

New Covenant Christian School



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2010-11 PASTOR RECOMMENDATION

NOTE TO PARENTS: Please complete the information in the box, and then ask your Pastor to complete this form in its entirety and mail or fax it directly to the school. **Interviews will not be scheduled until this completed form is received by NCCS.**

Student Name: _____	Grade in the Fall: _____
Parent(s) Name(s): _____	Phone: _____
Address: _____	City/State/Zip: _____

NOTE TO THE PASTOR: Your evaluation of the above family will be very helpful to us in considering this student for admission to New Covenant Christian School. The information you provide will be held in strict confidence. Please complete this form in light of your knowledge of the student and his/her family, and fax or mail it directly to NCCS. Thank you for your input.

Please comment on the following:

1. The student's spiritual life (Has this student made a commitment to Christ? Is he/she active in the church? Is he/she open to spiritual instruction?).

2. Has this student been baptized? Yes No

3. How does this student demonstrate that he/she is a disciple of Christ? _____

4. Is the student or the student's family a member of your church? Yes No

5. Have the parents of the student made a commitment to Christ? Yes No

6. How would you rate your pastoral relationship with this family?

Very Involved Somewhat Involved Involved through Delegation Occasional Contact No Contact

7. What is the level of family involvement in your church? (Please comment on attendance and support.)

8. Is there anything in this student's personal or family life that you feel would be a hindrance to his/her successful functioning at NCCS? (Please see the Vision Statement on the back of this form.) Yes No If yes, please explain.

9. Would you like us to phone you for follow-up? Yes No

10. Do you recommend that this student be admitted to NCCS? Yes No

Church Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____ **Pastor's Name (Print):** _____

City/State/Zip: _____ **Pastor's Signature:** _____

VISION STATEMENT

NEW COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A Classical Christian Education

Our Vision at New Covenant Christian School is to assist Christian families by providing a Bible-based, Christ-centered education challenging students to excellence in vision and practice in personal discipleship, academics, wholesome living and world outreach. New Covenant Christian School exists as a response of faith and obedience on the part of committed Christian parents and members of New Covenant Christian Church to the mandate of our sovereign God with respect to the education, training, discipline and nurture of the sons and daughters He has entrusted to our care. With this vision in mind, NCCS seeks to operate under the motto “A Christ-centered and Classical Education.”

By a “Christ-centered Education,” we mean that, in all its levels, programs, and teaching, New Covenant Christian School seeks to do the following things:

1. **Teach all subjects as part of an integrated whole with the scriptures at the center.** (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Colossians 1:15-20) *There is no such thing as neutrality in education. Every fact, every truth, is understood in the light of a certain worldview. This means that history, art, music, mathematics, etc., must all be taught in light of God’s existence and His revelation of His Son, Jesus Christ.*
2. **Provide a clear model of the Biblical Christian life through our leadership and staff.** (Matthew 22:37-40; Matthew 5:13-16) *Because we are in the business of teaching a Biblical worldview, we must also be in the business of leading exemplary Christian lives.*
3. **Encourage every child to begin and develop his relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ.** (Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 19:13-15) *Without regeneration, a Christian worldview and a Christian lifestyle are unachievable. Good instruction is conducive to rational Christian minds and godly Christian lives, but only if it presupposes and is built on the gospel. It is our goal to be used by God to bring every child who does not have a relationship with the Father into such a relationship through Christ. If the child already knows the Lord, it is our goal to encourage him or her to develop that relationship. As the child grows, the education received will further that growth.*

By a “Classical Education,” we mean that, in all its levels, programs, and teaching, New Covenant Christian School seeks to do the following things:

1. **Emphasize grammar, logic, and rhetoric in all its subjects.** *The structure of our curriculum is traditional with a strong emphasis on “the basics”... subjects such as mathematics, history, and language studies. Not only are these subjects taught, they are taught in a certain way. For example, in history class the students will not only read from textbooks, they will also read from original historical documents.*

Each subject has its own **grammar, logic, and rhetoric**. By **grammar**, we mean the fundamental rules of each subject as well as the basic data that exhibit those rules. The **logic** of each subject refers to the ordered relationship of that subject’s particulars. As the students learn the underlying rules or principles of a subject (grammar) along with how the particulars of that subject relate to one another (logic), they are not simply learning unrelated facts and information; they are learning to think.

Rhetoric has to do with students being able to express clearly everything as they learn. An essay in history must be written as clearly as if it were an English paper. An oral presentation in science should be as coherent as a persuasive speech in a debate class. It is not enough that the facts of any particular subject are correct; they must also be expressed well.

2. **Provide an orderly atmosphere conducive to the attainment of the above goals.** *There is only one way to maintain an orderly atmosphere in a school, and that is by means of strict, loving discipline. It is possible for discipline to be strict without ceasing to be fair or loving. Indeed, when discipline lapses, fairness and love are usually the first casualties. There is no way to love or instruct a child in the midst of chaos. It is our desire to be a service to parents, not a replacement for them. Since our primary obligation is to the majority of students who require an orderly atmosphere in which to learn, we do not tolerate the presence of a disruptive student. He/she must either submit to the standards of the school, or be subject to expulsion.*
3. **Encourage every student to develop a love for learning and live up to his or her academic potential.** *Because our school has a low student/teacher ratio, the instructor has ample opportunities to encourage individual students. If this goal is successfully reached, then the student will spend the rest of his/her life building on the foundation laid during his/her time at New Covenant. Not only did the student receive the tools of learning, he/she acquired the desire to use them.*