

## **JFCA ADMISSIONS POLICY**

Johnson Ferry Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities accorded or made available to JFCA students. Johnson Ferry Christian Academy does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions procedures, scholarship awards, athletic or other school-administered programs. We do reserve the right to deny admission to any individual who cannot benefit from enrollment based on past academic achievement, disqualifying handicap, or whose personal or family lifestyle is not in harmony with the stated philosophy of Johnson Ferry Christian Academy.

Each year the Enrollment Manager supervises the application process. Admissions decisions are based upon the recommendations of the Johnson Ferry Christian Academy Administrative Staff and the requirements outlined below.

### **A. GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

At Johnson Ferry Christian Academy, our Christian faith is the foundation of who we are, what we do, and why we do it. We are dedicated to the mission of evangelism and committed to teaching and representing the good news of Jesus Christ to our JFCA families and students. It is our goal that our families demonstrate a strong testimony and commitment to a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. We encourage parents and children to begin or grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

The JFCA family is a vibrant and diverse group from multiple backgrounds and church denominations. Our core theological convictions, based on established Christian tenets, are woven through all aspects of participation at JFCA to provide unity in the midst of our diversity. Families should understand that JFCA will present Christianity as outlined in our Statement of Faith. Please read this statement carefully. At least one parent must affirm the JFCA Statement of Faith and acknowledge the standard of instruction at JFCA through the online admissions process. It is also understood that all instruction is taught from a Christian worldview, based on the Bible and the philosophy and objectives of JFCA.

A student's acceptance at any grade level is contingent upon the student's ability measured by a standardized testing program, by the interview data, academic record, and references. It is also contingent upon the student's willingness to comply with our Code of Conduct.

No student shall be admitted who:

- has emotional or disciplinary problems that cannot be met by JFCA

- has a court record or a reputation that is ungodly
- has a physical handicap or learning disability for which our program is not staffed
- cannot or will not abide by the conduct expectations for all students, or who willingly seeks to undermine our religious beliefs

Families seeking admission to JFCA must meet the following standards:

- The parent(s) or guardian(s) must have legal custody of the child(ren) and they must reside in the household for the majority of the time.
- The family must have at least one parent or guardian residing in the household. If there are two parents residing in the household, they must be a legally married man and woman. This is based upon the Biblical standards of marriage based on Romans 7:2-3, Matthew 19:5-6, and Ephesians 5:22-33.
- Married individuals or individuals who have been previously married will not be admitted as students. Unwed parents will not be admitted as students.
- At least one parent must affirm our Statement of Faith.

#### B. ELEMENTARY - Grades K-5

To be admitted, a student must present evidence of readiness, including the satisfactory completion of work for the grade previous to that for which he/she is making application. Applicants for kindergarten must be five (5) years of age and applicants for first grade must be six (6) years of age on or before September 1 of the school year.

Students must show at least average performance as indicated by a standardized testing program. Students must have passed the most recent grade level prior to application.

All students seeking admission for grades K-5 must submit a completed application and have an interview with our admissions team.

#### C. MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL - Grades 6-12

To be admitted, a student must present evidence of competency in language arts and mathematics skills for the academic level to which the student is to be enrolled.

For admittance to grade eight, a student must have successfully passed the previous grade and take a math placement exam.

For grade nine admittance, a student must have successfully completed all requirements for

promotion from grade eight to high school and provide a transcript of the most recent school year.

For admittance to grades ten and eleven, a student must have successfully earned the required number of credits to be classified as a sophomore or junior and provide a transcript of the most recent school year.

All students seeking admission for grades 6-11 must submit a completed application and have an interview with our admissions team.

#### D. For Grades 1 - 11

To be admitted, students must submit an academic reference from current teachers (preferably in the core subjects of English and Math); a spiritual reference (i.e., pastor, children's/youth director, or small group leader) and a confidential reference (i.e., family friend, former principal or school counselor, coach, or another adult who is not a relative and who knows the student well). The forms will be sent electronically through the application process and returned via email.