

Pastoral Recommendation

This Pastoral Recommendation is part of Highland Christian School’s application process. Families who wish to enroll their children at Highland Christian School must meet the following admissions requirements:

1. One parent (custodial) must be a confessing Christian and hold active membership in a Bible believing, evangelical, Protestant church. Family circumstances will be addressed on an individual basis.
2. The family (parent and child) must be regularly engaged in worship and provide evidence of their involvement in worship and spiritual instruction through this signed, confidential Pastor’s Recommendation.

This form should be **completed by a pastor, elder or small group leader** who holds an official leadership role in the Church named below and has a spiritual relationship with the prospective family. Please return the completed form to the family in a sealed envelope or return it directly to Highland Christian School. If you have any questions about this form or Highland Christian School’s admissions process, please contact our Admissions Office by phone: (219) 838-0356.

This section should be completed by the family who is seeking enrollment.

Family Information

Parent(s) Name: _____

Family Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Name: _____

This section should be completed by the church.

Section 1. Pastor’s Credentials

Name/Title			
	(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Title)
Signature			
Email			
Phone #			
Date			

Section 2. Church Information

Church Name: _____

Denominational Affiliation: _____

a. Is your church teaching consistent with our basis of instruction and creedal statement as indicated on the backside of this document? **YES** **NO**

b. Is this family a member of your church? **YES** **NO** **Members since (yr):** _____

If no, please explain any circumstances that may be relevant to this situation.

c. Does this family regularly attend the worship services or small groups of your church? **YES** **NO**

If no, please explain any circumstances that may be relevant to this situation.

d. In what church activities do the members of this family participate?

e. Please share your observations of this family's spiritual journey.

f. Are there any family matters we should be aware of as we educate these children?

INFORMATION ABOUT OUR BASIS OF INSTRUCTION

Our basis of instruction is set forth in Article II of the Constitution of Highland Christian School and states "This society is founded on the Holy Scripture as interpreted in the confessional standards of the Reformed churches." It is our belief that God has made himself known in the Bible and in the world which he created and now sustains by his almighty power and unchanging law.

We believe that the Bible teaches that God has established a special relationship or covenant with Christians. By a saving faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, Christians participate in this special relationship with God in all aspects of their lives.

We also believe that there is a close connection between this covenant relationship and the education of our youth. Christian parents bear the responsibility of instructing their children in God's truth that touches every realm, sphere, and activity of life. Because all truth is God's truth, Highland Christian School, as an extension of Christian homes, is dedicated to educating children of Christian parents from this perspective.

Our purpose is to confront students with the important realities of life so that they may learn how to evaluate them in light of the eternal principles taught in the Bible.

Because the Bible and all learning are inevitably related, Highland Christian School has a Biblically based curriculum.

Students are taught that they are bearers of the image of their Creator and have the responsibility to develop their God given abilities and potential. Because humans are mortal beings, affected by sin, Highland Christian School endeavors to develop in students a keen awareness of how they are to live as morally responsible individuals.

At Highland Christian School we seek to uphold the discipline and values of the Christian home. Students are required to obey rules that we believe are in harmony with rules found in well-ordered Christian homes.

Christian education must be religious to its very core; enabling students to grow in a mature understanding of their relationship to God and to the world in which they live.

Highland Christian School is open to students from homes where Christ is honored and served. Highland Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, national origin, age, physical characteristics or disabilities for purposes of hiring, admission, retention or promotion.

CREEDAL STATEMENT (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

(*Catholic means universal in this creed. It is not a reference to the Roman Catholic Church.)
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