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Application Information

Kingdom education, the philosophy at Bethel Christian Academy, focuses on bringing the home, church and school into partnership for the purpose of training the next generation. Kingdom education is defined as the life-long, Bible-based, Christ-centered process of leading that child into a new identity in Christ, and developing the child according to the specific abilities given to him/her by Christ, so that a child is empowered to live a life characterized by love, trust, and obedience to Christ. In keeping with that philosophy, BCA considers the following:

- Families who are growing in their personal Christian walk and are involved in a local Bible-believing church. Bethel Christian Academy requires that at least one parent have a personal saving relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Families who provide a home environment that does not conflict with the biblical understanding of sexuality (such as unmarried partners living together or same sex couples). Please refer to the “Bethel Christian Academy Sexual Ethics Policy” for further information.
- Students whose recommendations show a behavioral history that matches the behavioral expectations of Bethel Christian Academy. Students who have been expelled should not apply until they have completed a successful year in another school.

The online application and the attached additional requirements must be completed in its entirety for all students seeking admission to Bethel Christian Academy. It should be filed, along with a non-refundable application fee of \$200 on or before March 14, 2025. **The application fee will be \$250 after February 27, 2026.**

The application fee can be received at the school office on the campus of BCA, or mailed to
Admissions Office
Bethel Christian Academy
3257 E. Cottonwood Rd
Dothan, AL 36301



Application Procedure

1. A COMPLETED APPLICATION consists of the following:

- Completion of online application located on our website www.bcadothan.org

Complete, Scan, and Upload the following to the Resources section (this is the last section of the online application):

- Additional Requirements (pages 3-4)
- Statement of Doctrinal Beliefs (pages 5-6)
- Lifestyle Commitment (page 7)
- Student Record Release Authorization Form (page 10)
- School Records (For students applying for K-5 through 12th Grade): Copy of your most recent report card. All previous school records (academic and behavioral) will be requested at the end of the school year via the Student Record Release Authorization Form (page 10).
- Birth Certificate
- Family Photo (snapshot from your phone is acceptable)
- The most recent copy of all court documents pertaining to divorce, custody, or guardianship, signed by a judge and notarized, regarding custody and educational decisions, if applicable.

Other requirements:

- Pastoral Recommendation form: Any pastor, minister or deacon may complete the pastoral recommendation (page 11-13). They will either mail or email the document directly to us.
- We will pull your student's Immunization records from the Alabama Department of Public Health's website.
- Submit your application fee of \$200 on or before February 27, 2026. **The application fee will be \$250 after February 27, 2026.** Members of Bethel Baptist Church, and employees of BCA are only required to pay \$200 application fee per family.

2. TESTING

A new student entering grades 1st-12th must take an entrance exam in the areas of Math, Reading, and Language Arts. Testing is scheduled by the Office after the receipt of all required Admissions forms. Testing is scheduled on an individual basis.

3. K3, K4, and KINDERGARTEN AGE REQUIREMENTS

K3 applicants must be 3 years old by September 1st of the year for which they are applying.

K4 applicants must be 4 years old by September 1st of the year for which they are applying.

Kindergarten applicants must be 5 years old by September 1st of the year for which they are applying.

4. APPLICATION DEADLINE

BCA does not have an application deadline; however, to ensure the best possible opportunity for acceptance, we recommend that you have your application completed by mid-March.

5. FAMILY INTERVIEW

An interview appointment is made with the parents and a school administrator once the application file is complete. This interview is an opportunity for philosophical compatibility discussions and a question and answer session. If testing is complete and results are available, scores are reviewed during the interview. Students entering fifth grade or above are asked to accompany their parents for the interview.

6. ACCEPTANCE

Official acceptance (or non-acceptance) is communicated upon completion of the application process.



Additional Requirements of the Application for the 2026-2027 School Year

Applying for Grade _____ ***Whole Day** _____ ***½ Day** _____

***If applying for K3 or K4, please indicate whether you are interested in whole day or ½ day.**

Applicant's Legal Name _____

LAST
FIRST
MIDDLE
PREFERRED NAME

Applicant lives with (check all that apply):
 Mother Father Legal Guardian
 Stepmother Stepfather Other

Applicant's parent(s): Married Separated Divorced Deceased

If there are documents pertaining to divorce, custody, or guardianship, who holds legal responsibility for school decisions? _____

(Please submit notarized copies of all Court documents, signed by a judge, regarding custody and educational decisions along with the application.)

Denomination preference: Baptist Bible Catholic
 Church of Christ Episcopal Lutheran
 Methodist Presbyterian Other _____

Current Church _____

Other children in the family:

NAME DATE OF BIRTH GRADE SCHOOL

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Applicant's current school and other school(s) applicant has attended:

NAME OF CURRENT SCHOOL LOCATION GRADE(S) DATE

NAME OF PREVIOUS SCHOOL LOCATION GRADE(S) DATE

Residence is in what public school district: _____

Has your child ever been suspended from any school or asked to leave? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Has the applicant received special help for reading or learning difficulty? Yes No

Has the applicant been diagnosed with ADD or ADHD? Yes No

Has the applicant ever been retained or repeated a grade? Yes No

Is the applicant presently taking any medication? Yes No If yes, what? _____

Describe any illness, diseases or physical disabilities that either have affected or may affect your child's general health, schoolwork or participation in the school's athletic programs. Are there currently any behavioral, psychological or educational evaluations, treatments or interventions

Please include your parental perspective on your child. Include your child's strengths and abilities, special interests, areas of concern and his/her relationship with God. We appreciate your assistance in helping us to know your child better. _____

Grandparents' Name(s) & Complete Address(es) (include first and last names and zip code(s))



STATEMENTS OF DOCTRINAL BELIEFS:

I/We and the Student acknowledge receipt of these doctrinal beliefs and affirm our adherence to these doctrinal positions:

THE SCRIPTURES: I/We believe that the entire Bible, all 66 books of the combined Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired by God and are inerrant in the original writings. Through the providence of God, the Word of God has been protected and preserved, and is the only infallible and authoritative rule of faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

GOD: I/We believe that there is only one true, living, sovereign, holy, and eternally existent God. He exists in three co-equal persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - each being a distinct person and with a distinct function, but all of one essence and all possessing the same nature, perfection, and attributes. The triune God is the Creator and sustainer of all things, the source of all truth, and is worthy of worship, confidence, and obedience. (Deuteronomy 6:4-5. Genesis 1:31)

JESUS CHRIST: I/We believe that Jesus Christ is God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed many miracles, shed His blood on the cross to pay the debt for our sins, was buried, bodily resurrected, and ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return literally, visibly, and personally in glory and power. (John 1:13,14; Matthew 1:18-25; Philippians 2:5-9; Colossians 1:15; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Acts 1:11)

HOLY SPIRIT: I/We believe that the Holy Spirit is God, co-equal and co-existent with the Father and the Son. He is the chief convicter of sin, the chief agent of regeneration and sanctification. The Holy Spirit lives within every believer and empowers every believer to live a godly life. (John 14:16-19; 16:7-15; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 8:9-11; Titus 3:5)

MANKIND: I/We believe that in the beginning God Created mankind in His image, and man is not in any sense the product of evolution. Mankind was originally created with the ability to live perfectly for God's glory. (Genesis 1:27, 31) Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender, as predetermined by God and revealed at conception, is thus part of the goodness of God's Creation.

SIN: I/We believe that Adam, the first man, sinned by disobedience. This act resulted in the fall of all mankind; therefore, all people have sinned and lost their ability to live for the glory of God. Every person's sin incurs both physical and spiritual death until there is forgiveness and salvation by the grace of God. (Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 3:10-23, 5:12-21, 6:23)

SALVATION: I/We believe the salvation of lost and sinful people is a free gift of God's grace apart from human works, based solely upon Christ's vicarious and atoning death, effected by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, and received only through faith in the person and finished work of Jesus Christ on the Cross and His resurrection from death. (Ephesians 2:8-10; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

THE CHURCH: I/We believe that the church is the body of Christ and the family of God. It is made up of saved and baptized believers, who regularly join together for worship, fellowship, and ministry. (Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Hebrews 10:25)

EVANGELISM: I/We believe that it is the responsibility and privilege of every Christian to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to seek to make growing disciples. (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)

THE HOME: I/we believe that God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood or adoption. Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in the covenant commitment. In addition to these important beliefs, I/we also believe that God has given the parents and the home the responsibility to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4, Proverbs 22:6) I/We believe that a consistent and whole education will occur when home, church, and school work closely together and are in agreement on the basic concepts of life.

After acquainting yourself with Bethel Christian Academy's Philosophy and Statement of Doctrinal Beliefs, describe your expectations in regard to your child's education.

As the parent(s) or Guardian of the student applicant named herein before, I/we state that we have read and agree with the Statement of Doctrinal Beliefs and Mission Statement of Bethel Christian Academy and agree that upon acceptance of the herein named student, I/we will pledge ourselves to work with staff, administration and faculty within these statements to the betterment of our student, and to assist and cooperate with the school in the Christian education of my/our child. I understand that the enclosed application fee is non-refundable. I further understand and acknowledge that continued enrollment of my/our child, if admitted to the School, shall be subject to the payment of all tuition and fees set forth on the schedule of tuition and fees as periodically amended by Bethel Christian Academy and my/our child's compliance with the code of conduct and policies established by Bethel Christian Academy.

FATHER/GUARDIAN	DATE	MOTHER/GUARDIAN	DATE
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Non-Discriminatory Policy

Bethel Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its education, admission policies, tuition assistance, athletic and other school-administered programs.

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Lifestyle Commitment

Declaration and Agreement to Ethical and Moral Integrity

Bethel Christian Academy stands firmly upon the historical truth claims and moral foundations of Christianity. This includes, but is not limited to, the biblical definition of marriage, the attendant boundaries of sexuality and moral conduct, and the clear biblical teaching that gender is both sacred and established by God's design. Parents or the legal guardians who choose to enroll their children at Bethel Christian Academy are agreeing to support these and other basic biblical values derived from historical Christianity and the relevant Christian positions embraced by Bethel Baptist Church, under whose authority BCA rests. Parents understand and agree that Bethel Christian Academy will teach these principles and biblical values. In addition, the Administration urges parents to recognize their scriptural responsibility (Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Psalm 78:5,6 Proverbs 22:6) to provide their children with a Christian education and to understand that the primary responsibility for this task rests with parents (Ephesians 6:4). BCA was founded and continues to operate upon biblical values and the desire and commitment for Bible-believing Christian parents to enroll their children in an intentionally Christian environment. BCA will consider admission for students from families willing to support Bethel's philosophy of Christian education, student conduct requirements, and the school's above-stated positions and those willing to allow their children to be educated and influenced in an intentionally Christian environment based on biblical principles. Continued enrollment at BCA is contingent upon the same understanding and support.

FATHER/GUARDIAN

DATE

MOTHER/GUARDIAN

DATE



Sexual Ethics Policy

Adopted as of November 17, 2016

Purpose:

To fulfill its mission and vision, Bethel Christian Academy feels that children need to have unified values and messaging in all areas of their lives. Of specific importance is the alignment of school, home and church, as they pertain to training students to abide by God's ideals, including human sexuality. Decisions at Bethel Christian Academy are founded on unchanging biblical principles, not ever-changing cultural norms. BCA strongly supports the biblical principles for Kingdom education--relevant ones to this issue are listed below:

- The education of children and youth must have as its primary goals the salvation of and discipleship of the next generation. (Psalm 78:6-7; Matthew 28:19-20)
- The education of children and youth must be based on God's Word as absolute truth. (Matthew 24:35; Psalm 119)
- The education of children and youth must not hinder the spiritual and moral development of the next generation. (Matthew 18:6; 19:13-14; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17)

Policy Statement:

BCA, as a ministry of Bethel Baptist Church, affirms the biblical understanding of sexuality as a gift from God (Genesis 2:24) as defined in the Baptist Faith and Message*. In concert with biblical teaching, BCA supports the principle and practice of purity in singleness and fidelity in marriage, which is the union of one man and one woman. In addition, BCA recognizes that the gift of gender is part of the goodness of God's creation, and is predetermined by God and revealed at conception. Lifestyles or practices inconsistent with these biblical teachings are also inconsistent with the mission of BCA. BCA affirms the biblical teaching that all sexual conduct outside the sanctity of marriage, including both hetero and homosexuality, is a sin, a turning away from God's ideal as outlined in Scripture.

BCA understands that while we all fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), the grace of God poured out through the blood of His Son calls us to repentance, forgiveness and a new life in Christ (2 Corinthians 7:10; 12:21; 2 Timothy 2:25; 2 Peter 3:9). We understand that these issues are very personal in nature and great discretion will be given in dealing with such matters - our purpose is not to bring shame or discomfort to an individual or family. However, nor will our actions negotiate the veracity of biblical absolutes on the altar of cultural convenience and compromise.

Consequently, our policy for all BCA students, staff, parents/guardians and board members calls for devotion to a biblical standard of purity.

Procedures:

When confronted as a result of not observing these biblical standards, continued involvement with BCA would necessitate a contrite heart before the Lord. In addition to personal behavior, board members, staff, students, parents/guardians and their families are expected not to participate in advocacy groups that promote sexuality contrary to biblical teaching.

BCA may determine a consequence for the individual that is appropriate for the act committed. In doing so, the school shall offer counsel and assistance to the individual so that the consequence imposed may be a catalyst for

redemption in his or her life. If a continued relationship with BCA and any member of the BCA staff, board, student body or parental body is deemed to be damaging to (or a distraction from) the mission of BCA, appropriate action, which could include dismissal, may be necessary. BCA will respond to such issues with an appropriate combination of grace and truth.

* Pertinent excerpts from The Baptist Faith and Message, ©2000

“III. Man

Man is the special Creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the Creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:5,7, 18-22; 3: 9:6; Psalms 1; 8:3-6, 32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Matthew 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18,23; 5:6,12-19, 6:6; 7:14-25; 8:14-18,29; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31: 15:19,21-22; Ephesians 2:1-22, Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11.”

“XVIII. The Family

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption. Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race. The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the Church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.

Genesis 1:26-28, 2:15-25; 3:1-20; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 1:26-28; Psalms 51:5, 78:1-8; 127; 128 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:8; 5:15-20; 6:20-22; 12:4; 13:24, 14:1; 17:6, 18:22; 22:6,15; 23:13-14; 24:3; 29:15,17; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, 9:9, Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 18:2-5; 19:3-9, Mark 10:6-12; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:8,14; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7.”

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Dr. Ricky Plummer

Senior Pastor

Bethel Baptist Church

January 9, 2026

April Wilson

Administrator

Dear Pastor,

Stephanie Gilland

Lower School Principal

Blair Ervin

Business Administrator

Bethel Christian Academy is a Christian school in Dothan, Alabama. Bethel Christian Academy exists to be a blessing and aid to Christian families in the overall education of their children. While academic training is important it is only one aspect of our instruction. We have a high standard for student behavior. On a daily basis students are challenged in their personal relationship with Christ. Our teachers are conscientious in training students to think and act according to Biblical principles. We desire that the instruction students receive at school be an extension of the instruction they are receiving at home and church. For that reason we ask that each of our families request a pastor or spiritual leader that knows the family well to answer the following questions. Your candid responses will enable the Admissions Committee of Bethel Christian Academy to determine if enrollment will be of mutual blessing and benefit.

Please mail or email this questionnaire to, Baily Crooms
bcrooms@bcadothan.org. Your responses will be kept confidential.

Your input is needed in order for the application process to continue. For that reason, I thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

April Wilson, Administrator
Bethel Christian Academy



Pastoral Reference Form

Fill in the top portion of this form. Ask your pastor or church leader to complete the bottom portion and to forward directly to the Office of Admissions.

I. To be completed by family applying to Bethel Christian Academy

Family Name: _____

Church: _____

Date Submitted to Pastor: _____

Names and grades of children seeking admission to Bethel Christian Academy:

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

II. To be completed by pastor of church. Sign, date and forward to Bethel Christian Academy

1. How long have you known this family? _____

2. In what capacity do you know the family? _____

3. How often does the family attend worship/church services?

Less than monthly Monthly Weekly Twice weekly More often

4. Which parent(s) is a Church member? Father Mother Neither

5. Is this family in good standing with the Church? Yes No

6. Is the family active beyond regular Sunday attendance? Yes No

Explain: _____

7. Are the children active in the youth/children program? Yes No

Explain: _____

8. How would you assess the overall behavior of the children?

Excellent Good Fair Poor Not Observed

9. Do you consider the children open to spiritual instruction? Yes No

Explain: _____

10. In what ways does the family serve in the ministry of the church? _____

11. What is your understanding of this family's relationship with God? _____

12. Are there any concerns regarding the family or applying children that should be considered regarding admission to Bethel Christian Academy? _____

13. Do you recommend this family to Bethel Christian Academy? () Yes () No

Pastor's Signature

Pastor's Name

Church Mailing Address

Phone number

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