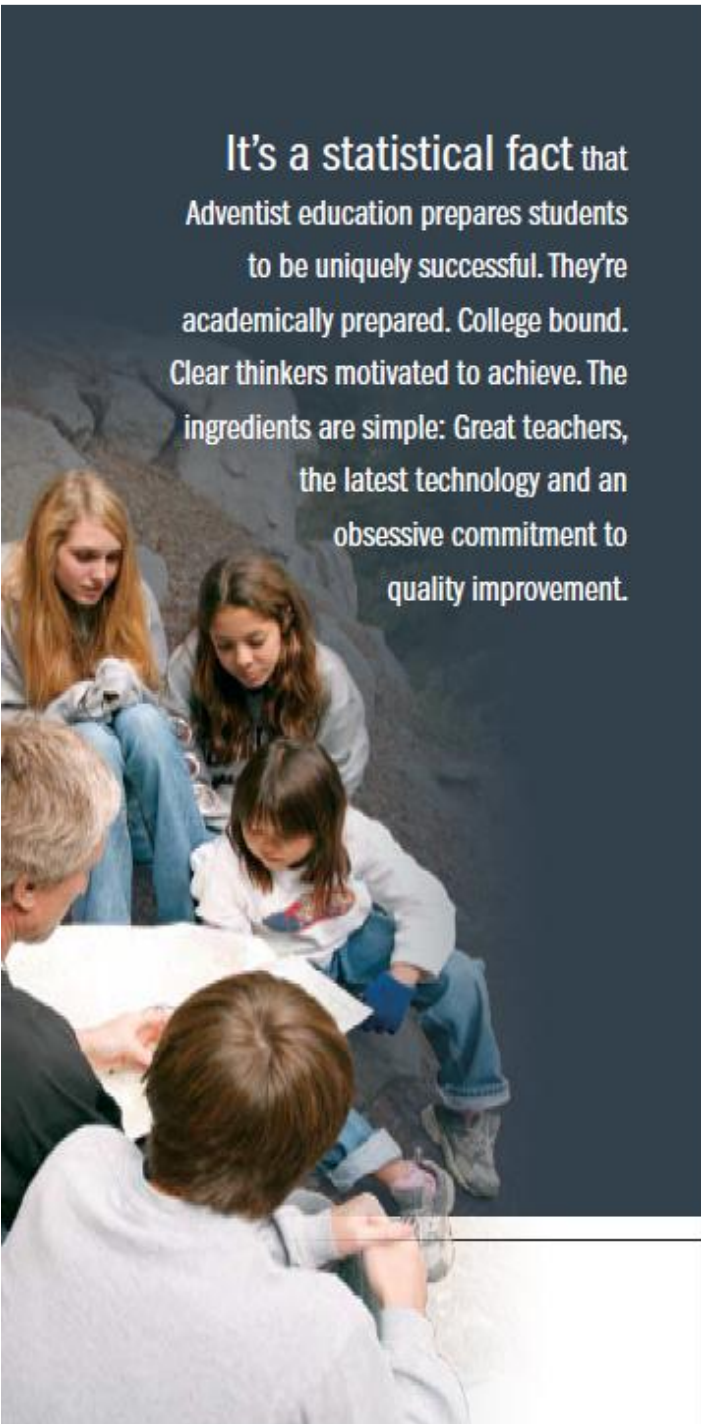
Adventist Education

A JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE



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A Passion for Quality, Standards-based, Adventist Education

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It's not easy growing up these days.

Young people face challenges, pressures and temptations unimaginable just a few years ago. In a world of turmoil and constant change, parents increasingly look to Adventist education to offer their children the tools they need to survive and succeed in this life—and for eternity.

Academically, the numbers speak for themselves:

Adventist Schools	Public
% of graduates who attend college: 85+	66
% of graduates who complete college degrees: 80+	14
% of applicants accepted to medical schools: 34	9
% of teachers certificated: Nearly 100	58*
Percentile performance on nationally normed tests: 70%ile, or better than 70% of all schools taking the test nationwide, which includes public and private schools	* in some states

But some things—perhaps those that are most important—just can't be measured in test scores and college completion rates. Around the world, in more than 6,709 schools and through the inspired efforts of more than 65,679 Adventist teachers, young lives experience critical transformation.

It happens in morning worships. In earnest prayers. In community service projects and mission adventures. In so many little ways each day, our children find God and a future on their journey to excellence. And isn't that worth everything?

Principal's Message

Welcome to Bethany, one of the exception schools found in the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. We are excited to partner with you to bring quality, standards-based Adventist education.

Bethany is unlike any public or charter schoo have teachers working on innovative, cutting-edge processes with a tried and true blueprint for success dating back to 1853.

You may hear us speak about rigor and relevance. When we speak of rigor, we are promising to hold high expectations for our educators, communities, and students, supporting our children to reach high levels of learning. Relevance is likened unto joyful learning. It is showing children how education is a thrilling experience which is pertinent for use today. These two value-added propositions help us to be culturally responsive to not only our national heritage, but our unique Adventist values.

We believe you will see how we are working to maximize our value-added benefits. You are a valued partner in Adventist Christian Education. We look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Academics

Standards are what learners should know (content) and be able to do (skills). They serve as the framework for curriculum development. The standards used i all South Atlantic Conference schools are established by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventist Office of Education. These standards reflect the Adventist worldview across the K-12 curricula as well as the integration of national and state standards.

The Adventist worldview accepts standard by which everything else is measured. Four key concepts emerge from a biblical worldview that can be used as a lens for curriculum development, as well as informing the essential questions and big ideas of any content area:

1. **Creation** - What is God's
2. **Fall** - How has God's purpose been distorted?
3. **Redemption** - How does God help us to respond?
4. **Re-creation** - How may we be restored in the image of God?

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