

Grace Christian School
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**NON-REFUNDABLE
APPLICATION
FEE: \$75.00**

**GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
STUDENT APPLICATION FORM**

(Please print or type.)

I. STUDENT INFORMATION:

Student's Name _____
Last First Middle

Student's Preferred Name _____ Student's Age _____

Date of Birth _____ Male _____ Female _____

Grade Applying For: _____ Year Applying For: _____

II. PARENT/ GUARDIAN INFORMATION _____ Parent _____ Guardian

Father _____ Mother _____

If mother, give her maiden name. _____

Father's (or Guardian's) Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____

_____ Zip Code _____

E-mail Address _____ Home Telephone _____

Mobile Telephone _____ Business Telephone _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Zip Code _____

E-mail Address _____ Home Telephone _____

Mobile Telephone _____ Business Telephone _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Student lives with _____

Grace Christian School is an independent, non-denominational, not-for-profit ministry.

Grace Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, or national and ethnic origin.

Siblings:

Name, Age, and School Attending:

III. STUDENT INFORMATION

List all schools applicant attended including Kindergarten.

Name of school, City, State, and Grades Attended:

Mailing address of most recent school _____

Has this student been retained in a grade? _____ If yes, which grade? _____

Give a brief explanation. _____

If student is transferring, have previous educators expressed concern regarding attention, behavior, emotional, social or learning challenges? Yes ____ No ____

Has this student been suspended or asked to leave from a school? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please explain _____

Please describe the nature of any previous disciplinary problems. _____

Have you or others been concerned for or has this student been evaluated for any physical, mental, academic or emotional needs? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, please explain

Briefly describe any special extra-curricular interests, hobbies, talents, or aptitudes.

Additional Information

Do you consider your home a “Christian home“? _____

How do you interpret a “Christian home“? _____

Have you accepted Christ as your personal Savior? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, how and when did you accept Christ as your Savior?

Would you say you are living a life that honors and obeys God? Yes _____ No _____

How do you know this? _____

For Spouse to complete:

Have you accepted Christ as your personal Savior? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, how and when did you accept Christ as your Savior?

Would you say you are living a life that honors and obeys God? Yes _____ No _____

How do you know this? _____

Are you growing in your Christian life? Yes _____ No _____

What church do you attend? _____

Are you and your spouse member? Yes _____ No _____

Do either of you hold any positions at your local church? Yes _____ No _____

Briefly explain _____

Which most accurately describes your church attendance?

- _____ a. Active in the church _____ c. The children attend Sunday School
_____ b. Attend occasionally _____ d. Do not attend more than a few times a year

Explain briefly why you believe a Christian education is best for your child.

What are your expectations of Grace Christian School for your child?

How did you hear about Grace Christian School? _____

If you have other children of elementary age that you will not be enrolling at Grace Christian School, please give a brief explanation. _____

Statement of Educational Philosophy

Christian education is integration of biblical principles into every subject of knowledge. The student is educated in the truest sense by providing a foundation for good character training through Gods Word along with spiritual and moral values. God is the authority of truth and there is no distinction between secular and sacred truth in the sense that one of them is related to God and the other is not. (Acts 17:28) Truth is included in the “all things” of Romans 11:36. Everything is related to God and has significance in this world, in our lives, and beyond.

Christian education is an atmosphere, that is, the physical atmosphere of the schoolroom and the emotional atmosphere brought by the teacher. Second, Christian education is a discipline, meaning the discipline of a person who is self-governed because of development of positive habits in a student’s life. Third, Christian education “is a life” that is, the need of intellectual and moral as well as of physical sustenance is implied. That is the mind feeds on ideas, and therefore children should have a generous curriculum.

Believing that socialistic, humanistic, or evolutionary thought is contrary to Biblical principles and the Word of God, we acknowledge that it is a privilege and a responsibility to teach children the values and rewards of a free-enterprise system in an age of socially-oriented education. Our students are taught that nothing of value is achieved without the effort and hard work and that they are limited only by their ambition and ingenuity.

We believe that reverence for the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Psalm 111:10) and that in Jesus, God’s Son, are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. It is our desire to maintain a school where instructions will center on the study of God the Creator and His creation. We will encourage the students’ fellowship with God, which will nurture a lifelong joy in seeking and learning.

In Ephesians 6:4 we acknowledge that God is the creator of the family and has placed on parents the overall responsibility for training and nurturing their children. With this in mind we desire to maintain a school of exemplary educational quality which supports and come alongside the training received at home and in the local church.

We believe that the influence of Christian teachers as models is essential in the educational experience of the students. (Titus 2:7-8) It is our desire to employ only Christian teachers who believe they are called to ministry of teaching and who relate to all areas of the curriculum through God's Word, who model mature Christian character (Galatians 5:22-23), and who have used their God-given abilities to acquire superior academic training. The teacher serves as a guide. They allow the Holy Spirit to give insight to students and present a "feast" of subjects for students to experience. Teachers will also find that they will be learning right along with the student. The teacher will be prepared to give the student experience in grappling with new concepts rather than telling them how to think about certain things.

We believe that Christian education should encourage the development of the student, with his/her unique abilities and personality, to love the Lord God fully with heart, soul, and mind. (Matthew 22:37-38) We are committed to maintain a school which produces students who are committed to following Jesus Christ: who are able to analyze issues from a biblical viewpoint; seek answers; stand for the truth of the Word of God; who respond to the Holy Spirit by pursuing purity (Philippians 4:8); who learn to live and work with others; and who are maturing in their ability to live the Christian life as transforming influences in the cultures and society God places them. Children should be treated as persons, made in the image of God; they should not be talked down to or treated as unable to comprehend; not be underestimated; capable of becoming all God intended them to be; develop a love of learning and how to be life-long learners; and the list can go on and on.

Do you agree with the Philosophy of Education for Grace Christian School? Yes ___ No ___

VI. Terms and Conditions

- a. Applications are made to the Board of Education admissions committee of Grace Christian School which reserves the right to accept or reject any application.
- b. Grace Christian School admits students of any race, color, or national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students of the school. Grace Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies.
- c. School policies are subject to change. Information on current policies will be made available at parent orientation meetings prior to enrollment.
- d. Applicants agree to abide by all school policies, rules and regulations, including provisions for dress codes and discipline.
- e. Applicants agree that their students will receive instruction in the Christian Faith and understand that the school will endeavor to be guided by a Christian worldview in all of its programs and activities.
- f. The school has policies designed to meet a reasonable standard of care for students who become ill or have an emergency situation at school. Parents are required to sign a medical release form each year allowing emergency medical care to be obtained in the case parents cannot be reached. Parents understand the school is not an insurer of student health.
- g. The school's Schedule of Charges provides information about financial terms and obligations. It is updated annually. Students are enrolled for the entire year and the parent or guardian is responsible for the annual tuition payment upon accepting enrollment. A non-refundable \$75.00 application fee must be submitted with this Student Application Form.

h. May we use your Pastor as a reference? Yes ___ No ___

May we contact your Pastor Yes ___ No ___

Pastors Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

VI. Parent or Guardian Agreement

I hereby certify that I have read this Student Application Form, including the Terms and Conditions Section. I do agree to comply with the terms and conditions stated therein and furthermore accept the conditions and requirements of all other official policies and procedures of Grace Christian School, including the payment of all fees and charges according to the published schedule of the school.

This application cannot be processed until the application fee is paid in full and the application is signed by the parents or guardian of the applicant.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____