting impact.

1

Shaft

Forged in discipline and truth, growing straight and strong, free from the bends of compromise.

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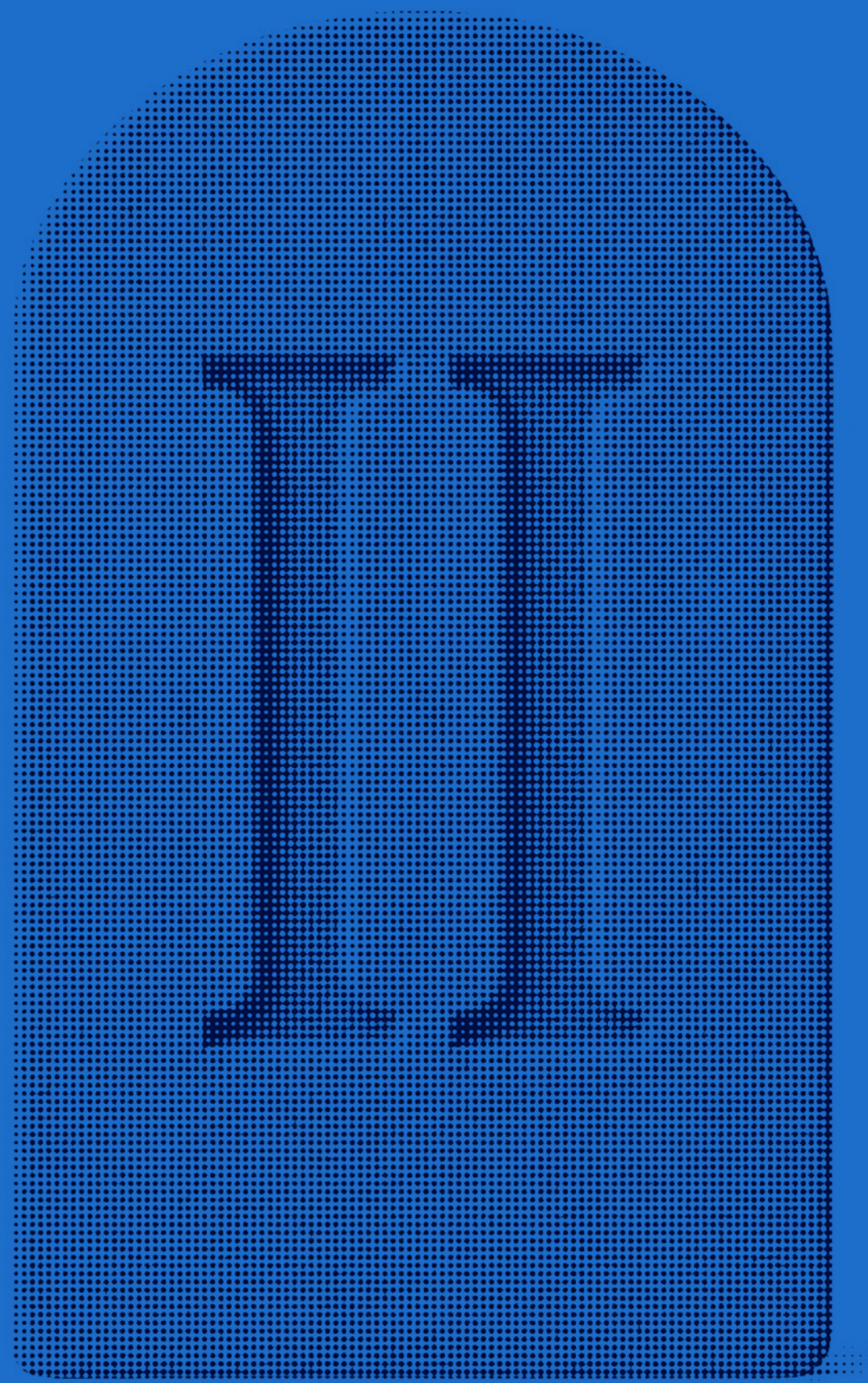
Fletching

Guided by the Good, the True, and the Beautiful, which keep their flight stable and true.

3

Point

Sharpened by virtue—wisdom, courage, and justice—able to make a lasting impact without shattering.



Our Educational Framework

Our approach unites faith, intellect, and practice. Through a Christ-centered classical education, we train hearts, minds, and hands – teaching students to seek truth, love goodness, and create beauty for God’s glory and their community’s good.

Educational Philosophy



UNAPOLOGETICALLY CHRISTIAN

A biblical lens for all learning.



INTENTIONALLY CLASSICAL

The Trivium forges ordered, articulate, and discerning minds.



CULTURALLY CONSERVATIVE

We steward and transmit a rich, stabilizing heritage.

Pedagogical Method

CHRIST-CENTERED INSTRUCTION

The curriculum and culture are ordered to God’s glory.

THE TRIVIUM

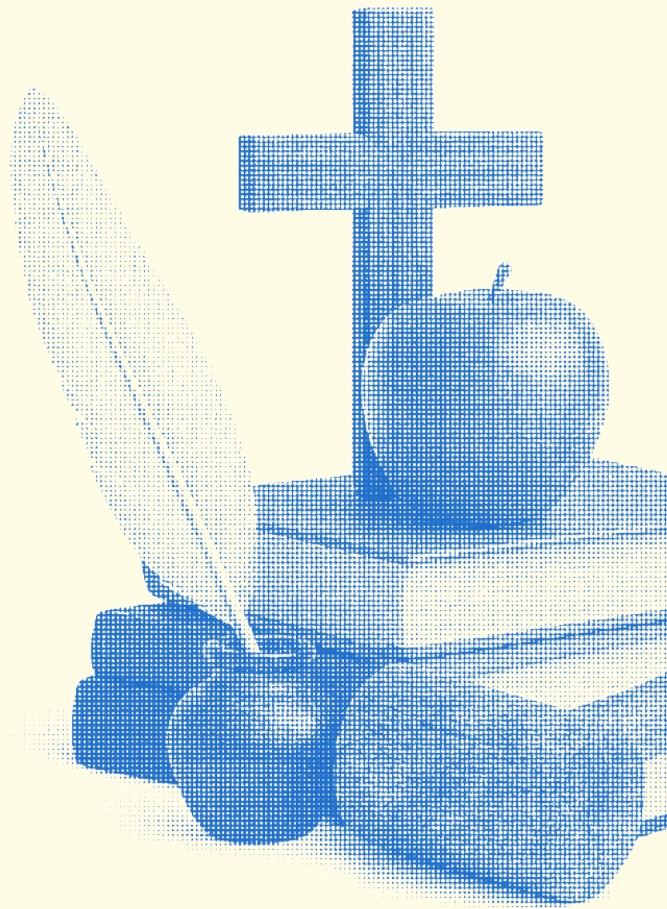
We teach students how to think by matching instruction to their developmental stage: Grammar (K-5), Logic (6-8), and Rhetoric (9-12).

PRACTICAL & TANGIBLE LEARNING

We integrate hands-on skills like woodworking and archery.

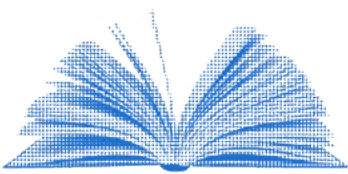
INTENTIONALLY COMMUNAL

We are a small community by design, where every student is known.



The Academic Program: The Bow in Hand

Our educational model — the Bow — is shaped from the time-tested legacy of classical education. Its purpose is not merely to inform, but to form the soul. We teach students how to think by aligning instruction with their natural stages of growth, as defined by the classical Trivium, while training their hands and hearts in disciplines that cultivate virtue.



THE GRAMMAR STAGE
(K – 5TH GRADE)

In these formative years, the mind is open and eager. We fill it with wonder and truth through joyful discovery, recitation, and memorization.

Core Subjects:
Phonics-based reading, classic children’s literature, chronological history, mathematics focused on mastery, and observational science to cultivate wonder.

Enrichment:
Latin opens language and the legacy of the West. Scripture, music, and art shape the heart toward what is good, true, and beautiful.

Applied Arts:
Archery and woodworking teach discipline, safety, and the quiet focus required to shape both tools and character.

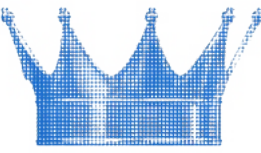


THE LOGIC STAGE
(6TH – 8TH GRADE)

As students begin to question and reason, we equip them with the tools to think clearly and discern truth. Instruction moves from what to why, training minds to see order and meaning.

Core Subjects:
Integrated studies in history, literature, Latin, formal logic, mathematics, and the sciences, explored through Socratic discussion.

Developing Skills:
Students refine analysis, debate, and written argument while connecting the logic of design to the precision of craftsmanship.



THE RHETORIC STAGE
(9TH – 12TH GRADE)

In the final stage, knowledge matures into wisdom. Students learn to synthesize ideas and communicate with clarity, conviction, and grace.

Core Subjects:
The Great Books anchor the humanities, joined by advanced mathematics, science, theology, and government.

Capstone Experience:
Each senior researches, writes, and publicly defends a thesis, while also crafting a masterful piece of woodworking, a union of intellect, faith, and skill that launches them with confidence into life beyond the academy.

Spiritual Life & Discipleship: The Archer's Aim

Education at Archer Christian Academy is, above all, an act of discipleship. Our aim is to orient every student's heart, mind, and hands toward Christ. Faith is not confined to a single Bible class but is woven through every subject, conversation, and daily rhythm of life in our community.



DAILY RHYTHMS

Each day begins with prayer and Scripture, and every class is taught from the conviction that all truth is God's truth (Colossians 1:16-17).



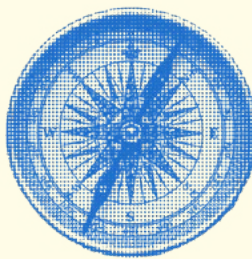
WEEKLY CHAPEL

The entire school community gathers weekly for worship, prayer, and teaching from God's Word, reinforcing our shared identity as a family in Christ.



INTEGRATED FAITH

In science, we marvel at a Creator's design. In history, we trace God's redemptive plan. In literature, we explore the human condition and need for a Savior.



MENTORSHIP

Our teachers do more than instruct; they mentor. They model a life of faith, intentionally investing in students to guide their spiritual and personal formation.

Our Admissions Partnership: A Covenant Process

Archer Christian Academy is built on a covenant relationship between the school, the student, and the family. Admissions is not a checklist to complete, but a shared journey of discernment, ensuring that our mission and your hopes for your child align. We partner with families who desire a Christ-centered, classical education that shapes children to renew Englewood and glorify God.

INITIAL CONVERSATION & TOUR

Every partnership begins with a conversation. We invite families to visit, see our classrooms in action, and share their hopes for their children.

APPLICATION & FAMILY STORY

Families complete an online application — more than forms, it's an opportunity to tell your story, your faith journey, and your educational values.

PARTNERSHIP INTERVIEW

Each family meets personally with our leadership team to discuss our mission, Statement of Faith, and educational philosophy. Together, we prayerfully discern if Archer is the right community for your child.

ENROLLMENT DECISION

Our team considers each application with care and prayer. When families are accepted, we celebrate the beginning of a shared covenant — joining hands to form and launch students true.



Archer Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Tuition & Financial Commitment: A Shared Investment

A core part of our mission is to make this transformative education accessible to the families of Englewood. Our tuition model is built on a partnership of shared investment, stewardship, and community support.

The true cost to educate a student at Archer Christian Academy is significant, but it is almost entirely covered by the generous support of ministry partners who believe in our mission. This allows us to offer a deeply subsidized rate to our families.

The family tuition commitment is \$100 per month for each month school is in session.

We understand that this commitment represents a significant sacrifice for many families. It is an investment of trust in our shared mission. Should this amount present a challenge, we are committed to working directly and confidentially with every accepted family to create a manageable plan. Our goal is to ensure that no mission-aligned family is prevented from joining our community for financial reasons.

NEXT STEPS: TAKE AIM

- We invite you to take the next step in exploring a partnership with Archer Christian Academy.
- ➔ **Visit Our Website:**
www.archerchristian.org
 - ➔ **Schedule a Tour:**
Contact us directly to arrange a personal visit.
 - ➔ **Contact Us:**
For any questions about our vision or the admissions process, please reach out.

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Our Statement of Faith

ON GOD

We believe in one all-powerful God who rules over all things for His glory. He has eternally existed as three persons in perfect unity: the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. From creation to the renewal of our city, everything exists to display His goodness and remind us that He is faithfully at work in Englewood and throughout the world.

ON CREATION AND HUMANITY

We believe God created humanity, male and female, in His own image. Every person bears that image and carries deep worth, dignity, and purpose. We affirm the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death, and the beauty of God’s design for marriage as a lifelong covenant between one man and one woman. Each student is a precious image-bearer, capable of growing in wisdom, creating beauty, and using their gifts for God’s glory.

ON SIN

We believe that when humanity first sinned, it fractured everything — corrupting our hearts, our relationships, and the world around us. This brokenness is the root of the conflict and darkness we see in our community and in ourselves, leaving us in desperate need of a Savior.

ON JESUS CHRIST

We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, fully God and fully man. Conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, He lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died on the cross in our place to pay for our sins, and rose from the dead three days later. He ascended into heaven, where He reigns at the right hand of the Father, and He will one day return in power and glory.

ON SALVATION

We believe we are saved from sin and made right with God by grace alone, through faith in Jesus Christ alone. This salvation is a free gift — not earned by our efforts, but given because of who Jesus is and what He has done. Through Him, God forgives our sins and clothes us in Christ’s righteousness.

ON THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE CHURCH

We believe the Holy Spirit brings believers from death to life, giving us new hearts and gathering us into His Church. The Church is God’s chosen family, called to make disciples and carry out His mission in the world. Archer Christian Academy exists to serve that mission by raising up the next generation of faithful leaders for our families, churches, and communities.

ON THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, is the inspired and perfect Word of God. It stands as the ultimate authority for what we believe and how we live.

ON THE FUTURE

We believe Christ will return to judge the world and bring His eternal kingdom to completion, fully renewing the heavens and the earth. This certain hope gives meaning to our work today, calling us to live faithfully and labor for the peace and restoration of our city as we await His return.



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