



Anchorage Christian Schools

Preschool • Elementary • Junior High • Senior High • Learning Center

Introductory Letter to Prospective Parents

Dear Parents:

Thank you for your interest in Anchorage Christian Schools. We have adopted an admissions policy that opens ACS to families who are like-minded spiritually, who are supportive of our philosophy, objectives, and standards of education, and whose children meet our enrollment standards. Our purpose is to serve families who desire not simply a private education but a distinctively Christian education for their children.

Before applying for admission to ACS please read the Student Handbook available online at www.acsedu.org/publications/. The Student Handbook will introduce you to many of our policies, procedures, and expectations for both parents and students.

The Handbook explains our religious purpose, mission, and beliefs. ACS unashamedly believes, teaches, and practices a literal interpretation of the Bible. If you do not agree with our religious mission and beliefs, enrolling your child in ACS will likely cause him or her confusion. For example, if a question regarding biblical lifestyles arises in chapel or your child's classroom, the speaker or teacher will answer from a biblical viewpoint consistent with our mission and belief statement. If your beliefs and lifestyle choices are not in agreement with our doctrinal stance, that answer will likely create conflict in your child's heart and mind. This internal conflict could drive a wedge between you and your child, cause your child to negatively judge you as a parent, or force your child to choose between our teaching and what he or she learns at home.

We respect your desire to place your child in the best possible learning environment, but if you are not in full agreement with our doctrinal positions, the Admissions Committee believes it will be best for all concerned if you do not enroll your child at ACS.

Biblical principles are integrated into every subject taught at our school. We consider all of our staff ministerial as they are committed not only to academic excellence, but also to teaching students how to apply the truths of God's Word to every aspect of life and modeling those principles in their personal lives. If you are in agreement with the teachings of God's Word, ACS will complement the beliefs and ideals your child is taught at home. We look forward to partnering with you to educate your child in God's truth.

The Admissions Committee

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION

I understand:

- And accept that the education of children and youth is the primary responsibility of parents (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 78:1-7). By asking Anchorage Christian Schools (ACS) to partner with this God-given task, I am committing in turn to support the school, its programs, personnel, and policies. It is my desire to have my child(ren) enrolled in ACS.
- That the standards of ACS do not tolerate profanity, obscenity in word or action, dishonor to God or the Word of God, disrespect to ACS personnel, or continued disobedience to the established policies of ACS.
- The educational services of ACS are engaged by mutual consent, and that either ACS or I reserve the right to terminate any or all services at any time.
- If my child(ren) is/are accepted I will cooperate with the school in having my child(ren) educated in accordance with Christian philosophy as set forth in the registration materials and Student Handbook. I further understand that agreement to these policies does not contractually bind ACS and these policies are subject to change without notice by the administration.
- Admission to ACS is a privilege, not a right, and admission for one school year, or any part of one school year, does not guarantee automatic admission for future school years.
- The Mission Statement of ACS, as a religious institution providing an education in a distinctly Christian environment, is to work hand-in-hand with Christian parents in educating their child(ren) according to biblical principles. ACS reserves the right to refuse or terminate enrollment based on unbiblical lifestyle choices of the student or parent. On those occasions in which the atmosphere or conduct within a particular home is counter to or in direct opposition to the biblical lifestyle ACS teaches, ACS reserves the right, within its sole discretion, to refuse admission to an applicant or to discontinue enrollment of a student. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, living in, condoning, or supporting: sexual immorality; homosexual acts or same sex orientation; profession to be transgender or transgender actions; promoting such practices; or otherwise the inability to support the moral principles of ACS (Genesis 1:26, 27; Leviticus 20:13a; Matthew 19:4-6; Romans 1:26, 27; I Corinthians 6:9-11).
- ACS is a part of the educational ministry of the Anchorage Baptist Temple (ABT) which contributes significantly to ACS by providing our excellent facilities, resulting in a lower tuition rate for students. Since a negative spirit expressed through criticism of any ABT or ACS staff, privately or publically, including social media sites, will undermine our ability to help your child(ren), ACS reserves the right to refuse or terminate enrollment for such criticism.
- School-related conflicts should be resolved using principles outlined in Matthew 5:23, 24; 18:15-20; I Corinthians 6:1-8. Slander and gossip, public or private, including on social media sites, is not in harmony with biblical injunctions to abstain from such behavior and seek peace (Colossians 3:8; Ephesians 4:29; I Peter 3:11).
- School trips are an important enhancement to the educational experience of students. I therefore give permission for my child(ren) to participate in all school activities including bus trips, sports, and school-sponsored trips away from the school premises.
- Discipline is essential for the welfare of each student, as well as the entire school. I give permission for, and pledge my cooperation with, my child(ren)'s teacher(s) and / or agent(s) of the school to make and enforce classroom regulations in a manner consistent with Christian principles and discipline as set forth in the Scriptures.
- And give my consent for the editing and use of one or more soundtracks, images, or recordings of my child(ren) for promotional purposes and release ACS and its employees and assignees from any and all claims resulting from such use and editing.
- Children have a right to privacy and I will respect that right by not posting online other children's images without first acquiring permission to do so from their parents.
- ACS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, or ethnic origin in admissions or in the administration of any of its policies or programs.

AGREEMENT

- I hereby affirm that I have read the Student Handbook and discussed its policies with my student. I certify that I consent to and will submit to all governing policies of ACS, including all applicable policies in the Student Handbook.
- I agree that I will insist that my child submit to its program, academic and disciplinary regulations, and all other requirements instituted by the administration and carried out by the principal and faculty.
- I agree to pay all tuition and fees associated with enrollment at ACS on time as outlined in the financial policies; if unforeseen events hinder this commitment I will communicate promptly and honestly with the Finance Office and Smart Tuition.
- I agree to hold the school and its agents harmless to the maximum extent allowable by law for any liability to my child(ren) or any guardian or parent thereof because of any claims on behalf of my child(ren) against the school or any agent thereof because of any injury to my child(ren).
- I agree to pay attorney fees, court fees, damages, or other costs that ACS or its agent should incur to defend itself against such action should legal action for any reason be taken against ACS or any employee or agent thereof on my child's behalf and the school or its agent not be found at fault.

Date: _____

Signatures:*

Father (or Sole Guardian): _____ Mother: _____

*Both Parents Must Sign

(Revised 11/2015)

SECONDARY STANDARD OF CONDUCT FORM
(to be completed by the student)

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

School previously attended: _____

The student's attitude, conversation, and behavior reflect the character of the institutions from which he/she derives his/her training, primarily the home, church, and school. This form reflects the school's attempt to secure students who would best adjust to the rigor of a disciplined training program.

Do you attend church regularly? _____ Where? _____

Are you a Christian? _____ At what age were you saved? _____

Do you accept the Bible as God's Word and submit yourself to its principles as a final authority? _____

Do you sincerely pledge allegiance to the Christian and American flags? _____

Have you ever smoked? _____ If yes, when was the last time you smoked? _____

Have you ever vaped? _____ If yes, when was the last time you vaped? _____

Have you ever used illegal drugs? _____ If yes, when was the last time? _____

Have you ever run away from home? _____ If so, how long ago? _____

The biblical and philosophical goal of Anchorage Christian Schools is to develop students into mature, Christlike individuals who will exhibit a Christlike life. Of necessity, this involves the school's understanding and belief of what qualities or characteristics exemplify a Christlike life. Even though parents and/or students may personally believe differently, while enrolled at Anchorage Christian Schools, all students are expected to exhibit the qualities of a Christlike life espoused and taught by the school and to refrain from certain activities or behaviors.

Students are expected to abide by the Code of Christian Conduct outlined in the ACS Student Handbook from the time they are accepted into the school.

Please read the following statement carefully and sign below to indicate your agreement.

I hereby affirm that I have read the Student Handbook. I certify that I consent to, and will submit to all governing policies of ACS, including all applicable policies in the Student Handbook, and will respect authority without being critical and finding fault.

I understand that the Student Handbook does not contractually bind ACS and is subject to change without notice by the ACS Administration.

I understand that admission to ACS is a privilege, not a right. I further understand that students are expected to abide by the Code of Christian Conduct, as outlined in the Student Handbook, from the time they are accepted into the school (this includes school time, summertime, weekends, and holidays) and that any behavior, either on or off campus, which is not consistent with the school's standards could result in the loss of that privilege.

Signature of Student

Administrator

Date

Leader's Recommendation

Name of Applicant: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

Dear Church/School/Civic Leader:

Anchorage Christian Schools is a school whose stated purpose is to "train students in the knowledge of God and the Christian way of life and to give the student an excellent education." To accomplish this Anchorage Christian Schools strives to provide an environment in which each student may develop to his/her optimum potential spiritually, mentally, and physically, as well as socially, culturally, and vocationally. ACS works with the home and the church in order to accomplish these goals. With these goals in mind, students who are failing academically or who have substance related or disciplinary problems are not encouraged to apply.

In consideration of the mission and purpose of Anchorage Christian Schools, please provide an evaluation of the fitness of the above referenced student for enrollment in Anchorage Christian Schools. In consideration of the student's success and the effectiveness of the school program in general, please be candid.

Leader's Name _____ Title _____

Church/School/Civic Organization Information:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Please respond to the following questions regarding the applicant:

How long have you known the applicant? _____

How well do you know the applicant? very well fairly well casually

Do you consider the applicant's behavior to be age appropriate? consistently usually seldom

Comment: _____

Is the applicant significantly influenced by unwholesome peer pressure? Yes No

Comment: _____

Please indicate the applicant's involvement in your church/school/organization.

Please check only one (1) of the responses for each characteristic below.

Courtesy: typically courteous periodically rude frequently rude
Cooperation: typically cooperative periodically uncooperative frequently uncooperative
Respect: typically respectful periodically disrespectful frequently disrespectful

Bottom line recommendation:

Highly recommend the applicant Recommend applicant with reasonable confidence
 Recommend with some reservation Recommend applicant not be invited to enroll

Do you consider the applicant's parents to be supportive and cooperative? consistently usually seldom

Any additional comments may be attached or written on the back of this sheet.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Tuberculosis (TB) Risk Assessment for Alaska Students

Student name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

	Yes	No	Notes
Has the student been in contact with anyone who has active TB disease in the past year?	Yes	No	
Is the student foreign-born?*(Any country other than US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or Western / Northern Europe)	Yes	No	
Has the student travelled to a high-TB-prevalence country for more than a month cumulatively during the past year? (Any country other than US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or Western / Northern Europe)	Yes	No	
In Alaska, TB is most common in the Yukon-Kuskokwim or Norton Sound regions. Does the student live in one of these regions, or has the student travelled to one of these regions for more than a month cumulatively during the past year?	Yes	No	

- If you have answered "YES" to any of the questions above, a TST (tuberculin skin test) is to be done. The school nurse will contact you to make arrangements.
- If all responses are "NO", no further testing is indicated.

Foreign born students only require a TST **once upon school entrance unless they have travelled to high prevalence countries or high prevalence areas of Alaska.*

Please contact the Nurses' Office at 269-3815 if you have any questions or concerns. Thank You!

Parent / Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____



STUDENT RECORDS REQUEST

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TO: REGISTRAR

SCHOOL NAME _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

COUNSELOR'S NAME _____

PHONE _____

FAX _____

NAME OF STUDENT

BIRTHDATE

GRADE ENTERING

NAME OF STUDENT	BIRTHDATE	GRADE ENTERING
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

LAST ATTENDED YOUR SCHOOL _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

PLEASE SIGN TO RELEASE INFORMATION:

I HEREBY GIVE PERMISSION FOR ANCHORAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS TO CONTACT MY CHILD'S SCHOOL TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING RECORDS AND VERBAL INFORMATION FOR ADMISSIONS PURPOSES, GUIDANCE AND EDUCATIONAL PLANNING:

***GRADES & TRANSCRIPTS**

***SCHOOL HEALTH RECORDS**

***PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING**

***DISCIPLINARY HISTORY INCLUDING PROBLEMS RELATING TO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, WEAPONS, FIGHTING, AND TRUANCY**

***EDUCATIONAL TESTING**

***SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS**

***ATTENDANCE HISTORY**

SIGNATURE OF PARENT _____ DATE _____