

Damascus Christian School

An Educational Ministry of Damascus Community Church

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Thank you for your interest in enrolling your children at Damascus Christian School. Admission to DCS is based on our Mission Statement and our Admission's Policy (page two). It is important that the Admission's Policy, the Statement of Faith, the Parents' Code, and Financial Policy all be read carefully.

MISSION STATEMENT: Damascus Christian School's mission is to assist Christian parents in the Biblical training of their children spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally, and physically to help prepare them to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ for God's glory and the building of his Kingdom.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Both sides of the enclosed *Student Application* form (white sheet) must be completed and forwarded to the school along WITH a one-time registration fee of \$100 per child and testing fee of \$30 (\$20 for kindergarten). **Applications cannot be processed until the completed form is received with the fees.**
2. For each student applying, the following must be provided:
 - a) A completed *Family Information* form (pink sheet)
 - b) A signed *Discipline* form (blue sheet).
 - c) A *New Student Information* form (yellow sheet) for each student entering grades 7-12.
 - d) A completed *Educator's Reference Form* (white), for each student entering grades 1-11.
 - e) The student's most recent report card and a copy of the most recent achievement test scores **are to be brought to the interview.** (Kindergarten and First Grade students exempt)
3. After completing Part I of the Pastor's Registration Form (blue sheet), give it to your pastor. The form is to be **submitted directly to the school office** by your pastor (you should include a school-addressed, stamped envelope for you pastor's convenience). Applications cannot be processed until the completed form is received from your pastor.
4. Testing will be done prior to the family interview. You will be notified of the available testing dates. Testing will take approximately 30 minutes for Kindergarten, and an hour and a half for 1st - 11th graders.
5. Parents of all applicants will be interviewed by the school administrator and, on occasion grade level teacher(s). The presence of both parents and prospective student(s) at the interview is required. Parents will be contacted by the school office to arrange the appointment.
6. Because of class-size limitations, early application is recommended.

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ADMISSION'S POLICY

PREAMBLE:

Christian education involves the whole person, therefore it is desirable that all 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 school be supported by a Christian home and a Christian church. Damascus Christian School was founded to educate the children of Christian parents. The school does not exist to replace the training of the home or the church; all three should compliment one another. Each should be in Biblical agreement for a truly well-rounded Christian education of the child. It is therefore necessary that all the parents agree with the philosophy and teaching of the school.

The following admission policies have been adopted to assure consistent standards of admission in agreement with the philosophy and purpose of the school:

ADMISSION POLICIES:

1. The parents must be born-again, Bible-believing, Christ-honoring Christians. (An exception may be made when only one parent is born-again, provided the non-believing spouse agrees not to oppose the Biblical teaching of the school.)
2. The parents must state in writing that they have read and agree with the Statement of Faith of the school, and both parents must agree to have their children educated in accordance therewith.
3. The parents must agree in writing that
 - a. the school has full discretion in the discipline of their children within bounds of the discipline policy.
 - b. the school has full discretion for the grade placement of children.
 - c. they will meet all tuition and other financial obligations.
 - d. they will willingly support the school in prayer and in lending practical help as needed by the school.
 - e. they have read, agree with, and will perform as is required by the Parent's Code.
4. Parents and prospective students must be interviewed by the school administrator, and at his discretion, the grade-level teacher of the prospective student.
5. All families should be in active fellowship with a Bible-believing church.
6. Prospective kindergarten students must be five years old by September 1st of their entering school year.
7. Students of parents who are members of Damascus Community Church have priority for enrollment.
 - a. Students of school families have priority over students of prospective school families.
 - b. When teachers and staff at DCS apply for admission of their first child, they will be considered to be a school family so as to have priority accorded a school family.
8. We do not feel it is "unchristian" to deny admission to students who require help from specially trained personnel or those who have a record of serious disciplinary or psychological problems.
9. Damascus Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, ethnic, or national origin. Qualified students are entitled to the rights and privileges generally afforded students at D.C.S.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We receive Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice (II Timothy 3:16-17).
2. We confess our faith in the one living and true God, revealed as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; the Creator and the Preserver of all things.
3. We believe that man was ruined by sin (Romans 3:9-12).
4. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, by His death, made atonement for sin and provided the way of salvation to every person; and that whosoever will accept Christ by faith "...shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life." (John 3:15, 16, 36).
5. We believe in One spirit; God, the Holy Spirit, through whose sovereign agency in sanctification, the soul is changed more and more into the divine image from glory to glory.
6. We believe that the Lord's Day, the ministry of the Word, the visible Church and the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are divinely appointed and are binding on the followers of Christ until His coming.
7. Trusting in God for the forgiveness of our sins for the sake of Christ, and that our prayers for guidance to know His will and for grace to do it will be answered, we covenant as His disciples to observe the Christian ordinances, and to honor our profession by a constant Christian life, and by divine aid to conduct our affairs in accordance with His Word and example, obeying the rule of Christ (Matthew 18:15-17).

PARENT'S CODE

1. I will pray earnestly for Damascus Christian School.
2. I will cooperate fully in the educational functions of D.C.S. doing my best to make Christian education effective in the life of each of my children that he or she may love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ all of his or her life.
3. I will pay all of my financial obligations to D.C.S. on or before the date due. If I am ever unable to pay on time, I will notify the Bookkeeper in advance, a) Giving a reasonable explanation for the delay, and b) stating when payment can be made.
4. I will support the school by gifts in addition to my tuition payments and fees, as the Lord enables. As God has prospered us, may we be faithful to Him.
5. I will undertake volunteer duties and responsibilities for D.C.S. as opportunities arise and as God provides time and strength.
6. I will recommend D.C.S. to other Christian families as opportunities arise.
7. I will attend meetings and parent functions of the School regularly, even though I may not be able to achieve perfect attendance.
8. If I become dissatisfied with the School in any respect, I will seek to resolve the matter with the person or persons most directly involved rather than to spread criticism or hold a negative attitude in my heart.
9. I will seek the advancement of D.C.S. in all areas - spiritually, academically, socially and physically.

