



## **Preschool Admissions Philosophy and Nondiscrimination Statement**

Enrollment in the WCA Preschool (18 months – PK4) is open to non Christian families.

Enrollment in the Academy (Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) is open to families of which at least one parent is a professing, practicing Christian.

Westminster Christian Academy is a religious institution providing an education in a distinctly Christian environment. Admission into WCA's Preschool is open to parents/guardians interested in securing a Christian education for pre-kindergarten students from 18 months old to PK4. WCA's Preschool admits students of any race, color, nationality, and ethnic origins to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. WCA's Preschool does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin.

We believe that our biblical role is to work in conjunction with the home to mold students to be Christ-like by instilling a biblical worldview and teaching biblical principles throughout the instructional curriculum and extra-curricular activities. On those occasions in which the atmosphere or conduct within a particular home is counter to or in opposition to the biblical lifestyle, the school reserves the right, within its sole discretion, to refuse admission of an applicant or to discontinue enrollment of a student. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, living in, condoning, or supporting sexual immorality; homosexual behavior; promoting such practices; or otherwise the inability to support the moral principles of the school. (Leviticus 20:13a, Romans 1:27, Matthew 19:4-6)

Westminster Christian Academy reserves the right to refuse admittance or to discontinue enrollment of a student whose needs cannot be adequately met through the existing academic structure and programming of the school.



## **Enrollment Statement and Rationale**

Bay Area Presbyterian Church is excited to be a part of the Clear Lake community and counts it a privilege to offer strong, relevant support and ministry to local families. God has given us a particular heart for supporting families by providing programs of excellence for their children. To this end, our church founded Westminster Christian Academy as a resource for Christian families seeking strong academic programming and spiritual training for their elementary-aged children. Then, in response to the need among local families to have a safe, positive, academically focused learning environment for their children ages 18 months to 4 years, we established WCA's Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC). This program is structured to have a broader outreach into the community. Therefore, unlike the Academy, children are eligible for enrollment in the ECEC even if Christianity is not the professed and practiced faith of the child's family.

The Mission Statement of these two ministries reflects the difference in both their core goals and their intended constituency:

Westminster Christian Academy exists to assist parents by equipping the next generation of Christian leaders with a love for learning and the intellectual framework required to impact the world for Christ.

Westminster Christian Academy's **Early Childhood Education Center** exists to serve the Clear Lake community by providing a loving, nurturing environment that focuses on preparing students to meet the physical, emotional, social, and cognitive challenges of structured learning experiences and to introduce them to the saving grace and love of Jesus Christ through the teaching of God's Word.

Because of the difference in focus of the two programs, we feel it is important for us to clearly articulate the mission of each of them.

As our school name clearly states, we are a Christian institution based upon the tenets and instruction given through God's word, the Bible. Our students, both in the ECEC and the

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Academy, encounter on a daily basis the endless truths of God, His great love, and the wondrous grace extended to us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

### **Enrollment Statement Summary**

Enrollment in the Early Childhood Education Center (18 months – 4 years) is open to families of all religious beliefs.

Enrollment in the Academy (Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) is open to families of which at least one parent is a professing, practicing Christian.

### **Rationale**

As children mature in their understanding of faith-based issues, it is ever more important that the environment in which they are educated and their instructors' perspectives be aligned with the beliefs and practices of their parents. To do otherwise could potentially create tension between parent and child resulting in unproductive relationships between teacher and student as well as teacher and parents. As we are fully persuaded that the beliefs and perspectives of parents should be the guiding light in every child's life, we have chosen to limit enrollment in Westminster Christian Academy's Academy programs (Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) to the children of families who are committed to the Christian beliefs and practices which inform the mission, vision, and ministry of both Bay Area Presbyterian Church and Westminster Christian Academy.

Through this policy, we seek to neither exclude differing religious perspectives nor insulate our students from them. Instead, the policy is designed to avoid weakening critically important bonds that underlie a healthy family core by assuring that matters of faith and the practices that spring from them serve to encourage the child as he grows, rather than be a source of confusion and uncertainty leading to disaffection and spiritual alienation.

The task God has given us is a responsibility that we undertake with a clear sense of its weighty nature and far-reaching effects. God has charged us to proactively seek both spiritual and academic partnerships with parents in our community. We want to fulfill that charge well and honorably.



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