



# **ADMISSIONS INFORMATION**



## OUR MISSION

New Hope Christian Academy (NHCA) is an urban, college-preparatory elementary school providing students with a challenging, intellectual, and Christ-centered education.

## OUR VISION

Our goal is to ground our students in the knowledge of God, as uniquely revealed in Jesus Christ, and attested to in the Scriptures. NHCA places a unique emphasis upon the immediate community in which the school is located, and seeks to provide the highest standards for intellectual and Christ-centered learning by developing lasting relationships with students, families, and the church community. We strive to equip each child with the necessary tools to effectively pursue high school graduation and a college education.

## BELIEF STATEMENT

- We believe our ultimate goal is to ensure that each student know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord and then impact their world for Him.
- We believe students should be exposed to a college-preparatory core curriculum which includes an appreciation for reading, science, mathematics, fine arts, physical education, Biblical life application, and technology.
- We believe our school should be an extension of, not a replacement of, the Christian home; thereby establishing a united partnership among all stakeholders.
- We believe a Christ-centered curriculum and academic excellence can co-exist.
- We believe ongoing professional development is an essential component in providing developmentally appropriate curriculum for our students.
- We believe effective communication (oral and written) is a critical, lifelong skill.
- We believe students have varied learning styles and benefit from diverse teaching strategies.
- We believe students improve their academic and behavioral performance when challenged by high expectations in a supportive Christian environment.
- We believe students should be immersed in Biblical study, praise and worship, and meaningful relationships with Christian role models.
- We believe students should be provided an emotionally and physically safe environment.
- We believe students' self-esteem is enhanced through the development of positive relationships, core values, and cooperative behavior.
- We believe students should develop an understanding of global issues and the importance of becoming a Christian servant in their school, home, community, city, country, and world.

## Nicene Creed

At the founding in 1995, NHCA adopted the Nicene Creed (AD 325) as the School's statement of beliefs. This creed, along with other statements of the church such as the Apostles' Creed, acts as a measurement for orthodoxy and helps connect Christians together throughout history, through common proclamations of belief.

[Nicene Creed](#)



## WHO WE ARE

Serving over 420 students from three-years-old to sixth grade, NHCA is rooted in the heart of the Frayser community of Memphis and built upon the core pillars of teaching, learning, and discipleship.

New Hope is an active member of various regional independent school associations (including MAIS, TAIS, and SAIS) and is accredited by AdvancEd and SAIS.

## OUR VALUES

Matthew 19:14: But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

## ADMISSIONS

New Hope Christian Academy accepts students for admission in grades PK – 6.

New Hope 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. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity or national origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic or other school administered programs.

**NHCA has a “June 1” cut-off date for entry into PK – SK (i.e., applicant must be 3-years-old before June 1, to enroll in PK; 4-years-old for JK; and 5-years-old for SK).**

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Submit a completed enrollment application online
  - Copy of your child’s birth certificate (long or short form, not mother’s copy)
  - Copy of your child’s social security card
  - Copy of current Tennessee Department of Health immunization form
  - **\$25** non-refundable application fee (via square)
- Submit child’s most recent school records (1st–6th grade)
- Complete FACTS Financial Aid Application accompanied with a **\$40** non-refundable fee. A list of required documents are also needed at time of submission, parent/guardian’s W2 and 1040 tax forms.
- Complete ESA Application

Please note, applications with missing documents or false information may cause a delay or revoke the application.

## ASSESSMENTS

Once the full application process is complete, the primary parent or guardian will be contacted to set a date for their child(ren) to be assessed through testing and observation, followed by a family screening. The assessment process could take 1-2 hours, depending upon the grade level.



## **ENROLLMENT DECISION**

All enrollment decisions are made by the Enrollment Committee and given careful consideration under structured guidelines. The Committee evaluates each applicant on academic strengths, behavior, and attendance. Admission to NHCA is selective and based on previous school performance (first through sixth), results of an entrance test, observation, and family screening. While individual test scores for candidates are important, every part of an applicant's profile plays a critical role in the acceptance process.

Families will be notified by email of enrollment decisions, typically within 4-6 weeks after completion of assessment. Enrollment contracts will be presented with tuition amounts and must be signed and returned (after attending a contract meeting) to validate applicant's grade level spot for the upcoming school year.

## **WAITING POOL**

Oftentimes, NHCA has more applicants than available grade level spots. NHCA offers a waiting pool for students who successfully complete the full admission process, and are offered enrollment, provided a spot becomes available before the school year begins. When placed in the waiting pool, applicants are not necessarily ranked in order of next acceptance, but rather on multiple aspects of his/her admission profile. Families are notified by email, should their child be accepted into the waiting pool. The waiting pool does not carry over from year to year.

## **FINANCIAL AID**

NHCA is aware that covering the costs of a private school education can be challenging. Financial aid is available and is need-based. Income verification may be required by both parents/guardians, regardless of current relationship status. All families pay a portion of tuition; no student receives a full grant. In addition, financial assistance may be applied to tuition only and does not cover fees for uniforms, field trips, aftercare, extra-curricular activities, etc. Families must reapply for financial aid each year and may be awarded based on funds available.

## **TUITION**

Current annual tuition at NHCA is \$12,500 per year. Unless paid annually, tuition and fees are billed to families through FACTS Tuition Management, over a 10-month period (July-April).

## **EDUCATIONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT (ESA)**

New Hope Christian Academy accepts Educational Savings Account funds through the State of TN (ESA). Once accepted, all new SK-6th grade students who are eligible must apply for ESA for the 24-25 school year. While a preliminary financial aid amount will be awarded, the final determination of financial aid will be made after the ESA application is completed and approved.



### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For more information about New Hope Christian Academy, our school culture, uniforms, arrival/dismissal, aftercare, etc., please visit our **Resources** page and **Family Handbook** online: **[www.NewHopeMemphis.org](http://www.NewHopeMemphis.org)**. If you need further assistance, please contact the following:

- **Enrollment inquiries/Admission process**
  - Office of Admissions, [admissions@newhopememphis.org](mailto:admissions@newhopememphis.org)
- **Tuition/FACTS Financial Aid**
  - Business Office, [businessoffice@newhopememphis.org](mailto:businessoffice@newhopememphis.org)

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