



**Mount Airy Christian Academy**  
*Cultivating strong minds and passionate faith*

## ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

### Admission Policies

Mount Airy Christian Academy (MACA) admits students of any race, color, nationality and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities made available to students of the school. Mount Airy Christian Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies or any other school-administered programs. It does reserve the right to admit only those students whose educational needs can be met by the school.

Mount Airy Christian Academy does not require a student or his parents to be Christians or members of a church. Parents must, however, sign a pledge to support the school's teachings.

Lion's Pride Program - Children entering the Three Year Old Program must be three years old by September 1, 2017, and fully potty-trained. Children entering the Four Year Old Program must be four years old by September 1, 2017, and fully potty-trained.

Children entering kindergarten must be five years of age on or before September 1 of the term in which they enter school. A child with a birthday between September 2 and October 15 may apply for early admission. Families interested in early admission must apply by May 15 of the year and complete early admission testing by June 15. For more information about early admission, please contact the office.

### Admission Requirements

1. New students who wish to apply to Mount Airy Christian Academy must complete the Online Application for Admission 2017-2018 form. Once you have submitted the application, you will be contacted by the school office.
2. Families new to Mount Airy Christian Academy must request their family pastor, if they have one, to complete a Pastoral Reference Form. The form can be downloaded from our website or can be requested from our office. Please have your pastor mail the reference directly to the school.
3. All students entering K-12 grade will be given an assessment to determine readiness for that grade. Please call the office to schedule a testing session. Elementary placement tests seek to

determine the grade level on which the applicant is reading and to discover the competency of a variety of math skills. The secondary entrance exam consists of portions of the mathematics and language sections of the Stanford Achievement Test and a short essay question. Scores from an equivalent current standardized test may be accepted at the discretion of the Head of School.

4. Parents must submit records from the student's previous school, including the final report card, SAT scores, and any diagnostic testing, such as IEP/504 plans. These records must show passing grades and acceptable conduct at the previous school. Any pertinent information that is withheld may result in the student's expulsion from the school.
5. Secondary students (grades 6-12) must schedule and attend an interview with the Upper School Principal.

Upon completion of all the admission requirements, the Head of School will make the decision regarding admission. When a student is admitted to Mount Airy Christian Academy, an acceptance letter will be sent to his parents. This letter will include information to assist with school preparations.

Should a student not be admitted to Mount Airy Christian Academy, the parents will receive a phone call as well as a letter to include one-half of the registration fee. An appeal of an admission decision may be made to the Head of School who will present the appeal to the School Board. All decisions by the School Board are final.

### **Provisional Admission**

Each student who is accepted into Mount Airy Christian Academy is admitted on provisional admission. At the end of the first academic quarter, if there is any question as to the suitability of the student as a member of the school, a parent/teacher/student conference will be held to determine what steps, if any, should be taken to remedy the situation. A student who is dismissed may or may not be allowed to re-enroll at the school, depending on the reason for dismissal. The parents of a student who is dismissed will be responsible for tuition and fees for the month of dismissal. If it is determined that a student is not going to meet the expectations of Mount Airy Christian Academy, he may be asked to leave at any time.

### **Transfer**

Students may transfer in at any time up to their senior year and graduate from Mount Airy Christian Academy. Students may transfer in at the beginning of either semester of the school year. The school must be provided with evaluations, a portfolio, or some similar means of evaluating student placement. SAT tests in mathematics and English, standard for all students entering Mount Airy Christian Academy, will be administered unless the current year's scores are available. Secondary students attempting to transfer in during the second semester will be at the discretion of the Head of School. Students who have not attended Mount Airy Christian Academy High School for three years are not eligible to be valedictorian or salutatorian.