

The Chalkboard

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Upcoming Events

- July-September– [Membership Registration](#)
- July-August – [Educators' Convention Registration](#)
- September 15 – NEXGEN Scholarship deadline for first payment
- September 25 – [Music Festival in the North](#), San Jose
- October 7-9 – Educators' Convention, Ironwood
- October 7-8 – Board and School Rep Meetings, Ironwood

The GSACS team is praying for the start-up of your new school year. We know there is much to manage and organize and build of people and things in order to be well-prepared for the year. Our desire is to come alongside you with services and resources that help you meet your mission. We are diligently preparing a quality educators' convention that strengthens relationships, develops professionals, and deepens believers' faith. We hope your team can carve out time and resources to attend! [Registration is now open](#). The [workshop overview](#) titles and descriptions are posted. The annual school representative meeting will happen Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR UPCOMING MUSIC FESTIVAL HOSTED BY LIBERTY BAPTIST IN SAN JOSE. DR. ANDREW HUIH (BJU) AND DR. FLORENCE FONG WILL LEAD STUDENTS THROUGH THE JOYS OF MASS CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCES. THIS EVENT JUMP STARTS MUSIC PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS AND PROVIDES A PLATFORM FOR SMALLER SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE THE EXPERIENCE OF LARGE-SCALE MUSIC PERFORMANCES. ALL DESIGNED FOR GOD'S GLORY!

[CLICK HERE FOR FESTIVAL DETAILS!](#)



EDUCATORS' Convention

OCT. 7-9, 2026
IRONWOOD
NEWBERRY SPRINGS, CA

All for ONE

NATHAN MESTLER
President of International Baptist College & Seminary

Designed for educators and surrounded by God's creation

Workshops, fun activities, fellowship, great food, encouraging worship and preaching

\$170 PER PERSON
(ARRIVE AFTER 7 P.M.; DINNER NOT INCLUDED)

OR

\$190 PER PERSON EARLY ARRIVAL
(ARRIVE AFTER 4 P.M.; DINNER INCLUDED)



IT'S TIME TO JOIN GSACS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!

CLICK THIS LINK TO BE DIRECTED TO THE ONLINE APPLICATION. APPLICATION AND PAYMENT (AFTER WE SEND INVOICE) ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 30.

THE AACS CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST RULES/TOPICS ARE NOW POSTED! CLICK THIS LINK TO ACCESS.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS CONTEST IS DIFFERENT FROM THE GSACS WRITING COMPETITION IN JANUARY. USE THE LINK FOR MORE DETAILED RULES, TOPICS, AND JUDGING FORMS. OUR STATE OFFICE HAS ASSIGNED THESE DATES AND RULES TO THE CONTEST:

- 1. ONE ENTRY PER LEVEL PER CATEGORY, WHICH MEANS A SCHOOL WILL SUBMIT FOUR TOTAL DIGITAL ENTRIES.**
- 2. DECEMBER 15 IS THE DEADLINE FOR THOSE ENTRIES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE OFFICE. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE AACS RULES AND USE THE AACS JUDGING FORMS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**

WATCH THIS VIDEO ABOUT ACCORD KIDS

ACCORD is the scholarship granting organization established by the American Association of Christian Schools to help parents and schools direct their tax dollars to Christian education.

Education Freedom Tax Credit

Directing your tax dollars to better serve Christian education

Learn more by visiting our website. We now have [a designated page](#) to provide schools with valuable information related to EFTC, Accord Kids, and how to promote the program. Also, we are working to schedule a Zoom call that better explains how you can introduce this tax credit opportunity to your churches and schools. Whether CA opts in or not, this program is another way to direct your funds to Christian education and away from the government.

SHARE THIS FREE RESOURCE WITH YOUR TEAM!

FREETESTPREP.COM

A FREE PRACTICE SITE WITH 646 DRILLS AND 3,230 ORIGINAL QUESTIONS ACROSS THE SAT, ACT, AND AP EXAMS, PLUS A FULL-LENGTH CLT PRACTICE TEST. MEMBER SCHOOLS' FAMILIES FACE HIGH PREP COSTS, AND THIS REMOVES THEM: NO FEES, NO ACCOUNTS, NO LOGINS, NO STUDENT DATA, FULL EXPLANATIONS THROUGHOUT!

TREK Ai

A closed AI source for schools that use BJUPress.

Contact our rep at TREK Ai for more information on how GSACS member schools

receive discounted rates:

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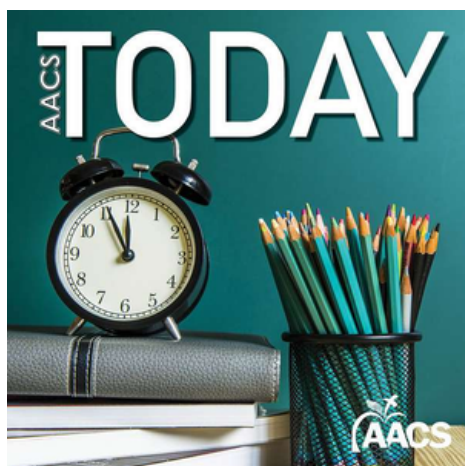
NEXGEN Scholarship

GSACS provides to full member schools a scholarship opportunity to help families who otherwise would not be able to afford Christian education. For the 2026-27 school year, each school needs to register with BeneFAQ as a GSACS school and submit the Agreement Form to GSACS. Deadline to be included in first payment is September 15.

- To register with BeneFAQ, click [Referred School Registration](#) | [BeneFAQ](#).
- To participate in the NEXGEN scholarship with GSACS, click [NEXGEN School Agreement](#) and submit.



**IS YOUR SCHOOL PICK UP
PROGRAM WORKING?
IF NOT, TRY
[SCHOOLPICKUP.ORG](https://www.schoolpickup.org).**



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AACS FALL TESTING 2026 IOWA ACHIEVEMENT TESTING (SURVEY OR COMPLETE TEST BOOKLETS)

- **Fall Testing Window Opens—August 25**
- **Fall Testing Window Closes—October 6**
- **Fall Answer Documents Due—October 15**
- **Return Answer Documents with the [2026–27 Scoring Services Order Form](#)**