



# *Tabernacle Christian Academy*

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## **ADMISSIONS RATIONALE AND POLICY**

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We, the Tabernacle Christian Academy, believe that the education of children is a God-given responsibility of parents or guardians. Ideally, the home, the church, and the school are complimentary. In effect, all three act on behalf of the pupil as they fulfill this God-given responsibility. Christian education involves the whole person. We desire that all the elements which bear on the education of a child be consistent and properly reinforce one another.

In view of this, it is of paramount importance that a Christian home be supported by a Christian school and a Christian church. Tabernacle Christian Academy was founded to educate the children of Christian parents. Parents should recognize that the school does not replace the training of the home or of the church; all three should be in Biblical agreement for a truly well-rounded Christian education of the child. It is therefore necessary that parents agree with, and support, the philosophy and teaching of the school.

### **TABERNACLE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY ADMISSIONS POLICY**

To qualify for admission as a student to TCA, at least one parent (preferably both) should be in Christ and walking in obedience to the commands of Christ and His apostles as revealed in New Testament scripture pertaining to the Church. An exception may be considered under special circumstances, which will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee, and will require Council approval before going into effect.

Parents of a prospective student must acknowledge in writing:

1. That they are a child of God through faith in Christ.
2. That they have read and support the Statement of Philosophy and Objectives of the school.
3. That all academic material will be taught in harmony with the Bible and from the historic Baptist perspective.
4. That the school has full discretion in the discipline of their child(ren) within the bounds of the Discipline Policy.
5. That the school has full discretion for the grade placement of their child(ren).
6. That they will meet all tuition and other financial obligations as defined in the Fee and Payment Policy.
7. That they will willingly support the school in prayer and in tending practical help as needed by the school.
8. That they will endeavor to “train up a child in the way he should go” in accordance with the Scripture.
9. That they will follow the Matthew 18 procedures when resolving interpersonal conflicts.
10. That they will strive to attend Parent Teacher Fellowships and other school functions involving parents.
11. That in the event of dissatisfaction with TCA, they will quietly withdraw their child(ren) without trying to change the school.

12. That all new students will be on an eight (8) week academic and behavioral performance evaluation and will be reviewed for final acceptance at the end of this period by the teacher(s) and Admissions Committee.
13. That they have read and understood the TCA Student Handbook.
14. That they have not knowingly withheld any information which may influence acceptance in TCA.

Students will be admitted without regard to sex, race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

Enrollment in TCA of all school-aged children within a family is preferred but exceptions will be considered on an individual basis.

All applications for grades 7-12 must evidence a real desire to attend TCA.

Prospective kindergarten students must be five (5) years old by December 1st of the school year. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the principal if prospect passes kindergarten screening test, and parents are willing to transport child. (Revised 1113192)

Prospective students are subject to entrance testing. The principal may, at his discretion, substitute current achievement test scores for the entrance test. At this time, TCA is not equipped to serve students with exceptional disciplinary, emotional, academic or physical needs and may refuse admittance to or dismiss a student on this basis.

Except under unusual circumstances, both parents and the applicant(s) must be interviewed by the principal and Admissions Committee or other School Council members if requested. The prospective teacher or representative, may participate in the interview and decision for admission. At least one day prior to the interview, all paperwork on the prospective student, i.e. application, transcripts, medical forms, and statement of standing from prior school (if applicable), must be given to the Chairman of the Admissions Committee.

All families must read and sign the Financial Statement and Contract to complete enrollment.

Families will be accepted in the order of date of receipt of the application. New students of school families have priority over students of prospective school families unless the prospective students have been on the waiting list for one year. When teachers and staff at TCA apply for admission of their first child, they will be considered to be a school family.

If a student is not enrolled during the semester for which the application was made, the application and fee will be in effect for the remainder of the school year.

Depending on the circumstances involved in the decision not to enroll at the start of the semester, and those leading to renewed interest, additional application information and another interview may be required. This decision will be made jointly by the principal and the Admissions Committee.

Normally, the unanimous agreement of the principal and the Admissions Committee will determine the admission of a prospective student. (cf CSC Minutes, 1126184)