

# Pleasant Ridge Christian Academy (PRCA)

## Admissions Policy Overview

Celebrating our first year of service to students and families in Defuniak Springs, FL and the surrounding areas, Pleasant Ridge Christian Academy (PRCA) offers an excellent academic education, along with a biblical worldview, preparing each student to use his or her God-given abilities as a champion for Christ.

### General Policy

Applicants for admission to PRCA must complete and submit a *PRCA Admission Application*. Admission to PRCA is based on a three-fold standard:

1. At least one parent or guardian with legal authority to direct the education of the child(ren) must acknowledge a relationship with Jesus Christ; agree to cooperate with PRCA in the education, training, and discipline of the child(ren) in accordance with the principles of the *PRCA Statement of Faith* and *PRCA Philosophy of Christian Education*; and confirm a desire to join the PRCA community by adhering to its policies and procedures such as the *PRCA Parental Agreement*. Children from families who practice a non-Christian or non-Trinitarian religion do not ordinarily qualify for enrollment at PRCA.
2. The prospective student(s) must demonstrate grade-level academic achievement. PRCA will consider standardized achievement tests, math and English assessments, school records, and academic references.
3. Once an application is complete and PRCA has confirmed a student's satisfactory academic achievement, PRCA will schedule an interview with the student and family to evaluate their level of interest in becoming a member of the PRCA community, desire for their child(ren) to receive an education built upon an openly biblical perspective that asserts the Lordship of Jesus Christ in everyday living and the authority of Scripture to establish moral guidelines for righteous living, commitment to PRCA's policies and involvement in a local church. PRCA solicits pastoral recommendations. PRCA reserves the right to check a family's social media sites and publicly available posts and documents.

### **Families seeking admission of their student(s) to PRCA must meet the following standards:**

The parent(s) or guardian(s) who sign the *PRCA Parental Agreement* must have legal custody and lawful authority to direct the education of the child(ren) who would be PRCA student(s). If the student is under the age of 18, they must be living in a household with at least one parent or guardian. The child(ren) must reside in that parent's (or guardian's) household at least the majority of the time. Divorced parents must provide PRCA with a current Custody Agreement or Parenting Plan.

If there are two adults residing in a household with a prospective student(s), they must be a legally married man and woman unless one of the adults is an extended family member (e.g. mother and grandfather, father and grandmother, mother and aunt, etc.) This is based upon the biblical standards of marriage. (Genesis 1:26-28, 2:18-25; Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18; Mathew: 5:27-28, 15:19, 19:4-6; Mark 10:5-9; Romans 1:24-32, 3:23; 12:10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20; 12:12-13; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8; Hebrews 13:4; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 2:1-3, 5:3, 5:21-33; Colossians 3:5; 1 Peter 1:14-16; 1 John 3:1-3)

**No student shall be admitted who:**

- Has a history of disciplinary problems (e.g. expulsion, suspension, asked to withdraw, disrespect for authority or violent behavior) at prior schools.  
(Romans 13:1-2; 1 Peter 5:5; 1 Timothy 5:17)
- Has an academic deficiency, emotional problem, physical handicap, learning disability, or any other social, educational, or physical need that cannot be met by PRCA's existing programs, services, or staff.
- Has a juvenile or court record that PRCA deems prohibitory in PRCA's exclusive judgment. (Proverbs 20:1; Galatians 5:16-25)
- Has a consistent reputation of ungodly behavior.  
(Psalms 119:37; Hosea 4:2; Matthew 5:28; Romans 12:2, James 1:14-15)
- Has professed or advocated for a homosexual, bisexual, or transgender orientation.  
(Romans 1:24-32, 1 Corinthians 6:9-20)
- Has parents (or guardians) whose lifestyle is inconsistent with PRCA's standards for families detailed in the prior section, entitled "families seeking admissions to PRCA." PRCA admits male or female students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities accorded or made available to PRCA students. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, national or ethnic origin in the administration of our educational policies, admissions procedures, tuition assistance awards, athletic or other school-administered programs.

PRCA reserves the right, within its sole discretion, to refuse admission to an applicant and is not obligated to disclose the reasons for denial. This right of refusal applies to all prospective students. Therefore, PRCA maintains the right to admit only those students who meet all of the applicable standards of PRCA. Withholding, providing false information or misrepresenting information during enrollment jeopardizes a student's admission or continued enrollment.

PRCA, as a private Christian institution, reserves the right to set its own standards for enrollment, discipline, student conduct, dress, and scholarship. Furthermore, PRCA reserves the right, without refunding tuition, to dismiss any student who does not respect its standards or provide reasonable cooperation with PRCA's educational process, or whose conduct is counter to or in opposition to the biblical lifestyle that PRCA teaches. PRCA reserves the right not to continue a student's enrollment in the event a signatory of the *PRCA Parental Agreement* fails to honor that agreement. Reenrollment is not automatic; an application to enroll must be made for each academic year.

Enrollment must conform to the standards in the *PRCA Admissions Overview*, including the signing of the *PRCA Student Agreement* and the *PRCA Parental Agreement*. If, in the judgment of the administration, variation from these standards is desirable in a specific instance, adjudication by the PRCA Board of Directors (BOD) is required. Adjudication will follow BOD policy procedures.