



### **Is the school accredited?**

Yes, Freeman Academy is fully accredited by AdvancEd-Midwestern Division, the State of South Dakota and the Mennonite Education Association. We are a member of the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, an accreditation division of AdvancEd. This school improvement process is continual and ongoing. Freeman Academy is also a member of the Mennonite Schools Council.

### **Do you have certified teachers?**

All Freeman Academy teachers are either certified or working toward certification. Teachers who have been certified in another state are encouraged and expected to complete South Dakota certification as quickly as possible.

### **What is the typical class size?**

Classes range from 5-15 students. Our average student-teacher ratio of 6:1 provides exceptional opportunities for personal interaction and individual guidance.

### **Do you use Christian textbooks?**

Though all students are required to take Bible classes and to attend chapel, Freeman Academy does not use Christian textbooks. Rather, faculty members incorporate into their teachings basic Christian principles and unique Anabaptist understandings in order to nurture students in their faith. We desire that all of our students will be equipped to live a life of compassionate service and discipleship to Jesus Christ.

### **Can home-schooled students participate in your programs?**

Yes. The south Dakota High School Activities Association authorizes each member school to determine its own policy regarding home-schooled students. At Freeman Academy these students are welcome to participate in our athletic programs, choir, band, art classes and other classes by request. There are fees to participate.

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## **Questions from Parents**

### **How long is the school day?**

Classes for 1st-8th graders begin at 8:00 and dismiss at 3:00. High school students begin class at 8:00 and dismiss at 4:00. A modified block schedule is used for grades 7-12. The block schedule includes both 50 and 70 minute periods

### **How do students dress for school?**

Freeman Academy does not have uniforms but students are expected to wear clothing that is clean and modest. You may not wear clothes that feature inappropriate messages.

### **How will my child get to school?**

Most students commute daily. Some students reside in the family style on-campus housing facility. Some students from a distance are housed with local host families. Local families often form carpools. Bussing is not provided.

### **Do you accept students with special needs?**

Our understanding of Christian community enables us to consider students who have struggled academically, personally or socially in other settings. Freeman Academy cooperates with Freeman public schools to provide necessary services for students with special learning needs. We try to be realistic and honest in situations where we feel the student's needs exceed what our programs can provide. Parents are encouraged to visit with Principal Pam about any specific needs their student may have.

### **Freeman Academy's Vission:**

**Freeman Academy infuses Christ's call into all learning through Anabaptist principles. We seek to stimulate students to think critically and integrate knowledge with faith, service, artistic expression and practical experience. Freeman Academy cultivates the unique God-given gifts of all students in a safe, caring and creative community.**

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