

# Ebenezer Christian School Enrollment Packet

Dear Parents:

Thank you for your interest in our school. We have an admissions policy that opens the school to families who are like-minded spiritually, who are supportive of our philosophy, objectives, and standards of education, and whose children meet our enrollment standards. Our purpose is to serve families who desire not simply a private education, but a distinctively Christian education for their children.

Before applying for admission to our school, please read the Student Handbook provided in this introductory packet. The Student Handbook will introduce you to many of the school's policies, procedures, and expectations for both parents and students. The first several pages of this packet explain our religious purpose, mission, and beliefs. This school unashamedly believes, teaches, and practices a literal interpretation of the Word of God.

If you do not agree with our religious mission and beliefs, enrolling your child in our school will likely cause him or her confusion. For example, if a question regarding biblical lifestyles arises in chapel or your child's classroom, the teacher will answer from a biblical viewpoint consistent with our mission and belief statement. If your beliefs and lifestyle choices are not in agreement with our doctrinal stance, that answer will likely create conflict in your child's heart and mind. This internal conflict could drive a wedge between you and your child, or force your child to choose between our teaching and what he or she learns at home. We respect your desire to place your child in the best possible learning environment, but if you are not in full agreement with our doctrinal positions, it will be best for all concerned if you do not enroll your child at our school.

Biblical principles are integrated into every subject taught at our school. Our staff is committed not only to academic excellence, but also to teaching students how to apply the truths of God's Word to every aspect of life. If you are in agreement with the teachings of God's Word, this school will complement the beliefs and ideals your child is taught at home. We look forward to partnering with you to educate your children in God's truth.

In His Service,  
Ebenezer Christian School Board

*"Train up a child in the way he should go" – Proverbs 22:6*

## Enrollment Checklist

To help you during the enrollment process, use this check list to make sure Ebenezer has all the information it needs to make an informed decision about your child's enrollment:

- ☐ Read through the application documents concerning Ebenezer's philosophy and goals for your child.
- ☐ Complete the application form.
- ☐ Gather all academic documents requested (i.e., Report cards, IEPs, 504s, etc.)
- ☐ Return all forms and documents to Ebenezer Christian School during school hours or submit them electronically to [admin@ebenezerchristian.org](mailto:admin@ebenezerchristian.org)
- ☐ Schedule an interview with an administrator, board member, or teacher
- ☐ Schedule a school visit. Your child will use this time to participate in some school activities and take the AIMSWeb test in Reading and Math.
- ☐ Follow up with our Administrator or Board regarding your child's enrollment.

## Philosophy of Ebenezer Christian School

**BASIS:** Ebenezer Christian School is an expression of a Christian philosophy of life, which brings together men's faith in God and its manifestation in his daily living. Ebenezer Christian School presents an unconditional and wholehearted commitment to the proposition that all things are of God, through God, and unto God.

**PARENTS:** The responsibility for education rests upon the parents (Deut. 6:6-9, Eph 6:1-4). They in turn delegate a part of this responsibility to a school, which is able to carry forward their God-given tasks.

**TEACHER:** Responsibility to God and Christian parents define the teacher's role in respect to subject matter, character training, and discipline. To fulfill this role each teacher will strive to gain a thorough knowledge of both subject matter and the teaching-learning process; will seek to establish a close, personal relationship with each student, and will strive to demonstrate, both inside and outside the classroom, an exemplary Christian life.

**STUDENT:** Each student is a person created in the image of God, and as such, has inestimable worth. Moreover, each student is capable of developmental growth in relation to his/her ability in three dimensions of learning: the intellectual, the decisional, and the creative.

**CURRICULUM:** Curriculum involves all that is done in the school to create an atmosphere in which all students have the opportunity toward a full and obedient life in Christ and to experience a community that demonstrates the healing qualities of the Christian faith.

### SCOPE AND FUNCTION OF THE CURRICULUM

The scope of our school curriculum is the totality of God's revealed truth: His truth in creation, His truth in Scripture and His truth in Jesus Christ. The function of the curriculum is to train covenant children in their understanding and practice of the Christian life. Through a planned teaching-learning process, the school strives to help students see the wholeness of life (Col. 1:15-17); to see their call to cultural obedience (Gen. 1:28); to discover their callings in both the Christian community and in society at large; all this rooted in and expressive of their commitment of Christ in a life of discipleship.

### GOALS OF EBENEZER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

- To foster the child/s vision of himself/herself as God's image bearer, having a personal relationship with Christ assuming responsibility for stewardship toward God, God's world, others, and himself/herself.
- To train each student in developing an awareness of the culture in which he/she lives, and of other cultures he/she may encounter in life; more important, to help each student to be a discerning critic of and a contributor to these cultures thus developing the ability to respond Christianly to all of life as he/she experiences it.
- To develop every ability and talent that each child has to the fullest potential.

## Financial Enrollment Policy

- Tuition payments are due by the 1st of each month if paying in monthly installments (spread over 10 months from September to June). Tuition can also be paid at the beginning of the year in one lump sum.
- An annual, non-refundable, book fee is also part of the tuition expectations and is due on May 1.
- Payments are made directly to the school. At the beginning of the school year, the treasurer will send a tuition statement to each parent.
  - There is a tuition box in the office. If you are paying by check this can just be put into the box. If you are paying with cash, you must have the school secretary count the money with you, seal the envelope and have both of your signatures on the envelope. If the secretary is unable, the administrator can assist with this. Cash should not just be dropped off in the box.
  - You may also pay via [Tithe.ly](https://Tithe.ly) on our school website. We ask that you cover the fee when making the payment online.
- Financial aid is available to qualifying families. Please see our website at [ebenezerchristian.org/admissions](https://ebenezerchristian.org/admissions) for more information and forms.
  - If you are applying for tuition assistance you must also commit to a 32-hour service agreement, where you promise to help the school by providing service work hours. Service hours can be met by help during fundraising events, recess duty support, and other activities.
  - Families not meeting their service hour agreement for the previous year can not apply for financial assistance for the upcoming year. There is a limited amount of tuition assistance available for families for who the full amount of tuition represents an insurmountable financial burden.
- The tuition amount is considered annually and set by the School Board. This information can also be found on our website [ebenezerchristian.org/admissions](https://ebenezerchristian.org/admissions).
- If parents/guardians run into difficulties with tuition during the year, it is their responsibility to inform the treasurer.
- Tuition payments must be current at the beginning of the school year for students to begin school unless direct contact with the School Treasurer has been made and an agreed-upon payment plan has been implemented. Such a plan will address any outstanding tuition payments as well as tuition for the current year, with a schedule of payments within a specific time to bring the payments up to date.

## Parent Statement of Belief & Agreement

### SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

We are aware of the basic philosophy upon which this school exists. It is not a church school, nor a private school but a parent-controlled school. This school is a third arm to Christian families who enjoy a vital relationship with God which dominates the atmosphere of their home. Ebenezer Christian School stands ready to join the Christian home and Christian church in training Christian children. Children of Christian parents, then, are eligible for consideration as enrollees.

- We believe that God originally created man in His image with the ability to live for His glory.
- We believe that all men have sinned and lost their ability to fulfill this divine demand.
- We believe that it is only through faith in Jesus Christ that this divine demand can be fulfilled.
- We believe that the Holy Bible is the Infallible Word of God which points out the only way of Salvation and is the only infallible rule of faith and practice.
- In addition, we believe that God has given parents the responsibility of bringing up their children in the “nurture and admonition of the Lord”. Since the accomplishments of this objective are a very complex task, the parents look to the school and the church for assistance in reaching this goal. We believe that a consistent and meaningful education results when the home, the school, and the church are in agreement on the basic concepts of life.
- We further acknowledge that the teachings at Ebenezer Christian School shall be based on the infallible Word of God.

### PARENTAL AGREEMENT

- We are enrolling our child in Ebenezer Christian School primarily because of our earnest desire that our child receives a God-centered academic training.
- We agree that our child shall be educated in a manner consistent with the basis and goals of Ebenezer Christian School
- We agree to cooperate with the school in every way possible for the Christian educational advancement of our child. We also agree that our child must abide by the principles, rules and regulations of the school.
- We agree that in matters of discipline the student involved is subject to the disciplinary action of the faculty and administration as presented in the Ebenezer Christian School discipline policy. We understand that parents will be given the opportunity to discuss disciplinary matters affecting their child. Additionally, after every means has been exhausted in discussing the matter with the faculty and administration the parents may address the Board of Trustees in the presence of the administration.

### PERSONAL COMMITMENT

As parents we are responsible to the Triune God for our child(ren). We pledge to use every effort to aid the Ebenezer Christian School in its efforts to create a Christian environment in our home to the best of our ability and to attend church for our spiritual growth.

### (PARENT/GUARDIAN COPY)

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## Enrollment Application

Return your application, signed parental statement of belief, and all academic history documentation to the main office of Ebenezer Christian School during school hours. You will be contacted to arrange a school visit and on-site AIMSWeb testing after the school board has considered your enrollment application.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION** Date of Application

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| Student Name :                 | <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>                      |                 |                                                                                                                                |
| Nickname :                     | <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/>                      | Date of Birth : | <input style="width: 10%;" type="text"/> / <input style="width: 10%;" type="text"/> / <input style="width: 10%;" type="text"/> |
| Gender :                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female |                 |                                                                                                                                |
| Address:                       | <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>                      |                 |                                                                                                                                |
| City:                          | <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/>                      | State:          | <input style="width: 10%;" type="text"/> Zip Code: <input style="width: 15%;" type="text"/>                                    |
| Father:                        | <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/>                      | Mother:         | <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/>                                                                                       |
| Father's Phone:                | <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/>                      | Mother's Phone: | <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/>                                                                                       |
| Father's Email:                | <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/>                      | Mother's Email: | <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/>                                                                                       |
| Local Church:                  | <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>                      |                 |                                                                                                                                |
| Parent Address (If Different): | <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>                      |                 |                                                                                                                                |
| City:                          | <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/>                      | State:          | <input style="width: 10%;" type="text"/> Zip Code: <input style="width: 15%;" type="text"/>                                    |

Please list any siblings who attend Ebenezer Christian or may also apply to enroll.

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## Academic Information

Official transcripts and records are only available to Ebenezer after a student is officially enrolled. Please provide academic information to the best of your ability.

Last School Attended:  Last Grade Completed:

School Address:

City:  State:  Zip Code:

How many different schools (including homeschooling) has your child attended?

Tell us about your child's academic skills. Are there subjects they enjoy? Are there subjects that are an area of concern?

Has your child ever been suspended, expelled, or refused admission to another school?

If yes, please explain:

Has your child been diagnosed with any physical disabilities or learning disabilities (e.g., ADHD or Dyslexia) that require special programs or supports? If yes, please explain:

Does your child have an IEP, 504, or Behavioral Intervention Plan? If yes, please provide the date it was approved and the services the previous school provided. **Submit a copy of the documentation.**

### **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION**

Please include a copy of the final report cards of the past two academic years and any formal school documents (such as an IEP, 504, or Behavioral Intervention Plan).

Does your child have any hobbies, interests, or activities that they enjoy? Do they participate in sports or other organizations?

Why do you wish to enroll your student at Ebenezer Christian School? Please tell us how you heard about our school and what you hope your child will achieve while attending school with us.

Is there any additional information you would like to provide?

 **NOTE: Ebenezer Christian School reserves the right to enter into a conversation with the administration of the school where your child is currently attending to confirm information provided in this application. By signing below, you consent to our discussion with school leadership.**

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

**THANK YOU APPLYING!**

You will be contacted as soon as your application has been considered by the school board to set up a day for a school visit and on-site AIMSWeb testing.