

SILVERDALE

BAPTIST ACADEMY

ADMISSIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURES

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY ADMISSIONS POLICY

Silverdale Baptist Academy admits students of any color, race, or ethnic origin to all rights and privileges, programs and activities made available to students at the school. SBA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship programs, athletic programs or any other school-administered programs.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to partner with families to provide an environment of academic excellence with a Biblical worldview conducive to developing educated young people of character prepared to represent our Lord Jesus Christ in all walks of life.

All applicants are considered on the basis of standardized tests, recommendations, previous report cards or transcripts, the results of admission testing for grades K-9, and the families' commitment to a Christian lifestyle. A student's previous educational records and behavioral patterns are all considered in the acceptance process. Any falsified admission information will result in immediate dismissal without a refund.

In addition the following requirements must be met:

1. Students will not be accepted unless applications and testing information are complete.
2. Parents must understand that SBA will seek to lead their child to a personal relationship with and commitment to Jesus Christ.
3. New applicants are considered on the following criteria:
 - a. At least a 2.0 grade point average for students in grades 6-12; others will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Admissions Committee
 - b. A qualifying grade on a mandatory admissions test for grades K-9(all home-schooled applicants).
 - c. A record of good behavior and attendance reported to us through the academic referrals and report cards.
 - d. Kindergarten students MUST be 5 years old by September 1st of the school year.

- e. Interviews that establish like-mindedness between the home and the school in the areas of discipline and openness to the presentation of SBA's doctrines and beliefs.

The Admissions Committees takes into consideration the following priorities when reviewing applicants for placement:

1. Siblings of current students
2. Children of SBC members
3. Children of Faculty/Staff member
4. Multiple siblings applying

4. A completed application includes:
 - a. The signed and completed application folder
 - b. The signed Financial Agreement (for the upcoming school year)
 - c. Copies of the previous year's report card for grades 1-12
Transcripts for 10-12th grade applicants,
 - d. Standardized testing results
 - e. An updated Tennessee School Immunization Certificate (not a copy)
All immunizations must be up to date.
 - f. Copies of the student's social security card and official birth certificate
 - g. The application fee
 - h. The student self-assessment (for 6th-12th grade applicants)
 - i. Referrals, both pastoral and academic must be mailed or faxed to the Academy at 648-7600).

After applications are completed and tests and interviews have been administered, the file will be sent to the Admissions Committee for review. An invitation or denial for enrollment will be extended based on the above criteria and the availability of openings so as not to exceed maximum class size.

5. The new application fee and the re-enrollment fee are not a part of the student's tuition and will not be refunded for any reason unless the child is denied admission to SBA.
6. Students who have been dismissed or expelled due to disciplinary problems, from SBA or any other school may not be accepted for enrollment into SBA.
7. All students attending SBA must take courses required toward graduation. Seniors must complete SBA's graduation requirements in addition to state requirements in order to graduate from SBA
8. All parents and students must agree to the purpose and goals of SBA and abide by all policies in order to be admitted and remain at Silverdale Baptist Academy.

9. Students with learning disabilities will not be excluded from our program as long as they meet entrance requirements and we feel we can meet their needs. This decision shall be made by the administration. The administration reserves the right to deny the acceptance of a student if, after evaluating the application, it is determined that SBA cannot meet the needs of the student according to SBA's curricular offerings and faculty expertise.
10. Parents must accept the responsibility for the appearance and dress of their children. Students will follow SBA's dress code with no exceptions. Parents are ultimately responsible for the dress and conduct of their children and this responsibility must be accepted in order for the student to be admitted to and remain at Silverdale Baptist Academy. This responsibility is accepted by signing the Handbook agreement form.
11. All prospective SBA parents, as well as student applicants (grades 6-12) will be interviewed.
12. Once classes have begun, the admissions office will continue to accept applications and screen prospective K-8th grade students if there is room for placement. For 9th-12th grades, admission will be allowed for one week after classes have begun in August and also at the beginning of the second semester if spaces are available. Students seeking admission for the second semester of any school year need to have applied and been accepted by the end of the first semester in December. Exceptions will be considered for those being relocated into the Chattanooga area.
14. In order to graduate from SBA, a student must be enrolled for at least one full year, therefore, we only accept applications for incoming seniors before the senior year begins. Any incoming senior must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. The only exceptions considered would be for families relocating to the Chattanooga area.

Because all applications are thoroughly reviewed by an Admissions Committee in order to determine acceptance or denial, all committee decisions are final and will not be subject to appeal.

WITHDRAWAL FEES

Please see the CURRENT financial agreement for withdrawal fee dates and amounts.

TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT APPLY TO VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWALS AND DISMISSALS FROM SILVERDALE BAPTIST ACADEMY.