



## St. Petersburg Christian School

*A Foundation of Faith...A Spirit of Excellence*

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in St. Petersburg Christian School. We have adopted an admission policy that opens the school to families who are like-minded spiritually, who are supportive of our philosophy, objectives, and standards of education, and whose children meet our enrollment standards. Our purpose is to serve families who desire not simply a private education, but a distinctively Christian education for their children.

Before applying for admission to our school, please read the Student Handbook provided in the introductory packet. The Student Handbook will introduce you to many of the school's policies, procedures, and expectations for both parents and students.

Our Handbook explains our religious purpose, mission, and beliefs. St. Petersburg Christian School unashamedly believes, teaches, and practices a literal interpretation of the Word of God. We respect your desire to place your child in the best possible learning environment, but if you are not in full agreement with our fundamental beliefs, we urge you to prayerfully consider your child's enrollment at our school.

Biblical principles are integrated in every subject taught at our school. Our staff is committed not only to academic excellence, but also to teaching students how to apply the truths of God's Word to every aspect of life. If you are in agreement with the teachings of God's Word, this school will complement the beliefs and ideals your child is taught at home. We look forward to partnering with you to educate your child in God's truth.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Hunter'.

Robert Hunter  
Headmaster



## **ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **OVERVIEW**

St. Petersburg Christian School is committed to providing an excellent academic program that is grounded in Biblical truth. The curriculum is geared to the average and above average student. Acceleration is the norm in the Lower Division and Honors level courses are offered in the Upper Division. The needs of a student with a learning disability and those students requiring academic support are met in the Learning Resource Center.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The following must be on file in the registrar's office before the Admissions Committee can meet:

1. Application for Admission
2. Registration fee (refundable only if admission is denied)
3. Copy of the most recent achievement test scores (testing required if not available)
4. Copy of the current and previous year's report cards (does not pertain to Kindergarten students)
5. School Reference Form
6. Pastor/Youth Reference Form (Upper Division students only)
7. Any special testing pertaining to the student

Other items required before the enrollment process is complete:

1. State of Florida School Entry Health Exam - DH 3040 (within 12 months of first day of school)
2. State of Florida Certification of Immunization - DH680
3. Copy of Birth Certificate (Copy of legal certificate)

An interview is required for Grade 1-8 applicants and their parents. Report card copies and achievement test information must be on file before this interview.

### **CONSIDERATIONS FOR ADMISSION**

The Admissions Committee will carefully review each application. It will take into consideration the student's:

1. Academic and behavioral history
2. Achievement test performance
3. Christian commitment of those applying to Upper Division.

St. Petersburg Christian School welcomes cultural diversity. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color or national/ethnic origin, either in regard to admission or administration of school programs. Parent(s) will be notified by telephone or letter regarding their child's admission status.

### **KINDERGARTEN**

Applicants for the Kindergarten program should have their fifth birthday before September 1. Children with birthdays between September 1 and October 31 may be evaluated for possible admission. A readiness evaluation is required to determine the skill level and maturity of each child. It will be administered by appointment.

### **FOLLOWING ADMISSION ACCEPTANCE**

For students in grades 1-8, parents should contact the previous school and request release of records. These records are due by August 1. The student may not begin school until all forms are on file in the SPCS office.

**Families are reminded that:**

1. All decisions by the Admissions Committee are final.
2. Admission is on a probationary basis.
3. Acceptance in any grade does not mean automatic acceptance into the next grade the following year.



**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

Please print:

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

Student's Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Preferred Name

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Applying for Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Projected Date of Entrance: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Boy ( ) Girl

Has the student been awarded a McKay Scholarship? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Has the student been awarded Step Up For Students Scholarship? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Father/Legal Guardian Information:

Mother/Legal Guardian Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr./Dr./Rev. First Last

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr./Dr./Rev. First Last

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Email #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Email #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Email #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Email #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Custody ( ) Yes ( ) No

Custody ( ) Yes ( ) No

Child resides with ( ) Full Time ( ) Part Time ( ) N/A

Child resides with ( ) Full Time ( ) Part Time ( ) N/A

Approved access to School Correspondence ( ) Yes ( ) No  
ParentsWeb ( ) Yes ( ) No  
Report Card ( ) Yes ( ) No

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## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

School applicant is attending or last attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Phone

Street

City

State

Zip

Attendance dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Grades: \_\_\_\_\_ VPK: ( ) Yes ( ) No

Has the applicant ever been retained? ( ) Yes ( ) No If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant ever skipped a grade? ( ) Yes ( ) No If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant ever been tested for a learning difficulty? ( ) Yes ( ) No (If yes, please discuss the results and include a copy of the report.)

Has the applicant ever been enrolled in a special program or special education program (A.D.D., L.D., etc)? ( ) Yes ( ) No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant ever been referred for or received psychological or personal counseling? ( ) Yes ( ) No

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant had behavioral problems at a previous school? ( ) Yes ( ) No If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant ever been suspended, expelled or withdrawn from any school for any reason? ( ) Yes ( ) No If yes, please give the name of the school, year, contact person and nature of the problem: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's extra curricular interest, achievements, musical instruments played? \_\_\_\_\_

What special needs does he/she have? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a language other than English spoken in the home? ( ) Yes ( ) No If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENTAL COMMITMENT TO ST. PETERSBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A. In signing this application I/we acknowledge commitment to the following:

1. To accept teacher and administrative authority.
2. To support the Christian philosophy of education as taught at SPCS.
3. To support SPCS policies as stated in this application and the student handbook.
4. To participate in fund-raising projects.
5. To actively participate in the Parent Teacher Fellowship. (PTF)
6. To provide tax deductible gifts to the school as God leads and provides.
7. To follow God's line of authority: When differences exist, we will first go to the person with whom we have a problem. If it is not resolved, we will go with the person to his/her supervisor. (Matthew 18:15-17)

B. If I/we choose to withdraw or are requested to withdraw the applicant from the school, we are responsible to pay the tuition and fees for the month in which we do so, as well as any remaining balance of fees.

C. I/we understand that final grades, diplomas and report cards will be retained by the school until accounts are paid in full. Report cards will be held at the end of each grading period if accounts are not current.

D. The applicant may participate in scheduled field trips and other school sponsored activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father or Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother or Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*NOTE: If the student lives with both parents, both parents must sign.*



**SCHOOL REFERENCE FORM**  
**Grades 1-8**

Please note that the Admissions Committee will not meet to consider your application until this completed form is received by the Admissions Office at St. Petersburg Christian School. This information will be kept in the strictest confidence and will be used only for assistance in the evaluation of the application.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

*To be completed by the parent of the applicant prior to the school official completing the evaluation section.*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (MI)

Authorization is hereby granted to release all school information and opinions requested on the reference form to St. Petersburg Christian School to which the above named student has made application for entrance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**SCHOOL OFFICIAL EVALUATION**

*To be completed by a school official at the applicant's current or previous school.*

The above named student is making application to attend St. Petersburg Christian School. At your earliest convenience we would appreciate the following information regarding this prospective student. The information that you provide will be treated with the strictest confidence. If the student is accepted, official student records will be requested. **Please do not return this form to the student or parent. Instead forward it directly via the contact information listed on the reverse side.**

Number of years in your school \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade \_\_\_\_\_

\* What is the applicant's attendance record?

Seldom or never absent \_\_\_\_\_ Average absences \_\_\_\_\_ Excessive absences \_\_\_\_\_

\* What is the applicant's punctuality record?

Seldom or never tardy \_\_\_\_\_ Occasionally tardy \_\_\_\_\_ Frequently tardy \_\_\_\_\_

\* In your opinion, where does the applicant rank academically in your school?

Top 10% \_\_\_\_\_ Top third \_\_\_\_\_ Middle third \_\_\_\_\_ Lower third \_\_\_\_\_

\* In your opinion, what is the potential of the applicant?

Already works to potential \_\_\_\_\_ Has more potential than shows \_\_\_\_\_

\* Has the applicant been tested for any learning disabilities?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\* In your opinion, what is the applicant's relationship with school authorities?

Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Average \_\_\_\_\_ Difficulties \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\* In your opinion, what is the level of cooperation from **parents** as it relates to school policies and personnel?

Constructive \_\_\_\_\_ Cooperative \_\_\_\_\_ Critical, but cooperative \_\_\_\_\_ Uncooperative \_\_\_\_\_

\* In your opinion, what is the applicant's relationship with peers?

Leadership \_\_\_\_\_ Socially adjusted \_\_\_\_\_ Negative influence \_\_\_\_\_

\* Has the applicant had any recurring behavior/discipline problems?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Test Data:

Please complete for the last two tests taken by the applicant.

Standardized Achievement Test \_\_\_\_\_ Date Taken \_\_\_\_\_

National Percentile/Stanine in: Math \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Total Battery \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Test*

Standardized Achievement Test \_\_\_\_\_ Date Taken \_\_\_\_\_

National Percentile/Stanine in: Math \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Total Battery \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Test*

Please feel free to make additional comments which may help our Admissions Committee when reviewing this student's application. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this reference form. Your honest evaluation will help us in processing the Application for Admission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school office at (727) 522-3000.

Signature of School Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the completed form via mail to:**

St. Petersburg Christian School Admissions  
2021 62nd Avenue North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33702  
Phone 727.522.3000

**Via fax to:**

727.525.0998

**Via email to:**

admissions@stpetechristian.org

Processing of the Application for Admission cannot be completed until this form is returned.



PASTOR/YOUTH LEADER REFERENCE FORM
For New Students Entering Grades 6-8

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Pastor/Youth Leader:

We desire to enroll students and families who will be compatible with our philosophy of Christian education. To help us in this, please fill out this form and return to the address below within 2 weeks, so that we may promptly process this family's application. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Parent's Name Phone

Address City and Zip

Name of Child Applying Current Grade

If this student and his/her family have been attending your church for three months or longer, please rate their attendance.

Attendance rating table with columns: Rarely attends, Occasionally attends, Regularly attends. Rows: STUDENT, PARENTS. Includes question: How long have you known the student?

Check the boxes that best indicates the degree to which the child demonstrates the corresponding traits.

Table with 5 columns: Below Average, Average, Above Average, Top 10%. Rows: Attitude toward authority, Cooperation, Leadership, Participation, Self discipline, Responsibility, Takes direction from adults.

To what extent is the applicant engaged in the activities of your church?

Engagement table with columns: Distraction to others, Is cooperative & usually participates, Enthusiastically participates. Rows: Worship Service, Youth activities.

Do the parents demonstrate a strong interest in the spiritual or moral development of the child?

Explain Are the parents actively involved in your church? If so, how?

Print your name Church Name

Signature Position Date