

Bulkley Valley Christian School
operated by
Christian School Society of Smithers & Telkwa

Admissions Policy

The Bulkley Valley Christian School exists to assist Christian parents and guardians in fulfilling their God-given responsibility to raise their children according to the principles of God's Word as stated in the Constitution & Bylaws, Vision Statement, Parent/School Partnership and the Code of Ethics.

A. BASIC CONSIDERATIONS

1. As the school is based on religious principles as taught in God's only infallible Word, the Bible, and is viewed as part of a three-fold link consisting of home, church, and school, it is necessary that at least one parent, (preferably both parents) or guardians requesting membership be able to give a clear testimony of their Christian faith and are active members of a church which agrees with the teachings of God's Word.
2. If the school needs to limit its enrolment, it will prioritize admissions as followings:
 - i. children of parents who are Society members and/or who already have other children enrolled in the school, first;
 - ii. children transferring from other SCSBC and CSI Christian Schools, second; and
 - iii. other Christian families, third.
3. The school will accept a student only if it believes it can provide a suitable educational program. In some instances, the school may decide that it lacks the resources to provide for a certain child. A final decision on the matter is made by the board, in consultation with the administration.
4. Kindergarten and Grade 1 children must have reached five (5) and six (6) years of age respectively by December 31 of the year of enrolment. Government funding regulations require that parents supply the school with proof of age (Birth Certificate).
5. Schools do not receive government funding grants for children whose parents are not legal residents of British Columbia. Therefore, such students are charged additional tuition fees to cover the lack of such grants.
6. Parents or Guardians must agree with or must agree to comply with all important documents of the school including the constitution and bylaws, vision statement, student and parent handbook, student discipline policy, parent/school partnership, code of ethics, tuition policy and admissions policy in order to be admitted.

B. GENERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. The parents or gaurdians will responsible to acquaint themselves with all the important school documents as set above.
2. The registration dates for admission of students are as follows:
 - a) Kindergarten through Grade 9 - beginning of each term (Sept. 1, Dec. 1, March 15)
 - b) High school Grades 10 through 12 - beginning of each semester (Sept. 1, Feb. 1)

The Admissions Committee will consider late registration if it can gather all relevant data in time and if the school has room at the requested grade level.

Students who move to the community with their families can register at any time pending availability of space.

3. The principal is responsible for placing the student at a suitable grade level or in a suitable program. This will require grade level or achievement testing.
4. Students may be accepted for a probationary period of three (3) months if necessary.
5. The school will expel a student whose conduct conflicts with the school's Christian character and program. The board of Directors makes final decisions about expulsion.

C. ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

1. Interested parents will first meet with the campus principal for an initial interview and will be given an admissions package. The parents will then submit back to the school office a completed Application for Membership form along with a Pastoral Reference, a signed Constitution & Bylaws and a signed Shared Commitments document. (The last two documents may be signed during the admissions visit.)
2. All parents and guardians will be interviewed by an Admissions Committee member and a board member. The interview will give parents/guardians an opportunity to share their testimony and will acquaint them (both should be present wherever feasible) more fully with the aims and expectations of the school.
3. The principal of the student's previous school(s) may be contacted. The Board of Directors will then review the Application for Membership form and all other relevant data, and inform the parents as soon as possible of its decision.
4. Following approval of membership, information will be gathered about the student's legal residency and medical history and a student registration form will be completed by the school secretary. This information often comes via the student records from a previous school.

D. SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

1. All new society members are expected to attend the school's orientation session. This session includes information about the basis and purpose of the school as described in the school society's constitution; a description of the school's character and its program; and the rights and obligations of society membership.
2. All society members are expected to attend general society meetings twice a year.
3. Membership may be in jeopardy if there are serious changes in lifestyle or Christian commitment or both.