

Description of New Generation Christian School

- Matriculation to college rate found in last paragraph.

New Generation has been in existence for 10 years and started off with one staff and 12 students. During the past 10 years, it has grown to 200 students and 23 staff, but the changes within the past three years have been tumultuous and exciting all at the same time. June 22, 2012, the school was actively pursuing a building campaign and had about 104 students. On June 23, 2012 Tropical Storm Debbie hit Columbia County and the school was flooded as a result of this. While the school's actual damages were minor, the school was housed in a building that was leased and the landlord would not allow the building to be properly remediated for mold. As a result, a concerted effort was given to move the school in spite of little funds. In addition, monthly mold checks were established to make sure that the air quality was acceptable for the student population. Each month, the reports indicated an increase in mold counts, but nothing became a health issue until July of the following year.

During the 2012/2013 school year, the school also saw a dramatic increase in student population by 50%. In addition, many fundraisers were conducted to try to secure funding, but efforts were difficult and limited. By the end of May 2013, a loan was closed to secure the future location of New Generation Christian School and construction was started. During the summer of construction, many other obstacles were presented, including more bad weather, especially for building, financial constraints (due to the move), and problems with construction in general. However, despite the obstacles, the new location was opened in September of 2013. The new location has 20 portables and is housed on 25 acres. Again, there was another increase in student population. The past year has been a year of stabilization, as we have been able to continue in the same location, recoup financially, and just breath as we know that we will continue to operate and serve our student population.

There are 67,543 individuals that reside in Columbia County, which is considered a growing, rural community with a median income of \$38,000, and 65% of the students in public school receive free or reduced lunch. The ethnic composition of Columbia County is 78% Caucasian, 18% African American, and 5% Hispanic. Columbia County public schools' graduation rate is listed as 65.7% for the 2012- 2013 school year. New Generation is comprised of 200 students with 76% Caucasian, 12% African- American, 12% Hispanic, and 5% being identified as Exceptional Education. The socio-economics of our student population is also of interest with 80% being identified as eligible for free or reduced lunch. New Generation Christian School's graduation rate is 98%, and New Generation requires our students to pass all of their coursework, as well as pass their 12th grade Iowa Test at a 10th grade level or higher, 30% of the national norm for a 12th grader. **44% of the graduating class from the prior year went on to college or military.**