



Pontiac Christian School

**Admission Application**

Educating Children for the Kingdom of God

# ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

**GENERAL ADMISSION STANDARDS:** Pontiac Christian School is committed to a Biblical philosophy of education which integrates Christian principles and scriptural truths with the academic and social experiences of every student. We endeavor to enroll students who will exhibit the Biblical values of showing care and concern for others in our school community, as well as a demonstration of enthusiasm for the learning process. General behavior is carefully considered, and the school maintains the right to refuse admittance to anyone it so chooses. Students will not be accepted in order to reform their behavioral needs since no special education for behavior matters is provided at this time. Families seeking admission are evaluated on the basis of their admission questionnaires, interviews, and potential to perform satisfactorily at Pontiac Christian School.

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN:** All students entering pre-kindergarten will be screened to ascertain their readiness for our pre-kindergarten program. A copy of the child's birth certificate is required for pre-kindergarten applicants. Pre-kindergarten students must be toilet-trained. Students entering the pre-kindergarten K3 class must be 3 years old on or before September 1 to be eligible for admittance in September of that year. Students entering the pre-kindergarten K4 class must be 4 years old on or before September 1 to be eligible for admittance in September of that year.

**KINDERGARTEN ADMISSIONS:** On entering kindergarten, the child must be five years of age on or before September 1 to be eligible for admittance in September of that year. All new students entering kindergarten will be screened to ascertain their readiness for the kindergarten program. A copy of the student's birth certificate is required for kindergarten applicants.

**FIRST-GRADE ADMISSIONS:** All students entering the first grade must be six years of age on or before September 1. All new students entering first-grade will be screened to ascertain their readiness for the first-grade program.

**SECOND THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE ADMISSIONS:** Students entering grades 2 - 8 must provide copies of recent standardized test scores with their application and may also be tested at the time of the interview.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES CHECKLIST

- NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE (\$150 per student for new families)
- FAMILY APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
- STUDENT APPLICATION
- BIRTH CERTIFICATE (preschool, kindergarten and first-grade)
- RECENT PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FORM INCLUDING IMMUNIZATION RECORD (kindergarten & 6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- DENTAL FORMS (kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- EYE FORMS (kindergarten)

When **all** of the above materials are complete, please turn the completed information in to the school office in this application folder.

## STEPS IN THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

- STEP ONE:** Submit a completed application for admission with copies of required records to the school with the non-refundable registration fee.
- STEP TWO:** The office staff will call you to schedule a family interview with the Principal and a screening date for the student applicant if necessary.
- STEP THREE:** The family will be interviewed by the Principal and student applicant will possibly be screened.
- STEP FOUR:** The school will make a decision as to the acceptance of the family and student based on the admissions procedures listed in this application and notify the family of its decision.
- STEP FIVE:** Following notification of acceptance, the family submits the book fee and activity fee, and if necessary, a release of records form (signed and sent to the student's former school).

## **ADMISSION STATUS DECISIONS**

- DENIED:** Students not approved for admission will be notified by letter.
- APPROVED:** Students approved for admission will be notified by letter or by telephone call.
- WAITING LIST:** Students approved for admission contingent upon available classroom space will be notified by letter. The student's application file will be placed in the student candidate pool in the order in which it was received, to be considered for admission when space becomes available.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission and purpose of Pontiac Christian School is to aid parents in leading children to academic, spiritual, physical, emotional and relational truth. These objectives are achieved by a curriculum and program which is instructional, demonstrational, relational, participatory, and recreational.

## **VISION**

The vision of Pontiac Christian School is to graduate students prepared for the academic rigors of higher education and who have the Christian character and faith to live their lives for Jesus Christ.

## **CORE VALUES**

The core values of Pontiac Christian School are to provide:

- 1) A solid spiritual, Biblical foundation (Psalm 102:25-27)
- 2) Academic excellence (Matthew 22:37)
- 3) Extra-curricular excellence (I Corinthians 10:31)
- 4) A low student-to-teacher ratio (Philippians 4:8)
- 5) An optimal learning environment (Isaiah 11:9b)

## **GOALS**

The chief goal of Pontiac Christian School is to encourage character development within each student which will evidence itself in self-disciplined behavior in all areas of his or her life. The school endeavors to provide an atmosphere conducive to the student's academic, spiritual, physical, emotional, relational development. Because the Bible teaches that salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ (Galatians 2:16), a personal relationship with Him is positively presented. This is the initial step in a child's spiritual development. In conjunction with providing opportunities for students to make this decision, steps are taken to assist them in becoming submissive to the Word and will of God for their lives.

## **SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS**

Pontiac Christian School is a private, non-denominational, independent Christian school. Pontiac Christian School is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA), and the Illinois Coalition of Non-Public Schools.

## **NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY**

Pontiac Christian School admits students of any race, color, gender, and national or ethnic origin, to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, or national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, and athletic and other school-administered programs. Pontiac Christian School does reserve the right to select students on the basis of religious commitment, academic performance, philosophical compatibility, and willingness to cooperate with the Pontiac Christian School administration and abide by its policies.



## Pontiac Christian School

# STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God, inerrant in the original writing, and that it is of supreme and final authority in faith and practice (II Timothy 3:16-19).

We teach that God is the absolute and sole creator of the universe, and that creation was by divine decree, not through evolutionary process. (Genesis 1:1-2:25)

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (I John 5:6-8).

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man (Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:35).

We teach that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We teach that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen. 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (I Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We teach that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt. 15:18-20; I Cor. 6:9-10)

We teach that such salvation with its forgiveness of sins, its imparting of a new nature, and its hope of eternal life is the pure grace of God apart from any good works, sacraments, religious deeds or other tokens of human merit which can not commend us to God. (I John 1:8-10, 3:9; II Cor. 5:17; I Cor. 15:1-58; Ephesians 2:8-9)

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our own sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood (I Corinthians 15:3; John 3:16).

We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into heaven, and in His present life there for us as High Priest and Advocate (Romans 15:4; Romans 8:34).

We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God (Romans 3:21-24; Galatians 3:26-27).

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting punishment of the lost (Matthew 25:46; John 3:16).

We teach that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior of attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Pontiac Christian School.