

# Greenwood Christian Academy Admissions Policy

GCA is an institution for students who desire an education in a Christian environment and can achieve in a school dedicated to academic, spiritual, and social excellence. As a Christian school, we are committed to the teaching of the Bible and are persuaded that there should be a direct relationship between what Christian students believe and how they behave. Very specific admission requirements have been established for each student desiring to enroll. The most important of these requirements are summarized below.

## Admissions: The Parent Partnership

Since the education of students is a partnership between parents/guardians and the GCA staff, at least one parent/guardian must share a faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, regularly attend church, and agree to GCA's Statement of Faith and Statement of Cooperation.

It is also necessary that parents recognize that GCA is not intended to be a facility of rehabilitation where parents enroll their children to address emerging patterns of undesirable behavior or to "convert" their children to the Christian faith.

## Admissions: The Student Partnership

Academically, we require that students:

- have a minimum 2.0 grade point average.
- have a composite achievement score at the 50th percentile and/or an "approaching proficiency" rating on the Indiana language arts and math assessments.
- with an IEP/ISP/504/ILP plan or students in Tier II or above be evaluated by GCA's Student Academic Services department to determine if the services offered by the school will provide the support needed for the student to succeed.

Spiritually, we expect our students to:

- have a relational faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior or, in the younger grades, the desire to grow into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.
- relate to other students and staff in a manner consistent with the Scriptures.

Attitudinally, we expect our students to:

- have a desire to be at GCA.
- demonstrate a cooperative spirit and have a history of acceptable citizenship (minimum of previous 12 months of no behavioral suspensions) in previous school experiences.
- take their educational responsibilities seriously.

#### SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

Applications, requested materials, and the application fee must be submitted through <u>www.gcak12.org/apply</u>. Once the application has been submitted, GCA's admissions team will request the applicant's transcript, behavior, and attendance records from his/her current school.

#### ASSESSMENT

Students may be tested to ensure their readiness for academic success at GCA through an assessment tool provided by the school.

#### INTERVIEW

If selected to move forward in the admissions process after a completed application and additional materials are reviewed, students and parents will be invited to schedule an interview with a division principal. The interview aims to discuss the student's application and familiarize the family with GCA, allowing administrators to decide prayerfully on enrollment.

## NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION

Due to limited enrollment opportunities, numerous applicants, and very specific enrollment criteria, we are not able to admit all students. Therefore, parents/students should not presume that enrollment is automatic. Parents/guardians will receive written notification of any student's acceptance or rejection as soon as possible. If accepted, parents will receive a notification via email with a link to the online enrollment packet and instructions for completion. The enrollment packet should be completed within 48 hours of issuance to guarantee enrollment. Failure to do so may result in placement in the admissions waiting pool.

Greenwood Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, nationality, 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, nationality, or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.