



Unity Christian School Admissions Policies

The following are the policies of UCS regarding admittance.

A. Philosophy

The primary reason for the existence of Unity Christian School ("UCS") is to provide a Christian education for children from Christian Families. By "Christian Families" UCS means those families who believe and are committed to the Scriptural principles which are enunciated in UCS' Statement of Faith. This is in harmony with the fact that the school views itself as an extension of the Christian home as it fulfills its Biblical responsibility for the educating of children.

B. Non-Discrimination Policy

UCS admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at UCS. UCS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, tuition assistance programs, athletics, the arts and other school-administrated programs.

C. Admission Requirement

Admission will be limited to Christian Families in which at least one parent expresses a clear testimony of salvation through Jesus Christ and agreement with the Scriptural principles which are enunciated in UCS' Statement of Faith. Also, parents must be willing to sign UCS' parental Statement of Faith and Standard of Community Life. Included with this, all parents must be interviewed as outlined in this policy and students must successfully pass entrance testing requirements.

D. Parent Participation

The Lion's Pride plays a vital role in supporting the school through various service projects and activities. Parental involvement is of the essence. All parents are encouraged to pay their dues to join the Lion's Pride as well as attend the quarterly meetings held throughout the school year.

God has given parents the responsibility of raising children (Eph. 6:1-4, Psalm 127:3, Deut. 6:6-9.) Therefore, the relationship between Unity Christian School and parents is a partnership in which parental participation in the education of students is both welcomed and encouraged.

E. Registration

An application for enrollment is considered properly submitted when the application forms provided by UCS are completed and returned, together with an official transcript, signed Statement of Faith, signed Standard of Community Life, the appropriate **non-refundable registration fee**, teacher reference form and the pastoral reference form. No child will be assigned a position on enrollment lists until the admission process is completed. *See checklist for more information.*

F. Parent/Student Interviews

An interview of the applicant's parents and student (grades 6 through 12) will be conducted by a school administrator upon receiving all of the required application for enrollment forms. The purpose of the interview(s) is to ensure that:

- at least one parent believes in and is committed to the Scriptural principles which are enunciated in UCS's Statement of Faith;
- the parents' desire for a Christian education for their child;
- parents have an understanding of Christian education;
- that family beliefs and practices are consistent with the standards and values of UCS;
- the child, if high school age, expresses a desire to attend UCS and agrees to live in harmony with school standards;
- academic records and/or transcripts of previous school work, health records, and references are reviewed and found to be acceptable under the standard set by UCS;
- students with a history of behavioral problems have cleared their records with previous schools and now demonstrate a commitment for a changed life style in both personal testimony and character references; and

- questions that parents/students may have are answered.

G. Placement Testing

All students seeking admission into first grade and up at UCS will be tested or must submit testing information before enrollment can be granted. High school students seeking admission must produce an official school transcript and most recent report card, along with previous school records that would indicate any standardized testing. UCS administration will determine the appropriateness of the information received and level of testing required.

H. Records

All records must be on file before a student will be allowed to attend school [Georgia Law O.C.G.A. § 20-2-771(h).]

Required by Georgia Law:

- Current Georgia Immunization Certificate (form 3231) Revised 03-2007
Completed Form Required for K3, K4, K5, 6th grade, and All New Students
- Eye, Ear and Dental Exam Certificate (form 3300)
- Birth Certificate (copy)
- Social Security Card (copy)

Required by UCS:

- Enrollment Contract
- Student Application
- Permanent Records from Previous School (if applicable)
- Insurance Card (copy)
- Signed Discipline Plan
- Signed Affirmation of Standards Form
- Student Recommendation Form (grades 1-12)
- Church Reference Form
- Signed Standard of Community Life Form
- Signed Technology / Computer Acceptable Use Agreement Form
- Signed Publicity Release / Student Directory Participation Form

I. Admission Decisions

Standard Admission - is offered by UCS administration to those students who meet all requirements for enrollment at UCS.

Probationary Admission - is set by UCS administration due to extenuating circumstances brought about by the student's academic or behavioral profile. This probationary period would vary in length from one term to the entire academic year. At the end of the probationary time, as well as throughout the period, student's progress will be monitored and evaluated, with a decision made as to the student's continued enrollment at UCS. Disciplinary probation would be established due to past behavioral problems, attitudes expressed during the interview or concerns raised by references.

A student who receives disciplinary action with his current school must satisfy such disciplinary action, i.e., alternative school, in/out of school suspension, etc., and show himself to be reformed before admission into UCS will be considered.

J. School Age

All students enrolled in UCS's Pre-Kindergarten 3 program must be potty-trained and at least three years old on or before August 31st of the school year that they are to be enrolled. In certain individual circumstances, administrators may admit students younger than the stated policy based upon demonstrated abilities.