CORNERSTONE
SCHOOL

Child's Name _____ Grade for 2018-2019 _____

NEW STUDENT

ELEMENTARY

Admissions Application Information

2018-2019

Kingdom Purpose

To empower students to glorify God

Our Vision

To develop a Christ-centered, world-class school in the inner city

Our Mission

Our mission is to inspire and develop critically-thinking and compassionate young people in a Christ-centered learning community that is committed to academic excellence and character development. We strive to empower lifelong learners to be responsible and productive citizens of the world, all to the glory of God.

Our Core Values

Excellence for God
Excellence for Children
Excellence in Education
Excellence in Character

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Birmingham, AL 35212
205-591-7600

Application Procedures

Step 1: Complete and return child's application with the following:
- Copy of most recent report card
- Most recent test scores (Aspire, DIBELS, Terra Nova)
- Application Fee ($20.00 per child)

Step 2: You will be contacted to schedule testing.

Step 3: The school will inform the applicant's family **in writing** if the child(ren) have met the criteria for acceptance**. The parent covenant, student handbook and acknowledgement form, media release, and calendar information will be mailed with the acceptance letter. The forms should be signed and returned within a week of receipt.**

Step 4: The parent should contact the school to schedule a tuition assessment no later than April 15, 2018. Please have financial records/proof of income at this appointment (tax return). At this time, the tuition will be determined based on income and the tuition contract will be signed.

Step 5: The following items will need to be submitted within a month of the tuition assessment:
- Balance of the registration fee--$40 for one child or balance of $100 per family
- Supply Fee--$40
- A copy of the student's birth certificate and social security card
- A current blue immunization form

Step 6: The school will inform the family that the student(s) has/have been officially accepted and put on roll.

NOTICE: Students are not enrolled or placed on classroom rosters until ALL of Steps 1-6 are completed and a financial contract is signed.

Registration and Application Notes

- You must complete an application for each student you plan to enroll.
- Each student who applies to K5-5th grades will be evaluated by the Cornerstone Admissions Committee.

  Testing will be scheduled after all of Step 1 of the application process is completed.
- We accept applicants throughout the school year and summer. Enrollment is based on the availability of space and acceptance from the admission committee.
- Open enrollment for new students begins January 8, 2018. Vacancies will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis, in the order in which all application steps are completed.

We have an extended school year. Students are required to begin school on the starting date.

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Student Application

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Middle: _____ Name Student Goes By: _____

Sex: M ___ F___ Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Current Age: _____

Grade to Enter: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Does your student have a sibling(s) applying to Cornerstone? Yes _____ No _____

Name(s) and Grade(s)_____

Ethnicity: ___ Hispanic or Latino ___ Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: American Indian or Alaska Native ___ Black or African American ___

White ___ Asian ___ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific ___

Parent or Guardian One:

Relation: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Marital Status: __ Married __Divorced __Separated __Single __ Widow(er)

Parent or Guardian Two:

Relation: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Marital Status: __ Married __Divorced __Separated __Single __ Widow(er)

School Information

Public School that student is zoned to attend:

_____

Please list the school(s) that the student has attended. If home-schooled, please indicate. List the most recent school the student attended first.

School currently enrolled: _____

Grade(s) attended _____ Phone: _____Fax:_____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip:_____

Previous School: _____

Grade(s) attended _____ Phone: _____Fax: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip:_____

1. Has your child ever been tested for special education? Yes ___ No ___
   If so, did he/she qualify for services? _____ Has your child ever had an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)? Yes ___ No___
2. Does your child currently have an IEP? Yes ___ No ___
3. Does your child have any behavioral or emotional concerns that we need to be aware of or that may affect his/her academic progress? Yes ___ No ___ If Yes, please explain:
   _____
   _____
4. Has your student ever been asked to repeat a grade, or to withdraw from a school for any reason?
   Yes ___ No ___ If Yes, please specify grade and reason:
   _____
5. Has your student encountered disciplinary difficulties in school? Yes ___ No ___
   If yes, please explain: _____
   _____
6. Is your child currently on any kind of medication? If yes, specify:
   _____
7. How did you hear about Cornerstone?

___ Newspaper ___ Magazine ___ Mail ____ Internet ____Other

Friend/Family (Please list the name of friend/family) _____

Please answer the following questions:

Why do you want your child/children to attend Cornerstone?

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

How do you currently support your child in his/her education?

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_____
_____
_____
_____

Agreement:

I agree that the information provided in this application is correct. I understand that any falsification of information may result in my child's dismissal from Cornerstone Schools of Alabama. I also agree to support all Cornerstone Schools of Alabama policies and procedures, outlined in the Student Handbook and other governing documents.

Signature: _____Date: _____

Signature: _____Date: _____

Acknowledgement Form

The Student/Parent handbook has been created to provide students, parents, faculty, and staff with a clear expectation of policies and procedures that are to be followed at Cornerstone Schools of Alabama. The policies and procedures are in place to provide everyone with a safe, Christ-centered, effective learning environment. It also provides answers to many frequently asked questions. The handbook can be accessed at www.educatebirmingham.org or a written copy may be obtained in the school office. Handbooks will be distributed each year at the fall parent meeting in July.

Commitment to the policies and procedures outlined in the handbook provide better communication and clear expectations. This handbook serves as a basic guideline for the school year. Cornerstone Schools of Alabama reserves the right to change the handbook, policies, procedures, rules, or information provided in the handbook at any time during the school year. Parents will be notified of any changes made in the handbook.

I have read and understand the policies and procedures in the Cornerstone Schools of Alabama Student/Parent Handbook. I will adhere to all policies and procedures in the handbook including the Student/Parent Commitments and the Parent Covenant. I understand that the policies and procedures outlined in this handbook may be amended at any time during the school year by the administration of Cornerstone Schools of Alabama.

_____ _____
Parent Signature Date

_____ _____
Student Signature Date

Parent Covenant

Because we believe that education is only possible when there is support in the home, we ask the parents of Cornerstone Schools of Alabama students to renew their commitment to our Parent Covenant each year. The following is the covenant that we ask parents to sign:

In recognition of the promises of Cornerstone Schools of Alabama to provide an outstanding Christ-centered education, and that my child's success in school depends largely on my support and involvement:

- I accept the school's mission statement, beliefs, and strategies of education that are in accordance with the Word of God and Biblical virtues.
- I agree to support the school in upholding its rules and policies as outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook.
- As a parent, I am responsible for the behavior and actions of my child.
- I will support the authority and any disciplinary action issued by Cornerstone Schools of Alabama staff. I understand that disagreeing with staff discipline may happen, however I will not undermine the authority of the staff when discussing the discipline with my child/children.
- I will support the school in maintaining a high standard of Christian conduct for its students. I acknowledge that should my child/children's behavior, while under the supervision of school personnel, become incompatible with the standards of Cornerstone Schools of Alabama, normal disciplinary procedure will apply. However, depending upon the severity of the infraction, it may be considered grounds for suspension or expulsion.
- I will practice the principle found in Matthew 18, resolving difficulties with school personnel directly. If the conflict is unresolved, I/we will discuss the matter with the next person in authority. The line of authority is as follows: Teacher, Principal, and lastly President.
- I agree to participate in mandatory parent activities, including parent-teacher conferences.
- I agree to pay my child's tuition and do so in a timely manner.
- I agree to provide a supportive, educational environment for my child, which includes:
    1. Making sure my child arrives at Cornerstone Schools of Alabama daily by the start of school.
    2. Making sure my child follows the Cornerstone Schools of Alabama dress code.
    3. Checking my child's homework every night and working with my child to help guide his/her progress.

I understand that the Cornerstone Schools of Alabama Parent/Student Handbook is not intended to cover every situation that may arise during the school year, but is a general guide to the goals, policies, and expectations of Cornerstone. Furthermore, I understand the President and/or Board of Directors have the authority as the administration of the said private school, Cornerstone Schools of Alabama, to make all decisions regarding the school (facilities, instruction, discipline, curriculum, activities) faculty/staff, students, and enrollment. Failure to adhere to these commitments can cause my child to lose various privileges and can lead to my child's removal from Cornerstone Schools of Alabama.

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Parent Signature Date

_____

Child's Name Grade

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Media Release Form

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Cornerstone Schools of Alabama, Inc. is a nonprofit educational institution designed to provide a superior education at an affordable cost. We are neither publicly funded nor tuition-based. As a result, we rely upon the generous contributions from the private sector for the daily operations of our program.

Public relations are a vital part of telling the Cornerstone story to the public so that we can solicit and secure needed resources. This involves promotion through the Cornerstone website, social media, news media, publications, brochures, and other media. It is therefore likely that your child will appear in publications and media produced for this school year and/or following school years.

Please sign the bottom of this letter granting your permission to use your child's likeness in our printed materials and publications that are used to tell others about our school.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Veronica Wiggins
Elementary Principal

Please check one of the following:

__ Yes, I hereby give my permission for photos of my child, _____, to appear on the Cornerstone Website, social media, news media, printed materials, publications and related efforts to tell others about Cornerstone Schools of Alabama, Inc.

__My child's picture may appear in the yearbook only.

__ No, please do not use my child's image on any Cornerstone publication.

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

_____
Parent/ Guardian's Printed Name

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Volunteer Permission Form

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Volunteers play an important role at Cornerstone and contribute greatly to the success of our students. Our volunteers serve in a variety of ways including mentoring and tutoring. All of our tutors pass a background check and are trained through our volunteer orientation. Our goal in utilizing our volunteers most effectively is to pair them with students whom would benefit most from their partnership.

Please sign the bottom of this letter granting permission for Cornerstone to match your child with a Cornerstone volunteer if the opportunity arises.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Veronica Wiggins
Elementary Principal

Please check one of the following:

___ Yes, I give Cornerstone permission to match my child with a Cornerstone volunteer if the opportunity arises.

___ No, I do not want my child to be matched with a Cornerstone volunteer.

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

_____
Parent/ Guardian's Printed Name