

# Eagle's Landing Christian Academy (ELCA)

McDonough, GA

## CHURCH:

Eagle's Landing  
First Baptist  
Church (ELFBC)

## YEAR STARTED:

1970

## CURRENT SIZE:

1,000 Students

## HISTORY:

ELCA was established in 1970 but endured financial struggles. A different, established school tried to incorporate it as a new branch of its own, but the struggles remained. In 1994, ELFBC decided to absorb the school and make it a ministry of the church. The school grew within a few years from 170 students to 593 as the community grew around it. The school uses the same property as the church and now has an enrollment of 1,000 students.

## MODEL:

ELCA is an evangelistic school. The school's philosophy is to make sure the ratio is predominately students from Christian families to not be outnumbered but still be evangelistically focused. Some students have come to know Christ through the school then led their families to come to church.

## KEY FACTOR FOR THE CHURCH:

The church must see the school as a ministry opportunity and recognize growing pains will occur when managing the relationship between the church and school.

## NOTABLE:

Minorities make up 58 percent of the ELCA student body, which has led to increased diversity at ELFBC.

