



# Chapelgate Christian Academy

Assisting parents in the education of their children  
about life in the Light of God's Word

## **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

**The mission of Chapelgate Christian Academy (CCA) is, “Assisting parents in the education of their children about life in the light of God’s Word.” CCA believes that a student is best served when Christian parents partner with Christian institutions such as the local church and Christian school. Additionally, we believe it is important that parents understand and agree with our worldview if we are to effectively assist them in the education of their children. Please note our admissions requirements below** (these items are listed on pages 9 through 10 of the Parent - Student Handbook, 2009 - 2010):

✓ ***At least one parent professes to be in agreement with and sign the CCA Statement of Faith*** (page 9 in handbook)

One parent of the student applying for admission to CCA must read and agree with the nine statements listed on pages 11 through 12 of the Parent/Student Handbook

✓ ***At least one parent regularly attends an evangelical church.***

One parent of the student applying for admission to CCA must regularly attend a church where the following truths are taught (this is not an exhaustive list but will provide important tenets of an evangelical church):

1. The Bible is true and accurate. The historical events recorded in the Bible are accurate and should be taken literally. The Holy Spirit has preserved God's Word for us to understand and apply to our lives. The entire Bible is inspired by God and should be revered and obeyed.
2. Jesus Christ is God (One Member of the Trinity) and came to live on earth as a man for approximately thirty-three years. Jesus was crucified (in the providence of God) by the Roman government and literally arose from the dead three days later. He ascended into heaven where He now exists in bodily form preparing a place for Christians to live eternally with Himself. He will come to earth again to judge all people.
3. Every man, woman, and child is a sinner at birth and is destined to hell apart from God's forgiveness. Everyone is inherently selfish and prone to live a life that is contrary to God's commands and expectations. Apart from the work of God's Holy Spirit, no one would even seek God or desire to know Him personally.
4. Heaven and hell are literal places as described in the Bible. Everyone will spend eternity in one of those two places.
5. A Christian is one who has experienced God's forgiveness for sin and placed his or her trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Forgiveness for sin cannot be earned by doing good deeds. God's forgiveness of sin is purely an act of His grace and is received by faith. Even our faith in Christ as our Savior is a gift of God.

6. Man is incapable of producing righteousness due to his sin nature. We constantly battle our sin nature and often give in to it. The only righteousness possessed by a Christian is the righteousness of Christ given to us.
7. A Christian will desire to obey and serve God out of gratitude for His love, grace, and forgiveness.
8. Jesus Christ will return to earth to judge sin and to claim all those who have been forgiven by God. The Bible does not specify the exact time and sequence of future events.

✓ ***The student expresses a desire to attend CCA.***

During the interview with an administrator, the student must verbally express his or her willingness to attend CCA and to adhere to the rules, policies, and procedures of the school. We recognize that some students may express a hesitancy to attend CCA because they will miss friends from their current school. This will usually not disqualify that student from being admitted. However, the interview and admission process will be terminated when a student clearly and adamantly expresses a desire not to attend CCA. Parents should not force or otherwise persuade a student to express a desire that is contrary to the feelings of the student.

✓ ***The student passes the entrance exams or the equivalent and has transcripts with passing grade records. Our acceptance is based upon receipt of satisfactory permanent files.***

CCA administers the Stanford Achievement Test to prospective students. Students should typically score in the fiftieth percentile or higher for the reading, math, and language components of the test in order to be accepted. We recognize that some students achieve at a level higher than indicated on standardized tests and therefore CCA will not weight acceptance exclusively on the SAT results. Parents should provide CCA with copies of transcripts and report cards and should sign the records release form prior to the interview. Applicants with failing grades in the year prior to their application to CCA may be denied admission. After the process is complete and an official letter of acceptance is sent to the parents, CCA will send the records release form to the prior school officially requesting student records and transcripts. When that information is received and reviewed (barring no further concerns or information contrary to previous information), the student may be officially accepted.

✓ ***The student has acceptable records of deportment in school in the year prior to his enrollment at CCA.***

Students applying to CCA must have a clean slate of behavior in the year prior to application. Students who have been expelled in their previous school are typically not accepted. CCA is not a place for parents to send students for the purpose of moral reform.

✓ ***The student's medical record is on file in the school office.***

No student may attend classes at CCA until the school has a copy of his shot records. Therefore, no student will be officially accepted without a copy of that student's shot record in the application folder. All other pertinent medical records will be received and filed after the student has been accepted.

✓ ***The student lives with his parent(s) or legal guardian(s).***

The strength of CCA's relationship with each family and student is important to members of the administration and faculty. CCA enters into a contract with the parents or guardians of each student, not with the student. It is important that each student live with his parent or legal guardian to enhance communication between the school and the parent or guardian.

**CCA may deny admission to students under the following circumstances:**

✓ ***Both parents are non-Christian or do not attend church.***

CCA will generally not accept students when neither parent professes a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The same is true if neither parent regularly attends an evangelical church. (For an explanation of what "evangelical" means, please refer to items 1-6 under bullet two on the first page of this document.) "Christian" is defined as one who has been forgiven (sins) by God based solely on the death of Jesus Christ. A "Christian" recognizes that they cannot earn God's forgiveness by doing good deeds. Obedience to God's commands and good deeds are done purely out of sincere gratitude to God because He has forgiven one's sin and not for the purpose of earning God's favor.

✓ ***The parents have serious differences with the school's Biblical base or doctrine.***

CCA will generally not accept students whose parents have major disagreements with the Bible curriculum and doctrine of Chapelgate Presbyterian Church. We recognize that students at CCA represent a wide variety of church denominations and that not every parent and student will completely embrace our theology. Within the evangelical community, there is diversity of thought and interpretation of Scripture. CCA will not force our doctrinal teachings on students but parents must agree to have their children sit under the teachings of our doctrines. Bible tests will measure the understanding of what is taught in class and will reflect the doctrine taught at Chapelgate Presbyterian Church. If you desire a more complete understanding of our doctrine you can read the Westminster Confession of Faith (Shorter Catechism).

✓ ***The parents' motivation to enroll their children is only academic and Bible training is not tolerated.***

Parents enrolling their children in CCA should do so for the purpose of providing their children with a quality education taught from the perspective of the Christian worldview. CCA should not be exclusively viewed as a better academic alternative to other forms and institutions of learning. Likewise, parents should not enroll their children for the purpose of changing the unacceptable behavior and habits of their children. CCA believes that God can use Christian parents and institutions to teach biblical truth, but only God's Holy Spirit can change a human heart.

✓ ***The student evidences a background of academic, disciplinary or learning problems that are beyond the school's reach.***

CCA's mission is to support parents whose children show respect for authority and are willing to submit to the policies and expectations of the school they attend. Students, who have a record of disrespect for authority, people, and policies in their previous school, are typically not accepted as students at CCA.

✓ ***The student's family life is questionable or unstable.***

CCA is primarily an educational institution. We are not equipped or staffed to provide in-depth counseling services to students struggling with major concerns surrounding their home life. It is important that each student feels loved and held accountable by at least one parent. Our ability to assist parents in the education of their children about life is dependant on parents living a moral life style as is consistent with the teachings of Scripture.

✓ ***The administrator recommends that the application not be accepted.***

The School Board has given members of the school administration the authority to accept or reject student applications. It is important that members of the administration feel comfortable with the admission of every student. Therefore a student will be denied admission into CCA if members of the administration believe an applicant does not meet the standards and intentions of the admission policy.

✓ ***The student is married. CCA prefers to deal only with students who are responsible to their parents or guardian.***

The mission of CCA is to serve Christian parents. Students who enter into a marital relationship are no longer under the authority of their parents.

### **MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY OF CCA**

CCA exists to assist Christian parents in the education of their children. This education is not only academic, but includes instruction in all areas of life. Whether teaching math, science, history, English, or other areas, all formal and informal instruction is driven by the values and tenants of the Christian worldview. We view the Bible as our source of truth and will therefore operate under the principles taught in Scripture.

CCA also exists to prepare students for college and life. We do not purposely attempt to protect our students from "sin" in our culture. We believe that students are better prepared by exposing them to opposite viewpoints and philosophies as long as they are properly contrasted to Biblical Christianity. We believe that students need to develop their own beliefs and convictions before leaving home for college. Therefore we must assist them in understanding why they believe what they profess. CCA strives to answer not only the "what" questions, but the "why" questions as well.