



Cypress Christian Schools

# **Admissions Policy**

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## **Admissions Philosophy and Policies**

Cypress Christian School is a recognized chartered nonpublic K-8 school that is committed to partner with parents to provide students with a high quality, Christ-centered education. For this reason, CCS has established specific admissions criteria, policies and procedures in order to provide a Christ-centered safe, secure, and wholesome learning environment. These policies and procedures are designed to ensure that students receive the correct grade-level placement and that CCS is able to meet the academic, social, behavioral, and spiritual needs of the student.

Cypress Christian School admits students of any race, color, or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities offered at the School. In addition, CCS will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, tuition assistance, educational programs, athletics, and/or extracurricular activities.

By enrolling children at CCS, parents pledge cooperation in encouraging their children to follow the Christian teachings of the school, respect the authority of the teachers, and paying tuition and fees regularly and on time.

Cypress Christian School desire each and every student and family to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ but this is not a requirement for admission. Parents and students enrolling at CCS must be supportive of, and agree to have their children taught in accordance with the school's "Statement of Beliefs" (found on the school's website). In addition, CCS encourages parents to recognize their scriptural responsibility to "...bring them (children) up in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4 NIV), and that the primary responsibility for this rests with the parent(s).

## **Kindergarten Age Requirements**

In accordance with State Law, Cypress Christian School will consider a student for admission to Kindergarten if they turn five (5) years old on or before September 30.

## **Third Grade Reading Guarantee**

Cypress Christian School is required to ensure all third grade students meet the Ohio Third Grade Reading Guarantee (Ohio Revised Code 3301.163). Any student applying for admission to fourth grade at CCS cannot be enrolled until CCS receives confirmation that the student has met the Third Grade Reading Guarantee requirements.

## **Probation for New Students**

First-time students are automatically on probation for nine weeks. During that time, their progress, academically and socially, will be monitored with special care to determine the correctness of their grade placement and their compatibility with the purposes and program of Cypress Christian School. In addition, school records will be requested from previous school districts and reviewed by administration. During this probation period, the

administration, after consultation with families, reserves the right to alter grade level placement or withdraw the student from school.

### **Admission Process**

Families wishing to apply for admission to Cypress Christian School must follow the steps listed below.

1. **Initial Application** – Families must submit a completed application form for each student. In addition, families must provide a copy of the birth certificate for each student and the non-refundable application fee (\$100 for first student, \$50 for each additional student, \$200 family maximum).
2. **Applicant Screening** – Each student will be screened by Cypress Christian School to ensure correct grade placement. Test results from current/previous schools may be accepted in place of a screening at the discretion of the Administration.
3. **Letter of Reference** – A letter of reference from a teacher, preschool/daycare teacher, Sunday school/church teacher, or sports/other coach will be submitted directly to CCS.
4. **Interview** – Each new applicant and/or family may be interviewed by the administration.
5. **Application Decision** – A decision on the application will be made by the Administration following a review of all application documents.