

Grace Christian Academy Admissions Policy

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- Grace Christian Academy seeks to partner with Christian families to ensure a consistent message can be modeled and taught to the child in the home, church, and school. At least one parent should be an active believer and follower of Jesus Christ, and must agree with our Statement of Faith.
- Each family and each student admitted to Grace Christian Academy is expected to exhibit a cooperative spirit. Parents and students should read the Parent/Student Handbook for a description of the school's standards and expectations. The school only admits students who want to attend Grace Christian Academy. Negative attitudes about the Christian faith or the school will prevent admission. The student application, interview, previous school performance and references are used to determine a student's suitability for admission.
- All students entering Grace Christian Academy in kindergarten through eighth grade will be required to complete entrance testing. The purpose of this testing is primarily for accurate grade placement. If a student tests at an alternate grade level, the administration may make the appropriate grade level change (with parental consent) or may refuse admission.
- Grace Christian Academy reserves the right to refuse admission to anyone who would not fit into the spirit of the institution nor benefit from the education offered. The administration also reserves the right to refuse to define the criteria or reasons when applications are not accepted. The status of all students is reviewed annually.
- This is not a corrective institution; consequently, we ask that a child not be enrolled with the idea that we will reform him/her. We are here to work with the home, but not to take the place of parents who are experiencing difficulty with their child.
- Attendance is a privilege at Grace Christian Academy. This privilege may be forfeited at any time if a cooperative spirit is not maintained in complying with the rules and regulations. If at any time a student or his parents do not demonstrate support for Grace Christian Academy, its policies or its biblical stand, the parents may be asked to take the child out of the school even though the child has not been an open discipline problem.
- Before the first day of school, each of our students are required to have on file a current Health Record listing all immunizations, diseases and illnesses. Immunizations must be dated and the form must be signed by a physician.
- **Grace Christian Academy of Maryland admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. Grace Christian Academy of Maryland does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.**

Admission Requirements

The following requirements have been established for admission to Grace Christian Academy:

1. Completion of the on-line application with signatures and appropriate fees.
2. Parent/Guardian Photo Identification
3. Report cards, IEP/504 Academic and behavioral records from previous school.
4. Must have end of year report card verifying grade completion by July 1st.
5. Completion of Grace Christian Academy admissions/entrance test (Kindergarten – Grade 8).
6. Birth Certificate (Copy)
7. Health records that meet State requirements.
 - Medical Forms. Maryland State law requires that the Health Inventory Form with Lead Screening signed by the parent and the child's physician be on file for all students.
 - Immunization Record. Maryland State law requires students entering any school within the state to have the following immunizations: poliomyelitis, smallpox, diphtheria, rubella, pertussis and tetanus.
8. Submit all enrollment forms prior to interview with the Director of School.
9. Completion of family interview with Director of School.
10. Complete registration with FACTS Tuition Management within 10 days of interview and acceptance.
11. Copy of Legal/Custodial documents (if applicable)

**** Pre-K 3 students must be three years of age by September 1 of the year of entrance.**

**** Pre-K 4 students must be four years of age by September 1 of the year of entrance.**

*** Kindergarten students must be five years of age by September 1 of the year of entrance.**

(All PK students must be fully toilet trained prior to 1st day of school. Pull-up pants not permitted)