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## Admission to Light House Academy

*Reflecting Christ. Enriching Minds.*

Thank you for your interest in our school! Light House Academy maintains an Admissions Policy that opens the school to families who are like-minded spiritually; supportive of our Statement of Faith, philosophy, objectives and standards of education; and whose children meet our enrollment criteria. Our purpose is to serve families who desire a distinctively Christian education for their children.

Before applying for admission to our school, please read both our General Admissions Policy and the Light House Academy Handbook. The Handbook will introduce you to the school's policies, procedures, and expectations for both students and parents.

The first several pages of the Student Handbook explain our religious purpose, mission, and beliefs. This school unashamedly believes, teaches, and practices a literal interpretation of the Bible, the Word of God. All members of the Light House Corporation must sign an acknowledgment agreeing to our Statement of Faith, our Mission, Purpose and our Values. If you cannot support and demonstrate ongoing compliance with those tenets, and provide a Christian Church reference where you regularly attend, then your application will not be received.

Biblical principles are integrated into every subject taught at our school. Our staff is 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. If you are in agreement with the teachings of God's Word, this school will complement the beliefs and ideals your child is taught at home. We look forward to partnering with you to educate your child consistent with God's truth(s).

Both the General Application and the Handbook are available online from our website:  
[LHouseAcademy.org](http://LHouseAcademy.org).

## General Admissions Policy

Admission to Light House Academy is based on the following criteria:

- 1 The student and family must demonstrate a desire to receive an education built upon a Biblical worldview and strong academic curriculum.
- 2 The student must demonstrate academic competence as indicated by successfully completing previous grades and/or standardized achievement test scores. If necessary, the student may be asked to take an independent assessment to determine grade-level placement.
- 3 All new students and their families are subject to a probationary period of 90 calendar days, during which time their academics and overall behavior will be evaluated for being an appropriate fit for Light House Academy. During this period, a student can be dismissed if problems develop. Behavioral and academic expectations are further explained in the Handbook.
- 4 A student's acceptance at a grade level is contingent upon the student's ability, as measured by a standardized assessment program and/or by the interview data. Should a change be deemed necessary, parents will be consulted to orchestrate a plan of action.
- 5 The student and family must be willing to submit to the policies and procedures of Light House Academy. This is determined through interviews with the student and family, through teacher recommendations, and by the family agreeing to Light House Academy's Statement of Faith and Handbook.

General Applications to Light House Academy:

- 1 Application must be fully completed, including personal references and the Christian church that the applicants regularly attend along with their pastor's contact information. References will be contacted for verification and recommendation. Incomplete applications will not be considered for entrance to the school.
- 2 Must be prepared by the parent(s)/guardian(s) who have legal custody:
  - 2.a by birth (birth certificate required), or
  - 2.b by court designation (current Child Custody Agreement on file with Court is required).  
Light House Academy abides by the terms of the Child Custody Agreement, and only the individual(s) having legal custody are qualified to apply to Light House Academy, become a member of the corporation, and communicate any changes to the student's educational plans to the school. Any changes to the Child Custody Agreement must be filed with the school, and may at the determination of the Board change the eligibility for enrollment in the school and membership in the corporation. Please refer to the Corporation's Bylaws, Handbook, Statement of Faith, Mission/Vision, and Core Values for more information on eligibility.
- 3 Must include a valid primary address of the parent(s) or guardian(s) where the student resides for the majority of the time. That household must include:
  - 3.a a single parent/legal guardian, with or without other children and/or immediate family members, or
  - 3.b a couple (married parents/legal guardians), defined as a legally married man and woman, with or without other children. (*Rom. 7:2-3, Matt. 19:5-6, Eph. 5:22-23*)
- 4 Will be reviewed by the Light House Academy Admissions Committee and/or Board for completeness and compliance with Light House Academy's Statement of Faith, principles and practices. The Board will make final determination regarding Application acceptance.

- 5 Following the acceptance of the Application, the applicant (parents/guardians and student) will be interviewed by an Application Committee and a recommendation made to the Board. The Board retains the right of final determination.

As determined by the Board and Admissions Committee, no student shall be admitted who:

- 1 Is not eligible to return to their previous school.
- 2 Has a history of disciplinary problems at prior schools.
- 3 Has an academic deficiency that cannot be addressed at Light House Academy (based upon assessments, school records, or information received during Application). (Note: If, during the course of a student's relationship with Light House Academy, it becomes evident that LHA cannot fully serve the needs of the student, then it may be necessary to direct them to other educational institutions. LHA will make reasonable effort to accommodate the special needs of students using the resources reasonably available to the school. This can include intervention by outside professionals working in conjunction with the faculty and parents. Under unusual or extenuating circumstances, it may be necessary to hire special assistance or therapeutic services whose costs will be passed along to the family.)
- 4 Has an emotional problem that cannot be managed by Light House Academy.
- 5 Has a criminal record or a reputation that is ungodly.
- 6 Has a physical handicap or learning disability for which our program is not staffed.
- 7 Is married or has been married.
- 8 Is pregnant or has custody or guardianship of a child.
- 9 Has expressed a homosexual, bisexual, or transgender orientation. (*Rom. 13:13, I Cor. 6:9-10*). Students must also present themselves in the gender as recorded on their birth certificate.
- 10 Has any other educational, social, and/or physical need that cannot be met by Light House Academy's existing programs, services, or staff.
- 11 Whose parents' or guardians' lifestyle is inconsistent with Light House Academy's standards for families, based upon our Statement of Faith, policies or practices.

Light House Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities accorded or made available to Light House Academy students. We do not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of our educational policies, admissions procedures, tuition assistance awards, or athletic or other school administered programs. We do, however, reserve the right to deny admission to any individual who cannot benefit from enrollment, based on past academic achievement, conduct history, disqualifying health issue, or whose personal or family beliefs and/or lifestyle is not in harmony with the statement of Faith and spiritual discernment of Light House Academy.

Light House Academy, as a private institution, reserves the privilege of setting and maintaining its own standards for student conduct and operational practices. Admission to Light House Academy is a privilege and not a right. Therefore, Light House Academy maintains the right to admit only those students who are in harmony with the standards of the Corporation. Further, Light House Academy reserves the right, without refunding tuition, to dismiss any student who does not respect its standards, provide reasonable cooperation in the educational process, or whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interest of Light House Academy and its mission.

Admission to Light House Academy is based on several factors, including, but not limited to: academics, conduct history, reference checks, and parental attitude and support. The Light House Academy Board

reserves the right to deny any student admission/readmission or to dismiss a student at any time for any reason and is not obligated to disclose the reasons for the denial.

### The Interview

The purpose of the interview is to meet the family, to validate and clarify information, to assess compatibility between the family and the school, and to determine whether the school can meet the educational needs of the student. After the interview, parents will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance. Upon acceptance, parents will complete the Enrollment materials and begin receiving regular correspondence from Light House Academy.

### Grounds for Reversal of Acceptance

In general, two circumstances may cause the school to reverse a prior decision to accept a student. Acceptance may be reversed if there is evidence that information provided to the school has been falsified. In the event that an attempt has been made to gain acceptance by falsifying information, the student will not be permitted to attend school even if a prior acceptance has been granted. This includes information obtained from written records as well as from comments made during interviews. Acceptance may also be reversed if a student fails to show up for school when anticipated (such as the first day of school) and no contact has been made to account for the absence. A student who is absent five (5) days, without notification from a parent, will be withdrawn from the school

### Re-Enrollment Admissions Requirements

Re-Enrollment is only available to students (families) who completed the immediately previous school year. Any other interruption in the student's enrollment (years skipped, withdrawn for any reason, etc.) will constitute a 'new enrollment' and include all the steps of a new applicant.

Current Light House Academy families must annually re-enroll. This re-enrollment brings all information up to date, including but not limited to contact information, health information, and any other pertinent updates to the family or student file.

## Grade-Level Requirements

### Elementary: Grades K-4

- To be admitted, a student must present evidence of readiness, including the satisfactory completion of work for the grade previous to that for which he/she is making application.
- Applicants for kindergarten must be five (5) years of age on or before September 1 and at least six (6) years old for first grade by September 1 of the school year in which the student is applying.
- Students must show at least average performance as indicated by a standardized testing program. Students must have passed the most recent grade level prior to application.
- If it is determined that gaps exist in academic areas, additional intervention tools or assessments may be required at an additional cost to the parents/guardians.

### Middle School: Grades 5-8

- To be admitted, a student must present evidence of competency in language arts and mathematics skills for the academic level to which the student is to be enrolled.
- For admittance to middle school, a student must have successfully passed the previous grade.
- If it is determined that gaps exist in academic areas, additional intervention tools or assessments may be required at an additional cost to the parents/guardians.

## The Application

- 1 Complete and submit the General Application along with a \$250 application fee. Incomplete applications (missing information) will automatically not be considered by the Admissions Committee.
- 2 Review the Light House Academy Handbook prior to the interview.
- 3 Parents, and possibly the student(s), will complete an interview with an Admissions Committee and sign appropriate entry documents (Handbook and Statement of Faith agreements).
- 4 Upon admission approval, each applicant must complete and submit an Enrollment Application and provide supporting materials as outlined in the enrollment information (records release, health forms, etc.). Additionally, parents/guardians may be asked for copies of current student performance records and/or standardized testing reports. If grade placement is in question, the student will also be asked to take a standardized assessment administered by an outside source, at the parents' expense.