

CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Preliminary Inquiry Response

Please return the form to the office. You may keep all information sheets for reference.

Thank you for your recent inquiry concerning Cleveland Christian School. We are always delighted to hear from families who profess an interest in Christian Education.

Cleveland Christian School is but one of several vital service ministries under the auspices of Cleveland Christian Fellowship. This ministry has been serving Cleveland and the surrounding area since 1983. During this time, C.C.S. has been privileged to serve literally hundreds of students and families with the "School of Tomorrow" curriculum.

The mission of C.C.S. is to provide a Biblically-based, individualized, educational program for those who view a true education as being something more than academics.

C.C.S. views a true education as being God-centered. It is education that assists families and children in the development of Christian spiritual life and moral character. It is education that develops factual knowledge, reasoning power, and practical skills. It is education that fosters productivity, continuing growth in commitment to traditional values, and a successful, happy adjustment to life. We believe all children deserve a "True Education"

C.C.S. admits students with several determining factors in mind:

- 1. Available space in grade level requested.*
- 2. Compatibility of each applicant to the specialized method of individualize instruction.*
- 3. Previous educational and behavioral experiences.*
- 4. Past and present spiritual interest and involvement.*
- 5. Appraisals by pastor, friends, and former teachers.*

Now, as you address this **Preliminary Response of Inquiry**, please be as thorough as possible with each question asked. Feel free to provide explanation or clarification where needed and promptly return for review by the school administration.

Again, thank you for your inquiry. We do appreciate the opportunity to possibly be of service to your family.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in:

1. The inspiration of the Bible, equally in all parts and without error in its origin;
2. The one God, eternally existent Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Who created man by a direct immediate act;
3. The pre-existence, incarnation, virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, ascension to Heaven, and the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ;
4. The fall of man, the need of regeneration by the operation of the Holy Spirit on the basis of grace alone, and the resurrection of all to life or damnation;
5. The spiritual relationship of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, living a life of righteous works, separated from the world, and witnessing of His saving grace through the ministry of the Holy Spirit;
6. The present day ministry of the Holy Spirit, which includes the Baptism and the supernatural manifestation of all Spiritual gifts.

CALLED TO EXCELLENCE

Cleveland Christian School is but one of the many ministries of Cleveland Christian Fellowship, promoting the "total family ministry" concept. Pastor, trustees and staff of C.C.F. believe God commissioned a school at the local church for our children. According to Deut.6 and Prov. 22:6, we have been given a mandate from God to train our children in the way they should go. Anything short of a God-centered, Bible-based education is an inferior education.

Our desire is that children be released into the world not only with an educated mind, but also with a highly trained spirit, a fervent love for God and His word, and a mind and body consecrated and dedicated unto Him.

Presently it is evident that the Bible has no place in the public school classroom and has been replaced by secular humanism. Situational ethics seem to be the order of the day based on the assumption that man is in control.

We in Christian Education believe all truth comes from God and that we can only make Godly choices by knowing His will, which is His Word. Unless we choose to trust God with the education of our children in the Christian School, they will be taught from a philosophical base which denies God, exalts man, and leads into ways of thinking which are contrary to God's ways.

In Luke 6:40, we find: "A student when he is fully trained will be like his teacher." This verse is a wonderful promise as we follow God's mandate mentioned earlier from the book of Deuteronomy. But, on the other hand, it can be a regretful reality as our children sit under tutors and governors with humanist philosophies and value systems that have been built upon situational ethics.

We of Cleveland Christian Fellowship believe that under most circumstances, Christian parents should educate their children in Christian schools. It is critical that values taught in the home and the Church be in harmony with those taught in the school. Cleveland Christian School directs much attention toward academic excellence, but the primary focus is, and will always be, Jesus Christ - Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

CONCERNING ACCREDITATION:

Accreditation by a state government agency is an administrative mechanism designed as an attempt to attain uniform education for all children in government schools. It was established as a governmental means of causing local public school districts to meet what the state educational agencies determined to be minimum academic and facility standards for government schools. Accreditation teams therefore, investigate and approve or disapprove facilities and curriculum in education institutions according to the criteria developed by secular educational administrators who may not be Christians.

Accreditation of a private Christian school is not necessary for a graduate of that school to enroll in a college or a university. Registrars of such institutions are interested in the academic merits of individual students, not in the name of their school of graduation. Thus, they evaluate each applicant's academic aptitude through nationally standardized tests. Cleveland Christian School does not seek accreditation by any outside educational institution but does endeavor to provide the highest possible academic program.

CONCERNING CERTIFICATION:

There is no requirement for certification for private or Christian schools. Teachers at C.C.S. may or may not be state certified. They are all however, required to receive specific training in the use of the A.C.E. procedures and curriculum, which is self-instructional.

The following excerpt is taken from an article by Attorney David Gibbs:

Some Christians asked me, "Why is teacher certification a problem?" Lawyers and doctors have to be state certified. People have to be certified or licensed to drive a car by the state. Why should teachers not also be certified by the state? The problem with these questions is that they ignore the fundamental distinctive of what is involved in teaching a child.

Teaching is philosophical. No one knows what makes a good teacher and what makes a bad teacher, although everyone agrees that there are both good and bad teachers. It has been my experience that when state educators start deciding who is and is not qualified to teach, their requirements are not livable for the Christian. The unsaved will never share the philosophy of the Christian; therefore, the qualifications put forward by the unsaved about who is qualified to teach will never be the same qualifications put forward by the Christian about who is qualified to teach. Whereas it is easier to see where both the Christian and the unsaved will have the same qualification for who should be allowed to drive an automobile - someone who can safely handle a motor vehicle. There is no philosophy involved in the certification. It can be done according to relatively objective standards.

Can a "good" teacher instruct the students that homosexuality is an alternate lifestyle? The secular educators would answer "yes;" whereas, the Christian would answer decidedly "no." Unsaved men cannot tell whether a Christian school teacher is a good teacher or whether a home school parent is qualified because he cannot understand the Bible and Christian values. The education process is not just the instructing of facts, it is the passing along of values.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION
(New tuition prices effective fall 2009)

Tuition is set on annual fees divided into ten (10) installments. The first installment is to be made between the 1st and 15th of August followed by the remaining nine (9) installments due on the 1st of every month thereafter. The last installment will be made in May.

Tuition Fees are as follows:

	Annually	Monthly
1st Child	\$2,420.00	\$242.00
2 nd Child	\$1,970.00	\$197.00
3 rd Child	\$1,175.00	\$175.00

Additional School Fees:

Testing (New Students Only)	\$25.00
Registration (Due Each Year)	\$75.00
Athletic fee	\$25.00

C.C.S. P.E. Uniforms -- Jr. and Sr. High --Shorts, T-shirts \$30.00
3rd – 6th Grade - Shorts, T-shirts \$15.00

All curriculum is provided; however a \$2.00 charge will be added for any re-issued PACES (a workbook-style booklet) due to loss, failure, or destruction.

A fee will also be charged for loss or destruction of any school property.

THE SCHOOL DAY

PRE-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT: 8:30a.m. - 1:30p.m. Monday through Friday

1ST - 12TH GRADES: 8:30a.m. - 3:30p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

8:30a.m. - 2:30p.m. Wednesday

AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL: The regular school day is 8:30 - 3:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We have early dismissal on Wednesday at 2:30p.m. Reading Readiness and Learning to Read classes dismiss each day at 1:30 with provision made for those needing to stay until 3:30. All students must be picked up promptly. There are no teachers on duty beyond 3:50pm. If parents are to be delayed past 3:50pm, contact should be made with the school office.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

*Both parents visit school

*Obtain and complete Admissions Application (includes appraisal by pastor, friend, or former teacher)

*Office will call both parents and pupil for an interview with Principal

*Parents will be notified of acceptance

*Supply a Permanent Tennessee State Certificate of Immunizations

*Complete required parent orientation

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ENROLLMENT DATE _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address _____
(Street/P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone _____
Grade Applying for _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____ Sex _____
School Last Attended _____
Address _____
(Street/P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's Name _____
Employment _____ Position _____ Phone _____

Mother's Name _____
Employment _____ Position _____ Phone _____

Marital Status: Married Widowed
 Divorced Separated

Children in family of school age if not applying:
Name _____ Age _____
_____ Age _____
_____ Age _____

Church Attending _____ Member: Yes No
Address _____
Pastor _____ Phone _____

Father: Christian? Yes No Mother: Christian? Yes No
Has Applicant ever made a profession of faith in Christ? _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

Is Child subject to a physical condition which requires special attention? _____ If yes, describe:

Is Child subject to a mental/emotional condition which requires special attention? _____ If yes, describe:

Has Child received immunizations: Diphtheria _____ Smallpox _____
Polio _____ Others _____

Is Child presently on appropriate age/grade level? _____ If no, explain: _____

Has Child ever been expelled, dismissed, suspended, or refused admission to another school? _____
If yes, explain: _____

Has Child ever had disciplinary difficulties? _____ If yes, detail: _____

Has Child ever been in trouble with the law, arrested, or assigned to an institution for behavioral evaluations? _____ If yes, explain: _____

Has Child ever used tobacco or drugs of any kind? _____ If yes, explain: _____

Please indicate academic level of pupil's previous work:

Excellent ___ Good ___ Average ___ Poor ___