Application

Each of the following must be completed before a Principal Interview is scheduled:

- Read ADMISSIONS: Philosophy, Expectations, Policies
- Read and sign Parent Policies and Expectations/Student Policies and Expectations (prepare to discuss at Principal Interview)
- Application for Admission
- Application Fee is a non-refundable $50 per student (checks payable to BCS)
- Pastor’s Reference: From head, youth or associate pastor - must mail directly to school
- Custody Documentation, IEP, 504, etc., if applicable
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- A current report card
- All standardized test scores: ILEARN, NWEA, or any nationally normed standardized results
- Homeschool Applicants: Contact the Admissions Department for instructions on reporting academics

Interview and Assessment

- An Interview with the Principal, including Academic Evaluation, will be scheduled by the appropriate school office. (If a waiting list exists, you will be contacted by phone.)
- Following the Principal Interview, you will be contacted with a decision regarding your student’s admission.

Enrollment

Each of the following must be completed and returned to the school office within 10 business days to officially enroll your child(ren), guaranteeing classroom placement at Blackhawk Christian School.

- Enrollment documents (enrollment packet given upon acceptance)
- Enrollment Fee of $100 (non-refundable) per student

For information or questions regarding BCS admissions, please contact Laura Leichty at 260-493-7400 x5004 or by email at lleichty@blackhawkchristian.org
Prospective Parents and Students,

We are thankful for your interest in Blackhawk Christian School. As you review the following pages, we welcome questions and encourage you to contact us at any time. While many of our instructional practices have changed during our school’s history, the core of who we are has remained the same.

Our Mission: Preparing Hearts and Minds to Serve Christ

Our Core Values

Academic Excellence – employing educational practices, methods, technology and tools that exceed state and national standards; empowering students to reach their full potential and prepare them for their educational and vocational future.

Biblical Foundation – utilizing curriculum and instruction that recognizes that all truth and knowledge is rooted in God’s divinely inspired Word and that imparts a Biblical worldview to students so they see themselves, others, and their world through Christ’s eyes.

Christ Centered Community – providing a relationally, physically, emotionally, spiritually, and morally safe environment, led by administrators, staff, and teachers, who in partnership with parents, model Christ and serve as examples for students to develop Christ-centered lives.

Our Vision

Blackhawk Christian School personnel model and students / graduates exemplify the following traits:

1. Christian Character – committed to Scripture: abiding in Christ, building community, serving others and making disciples.
2. Core Capabilities – excellent understanding and competency in core subjects.
3. Critical Thinking – purposeful, reflective judgment in thought, belief, speech and action.
4. Collaboration – highly cooperative, highly engaged in dialogue and committed to “finding a better way together.”
5. Creative Problem Solving – the ability to develop and implement innovative solutions to problems and life issues.
6. Communication – effectively deliver ideas, thoughts, and information to diverse audiences through oral, written, and nonverbal expression.
7. Continuous Learning – developing a "growth mindset and humble heart": committed to putting forth best efforts, willing to try new things, understanding that mistakes are opportunities to learn.

Our Expected Student Outcomes

Blackhawk Christian School students will graduate with skills and traits aligned with the vision and core values of Blackhawk Christian School.

Academic Excellence

- BCS Graduates are prepared for college and career by demonstrating understanding and competency of standards in core subject areas
- BCS Graduates demonstrate the ability to develop and implement innovative solutions to problems

Biblical Foundation

- BCS Graduates are committed to abiding in Christ through study of his word personally and in Christian community
- BCS Graduates own a Biblical worldview through which they use purposeful, reflective judgment in thought, belief, speech, and action

Christ-Centered Community

- BCS Graduates are cooperative and highly engaged in collaboration and dialogue with others
- BCS Graduates are Christ-like and effective communicators through oral and written expression

In addition to the expectation that your child is prepared scholastically for further education and the world of work, our distinction is that we also want students to be prepared for living a full life that is pleasing and honoring to our Heavenly Father. We recognize the importance of the decision that you as a parent must make in determining who will play a primary role in the education of your child. We are eager for you to discover our school.
Pre-Application

With our Mission and Vision in mind, we encourage you to continue considering Blackhawk Christian School for your child’s future. If your home and our school are in agreement philosophically, we believe you will find Blackhawk Christian School to be a great investment in your child’s educational and personal future that will render dividends today, tomorrow, and eternally. We join you in praying as you think through the following three considerations while determining the best educational setting for your child.

1. Parent Partnership
Consistent with our mission, we believe that Blackhawk Christian School must partner with parents to achieve maximum results in the educational process. However, ultimately we understand Biblically that “training up a child in the way he should go” is fundamentally the parents’ responsibility. Accordingly, we see our role as being a partner in the educational process with parents who desire a Christian education. Therefore, the admission process at Blackhawk Christian School begins by determining if the home and school are in philosophical agreement.

2. Student Life Patterns
A second consideration in the admissions process looks at the individual student applicant. In the primary and intermediate schools, the parents and school administrators will primarily determine the child’s appropriateness for enrollment. By middle and high school, the student applicant will be more engaged in the admissions process. Our students are expected to be pursuing a personal walk of accountability to God, to others and to be following Biblical morality so that they will flourish within our school community. BCS seeks students who are:
   a. **Accountable to God** by actively working at building a nourishing and personal relationship with Jesus Christ, studying God’s Word, maintaining an active prayer life, worshipping with fellow believers, thinking about what is true, noble, right, and pure, while living under the authority of God and their parents by obeying applicable rules.
   b. **Accountable to Others** by encouraging and building one another up, communicating Biblically with one another in the spirit of love, choosing friends and associates carefully, and demonstrating honesty and integrity by refraining from lying, stealing, and cheating.
   c. **Accountable to Biblical Morality** by caring for their body as a “temple of God” refraining from the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illegal drugs, abusing prescription drugs or any other harmful substance or activities, by maintaining Biblical standards of morality in staying pure sexually until marriage, and by demonstrating self-control by being quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.

3. Academics
The last consideration in the admissions process is for parents and school administrators to determine if Blackhawk Christian School is an appropriate academic setting for the student. We identify ourselves “primarily” as a college preparatory school with high academic standards and equally challenging expectations. Blackhawk Christian School students may take more courses and spend more time studying than many of their area school peers. Students and parents should familiarize themselves with our academic and graduation requirements in the academics’ portion of our Parent/Student Handbook (Admissions tab on the BCS webpage). In terms of preparation for college and life, we believe a rigorous academic experience is essential.

Typically, our enrollment criteria for grades 9th-12th is a minimum of a 2.3 grade point average (GPA). However, our desire is to serve the whole family. Therefore, we do not select students for enrollment solely on academic abilities. While we clearly must determine whether a student can be successful at Blackhawk Christian School, we equally understand God has made each of us as unique individuals gifted with certain abilities. We recognize that Blackhawk Christian School is not the best learning environment for every student. In such cases, we are committed to working with parents to identify the most appropriate educational options within the community.

After reviewing our Admission materials and concluding that Blackhawk Christian School is the right educational setting for your family, we WELCOME YOU to begin the Application Process.
Application and Enrollment

Grades K-6

In order for an admissions decision to be made, the following sequential steps are required for making application to Blackhawk Christian School. Mid-year transfer applicants will be considered as space permits.

1. Application
   a. Complete and submit the following forms:
      1. Application for Admission
      2. Application Fee ($50 non-refundable) for each prospective student
      3. Pastor’s Reference from the head, youth, or associate pastor (must be mailed directly to school)
      4. Custody Documentation, IEP, 504, etc., if applicable
      5. Copy of Birth Certificate
      6. A current report card
      7. All standardized test scores: ILEARN, NWEA or any nationally normed standardized test results
      8. Homeschool Applicants (contact the Admissions Department for instructions on reporting academics)

   b. Principal Interview - After all necessary materials have been received, you will be contacted to schedule an interview with the Principal. Parents and the student are expected to attend the 30-minute interview. (Grades 7th-12th have an additional 30-minute interview with the Director of Student Services).

   c. Academic Evaluation - will be scheduled for all students.

   d. Contact from BCS - following the Principal Interview, with a decision regarding your student’s admission.

   e. Tuition Assistance - If there is a need for tuition assistance, this can begin during the application process. For additional information regarding tuition assistance, please contact the Director of Finance at swild@blackhawkchristian.org.

2. Enrollment
   a. If your student(s) is accepted, you will receive an Enrollment packet following the Principal Interview.

   b. Submit the completed K-6 Enrollment form and Enrollment fee ($100 per student) within 10 business days of acceptance.

   c. Students are officially enrolled with a place guaranteed when all completed Enrollment documents and the Enrollment Fee have been submitted to the school office.

   d. Additional enrollment documents to be submitted:
      1. Tuition Payment Preference Form
      2. Health Information Forms

      Note: BCS will request academic and health records from the previously attended school. Parents of students who have not been in a previous school will be asked to provide Health Information - forms provided.
# Application for Admission

**K-6th Grade**

The $50 Application Fee along with this entire application packet must be completed and submitted before it will be considered.

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## Student Information

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**The Indiana Department of Education requires us to report on each student in our K-12 schools.**

- Is this student Hispanic/Latino?
  - [ ] No, not Hispanic/Latino
  - [ ] Yes, Hispanic/Latino (a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race)

- What is the student’s race?
  - [ ] American Indian or Alaskan Native
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  - [ ] Black or African American
  - [ ] Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
  - [ ] White
  - Select all that apply

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### Has the Student Ever Been Suspended?

- [ ] Yes  [ ] No
- If Yes, please explain with details on a separate sheet of paper.

### Has the Student Ever Been Expelled?

- [ ] Yes  [ ] No
- If Yes, please explain with details on a separate sheet of paper.

### Has the Student Ever Been Asked to Withdraw?

- [ ] Yes  [ ] No
- If Yes, please explain with details on a separate sheet of paper.

### Why is the Student Transferring from Another School?

## Custodial Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) with Whom the Student Primarily Resides (Same Address and Phone as Listed Above)

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### If Divorced, Who Has Custody for Decision Making?

- [ ] Joint  [ ] Father  [ ] Mother

(Copy of Custodial Papers and Completion of Non-Custodial Information Section required)

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## Who Can Have Access to Student Information?

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**Is either Parent BCS Alumni? □ Yes □ No**  
**Year of Graduation? ____________**  
**If applicable, please list maiden name: ____________________________**  
**Does your family have access to the internet for eLearning and School Information? □ Yes □ No**

**If there are other children in your family, please complete the following:**

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**Hospital Preference**

**Medical Conditions, Prescription Medications**  
**Allergies**

**Name of Church Your Family/Student Attends:**

**What is the frequency of your family’s attendance:** □ Weekly □ Frequently □ Infrequently

**How did you become interested in B.C.S.?**

- □ Location – Driving by the school  
- □ Advertisement (please circle)  
  - Newspaper  
  - Direct Mail  
- □ BCS Parent/Student (please list) ____________________________  
- □ BCS Teacher/Staff Member (please list) ____________________________  
- □ Place of Worship (please list) ____________________________  
- □ Other ____________________________

**Has this student previously attended BCS? □ Yes □ No**

*Blackhawk Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, nationality, or ethnic origin in its admission, education, financial, or employment policies.*
Parent Agreement and Commitment

Please initial and sign below

Parent Policies and Expectations - As a part of the enrollment and re-enrollment process we commit to the following:

1. We are born-again, Bible-believing Christians who have accepted and continue to acknowledge Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior. (When only one parent is able to make this affirmation, both parents with authority for the child’s education agree to support the biblical teaching and guiding principles of the school.)

2. We are and will remain in regular fellowship with a Bible-believing church. Specifically, we will nurture our child’s regular involvement in a local church.

3. We commit to take an active role in the ongoing education of our child. We will make an effort to attend school functions and activities.

4. We commit to support the school and our child in prayer and follow biblical principles of communication (Matthew 18). Specifically, we will address any dissatisfaction with the school by resolving the matter with the person or persons directly involved rather than spreading criticism or holding a negative attitude in our hearts.

5. We give the school authority to discipline our child within the bounds of the discipline policy in the Parent-Student Handbook.

6. As parents, we agree to support the school’s efforts to nurture personal responsibility and accountability in our student.

7. We agree to meet all tuition and other financial obligations. If we face potentially changing financial situations, we will communicate with the business office in a timely and open fashion.

8. We agree to demonstrate and model respect for authority including good sportsmanship at Blackhawk Christian School athletic events.

9. If at any time we are no longer in agreement with Blackhawk Christian School philosophy, standards or practices, we agree to withdraw our student.

10. We understand and are in agreement with the philosophy of Blackhawk Christian School as outlined in Blackhawk Christian School’s Admissions: Philosophy, Expectations, and Policies.

Media Agreement - I hereby give Blackhawk Christian School permission to use and/or copyright identifiable information about my child including photographs, video, name, school of attendance, athletic achievements, academic achievements, and/or art works for publication, advertising or other lawful purposes including but not limited to publication on any BCS Webpage(s), understanding that this information may be published worldwide.

Medical Release - I hereby give Blackhawk Christian School, its administrators, nurse, teachers, staff and/or any hospital personnel, permission to do what they deem necessary for my child's well-being in the case of any emergency that might arise while he/she is at the school or participating in any school related function.

Participation in School Activities - I give permission for my child to take part in all school activities, including sports and school-sponsored trips away from the school premises, and absolve the school from liability to me or my child because of any injury to my child at school or during any school activity. In case of accident or serious illness, I 1) request the school to contact me, 2) authorize the school to provide necessary medical treatment including hospital emergency room and treatment by physician of choice.

[Signatures and dates]
Statement of Faith

1. We believe that the Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God, and that it shall remain to the end of the age the only complete and final revelation of the will of God to man. We interpret it literally and accept it as the supreme and final authority in faith and life.

2. We believe that there is one God, Almighty, Creator, and Sustainer of the universe and eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His death and bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father and His imminent personal return to earth in power and glory.

4. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, equal with God the Father and God the Son; that He was active in the creation, participated in the inspiration of the Scriptures, and is presently engaged in convicting the world of sin, judgment and righteousness; and that He bears witness to the truth of the Gospel and indwells Christians to enable them to live godly lives.

5. We believe in the Genesis account of creation; that man was created directly in God’s own image and after His own likeness, and not by evolution; and that man was created in innocence, but voluntarily sinned. As a consequence, all men are now sinners, inclined to evil, and are under just condemnation without defense or excuse. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one’s biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

6. We believe that God created marriage to be exclusively the union of one man and one woman, and that intimate sexual activity is to occur exclusively within that union.

7. We believe that God has provided the only salvation for man through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus; that salvation is achieved through the conviction of sin by the Holy Spirit and faith in Jesus Christ as Savior; and that all who are truly born again are kept by God the Father for Jesus Christ.

8. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: those who are saved unto the resurrection of eternal life in Heaven and those who are lost unto the resurrection of eternal damnation in Hell.

9. 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 state of condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life.

This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. We reserve the right to resolve disputes in accordance with Biblical teaching. For purposes of Blackhawk Christian School’s faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, Blackhawk Christian School’s Board of Directors, is accountable to the Board of Elders of Blackhawk Ministries, who are the final interpretive authority on the Bible’s meaning and application for all ministries within the organization.

PARENTS:
We have read and agree with the school’s statement of faith and agree to have our child educated in accordance therewith.

_PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:______________________________________DATE:_________________

_PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:______________________________________DATE:_________________
BCS Code of Conduct

BCS will provide a safe and orderly learning environment for all students and personnel. BCS staff will strive to model appropriate Christ-like behavior as an example for students. Students are expected to likewise grow in their development into self-disciplined young people who exemplify Christ in their behavior and lives. The behavioral expectations listed below are intended to define behavior that is both Christ-like and which will foster a safe and orderly learning environment for all students and personnel. The following behavioral expectations apply when students are in school or on school grounds and while students are traveling to/from or attending a school activity or event.

Students are Expected to:

1. Be in school on time unless excused by parent and administration.
2. Come prepared for class each day with the necessary materials.
3. Behave in a manner that allows and supports instruction and learning.
4. Behave and dress in a decent and modest manner.
5. Speak and behave truthfully and honestly.
6. Obey and show respectful behavior to all BCS staff members and adult supervisors.
7. Treat other students with dignity and respect.
8. Show respect and proper reverence in Chapel and Bible classes.

Students are Prohibited from:

1. Bringing, or possessing at school, objects that have no educational purpose and may distract from class instruction. This would include: weapons, lighters, or matches.
2. Using or threatening physical force or violence that may cause injury to others.
3. Stealing or intentionally damaging school or others’ property.
4. Using, possessing or being affected by tobacco, alcohol, vapes, or illegal drugs.
5. Possessing or using explosives, destructive devices, knives, deadly weapons, or firearms.
6. Engaging in unlawful activity on or off school grounds whether school is in or out of session that either interferes with a school purpose or an educational function.
7. Cheating, which includes plagiarism.
8. Leaving the premises without parental permission.
10. Displaying inappropriate affection including holding hands.
11. Speaking and writing (manually or electronically) inappropriately or with vulgarity.

Note: Building principals may specify additional "school rules" that apply specifically to their building.

PARENTS:
We have read the BCS Code of Conduct and agree to hold our student accountable to these goals.

_PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:_________________________________________ DATE:____________________

_PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:_________________________________________ DATE:____________________
To be completed by the family:

Student’s Name(s) ______________________________________ Entering Grade(s) __________

Parent’s Name(s) ______________________________________

Please give this form to your pastor to complete and mail directly back to the school. If for any reason you cannot provide a pastor’s reference, please, discuss this with your building principal.

To be completed by the pastor or other church official (one per family):

The family named above has applied for enrollment at our school. Since church involvement is an important factor for us to consider in evaluating a family for admission, we would appreciate your answers to the following questions. Any information that would be helpful in making that decision would be appreciated. We would appreciate your completing this form and returning it directly to the school within one week.

Name of Church Official __________________________________ Position __________________________

Church __________________________________________________________

Church Address _____________________________________________________

Church Phone ___________________________________ Today’s Date _____________________________

Does the family currently attend your church? ______________ How long have they attended? ______________

Are the parents regular attendees of your church? __________ Is the student a regular attendee? __________

How long have you known the family? __________________________

How well do you know them? □ very well □ casually □ few personal contacts □ other (please explain):

□ very well □ casually □ few personal contacts □ other (please explain):

What are the first words that come to mind to describe this family? ______________________________________

Is this family actively involved at your church? __________ If so, how? __________________________

BCS asks parents to remain in regular fellowship with a Bible believing church and nurture their child’s regular involvement in a local church. Therefore, I recommend this family: □ enthusiastically □ strongly □ with reservation □ do not recommend

Additional Comments: __________________________________________________________

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Pastor’s Signature

Only school administration will read this recommendation.

Please return via US Mail or email and scan to:  Blackhawk Christian School, Admissions Director, 7400 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46815 or ileichty@blackhawkchristian.org