

SCS Application & Enrollment Process

Summit Christian School is committed to training students in academics, infused with a biblical worldview. We aspire to help students become life-long learners, as well as Christ-followers. We view the responsibility of “*training up a child in the way he/she should go*” (Proverbs 22:6) as a high calling that rests on three important pillars:

1. The family
2. The church
3. The school

It is our belief that a child must have multiple facets of support for a strong foundation, and, at Summit Christian School, we endeavor to partner with parents and the church, working cooperatively toward that student’s instruction, training, and growth.

Because family commitment is essential to the process of Christian education, we encourage parents and/or guardians of a prospective student to make worshiping in a Bible-teaching church a part of their personal lifestyle.

As a Christian school, we believe it is our biblical role to partner with parents to train students to become Christ-followers. As such, parents and/or guardians who are living in, condoning, or supporting sexual immorality; engaging in sexual activity outside of a biblical marriage relationship; practicing a homosexual lifestyle; supporting alternative gender identity; or other practices which would contradict the biblical and moral principles of Scripture risk the expulsion of their student from SCS. Upon a student’s enrollment at SCS, families agree to uphold the purposes of SCS as articulated in its Statement of Faith and other founding documents.

Application Process

- Read and agree to the Summit Christian School: Statement of Faith, Mission Statement, Core Values, Philosophy of Education, Family Expectations, & other items included on the application web page
- Read the Family Expectations document (we will review and answer any questions at the Family Interview)
- Submit the Application Fee (nonrefundable) along with the completed application
- Pastor’s Reference: When applying for admission to SCS, you will need to have a pastoral reference (one per family). On the application web page there is a link for you to share with a lead, youth, or associate pastor to complete this reference. The pastor’s reference must be submitted from the pastor directly to the school at the email address listed on application page or to the SCS physical address.
- Other Required Items:
 - Custody documentation, IEP, 504, etc., if applicable

- Copy of student's birth certificate
- Previous year's report cards from student's sending school (Homeschool Applicants: Contact the school leader for grade-reporting procedures)
- All standardized test scores: ILEARN, NWEA, or any state or nationally normed standardized results

Enrollment Eligibility

- SCS may use any or all of the following items to determine eligibility for school enrollment:
 - Standardized test scores (NWEA, ILEARN, IREAD, etc.)
 - Placement test(s) for core academic subjects
 - Kindergarten and/or first grade readiness test(s)
 - Classroom / course grades from student's previous school(s)
 - Discipline / behavior record from student's previous school(s)
- Prospective students who have been homeschooled or have no standardized test scores must complete school-provided placement tests to determine proper academic placement. Admission and grade-level placement will be at the sole discretion of SCS administration.
- Any student who has been suspended or expelled from a previous school or who has engaged in violations of academic honesty / integrity may not be admitted to SCS
- Any student who has been involved in unethical conduct or illegal activity may not be admitted to SCS
- Students who need additional educational accommodation will be evaluated by the SCS staff to determine if the services SCS offers can provide the support needed for that student to succeed.

Interviews

- Families of eligible students will be invited to interview with the school leader and/or members of the admissions team

Admission Priority

Upon submission of all items listed above, completion of family interview, and approval from SCS admissions team, students will be admitted according to the following priority:

1. Space availability in appropriate grade level / course
2. Educational fit of SCS based on student's academic / learning needs
3. Children of SCS employees
4. Siblings of current SCS students
5. Children of SCS alumni
6. Children with no current connection with SCS

If after following the prescribed chain of priority there are multiple students eligible for limited enrollment spots at SCS, the school leader will work with members of the GTEI board to determine the students who will be placed on school rosters.

Any eligible student who is not granted admission due to space restrictions will be placed on a waiting list based on educational fit and the date of their application. Families will be notified at the first available opening.

Acceptance

- The school leader and/or school admission team will make the final decision about student admissions based on the school leader's recommendation.
- Upon completion of all elements of the application and interview process, families of prospective students will be notified of the admission decision within two weeks of the interview.
- Upon acceptance, families should follow the Enrollment Process for Incoming Students on the Enrollment web page. The New Student Enrollment fee must be submitted as confirmation that your student will attend SCS. This fee holds your child's place as a student at SCS and will be applied to your child's tuition for the upcoming academic year. If you anticipate tuition assistance (such as an Indiana Choice Scholarship), you should still pay the New Student Enrollment fee at the time of enrollment, and the total amount due will be adjusted after any tuition assistance is granted. If the New Student Enrollment fee is not paid within 30 days of admission notification, your child's space may be given to another student.
- All students new to SCS and those returning after a withdrawal are admitted on a trial basis for the first full 9-weeks for which they are enrolled.