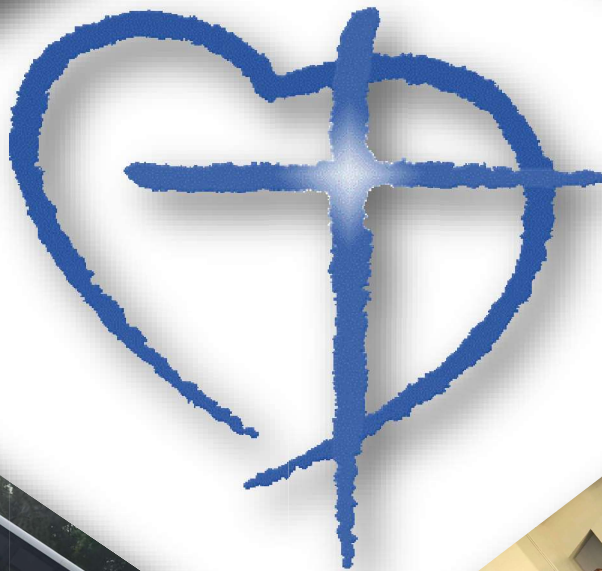


# Englewood Christian School Family Handbook 2020-2021



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**Please remember at ECS we use the term “parent” to mean those bearing the legal and/or God-given responsibility of raising a child. We realize that there are many forms of family, but we are using the term “parent” to indicate the individual raising a student, not simply the biological parent(s) of the individual.**

*This handbook supersedes any previous version. This handbook serves as policy and procedures for parents and students of Englewood Christian School. The Faculty and Staff Members reserve the right to change the policy or procedure at any time in their sole discretion after reasonable notice to parents and students .*

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# A Message from Our Administrator

2020/2021 will be our eighth year of operation. In that time, we have never encountered a child who could not learn. A child may have a specific set of challenges, an attitude that is adverse to learning or authority, or simply a unique pace in which the she or he progresses. The one thing we do know is that children were designed by God and learn as unique individuals. Therefore, we believe that each child needs to be educated as an individual, and we are both blessed and honored by the opportunity to serve you and your children as your school of choice.

To that end, the purpose of the Parent/Student Handbook is to ensure that each student and his or her family is fully informed of the policies, expectations, and privileges provided to Englewood Christian School (ECS) students. In so doing, it is our hope that parents, students and faculty will have a smooth, successful and enjoyable school year. When questions arise during the school year, please consult your handbook. Of course, there is no way every situation can be addressed. Questions left unanswered by the policies contained within will be left to the discretion of the administration.

If parents have a concern or issue, please contact the person or people closest to the situation. While it may be tempting to “go straight to the top” with a concern, the response from the top will usually be to refer you to those who have the most knowledge of the situation. If an issue cannot be resolved at that level, then it should be brought to my attention.

Open communication and ongoing dialogue between home and school are necessary to the development of honest relationships that are necessary for the optimal education of our students. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. I look forward to another enriching and rewarding year at ECS! Go Bluehawks!



Sincerely,

Rev. Michael J. Lindsey,

Administrator, Englewood Christian School

JESUS SAID, “LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME , AND DO NOT HINDER THEM...

Matthew 19:14 NIV

# Mission Statement

Englewood Christian School (ECS) is a non-denominational, private institution offering an excellent educational opportunity for students of all varieties. Our purpose is to aid our students in academic development, while also helping them to develop Godliness of character and moral action in their lives. We desire to work in partnership with parents to train children to become outstanding Christian citizens.

We are also committed to teaching moral and ethical standards based upon the Word of God. Our school is designed to assist students in building a framework of values upon which they can develop character and a wholesome orientation to life.

## Our Motto

Your Child, Our Focus

## Opportunity

The following attributes are what make ECS distinct when compared to other schools and their curricula:

1. Diagnostic Testing—ECS tests each incoming student to assess learning levels and help student patch “holes” in their previous learning experiences.
2. Traditional Christian Values—Each student experiences chapel, learns scripture verses, and Christ-centered character traits in their daily and weekly work throughout the year.
3. Individualized Instruction—Our low student/teacher ratio allows us to focus on a student as she or he needs attention rather than forcing students into a lecture-based classroom where the assumption is that all students learn at the same speed.
4. Divergent Learning Tracks—We offer three learning tracks to further individualize a student’s learning.



Our school colors are Royal Blue and White. The White symbolizes the purity of Christ and the cleanliness of a heart surrendered to Him. The Royal Blue symbolizes the royalty and majesty of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our logo is the Cross-Centered Heart, which we know to be the key to success in this life and victory through Christ’s Death and Resurrection. Our mascot is the American Kestrel, or Blue Hawk. We chose this mascot because the Kestrel is a fierce bird that, when trained correctly, accomplishes many things in the sport of falconry. They are a widespread bird, yet their coloring and ability to learn makes them as unique as the students we care and pray for.

# Good Standing

ECS understands that, from a Biblical perspective, no human being is perfect, nor should we ever expect any individual, especially a child, to act in a perfected manner. However, ECS believes that students need to strive to understand that there are consequences and rewards, whether positive or negative, for all aspects of behavior and dependability or the lack thereof. As such, students are expected to remain in GOOD STANDING with the school in order to participate in all of its normal, extracurricular, and enhancement activities. At ECS, we define GOOD STANDING as follows:

1. A student in good standing with ECS has maintained her or his work efforts to the current point in the active school year. This includes completing all aspects of the student's chosen learning track and any homework/school based assignments.
2. A student in good standing with ECS has maintained a grade average deemed acceptable for his or her academic level. Excessive failures or repetitive cheating or plagiarism (copying the work of others as your own) will remove a student from good standing.
3. A student in good standing with ECS has received less than 15 demerits for the current quarter and has made up any previous demerits.
4. A student in good standing with ECS has no outstanding financial obligations to the school.

## Section 1—Admissions

### Admissions Process

**Step 1**—Schedule a tour of Englewood Christian School (ECS).

We encourage this because familiarizing yourself with our campus and seeing our classrooms in action will help you decide if ECS is the school for you and your student(s).

**Step 2**— Complete and return the ECS Application Form.

**Step 3**—School Records/Transcripts are required of all applicants for grades 1-12 and/or for all transfer students.

Complete and return the Official Records Request form included in the application packet.  
Send copies of any IEP, Report Cards, etc. currently in your possession.

**Step 4**—A parent/student interview and testing date will be scheduled. Students are also highly encouraged to set a date to “shadow” an ECS student, which provides an opportunity for new students to experience a day at ECS.

Your student will also perform any required diagnostic testing that day.  
Your student should dress according to our dress code.  
Students should bring a lunch (no soda or candy please).

**Step 5**—When a student's application file is complete it will be reviewed by ECS staff for acceptance. Parents are notified of an applicant's acceptance within two weeks of approval.

**Step 6**—Parents need to select a learning tract for their student to ensure the student is correctly placed in relation to progress expectations. The contract sheet is included in the application packet.

**Step 7**—Students cannot begin school until ECS has, in its possession, a completed registration packet. This packet includes:

- A completed ECS Application form.
- A completed Medical form, First Aid/Emergency Treatment form, and Student Pick-up form.
- Copy of student's birth certificate and immunization form.
- The ECS Tuition Agreement, Bus Fee Agreement, and Shirt Order Form (If Applicable).
- A completed Parent contract and Learning Track Contract.