

Pastoral Reference Questionnaire
Waterloo Christian School

This space is to be completed by parents before being given to the pastor.

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

Name of child(ren) applying: _____ Church: _____

_____ Church Phone: _____

_____ Pastor's Name: _____

Parents,

Please complete the items in the box above before forwarding this form to your pastor. After completing the form, your pastor should send it directly to Waterloo Christian School.



WATERLOO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Education With A Biblical Worldview

Mission Statement

*Waterloo Christian School supports families
in equipping maturity and academic
excellence, training them to influence their
world from a Biblical perspective.*

Dear Pastor,

The above family has applied for acceptance into Waterloo Christian School. As our Mission Statement indicates, God's standard of spiritual and academic excellence in the home, church, and community is an essential element of our school's mission. Waterloo Christian School believes that the home is primarily responsible for "training up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6). The local church plays a vital role in this process. It is the school's intent to serve homes that understand their parental responsibilities and that demonstrate the importance of the local church in the training of children.

Your responses to the following items are very helpful, but it may be reassuring to know that this questionnaire is only one of many considerations in the application process.

1. Please **circle** the most appropriate italicized descriptor in each item below:
 - A. This family is a *member* *non-member* of our congregation.
 - B. This family attends *regularly* *often* *whenever possible* *seldom*.
 - C. This family has attended our church for *many years* *more than a year* *less than a year*
2. How well do you know the applying family?
 - A. **Very well** B. **Fairly well** C. **By name only** D. **Not well enough to proceed**

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DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Of
WATERLOO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

1. We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testament as verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writings and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. We believe in one God eternal, omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, manifesting Himself in Three Persons — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — one in nature, attributes, power and glory.
3. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and that He is true God and true man.
4. We believe in the literal account of creation and that the Scripture clearly and distinctly teaches that the creation of man lies in the special, immediate, and formative acts of God; that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also that spiritual death which is separation from God; all men are sinners and under just condemnation.
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and rose again for our justification; that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood, and are saved by grace through faith, wholly apart from human merit and works.
6. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus, are born again by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and thereby become the children of God
7. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a Divine Person — the administrator of the God-head — convicting of sin, revealing Christ, teaching truth, restraining evil, energizing believers in prayer, worship, and service, and is ever present in the believer as Comforter and Helper.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, His ascension into Heaven, His present life there as High Priest and Advocate, and His personal, bodily, visible, pre-millennial return to establish His Kingdom on earth and to reign as the only Potentate, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
9. We believe that at any moment the rapture of the saved may occur, when “the Lord shall descend from Heaven” to catch up His people to meet Him in the air, and “so shall we ever be with the Lord.”
10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all the dead — the saved to a life of eternal glory and bliss in Heaven with God; the unsaved to eternal judgment of conscious suffering and woe in the lake of fire.
11. We believe in personal separation from all practices and influences, which hinder a spirit-filled life. We believe in ecclesiastical separation from all forms of apostasy. This we believe necessary as the only Scriptural basis for a happy and useful Christian life.
12. We believe that it is the privilege and responsibility of every believer to be a personal soul-winner and to do his utmost to give the Gospel of Christ to the whole world.
13. We believe that the true, universal Church includes all believers in Christ during this present dispensation and is the body and bride of Christ of which He is the Head.
14. We believe that the local church is a congregation of immersed believers associated by covenant, observing the ordinances of Christ, exercising the gifts, privileges and responsibilities given in the New Testament, and following a democratic and congregational type of government.
15. We believe that there are two church ordinances: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water to show forth a solemn and beautiful emblem of our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, and our death to sin and resurrection to a new life, and that it is a prerequisite to local church relation. The Lord's Supper is a memorial service commemorating His death until He comes and should be preceded by solemn self-examination.

I am in agreement with and support the above Doctrinal Statement of Waterloo Christian School.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

PHILOSOPHY

Of Waterloo Christian School

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 ministry is a significant beneficiary of WRBC's annual budget, and is accountable to WRBC leadership. But in principle, this 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 on 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 school 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

SECTION A — FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's Name _____
Last First MI

Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

Employer/Occupation _____
Employer Occupation

Business Telephone _____ Marital Status

Home Telephone _____

Spouse's Name _____
First

Mother's Name _____
Last First MI

Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

Employer/Occupation _____
Employer Occupation

Business Telephone _____ Marital Status

Home Telephone _____

Spouse's Name _____

If student is not living with his/her mother and father, please explain present living arrangements

Please state why you wish to have your child(ren) attend Waterloo Christian School:

How did you hear of our school? _____

Have you had any previous association with Walnut Ridge Church or the school? _____

GRANDPARENTS (for newsletters and promotional information about our school):

_____ Name(s)

_____ Address

_____ Name(s)

_____ Address

SECTION C — CHURCH/SPIRITUAL INFORMATION

Church Affiliation _____
Frequency of Attendance _____
Pastor _____

*Briefly explain your relationship to Christ.
Are you a born-again believer? (explain born-again):*

Father

Mother

Name of person who knows parents best spiritually _____

Name of person who knows student best spiritually _____

SECTION D — HEALTH INFORMATION

Family Physician _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Family Dentist _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Are there any limitations on student's participation in activities? Yes No If yes, please explain

Allergies? Yes No If yes, please explain

Are there any physical, mental, or emotional disabilities which may affect student's academic success?
Yes No If yes, please explain

Other than your home or work number who should be contacted in case of emergency?

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Immunization Certificate: The school is required by law to have a proof of immunization card on file for each student at WCS. If your student(s) has/have attended an Iowa school prior to coming to WCS, the card will be transferred by the previous school. If your student(s) attended a school outside of Iowa, you will need to have this card completed. Please contact the School Office for proper forms and information.

SECTION E — COMMITMENT

In signing this APPLICATION FORM, we are acknowledging the following:

(Please initial where applicable.)

1. I will endeavor to participate in the Christian education of my son or daughter by regular attendance at a Bible believing church as a family and by exemplifying Christian principles of life in my home.

_____ Father _____ Mother

2. I will support the policies of WCS as stated in this application and the Parent/Student Handbook..

_____ Father _____ Mother

3. I agree that if a discipline situation should occur, or I disagree with any policy set by the school, I will not complain to any other party, but, in the spirit of meekness, will discuss necessary issues with the teacher or principal involved. (Matthew 18: 15-17)

_____ Father _____ Mother

Things to include with this application:

1. Most recent copy of student's standardized test scores.
2. Application fee
3. Immunization information

SIGNATURE OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Father's Signature _____

Date _____

Mother's Signature _____

Date _____

MISSION STATEMENT AND BELIEFS

Waterloo Christian School supports the Christian family in equipping children to aspire to God's standard of spiritual and academic excellence in the home, church, and community.

Regarding education, we believe...

- ... that God is sovereign, and man is accountable to Him. All truth is God's truth, and the beginning of wisdom is impossible apart from Him
- ... that the Bible is God's divine revelation to man. Its authority, authenticity, and reliability are not enhanced by man's belief nor diminished by his disbelief. It is the source of never-changing truth in an ever-changing world.
- ... that mankind was made in God's image and that any attempt to explain the creature without introducing the Creator is in error. The freedom to teach the Source of our resources is one of the great mandates of Christian education.
- ... that the Biblical responsibility of "training up a child in the way he should go" belongs to parents who are accountable to God for passing on life's essential truths, skills, facts, beliefs, and values to their children. (Proverbs 22:6)
- ... that the Christian school exists to provide a balanced, God-honoring setting in which exemplary Christian teachers assist parents in equipping students for life. Therefore, the "product" of the Christian school is not the student that the home sends to the setting, but more rightly the setting and service that the school provides to the home.
- ... that the like-mindedness between the home, church, and school provides the most ideal approach to training children. The strength of education depends on the strength of these relationships. Like-mindedness is best achieved through unity in essential matters, liberty in deferential matters, and charity in all matters.
- ... that the "gift of teaching" requires a love of learning and, more importantly, a love for the students, parents, and others involved in the process. Students can learn through failure as well as success, but the outcome of such experience is more certain in a setting where "perfect love casts out fear." (I John 4:18)
- ... that by being taught from a Christian world view, students more fully understand the significance of life, the consequences of ideas and actions, and each individual's need for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- ... that the self discipline, responsibility, and personal accountability of individuals is essential to the success of any group of individuals. Christians who impact their world are capable of thinking for themselves and working well with others.
- ... that each individual is a unique creation of God with varying talents, gifts, and abilities. Not all teachers teach alike; not all students learn alike. When guided by reasonable expectations, excellence in education is more often achieved through unity of purpose than through uniformity of performance.