

Personal

Please give a brief statement explaining your relationship with Christ and when this became true in your life.

Do you have regular personal time, reading the Bible and/or other devotional book?

Yes No How Often? _____

Briefly describe your relationship with your parents.

Is it your desire to attend Waterloo Christian School? Yes No

If yes, why?

What are your favorite subjects? _____

Why are they your favorites?

What subjects do you like least? _____

Do you like to read? Yes No List by author and title at least two books not assigned, which you have read within the past year.

Which of them did you like best and why?

What kind of music do you enjoy?

List your favorite musicians (3 please) _____

How much television do you watch?

What magazines, if any, do you read frequently? _____

Writing Sample

On a separate sheet of 8-1/2" x 11" paper, write approximately 200 words in your own handwriting and in ink on the following subject:

“The Responsibility of the Christian Student”

(Include some of your thoughts on how you plan to contribute to the improvement of the Waterloo Christian School testimony and program.)

Before signing this application, it is important that you and your parents understand the purpose of Waterloo Christian School. Please read carefully:

Mission Statement: Waterloo Christian School exists to provide a balanced, God-honoring setting in which exemplary Christian teachers assist the home in equipping students with truths, knowledge, skills, and values that advance the pursuit of God’s purpose for their lives.

The Philosophy of Waterloo Christian School is based solely upon the truths and principles of God's Word. Founded in 1973, the school is an extension of *Walnut Ridge Baptist Church*. This educational setting and service is a significant part of WRBC's ministry to the local community, and as such, it is governed by and accountable to WRBC leadership. But in principle, the school is an extension of many like-minded local churches, and it endeavors to be responsive to each of the Christian homes in the school family. Deuteronomy 6 asserts that *the home* is responsible for teaching and training children. This responsibility should not be delegated to an institution, public or private, Christian or secular. The Christian home *can*, however, choose to "partner" with professional Christian teachers in a God-honoring setting designed to meet the social, spiritual, educational, and physical needs of the student. Parents *can* choose to be part of a school community that understands the advantages of the home, church, and school building upon the same foundation. Waterloo Christian School exists to provide this setting and service.

View of Reality

All things exist and have their being through God. (Romans 11:36) Life has immeasurable value, and the fullest appreciation of life’s meaning prompts worship of the sovereign God who created it.

View of Truth

Man's reasoning is finite while God's wisdom is infinite. All truth is from God and is revealed by and through His Son and the Word of God (John 14:6, John 17:17). Therefore, to understand and interpret truth, we must study Him and His Word, the Bible.

View of Education

For education to have more than temporal value, it must enable man to understand and learn of God and how to live in His creation. The beginning of true wisdom is impossible apart from God. The Christian's richest sense of "self-worth" is provided through the righteousness of God's son, Jesus Christ.

View of Authority

God is sovereign, and man is ultimately accountable to Him. All temporal authority is established by God, demonstrating both His Grace and man's depravity without it. Regarding school authority, the Academy teaches that the mandate to "train up a child" (Proverbs 22:6) belongs to the home. As a practical matter, however, the school is not administrated by the various homes it represents. For the mission of this school to be accomplished, the authority of the school staff, teachers, administration, and Board must be recognized and respected.

Teaching the mind... Reaching the heart... Touching tomorrow

Waterloo Christian School is a school for students who are serious about their academic studies and life objectives, and who desire to honestly conduct themselves in such a way as to please and honor the Lord Jesus Christ. The school is a distinctly Christian school, designed primarily to challenge the average or above-average student. It is not a remedial, correctional, or "special needs" school and may not be equipped to accommodate every student who applies. The school reserves the right to place each student in the academic level for which he/she is best suited.

Students are expected to demonstrate deference to the procedures and guidelines of WCS. Likewise, parents are asked to help their student(s) understand the practicality of having clear expectations, the merits of accountability, and the value of discipline. Prescribed expectations are a necessary part of any organization. The success of this ministry depends in part on the confidence that the home places in the school. As a practical matter, however, the school is not administrated by the many different homes it serves. Showing deference to the school's authority in these matters helps promote order, unity, and the true mission of WCS.

Appropriate precautions and disciplinary action will be used to prevent and correct conduct that disrupts or harms the school's program, setting, and/or Christian testimony. All members of the school family are expected to treat each other with respect and courtesy at all times.

The school reserves the right to establish new policies and regulations as circumstances warrant. Likewise, it retains the right to modify, clarify, or eliminate policies. Students and parents with questions or concerns about written policies and their application are encouraged to contact the appropriate Administrator.

I have read and am willing to agree with the statements above.

Signature of Student Applicant

I have read, signed, and returned one of the two copies of the student pledge of honor included with this application.

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Student Pledge of Honor

Waterloo Christian School

My name is _____

I am a student at Waterloo Christian School. Knowing that my life is a reflection of my beliefs, I hereby commit to the following:

- I will strive to honor my parents and do my utmost to respect the God-given authority that they have in my life.
- I will strive to honor those who act in conjunction with my home as they assist in my education and in my pursuit of God's purpose for my life.
- I will strive to honor the name of Christ and the testimony of WCS.
- I will strive to honor the expectations of our handbook and the laws of our local, state and federal government.
- I will strive to honor my body by abstaining from all forms of alcohol, illegal drugs, and tobacco products and I will determine to avoid situations or gatherings where the use of such products among minors is condoned.
- I will strive to honor members of the opposite gender and strive to maintain moral integrity out of faithfulness to God and the life-partner He may have for me in the future.
- I will strive to honor my fellow students by encouraging them to remember this shared pledge, by refusing to willfully violate it and by guarding myself from those whose influence may weaken my determination to keep it.

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