

School Policy Statement (120)

The School Board determines the policies of the school. Student, parents, and staff are expected to cooperate fully with the school policies as set forth in this handbook.

Admission Policy (301)

Flint Hills Christian School exists to offer Christian education in a Christian environment. Students will, therefore, be carefully selected in order to maintain a student body of high moral Christian standards. Flint Hills Christian School is dedicated to the teaching of Christian values and principles. We believe that it is necessary to apply these truths to all areas of life. Flint Hills welcomes applications from all who recognize the importance, within their family, of Christian beliefs and endeavor to teach these truths in the training of their children at home. Families will show their commitment to these values by participating regularly in a local church body.

Acceptance of a student will be based on school records, a personal interview with parents and student, testing results, and/or recommendations concerning character, attitude, general promise, and spiritual development.

Flint Hills Christian School is not equipped to accommodate the special needs of all children. With evaluation, review of a student's particular needs, and approval of the Administrator and teacher(s), students with exceptional physical, cognitive, language, or emotional needs may be accepted. Special needs students will be monitored and re-evaluated periodically.

Enrollment Procedure

The enrollment procedure will consist of a two-tier system. All families wishing to enroll must fill out an application and supply enrollment documents, which will then be followed by an interview with the Administrator. Prior to the interview, a student may be screened or tested to help determine his/her academic level and/or emotional maturity.

Tier I – Unconditional Acceptance by Administrator

1. Parents must provide a written Statement of Faith.
2. Family must be actively involved in a local church. If new to the area, the family will provide a history of past church involvement. Current pastor and other references may be contacted.
3. Family must express a conviction for Christian education.
4. The potential student does not exhibit a pattern of behavioral problems.
5. The potential student, grades 7-12, expresses a desire to be in the school and completes a student contract.
6. Parent(s) must be in agreement with the foundational documents of Flint Hills Christian School.

The Administrator will conduct a family interview to discuss the criteria listed above. If all other factors are satisfactory (ability to pay, provision of school records, and proof of a physical), the student(s) will be enrolled in school. Parents will be notified of acceptance or rejection.

Note: Junior and senior high students enrolling for the first time with a grade point under 2.0 for the last semester completed will be placed on academic probation for the first semester. A probationary contract will be drawn up and signed by the parents and the student. Reasonable special help or tutoring will be provided if needed. Conferences will be held with the parents, teachers, and student during this period to evaluate progress. Failure to achieve a 2.0 GPA or higher at the end of the first semester will

result in termination of enrollment unless special circumstances exist as determined by the Administrator.

Tier 2 - Conditional Acceptance

Situations may allow for conditional, probationary acceptance if all six of the above criteria are not met. The following procedure will then be followed:

1. An interview with the student and his or her parent(s) will be conducted with the Administrator.
2. If the Administrator is in favor of admission, he or she will present in writing the terms of acceptance. The Administrator reserves the right to accept the student on probationary terms or reject the applicant for admission.
3. The decision of the Administrator to accept or reject the student's application for admission is final.

Upon Acceptance:

1. Parents will request the forwarding of the student's permanent records from the school previously attended.
2. The student will have undergone a physical examination in the past year. A medical history form completed by the parents and the child's physician is due in the office by the start of the school year.

Transfer Students: (421)

1. Students from public or approved private school: transcripts from prior schools attended will be evaluated by the Administrator to determine transferability of credits to meet FHCS graduation requirements. A plan will then be determined as to how the requirements for graduation will be met.
2. Home-school students: parents will provide a transcript of credits earned. That transcript will be evaluated by the Administrator to determine which credits, if any, will need to be validated in order to meet FHCS graduation requirements. A plan will then be determined as to how the requirements for graduation will be met.

Kindergarten and K4 Entrance Requirements (303)

1. A physical examination by a doctor or the health department.
2. An up-to-date immunization record. If the required immunizations have not been received, we must have a statement signed by the parent stating that the child has not been immunized and tuberculin-tested because of religious convictions or other objections to immunizations.
3. A copy of the child's certified birth certificate.
4. Flint Hills Christian School requires that a child must be four (4) years of age by August 31 to enroll in K4.
5. Flint Hills Christian School requires that a child must be five (5) years of age by August 31 before enrolling in kindergarten.
6. Students may be screened or tested by the FHCS faculty to determine whether the school can meet their needs.

Parent Orientation and Involvement (308)

Flint Hills Christian School assumes that parents will be actively involved in the education of their children; therefore, the following is expected of all Flint Hills Christian School parents:

1. The parents' attendance at the annual "Back-to-School Night" held in August.
2. A thorough reading of this handbook by the parents and secondary students.
3. Consistent, timely payment of tuition and other fees.
4. Regular attendance at a Bible-believing church of the parents' choice.
5. Participation in major school fundraisers.
6. Attendance at Parent-Teacher Conferences.
7. Serving at least 30 hours per year at the school. This can be done in a variety of ways and ideas/jobs will be posted via e-mail and on the entry bulletin board.

Home-School Student Policy (309)

Areas of Involvement

1. Services — Individual student pictures, PLAN/PSAT and standardized testing, hearing/vision screening,
2. Extra-curricular activities — Athletics, band, choir, spring play.
3. Enrollment in any class on the elementary or secondary level.
4. Home-school students will be allowed to participate in field trips and class parties with prior notification to the teacher, as long as they are enrolled. If they participate in field trips, their parents will be encouraged to drive.

Enrollment Process

New home school students must go through the same process as regular students. They must also have the approval of the teacher or coach who will be involved with the student on a regular basis.

Home-School Participation in Athletics

1. Home-school athletes must meet academic requirements adhered to by full time students (see Academic Eligibility). Recognizing that home-school students may be graded differently, parents will be asked to sign a statement affirming that their student(s) are progressing at a rate comparable to FHCS students. Such a statement needs to be signed and given to the Athletic Director every four (4) weeks. If there is difficulty and the student is declared ineligible, then the parents will be asked to sign a statement every two (2) weeks.
2. Full time students will be given priority for filling team rosters. The Athletic Director and coaches will determine team sizes for each sport. Once we know how many full time students are participating in a sport and we determine how many teams and how many positions are left unfilled, we will open registration to home-school students. A deadline will be set for receiving applications. After that date, we will prioritize applications as follows:
 - A. Number of years of positive involvement with Flint Hills Christian School.
 - B. Number of other classes currently being taken in the school.
 - C. Siblings currently or previously taking classes in the school.
 - D. First-time applicants.
3. Home-school athletes, while they are participating on an FHCS athletic team, may not practice with or play for any other teams during that season. We hold full time students to the same requirements to assure that student athletes are giving 100% of their effort to the team.
4. The athlete shall follow all regulations outlined in the FHCS Parent/Student Handbook during the season(s) in which he/she participates (dress code, conduct, etc.). Students will be disciplined in a similar manner to regular students. The athlete is required to complete a student contract prior to participation.

5. Once students are accepted on a team, all team members will have equal status. Playing time will be earned according to the coach's guidelines.

Home-School Fees and Requirements - Current fee information is available from the school office.

Notice of Non-Discriminatory Policy (302)

Flint Hills Christian School admits students whose parents believe in FHCS' Statement of Faith and are actively involved in a local Christian church. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship programs, or in athletic and other programs.