



Good Samaritan School

GOOD SAMARITAN SCHOOL

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2011-2012 ENROLLMENT POLICY

Good Samaritan School (GSS) enrolls students to provide them with whole-child teachings that have lifetime applications, and to provide them with an academic foundation for success at GSS, higher levels of education, and in life.

Nondiscrimination Policy

The GSS enrollment policy ensures non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational, admissions, and financial policies or other school-administered programs.

Enrollment Application Timing

Enrollment for the following school year normally begins in March, as announced annually by school. Parent/guardian must submit the application documents along with the non-refundable fees to the school office. Applications received between the opening of enrollment in March through **June 30th** will be prioritized and considered in the following order:

1. Currently enrolled students
2. Members of Good Samaritan Church
3. Siblings of currently enrolled students
4. All others

After June 30th registrations will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Waiting List

In cases where enrollment isn't granted or a waiting list is necessary (such as when a maximum class size is met), the parent/guardian will receive written notification. If a student is placed on a waiting list, the completed application documents must still be submitted to hold the child's spot on the list. Once an opening is available, the parent/guardian will be notified and have one week to submit the non-refundable application fee. If the fee is not received on a timely basis, the child's spot on the waiting list will be waived.

Enrollment Limitations and Probationary Period

GSS would like any enrollment limitations be clearly stated and fairly administered. Certain limitations in educating students may determine whether or not a child is accepted. These limitations will apply equally to all students (both members and non-members) and, if accepted, every effort will be made by GSS to educate each child to the best of our ability. However, if GSS believes, in its sole and absolute discretion, that either the child's or GSS's best interests are not being served by enrolling the child, we retain the right to deny admission or re-enrollment to that child.

New students will be accepted on a one-semester probation period. If after one semester, during which time the parent/guardian and child are kept informed about the child's behavior and academic progress, it is evident that the child's behavior is detrimental to the other students or the child's academic needs cannot be met, the student will be denied continued enrollment.

Educational Assessments

If a student has been accepted to GSS, the school retains the right to administer a test(s), which may best help the school diagnose the student's educational abilities. **The cost of these tests will be the sole responsibility of the parents?????????** These tests will not be used to determine eligibility for enrollment, but rather as a tool to better assist the school and parents in meeting the needs of the student.

Kindergarten Screening

All children enrolling in Kindergarten must complete a Kindergarten Readiness screening conducted by designated GSS personnel, normally the Kindergarten teacher. In addition, the results of any Kindergarten Readiness screening conducted by a local public school (or a comparable screening), which indicates readiness for Kindergarten, must also be submitted.

Age of Entrance: Kindergarten to Grade 5

Kindergarten: Children must reach the age of five before September 1 of the year they are enrolling to be eligible for admission to Kindergarten.

Grade 1: Children must be six years old by September 1 of that academic year.

Early Admissions: to Kindergarten or Grade 1

Kindergarten - Children who turn five years old between September 1 and September 30 may be considered for early admission into Kindergarten.

Grade 1 - Children who turn six years old between September 1 and September 30 may be considered for early admission into Grade 1.

The following requirements for early admissions must be met:

- The parent/guardian must submit a written letter requesting consideration for early admission and giving the reasons why they desire such admission.
- The Head of School and either the Kindergarten or 1st Grade teacher will conduct a personal interview of the parent/guardian and child.
- A readiness test will be administered by GSS.
- The parent/guardian agree that any early admission is subject to review of their child's progress after 30 days, and once per quarter after that point.
- A child who is granted early admission to Kindergarten and who successfully completes Kindergarten will be permitted to advance to Grade 1.

Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten Admission

Students who are toilet-trained and have reached their 3rd or 4th birthday before September 1 are eligible to enroll in the GSS Preschool program. Students who will reach their 5th birthday between September 30th and December 31st are eligible to enroll in the GSS Pre-Kindergarten program.

Students who have special needs or, who once enrolled, demonstrate the need for special assistance, may require testing (not provided by GSS) conducted by an outside consultant to help determine the learning needs of the child. If it is determined that the needs of the child can be adequately addressed by the Preschool staff, an individualized learning plan will be developed by the teacher, parent, and other professionals as necessary. Although every effort will be made to accommodate students with special needs, GSS reserves the right to deny or withdraw enrollment if the consultation demonstrates we cannot reasonably meet the needs of the child.

If you have any additional questions regarding the GSS Enrollment Policy, please contact the school office at 541-758-1255 or schoolqs@peak.org.