

**ADMISSION  
APPLICATION**  
For Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Plumstead Christian School provides a caring community  
where students are educated  
to think biblically, serve effectively and lead Christ-centered lives.*

## VISION STATEMENT

*PCS seeks to be the school of choice for families who desire.....*

- **Biblical Worldview Integration**

We focus upon the Biblical foundation of truth throughout the curriculum

- **Grace Oriented Community**

We are a community striving to nurture the fruit of the Spirit by applying Biblical principles in everyday conduct with one another

- **Academic Excellence in a Personal Learning Environment**

We are an accredited school with skilled faculty and a strong emphasis upon academic quality and integrity, providing small class sizes and significant interaction between students and teachers

- **Diversity of Programs**

We offer a college preparatory curriculum, art, drama and music, technology, athletics, and an alliance with home-schooling families

- **Valued Partnerships**

We welcome active parental involvement and foster close relationships with Bible-believing churches

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

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7. In the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (John 17:21-23).

### **ADMISSION POLICIES**

Plumstead Christian School is distinctively Christian. The school's mission is to provide God-centered education in partnership with parents. The following policies have been adopted to ensure consistent standards of admission, which will serve families, and the fulfillment of the PCS mission.

1. A parent or guardian must state at the Admission interview that they are in agreement with the Statement of Faith, Educational Philosophy and Educational Objectives of Plumstead Christian School.
2. A profession of personal faith in Jesus Christ on the part of at least one parent or guardian of the applicant is required. During the parent interview we will ask you to describe your commitment to and your growth in the Christian faith.
3. Regular attendance at a Christian church where the Bible is sincerely believed and faithfully taught is expected. You may be asked to describe any responsibilities you hold in your congregation.
4. The Admissions Director will interview parents. If further information is needed regarding the family or student(s), the division principal may request an interview with the family and/or student(s).
5. One of the main purposes of the admission process is to determine the readiness of the student with respect to the Plumstead Christian School academic program.
  - a. Incoming students in grades K-12 will be administered an appropriate developmental evaluation and/or the reading, mathematics, and language sections of an achievement test. Students entering our Pre-K program will not be evaluated for developmental readiness, but their year in Pre-K will be used as an evaluative assessment for their readiness to move on to our Kindergarten program. Students applying for grades 6-12 will be given the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE). This is required so that the school can obtain a more accurate profile of the student's academic background and abilities. Students transferring from other schools will also be expected to provide a transcript of academic work to date. The New Student Information Sheet is also required for all students.
  - b. If the student does not satisfactorily meet the entrance standards for the grade level of application, the school reserves the right to place the student with the grade level that represents the student's academic development but not necessarily his/her chronological age group. The student may also be required to participate in assigned remedial/resource activities. Under circumstances of extreme lack of readiness with respect to learning ability and/or previous achievement, admission may not be possible.
  - c. There is a non-refundable application/testing fee, per student. The testing fee of \$89.00 for the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade admissions exam (ISEE) is paid directly to ERB. More information about the

ISEE standardized test can be found at <http://erblearn.org/parents/admission/isee>. Our admissions department uses the ISEE results to determine the proper placement into honors or standard courses and to most accurately predict academic success of our applicants.

6. Each applicant is to give evidence of emotional stability, a satisfactory behavior record and adequate social adjustment.
  - a. PCS expects any child to exhibit the requisite self-control for participating in an instructional program. PCS is not equipped to educate students who exhibit persistent emotional instability, unsatisfactory behavior, or inadequate social adjustment. Neither the student nor PCS is well served in such situations.
  - b. Parents enrolling students from another school must provide written permission for PCS to solicit any psychological evaluations done on behalf of incoming students by public schools or by health organizations.
  - c. The Administration may refuse to admit or may dismiss any student with disciplinary, academic or psychological problems. **A six-week probationary period is standard for any new student.**
7. All immunization records and physical examinations must meet state and local school district guidelines for student attendance.
8. Prospective kindergarten students must be five years of age by August 31 of the school year.
9. The admissibility of a family is based upon the recommendation of the Admissions Coordinator and Division Principal. New families, accepted or rejected, will be reported to the Board at its next regular meeting.

Plumstead Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, financial assistance programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

## Admission Procedure

We welcome your interest in seeking admission for your child(ren) to Plumstead Christian School. Please detach the following forms (make extra copies as needed), complete and submit:

- \_\_\_\_\_ The Family Application Form, including a Personal Faith Statement for at least one parent.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A New Student Information Sheet for each student seeking admission-
- \_\_\_\_\_ A copy of the student's academic records, including the most recent report card, standardized test results and a transcript of all (high) school work
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of the student's Birth Certificate
- \_\_\_\_\_ A non-refundable application fee per child
- \_\_\_\_\_ Forward the enclosed Pastor's Recommendation along with the cover letter to your pastor. Your pastor is requested to send the form directly to the PCS Admission Office.

Upon receipt of this information, we will call you in order to arrange an interview. Subsequent to the interview an admission testing date may be arranged. After reviewing test results with your family, a determination will be made regarding admission.

# FAMILY APPLICATION

Please complete in ink

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Father:** (Mr., Dr., Rev.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother:** (Mrs., Dr.) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Student lives with: Both parents \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If father and mother live separately, has there been a judicial determination of custody? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Who has legal custody? \_\_\_\_\_

**Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I personally believe that Jesus Christ is my  
Savior and Lord. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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Savior and Lord. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

I attend church: regularly \_\_\_\_\_ occasionally \_\_\_\_\_

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I believe and will support all seven points of  
Plumstead Christian School's Statement of Faith.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I believe and will support all seven points of  
Plumstead Christian School's Statement of Faith.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Faith Statement:** On a separate sheet of paper we require that at least one parent briefly describe his/her commitment to and growth in the Christian faith.

**NAMES OF ALL CHILDREN**

**\*\* NAME OF**

**SCHOOL\*\***

**PRESENT**

**APPLYING FOR**

**GRADE**

**ENROLLMENT**

**Yes/No**

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**CHRISTIAN REFERENCES:** (If possible, one should be a PCS present or former school family.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (address) (phone number)
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (address) (phone number)

Who referred you to Plumstead Christian School? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want your child or children to attend Plumstead Christian School? \_\_\_\_\_

**Ethnic Background of Students(s):**

- African American     Asian American     Caucasian     Hispanic American  
 Native American     Other    Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

You have my permission to use my child(ren)'s photograph in school publications:     Yes     No

**PLUMSTEAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
**NEW STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET**

**Please return this with the family application.**

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

M/F: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE ENTERING (Pre-K-12): \_\_\_\_\_ KINDERGARTEN: Full day \_\_\_\_\_ Half day \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Student response:** (The following eleven questions are for grades **6-12 only**) Answer the following questions as thoughtfully as possible. We ask for **your answers and opinions**, not those of others.

1. How did you learn about Plumstead Christian School?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Tell us about your favorite activities and hobbies?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. What is important to you in choosing a friend? Explain.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. What do you like most about yourself?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. What special award(s) and/or recognition have you received? (Not limited to school.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. What words would be used to describe you most accurately by:

a) your parents

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b) your friends

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Who do you believe Jesus is and how, if at all, does He impact your life?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you go to a church regularly?\_\_\_\_\_ Do you attend Youth Group?\_\_\_\_\_ Bible Study?\_\_\_\_\_

9. Which extra-curricular activities would you choose to be involved in, if offered? (Circle all that apply.)  
Please put an asterisk (\*) next to the activities in which you have already participated.

- |             |              |              |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Art         | Cheerleading | Soccer       |
| Band        | Chorus       | Softball     |
| Baseball    | Drama        | Tennis       |
| Basketball  | Photography  | Wrestling    |
| Yearbook    | Mock Trial   | Field Hockey |
| Newspaper   | Worship Team |              |
| Other:_____ |              |              |

10. Do you work after school or on weekends?\_\_\_\_\_ Type of work\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

11. Why do you want to come to Plumstead?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*With my signature below, I certify that I have answered the above questions honestly and completely and have not held back information that the admission office ought to know about me.*

Student  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT:**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applying for grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Waiver of Confidential Materials**

We understand that recommendations and evaluations obtained for the purpose of admission to Plumstead Christian School are confidential (excluding transcripts) and as parents (or legal guardians) we waive our right to them. To the best of our knowledge the information in this application is accurate. We also understand that misrepresentation may invalidate the application process.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ADDITIONAL CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:** (Please attach extra paper if necessary)

1. What special award(s) and/or recognition has the applicant received? (Not limited to school)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Has the applicant ever been suspended or expelled from any school for any reason? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
(If "yes", please attach details.)

3. Have you ever withdrawn the applicant from any school for any reason? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

4. Has the applicant ever attended a school or participated in a program designed for students who have special academic needs or abilities (*including gifted, special education, resource*)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
(If "yes", please attach details.)

5. Has the applicant ever been diagnosed with a learning disability? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
(If "yes", please attach details.)

If "yes", does he/she take any medication in relation to that need? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

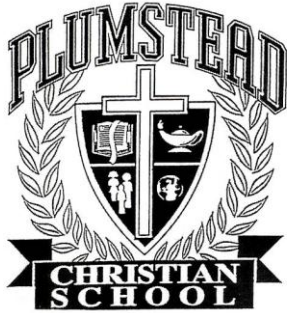
Please describe the medication and its effects) on your child. (i.e., better focus, headaches, moodiness, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. What examples best describe the applicant's strengths?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. What examples best describe the applicant's weaknesses?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Plumstead Christian School  
5765 Old Easton Road, Box 216  
Plumsteadville, PA 18949

**Dear Pastor,**

Plumstead Christian School is committed to preparing students for a life of faith and service for Christ. God's Word is central to all that we do. We believe our students will be prepared to serve God most fully when they are nurtured by three key influences in their lives: the home, the church and the school. Therefore, we ask families to provide the school with a reference from their church.

Plumstead Christian School is a school committed to the inerrant Word of God and the all-sufficient work of Christ. On the back of the attached form is our Statement of Faith. At least one parent from each household is required to be in agreement with this statement.

Thank you for your helpfulness to us and to this family. May God bless your work.

In Christ's Love,  
The Admission Office  
Plumstead Christian School

**PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

**I. To be completed by the family.** After you have filled in Part I, please give this to your pastor to complete and mail directly to the school.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of children applying to PCS: 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**II. To be filled in by the pastor:**

Is the above family an active member of your church?  Yes  If no, please explain.

\_\_\_\_\_

Have any members of the family held a leadership position in the church?  Yes  No

If yes, elaborate: \_\_\_\_\_

Are the children active in the youth program of the church?  Yes  No

Do you consider the children open to spiritual instruction?  Yes  No

What is your understanding of this family's relationship to Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any matters that you feel would be helpful for us to know as a school regarding the admission of this family? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you recommend this family for admission?  Yes  No

**Pastor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:	Admissions Office Plumstead Christian School 5765 Old Easton Road
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### **Pastor's Confidential Recommendation:**

*Dear Plumstead Administrator:*

*I have carefully reviewed Plumstead Christian School's Statement of Faith. It is my opinion that there is no inconsistency between your Statement of Faith and the official tenets of my church/organization.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Frequently Asked Questions about Plumstead Christian School

### 1. What kind of program is offered?

The academic program is of high quality and will prepare students for college or university study. The school also recognizes its role in preparing students educationally for entering a variety of post high school endeavors.

### 2. What is the religious emphasis of the school?

As a Christian school, both the methods of instruction and the entire educational program are dependent upon biblical principles. Prayer is held in high regard. The Bible is taught regularly. Chapel is held once a week and students play a vital role in leading worship. PCS is a non-denominational Christian School and focuses upon the centrality of our Christian faith.

### 3. What textbooks are being used?

Textbooks from both Christian and secular publishers are used. The Educational Policy Committee of the Board, at the request of the administration, reviews textbook recommendations.

### 4. What are the teacher qualifications?

Faculty members meet the standards required for accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Association of Christian Schools International. PCS teachers are considered not only for their professional expertise, but also for their ability to role model a Christian lifestyle and integrate biblical principles.

### 5. Is the school accredited?

Yes, PCS holds dual accreditation through Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSACS) and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

### 6. What about the Fine Arts?

PCS has an exceptional program in both performing arts (general music education, vocal, instrumental, and drama) and visual arts (both 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional). High school courses also include art history, art appreciation, music appreciation and music theory.

### 7. What kind of athletic program is offered?

The school competes in the Bicentennial Athletic League for soccer, basketball, wrestling, baseball, field hockey, tennis and softball in grades 9-12. Students in grades 6-8 may compete in soccer, basketball, wrestling, baseball, field hockey and softball. There is an emphasis on skill building and the fun of the game on the junior high level, and while fun and skill building still occur in the high school, a greater emphasis is placed on competition as we strive for excellence in the sports.

### 8. What is the dress code philosophy?

Uniforms are required in grades 1-12 (optional for Kindergarten). Personal appearance contributes to a whole way of life, which serves God and helps others.

### 9. Is bus service available?

Yes. PCS has its own buses. We service 22 school districts- 17 in PA and 5 in NJ. Busing costs are included in tuition. If you live within the Pennridge School District the Pennridge bus service will transport your students to and from the school.

### 10. Is there tuition assistance available?

Yes. We use a third party service to initially evaluate a family's request for assistance. This third party evaluation coupled to our own confidential process allows us to extend generous need-based tuition assistance. We strive to make PCS affordable to all families, and having socio-economic diversity as well as racial diversity is important to us. Tuition Assistance forms may be downloaded from our website. Families must re-apply yearly.

### 11. Does the school encourage parent involvement?

An active Parent-Teacher Fellowship (PTF) involves parents in a variety of activities. Participating in field trips, career days, missions month, chapels, school banquets and clubs is part of parent involvement, along with participation on the school board and on board committees by virtue of election through the parent association.