



WESTSIDE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
 CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRE K - 12
 INTEGRATING BIBLICAL TRUTH WITH ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE


This family has applied for enrollment at Westside Christian Academy

Dear Pastor:

Westside Christian Academy exists to partner with parents who have made a personal profession of Christian faith and are committed followers of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Additionally, we believe commitment to and involvement in a local church is essential to maintain spiritual health in the family. We impress upon our parents the analogy of a three-legged stool - *that children function best when family, church, and school all point children to the same values and truth.* For your reference, you will find on the back of this form, WCA's Statement of Faith and a list of the historic protestant confessions that guide our thinking.

As part of the enrollment process, and to aid us in our assessment of this family, we request that you fill out this Pastoral Reference Form and return it to Westside Christian Academy. In light of our convictions, please disclose if you have any concerns about whether WCA is a good fit for the applying family. Your answers are intended to help us know the parent/parents, not the child. Responses to this form will be kept confidential.

Thank you for your prompt reply.



James Whiteman
 Headmaster

1. HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THIS PERSON?

- | Father | Mother | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have regular opportunity to interact with him/her. I know them quite well. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | While I do not interact with him/her regularly, I am familiar with him/her. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I am aware this person attends our church, but I do not know him/her. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I do not know this person at all. |

2. PLEASE ESTIMATE HOW LONG THIS FAMILY HAS ATTENDED YOUR CHURCH?

- Less than 1 yr.
 1-5 yrs
 5-10 yrs
 10+ yrs

3. PERSONAL SPIRITUAL LIFE. PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

- | Father | Mother | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is a member of our church. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has made a profession of Christian Faith. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have personally seen evidence that he/she is a growing and serving Christian. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I have concerns about the spiritual commitment and/or spiritual health of this individual. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I am uncertain if this person has come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. |

4. CHURCH PARTICIPATION

Using the following scale, please describe this family's church participation:

	Father	Mother
A. Sunday Morning Worship	_____	_____
B. Adult Sunday School	_____	_____
C. Small Group Ministry	_____	_____
D. Prayer Meetings	_____	_____
E. Men's Fellowship/Bible Study	_____	_____
F. Women's Fellowship/Bible Study	_____	_____
G. Other _____	_____	_____

- 4** = Typically attends every meeting
- 3** = Attends every other meeting
- 2** = Attends only occasionally
- 1** = Rarely attends
- 0** = Never attends
- N/A** = Not Offered

5. MINISTRY/SERVICE INVOLVEMENT

List the areas of Christian ministry or service in which members of this family are active. Please note areas of leadership.

Father: _____

Mother: _____

6. Is there anything else you would like to share with us to help us know this family better?

Signature _____ Printed Name _____

Title _____ Name of Church _____

Address of Church _____

Church Phone _____

In addition to this form, please include a copy of your church's Doctrinal Statement of Faith. If you have provided this with prior reference forms, and there have been no changes in your belief statement, there is no need to provide another.



Thank you very much for your response.

Return this form, along with your statement of faith via one of the following options:

Mail: Westside Christian Academy Attn: Admissions | 23096 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, OH 44145

fax: 440.331.1301 **email:** pdouglass@westsideacademy.org

QUESTIONS? Contact **Pam Douglass, Admissions Coordinator** 440.331.1300 pdouglass@westsideacademy.org

NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

Westside Christian Academy recruits and admits students of any race, color or ethnic origin to all its rights, privileges, programs and activities. In addition, the school will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, employment, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs. Westside Christian Academy will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or ethnic origin in the hiring of its certified or non-certified personnel.

WCA STATEMENT OF FAITH AND CORE BELIEFS

STATEMENT OF FAITH

In accordance with the mission of Westside Christian Academy, we hold the following Statement to be true and to be the foundation upon which the Christian faith is practiced. We therefore request that all who wish to associate themselves with Westside Christian Academy accept and agree with the following statement:

We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, without error in its original writings, the only complete and authoritative source of His will and His plan for the salvation of man, and of guidance for Christian life. (*II Timothy 3:16, 17*)

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (*Gen 1:1; John 10:30; John 10:37-38*)

We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His imminent return in power and glory. (*Isa 7:14; Matt 1:23; Luke 1:35; Heb 4:15; Heb 7:25; John 2:11; Heb 9:12; Eph 1:7; Col 1:14; John 11:25; Acts 1:11; Rev 19:11-16*)

We believe that Man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God, and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and are sinners in thought, word and deed. (*John 3:5; Rom 5:8*)

We believe that the sinless life, sacrificial death, and physical resurrection of Jesus Christ provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only those who receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and thus become children of God. (*Titus 3: 4-7; Eph 2:8-9; Rom 3:21-28; Rom 5:8; Gal 4:4-7*)

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead, and that those who are saved through faith in Jesus Christ shall have eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord; those who have not believed in Jesus Christ through faith shall receive judgment and eternal damnation. (*John 5:24; 28-29; Matt 25:46*)

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Rom 8:9; I Cor 12:12-13; Gal 3:26-28*)

STATEMENT ON GENDER, MARRIAGE, AND SEXUALITY

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God (*Gen. 1:26-27*). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (*Gen. 2:18-25*). We believe that marriage between one man and one woman, for life, uniquely reflects Christ's relationship with His Church (*Eph. 5:21-33*). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (*1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4*). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (*including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, or use of pornography*) **is sinful and offensive to God** (*Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10*).

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Westside Christian Academy as part of the Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the WCA community, it is imperative that all persons employed by WCA in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality (*Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22*).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (*Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11*).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (*Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31*). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Westside Christian Academy.

STATEMENT ON THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (*Psalms 139*)

SIX CONFESSIONS THAT GUIDE OUR TEACHING:

1. The Westminster Confession of Faith (1646)
2. The London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689
3. The Augsburg Confession (1530)
4. The Three forms of Unity: The Belgic Confession (1561), Canons of Dort (1619) & The Heidelberg Catechism (1563)
5. The Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion (1615)
6. The Savoy Declaration of Faith and Order (1658)