



Family Expectations and Engagement Form 2016/2017 School Year

We believe that a positive partnership between our school and parents/guardians is essential to the success of each student and the fulfillment of our mission. We recognize that effective partnerships are characterized by clearly defined expectations, a shared commitment to collaboration, open communication, and mutual respect. We believe it is important for parents to understand our culture and expectations as part of the application process. Please review the following statements and let us know if you have any questions. A signed copy of this document is to be submitted as part of the application packet for all families. Both custodial parents are required to sign unless legal documentation is on file.

-
- Evansville Christian School is committed to the teachings and principles contained in the Bible and is **dedicated to the glory of God**. Further, ECS has high expectations for all students, including spiritual, academic, physical, and emotional development. The school's desire is for my child(ren) to achieve their God-given potential and to impact the world for Christ.
 - Evansville Christian School **promotes a biblical worldview** based on our Articles of Faith. While students are always encouraged to ask questions about beliefs of biblical faith and other faiths, it is not permitted to actively promote a worldview outside of what ECS endorses through its Articles of Faith.
 - ECS is a **family** – we are not just admitting your child, but our desire is to partner with you and your family. Our expectation is for you to take an active, appropriate role in the ongoing education of your child. It is a partnership we take very seriously.
 - **Get involved.** Join Parent-Teacher Fellowship; read information sent home including our newsletter; respond to teacher contacts/emails; attend school events, chapels, athletics, field trips, etc. as your schedule allows.
 - **Attendance** and punctuality are life skills which we consider a high priority. Students are expected to arrive to school on time, allowing time to go to their locker and be in their seat before the bell rings. Vacations during the school time are strongly discouraged and must be approved by the Principal in advance.
 - Parents are expected to **check RenWeb** (our school management system) on a frequent basis to stay aware of grades, late or missing assignments, homework, class notes, class newsletters, and other sources. There is also an on-line test and quiz calendar for 5th-8th grade (your student will also have access). Contact your teacher(s) if you have any questions.
 - We expect our staff and parents to **communicate** on a regular basis and based on student needs. It is important to share information, discuss issues, and encourage one another. Parents can expect communication from teachers anytime a student's overall academic grade is below a "C."
 - **Effort** is another life skill that we expect from our students. We strive to foster a culture which encourages each student to do his/her best, encourage one another, and strive for excellence.

(continued)

- We expect parents to go to your child's **teacher first** with any questions or concerns, then the appropriate principal. Follow the principles of Matthew 18. That is the best way to ask questions, resolve concerns, and develop a spirit of unity - much better than going to other parents or sharing concerns on social media. In 4th-8th grade, contact your child's homeroom teacher if you need to meet with several teachers at once.
- As they grow and mature, we expect you to let your student take **responsibility** for his/her own organization, work, and results. Students need to develop appropriate independence and self-responsibility.
- In today's world, students have immediate access to information, so instruction at ECS focuses on the **critical thinking and problem solving skills** students must develop and apply to complex concepts in authentic use.
- Students, at all grade levels, are expected to complete **homework** as assigned and turn it in on time. Homework is graded for accuracy as well as completion. Our homework policy and consequences for late homework are explained in our Student Handbook.
- Understand and support the school's **technology** policies, including ethical and responsible use of devices.
- Demonstrate and model respect for authority, including **good sportsmanship** at athletic events. Our athletic teams participate in such a way that honors God and conveys a positive witness to those around us. We strive to be gracious in defeat and modest in victory. Athletics are an important opportunity to shape character and develop leadership skills.
- We expect parents to read, understand, and follow the **policies and procedures** outlined in our Student Handbook, as well as respect the school's responsibility to do what is best for the entire community, while recognizing the need of an individual student. Parents are expected to review policies and standards with your child(ren) and are responsible for making sure that he/she will also follow the policies and standards in the Student Handbook.

I have read, understand, and will comply with the items listed above as well as those in the Student Handbook which is available in the School Offices and online at www.EvansvilleChristian.org.

Custodial Father's Signature _____ Date _____

Custodial Mother's Signature _____ Date _____

ECS' Mission:
Provide an EXEMPLARY learning environment
to EDUCATE and EQUIP students with a Biblical worldview
who confidently ENGAGE the culture and impact the world for Christ.

Educate, Equip, Engage with Excellence

They will soar on wings as eagles.

- Isaiah 40:31