

Section One – General Information

Admissions

ADMISSIONS

Parents are cordially invited to contact the school office regarding admission to the school. This personal contact will give valuable insight and help prospective parents and their students to obtain answers to their questions. Following this initial inquiry, interested parents shall submit the application forms with the registration fee. A child must be five years old by September 1 to be eligible for Kindergarten in September. **If the child's birthdate falls between September 1 and October 1, they may be considered for kindergarten admission pending successful completion of kindergarten readiness assessment.** Before the child can be admitted to class in September, evidence must be given that the child has all immunizations required by the State of Pennsylvania or that the parent has signed a statement claiming religious or medical exemption. A physician's health report, a copy of the child's birth certificate, a copy of the child's comprehensive educational record (if applicable), and a Pastor's recommendation is also part of the admissions process.

Upon receipt of the completed forms, the Principal may require a prospective student going into Grades 1-8 to take an assessment test. Arrangements will be made by the school office. All prospective kindergarten students **must** take a kindergarten readiness assessment. In addition, an interview is scheduled with the parents and student with the Principal. The results of these tests and interview must be satisfactory before a student is admitted to the school.

It is school policy that, upon admissions application, parents provide testimony of their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is desired that both parents profess faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, however, at least one parent must provide a testimony of their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The school recognizes that it cannot meet the educational needs of all children. Bethlehem Christian School offers a high-quality Christ-centered education, but it is not able to address the needs of every child. For this reason, the administrators may find it necessary to reject or defer an application. Other causes for rejection of an application may be found among the following: use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, foul language, sexual misconduct; arrest by police; prior history of disciplinary actions and or expulsion from a school. Final decisions in these matters will be made by the Head of School/building Principals.

Bethlehem Christian School is a religious institution providing an education in a distinctly Christian environment, and believes that its Biblical role is to work in conjunction with the home to mold students to be Christ-like. On those occasions in which the atmosphere or conduct within a particular home is counter to or in opposition to the Biblical lifestyle the school teaches, the school reserves the right, within its sole discretion, to refuse admission of an applicant or to discontinue enrollment of a student. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to living in, condoning, or supporting sexual immorality; practicing a homosexual lifestyle or alternative

gender identity; promoting such practices; or otherwise having the inability to support the moral principles of the school. (Leviticus 20:13a, Romans 1:27, Matthew 19:4-6)

The school is a nondenominational Christian school and is owned and operated by the Bethlehem Christian School Association. Neither race nor national or ethnic origin are ever a factor in admissions. A duly elected Board of Trustees, made up of active members of the Bethlehem Christian School Association, manages the affairs of the school for the Association. The Board feels that parental support of, and commitment to, the school's Philosophy and Objectives, Statement of Faith, Educational Objectives and various operating rules and regulations is a prerequisite for the enrollment of any child. Therefore, parents must give evidence of such support and commitment, both upon application for admission and throughout the student's tenure at Bethlehem Christian School. Parental support and commitment is implied upon reenrollment of the student.

Application forms are available online or by contacting the school office at:

www.bethlehemchristianschool.org

Ebenezer Campus	(610) 868-6020
Calvary Campus	(610) 365-8176

NONDISCRIMINATION

Bethlehem Christian School admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to the students of the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarship and financial aid programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.