



708 Stoystown Road, Suite 2
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2020-2021 ADMISSION PACKET

Pre-Kindergarten

FEE STRUCTURE AND INFORMATION

Somerset Christian School (SCS) offers three day, four-day, or five day Pre-Kindergarten programs from either 8:00 am to 11:45 am for children who are four (or five) years old and potty-trained.

Five-Day Programs	\$3000 (or \$250/mo. for 12 months)
Four -Day programs	\$2500 (or \$208.25/mo. for 12 months)
Three-Day Programs	\$2000 (or \$166.75/mo. for 12 months)
Enrollment Fee	\$35/student (one-time fee)

***If your child needs daycare for the afternoons, the rate is an additional \$12.00/day or \$5.00/hour, whichever is less.

Tuition: Tuition is due the fifth day of the month, starting **July 2019**. Monthly payments will be accepted on a twelve-month plan. If payment is not received by the 10th, a \$25 late fee is assessed. We accept check, cash and credit card. (Credit card users are charged a 3% processing fee.)

Discounts: The first month's tuition is due **July 1, 2019**. If you choose to pay your full tuition in advance, you will receive the following discount:
Paid in Full by July 1 - 5% off

Attendance: If your child is in the three-day program, s/he may come in an extra day to make up for a day they are absent. Arrangements need to be made in advance and will only be permitted if there is availability. **There is no daily rate for Pre-Kindergarten; if you miss a day, your tuition will not be adjusted.**

Parent Hours: Pre-K parents are required to complete 10 parent hours per school year. These parent hours help provide staffing at fundraising events, which in turn helps to offset the costs that tuition does not cover.



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2020-2021 PRE-KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION

AM program (8:00am-11:30am)

STUDENT'S FULL NAME _____

Male

Female

Date of Application _____

Age _____

Date of Birth _____

Place of Birth _____

Choose one:

3-days a week

4-days a week

5-days a week

If less than five days a week, which days are you interested in attending?

Student's Home Address _____
(street address)

(city, state, zip)

Phone _____

Student lives with: _____ Both biological parents _____ Father _____ Mother _____ Guardian
_____ Stepparent _____ Other _____

Church Attendance: _____ Weekly _____ Occasionally _____ Seldom

Name of Church: _____

Pastor's Name _____

Sibling Info: (name, age, and school)

PARENT INFORMATION

Father/Guardian's Name _____	
Home Address (if different from child's): _____	

Home Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____
Email _____	
Employer: _____	
Work Phone: _____	Position: _____
Mother/Guardian's Name _____	
Home Address (if different from child's): _____	

Home Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____
Email _____	
Employer: _____	
Work Phone: _____	Position: _____

PURPOSE OF ENROLLMENT

Please answer the questions below. Use a separate piece of paper if needed.

1. Why are you seeking to enroll your child in Somerset Christian School?

2. What is your understanding of God's order of the home, the church and the Christian school, and the relationship between them?

3. Please rank the following reasons for enrollment 1-5, with 1 being the most important:

____ Christian based curriculum

____ Quality academics

____ Christian Teachers & staff

____ Safety

____ Location

____ Other (please specify)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Admission to Somerset Christian School is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, all students and parents must go through an interview process to ensure students can be appropriately placed.

Please answer the following with as much information as possible.

1. Does the child have a history of physical or emotional conditions, or a learning disability which may require professional attention?

No Yes Please explain: _____

2. Does your child currently have a mental health diagnosis?

No Yes Please explain: _____

3. Has the child participated in any special learning/tutoring program?

No Yes If yes, please explain: _____

4. Has the student participated in any gifted learning programs?

No Yes If yes, please explain _____

5. Does your child exhibit any behaviors that need special considerations?

No Yes If yes, please explain _____

6. Has the child ever attended daycare? If so, where? _____

Is there any additional information you think we should know?

How did you hear about us? Were you referred to Somerset Christian School by another family? If so, please list their name.

AFTER READING AND INITIALING ALL POLICIES LISTED, PLEASE SIGN BELOW.

ENROLLMENT POLICIES

By signing below, I agree to the enrollment policies: In making application, I state that I am in agreement with the Statement of Faith and Philosophy of Education of SCS. As a parent, I agree to: cooperate with SCS in the enforcement of disciplinary procedures, encourage habits of promptness, and encourage positive attitudes toward the school by my conversation and attitude. I will be faithful in prayer and I will support excellence in education for each student. I believe the Bible commands us to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian community in conformity with the Biblical injunctions of I Corinthians 6:1-8, Matthew 5:23-24 and Matthew 18:15-20. Therefore, I agree that any claim or dispute arising out of, or related to, this agreement or to any aspect of the school relationship, including any statutory claim, shall be settled by Biblically based mediation.

(Your initials below indicate that you have read and agree to the policies below.)

_____ **ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL CHURCH:** Somerset Christian School is an extension of the home and relies on a partnership with parents to teach children a Biblical worldview. We believe a consistent message from home, church and school will result in developing Godly character and values. Therefore, as you enroll, it is our understanding that you are or will seek to be actively involved in a local church, which teaches its members to live consistently with Biblical standards.

_____ **SICK CHILDREN:** If a child is sick with any of the following symptoms or any other contagious illness, he/she will be unable to attend school or Afterschool daycare. Symptoms include, but are not limited to: a fever of **100.4 degrees**; vomiting; undiagnosed rash; diarrhea; strep throat; contagious conjunctivitis; and chicken pox. Children must not exhibit symptoms for **24 hours** and have a physician's statement before they may return to school or Afterschool daycare.

_____ **UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN:** Since our Pre-Kindergarten program ends at 11:30am, parents may choose to place their child in our day care program on the days they attend Pre-K. There is an additional cost charged and is billed separately through the SCDC (Somerset Christian Day Care).

_____ **SCS HANDBOOK:** We have read the SCS Handbook and will support the policies and regulations contained therein.

_____ **FUNDRAISING:** We recognize that tuition payments cover only a portion of school expenses. The remaining portion must be raised by monetary contributions and fundraising events. We recognize our support of these events is necessary to the operation of the school.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

X

Parent/Guardian Signature

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2020-2021 FINANCIAL POLICY

Deut. 23:21 "if you make a vow to the Lord your God, do not be slow to pay it, for the Lord your God will certainly demand it of you and you will be guilty of sin."

By signing below, I agree to the financial policies of Somerset Christian School:

I understand the registration fee is non-refundable. I understand the withdrawal policy and my obligation to follow through with my financial commitments of tuition and all fees as detailed in this contract. I understand my child's records will not be released until our SCS financial obligations are fulfilled. (Your initials below indicate that you have read and agree to the policies.)

_____ ENROLLMENT FEE: An enrollment fee of \$35 per student is due at the time of application and is non-refundable. If the school denies your acceptance, you will be refunded the enrollment fee. This is a one-time fee due at time of initial enrollment at SCS.

_____ TUITION: Tuition fees paid in monthly installments are due the 5th of each month, beginning July 1, 2020, with the final payment due June 1, 2021. A \$25 late charge will be added if payment is not received by the 10th of the month. Failure to keep your account current will result in the family being asked to withdraw from the school. Payments can be made in check, cash or credit card. Credit card payments are charged a 3% processing fee.

_____ PARENT HOURS: All families, including Pre-K, are required to complete parent hours for the school to help keep operating costs down. Pre-K parents are required to complete 10 parent hours. Parent hours may be completed between July, 2020 and May 31, 2021. Families must have a minimum of half their service hours completed by January 31st to be eligible for priority registration for the next year. All parent hours must be completed before May 31st to be eligible to re-enroll. **If hours are not completed by May 31st, you will be billed \$15.00 per hour for each remaining hour.**

_____ WITHDRAWAL POLICY: If a student withdraws from SCS for any reason, the parents remain responsible for that month's complete tuition. If the withdrawal is at the School's request, tuition for the remainder of the month will be refunded on a pro rata basis.

_____ *TUITION ASSISTANCE:* Admission to SCS is a privilege, not a right. Families who desire a Christian education for their children, must be willing to sacrifice time and monies so that their child may attend Somerset Christian School. No longer will discounts to tuition be given. Parents will have the opportunity to participate in many fundraisers in order to earn tuition dollars that will be applied directly to your account. Failure to pay your tuition balance in full will result in non-acceptance to SCS the following year and possible charges with the Magistrate's office. No school records will be released until accounts are paid in full.

Father/Guardian Signature and Date

Mother/Guardian Signature and Date



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Letter to Prospective Parents

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Somerset Christian School. We have adopted an admissions policy that opens the school to families who are like-minded spiritually, who are supportive of our philosophy, objectives, and standards of education, and whose children meet our enrollment standards. Our purpose is to serve families who desire not simply a private education, but a distinctively Christian education for their children.

Before applying to admission to our school, please read the Student Handbook provided in this introductory packet. The Student Handbook will introduce you to many of the school's policies, procedures, and expectations for both parents and students.

The first several pages of the Handbook explain our religious purpose, mission, and beliefs. This school unashamedly believes, teaches and practices a literal interpretation of the Word of God. If you do not agree with our mission or Christian beliefs, enrolling your child in our school will likely cause him or her confusion. For example, if a question regarding biblical lifestyles arises in chapel or your child's classroom, the teacher will answer from a biblical viewpoint consistent with our mission and belief statements. If your beliefs and lifestyle choices are not in agreement with our doctrinal stance, that answer will likely create conflict in your child's heart and mind. This internal conflict could force your child to choose between our teaching and what he or she learns at home. We respect your desire to place your child in the best possible learning environment, but if you are not in full agreement with our doctrinal positions, it will be best for all concerned if you do not enroll your child at our school.

Biblical principles are integrated into every subject taught at our school. Our staff is committed not only to academic excellence, but also to teaching students how to apply the truths of God's Word to every aspect of life. If you are in agreement with the teaching of God's Word, this school will complement the beliefs and ideals your child is taught at home. We look forward to partnering with you to educate your child in God's truth.

Respectfully,
Erica James-Handley
Administrator

STANDARDS FOR EVALUATING PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

A. Spiritual Considerations

- Personal Christian commitment of parents and students
- Willingness of parents and student to be supportive of the school's Christian philosophy of education.
- Willingness of parents and student to support the administration and faculty in carrying out the goals and programs of the school.

B. Behavioral Considerations

- History of acceptable citizenship on previous school experience
- Agreement of parents and student to abide by the behavioral standards established by the school.

C. Academic Considerations

- Documented record of acceptable grades in previous school experience.
- Acceptable scores on achievement tests.

D. Personal Considerations

- Student's special interests, talents, and skills.
- School makes no distinction in its admission policy on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin.

ADMISSION DOCUMENTS

Enclosed in this packet is the following information:

- **Enrollment Form:** To be considered for admission to Somerset Christian School for the 2020-2021 school year, please complete the application and return to the school office with a check for the \$35 Enrollment fee (per child).
- **Scholarship Forms.** There are three possible scholarships for financial aid: the EITC Scholarship, the WPA CMA scholarship and the Gary Wayne Shaffer Scholarship. If you would like a form, please call the school office.
- **Open House Flyer**
- **Student Handbook**