

BLACKBURN STUDY CENTER

Application for Admission
2006-2007 Academic Year

Family Name: _____

Application Process:

1. Submit a completed application with \$50.00 (per student) application fee.
2. Schedule an interview for parents and student(s) with Blackburn Study Center Board members.
3. The Board will notify family of decision to accept/decline admission based on the Application and Interview.

General Information:

Student (#1)Name: _____ Nickname: _____ D.O.B___ / ___ / ___

Grade Entering: _____ School Last Year: _____

Desired status: Full-time student ___ A la carte student ___ (please specify classes on final page)

Student (#2)Name: _____ Nickname: _____ D.O.B___ / ___ / ___

Grade Entering: _____ School Last Year: _____

Desired status: Full-time student ___ A la carte student ___ (please list classes on space below)

Classes desired: _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Family Email address _____

Father's Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Address: _____ Car/Cell Phone _____

Mother's Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Address: _____ Car/Cell Phone _____

Names of other children	Grade	School Attending
_____	_____	_____

Student educational background (Two identical sheets provided to include information for all students applying):

Name(s): _____

Schools/Grades attended: _____

Home education: Grades completed: _____

Curricula used: _____

Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the student's previous education program(s):

Briefly assess the student's learning experience:

Please assess the student's:

Learning style _____

Reading level _____

Special gifts/challenges

Student's personal information:

Child's responsibilities at home:

Other activities he/she participates in (athletics, recreation, arts, volunteer, etc.)

Interests/hobbies/pastimes/etc.

Please include any other information you think would be necessary or helpful to your child's care while in class (allergies, learning disabilities, behavior problems, etc.). Blackburn Study Center is

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Family Information:

Church Attending: _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Please give a brief summary of your personal testimony.

Father: _____

Mother: _____

Please check and initial (when space is provided) each of the following questions (1 – 7)

1. Do you agree to have your children taught in accordance with Blackburn's Statement of Faith?
Yes • No • Initials: _____

2. Have you read the Family Handbook?
Mother: Yes • No • Initials: _____
Father: Yes • No • Initials: _____

3. Do you support the following aspects of the curriculum and school policies?

Discipline Policy: Yes • No • Initials: _____
Communication Policy: Yes • No • Initials: _____
Home Assignments: Yes • No • Initials: _____
Frequent Memorization: Yes • No • Initials: _____
Teaching Latin: Yes • No • Initials: _____
Learning Disability Policy: Yes • No • Initials: _____
Dress Code: Yes • No • Initials: _____
Classical Emphasis: Yes • No • Initials: _____

If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain (use a separate sheet of paper if necessary).

4. Is either parent, step-parent, or guardian opposed to a Christian education? Yes • No •

If so, please explain _____

5. Does your child want to attend Blackburn Study Center?

Yes • No • Initials: _____

If No, please explain _____

6. What do you expect the role of Blackburn Study Center to be with respect to the discipline of your children?

Initials: _____

7. Are you willing to resolve any conflicts that may arise in accordance to the Communication Policy in the Family Handbook? Yes • No • If "No", please explain.

Briefly explain your goals for the 2006-2007 academic year:

Signatures

We (I) hereby certify that all the foregoing information is accurate and true as of the date below. We (I) have signed the attached Statement of Faith representing that we (I) believe in and agree to the applicant(s) being educated based on the Statement of Faith. We (I) have carefully considered participation of our child(ren) in the Blackburn Study Center. As parents (legal guardians), we (I) certify that we (I) support the philosophy of Blackburn Study Center, and we (I) agree to require the applicant as well as ourselves to abide by all programs, and academic/disciplinary rules and regulations outlined by Blackburn Study Center in the Family Handbook and other written materials. We understand that admission to Blackburn Study Center is solely at the discretion of the Board members who operate the Study Center and that such admission may be terminated at any time.

Parent (Father) or Guardian

Date

Parent (Mother) or Guardian

Date

Learning Disabilities

Blackburn Study Center is not equipped or staffed to accommodate students with learning disabilities or those who are having trouble with emotional or behavioral problems. For your child's best interest, please be candid when you answer the following questions. Please answer this section for each child who is applying for admission to Blackburn Study Center. A "yes" answer does not mean that the student will be immediately disqualified for admission to Blackburn Study Center. Further elaboration on your answers may be requested during the Board interview. Please use a separate sheet of paper for additional children.

Student #1 Name: _____

- 1. Does your child have any learning disorders? Yes • No •
- 2. Has the student ever been examined or treated by a counselor/doctor/psychiatrist for hyperactivity or attention deficit disorder? Yes • No •
- 3. Has the student ever seen a counselor/doctor/psychiatrist for any type of social, behavioral or mental problems? Yes • No •
- 4. Has the student ever been referred for testing or placed in a special program? Yes • No •
- 5. Has the student ever been suspended by or expelled from a school? Yes • No •
- 6. Do you suspect or have you been told that your child may have dyslexia? Yes • No •

Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Student #2 Name: _____

- 1. Does your child have any learning disorders? Yes • No •
- 2. Has the student ever been examined or treated by a counselor/doctor/psychiatrist for hyperactivity or attention deficit disorder? Yes • No •
- 3. Has the student ever seen a counselor/doctor/psychiatrist for any type of social, behavioral or mental problems? Yes • No •
- 4. Has the student ever been referred for testing or placed in a special program? Yes • No •
- 5. Has the student ever been suspended by or expelled from a school? Yes • No •
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Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian

Date

Financial Agreement

Full-Time Students

We understand that Blackburn Study Center makes financial decisions based upon its projected annual revenue. We agree that if our by registering our child(ren) in Blackburn Study Center, we are obligated to pay for a full year's tuition for each of our children enrolled in Blackburn Study Center. In the event that a student who is registered in Blackburn Study Center on a full-time basis wishes to withdraw from Blackburn Study Center between August 1 and the first day of Blackburn Study Center's school year, the student's parents remain obligated to pay one-quarter of the full year's tuition, unless the student is able to be replaced by another student within one month of withdrawal. In the event that a student who is registered in Blackburn Study Center on a full-time basis wishes to withdraw from Blackburn Study Center *after* the first day of Blackburn Study Center's school year, the student's parents remain obligated to pay one-half of the full year's tuition, unless the student is able to be replaced by another student within one month of withdrawal.

A La Carte Students

We understand that Blackburn Study Center makes financial decisions based upon its projected annual revenue. We agree that we will notify Blackburn Center of the student's final selection of *a la carte* classes by no later than the date of the family interview. If the student wishes to drop a class(es) between August 1 and the first day of Blackburn Study Center's school year, the parents remain responsible to pay Blackburn Study Center one-quarter of the full year's tuition per dropped class, in addition to the full tuition for those classes for which the student remains enrolled. If the student wishes to drop a class(es) *after* the first day of Blackburn Study Center's school year, the parents remain responsible to pay Blackburn Study Center one-half of the balance of the full year's tuition per dropped class, in addition to the full tuition for those classes for which the student remains enrolled.

Methods of Payment

Payments are due on the first of each month starting with August and ending in May (subject to change). Families may choose to pay the full year's tuition or one term's tuition in advance. Alternatively, families will be asked to submit five (5) pre-dated checks at the Orientation Meeting and again in the middle of December, before Christmas break, to simplify the collection of fees. There will be no month-to-month tuition payment plan. A fee of \$5.00 per child per month will be charged for late checks and a fee of \$30.00 will be charged for dishonored checks. All checks not collected at Orientation must be mailed prior to the start of the term to Blackburn Study Center, c/o Mr. John Holt, 8214 Brittany Court, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. This ensures proper receipt and application of all fees.

I/we agree to the tuition and payment terms of Blackburn Study Center as set forth herein.

Parent or Guardian

Date

Parent or Guardian

Date

Note: A non-refundable, one-time application fee of \$50.00 per student is due with this application. This fee does not go toward payment of tuition or books. If the applicant is accepted into Blackburn Study Center, the application fee will be processed; otherwise, it will be returned.

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION AND APPLICATION FEE TO:

Mr. John Holt
8214 Brittany Court
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Please make checks payable to Blackburn Study Center.

WAIVER

We/I understand the nature of these classes and their activities and with such knowledge I/we voluntarily release the host church and the Board members of Blackburn Study Center and their representatives, agents, employees, including Parents of the Day and tutors, from any and all liability related to the activities of this program. We/I understand that, in the event that medical attention is required, Blackburn Study Center will make all reasonable efforts to contact us/me. However, if we/I cannot be contacted, we/I give our/my permission to Blackburn Study Center to secure the services of a licensed physician to provide the necessary treatment including anesthesia, surgery, medication, and intravenous (IV) for my child(ren).

CHILD'S NAME

Signature of Parent Date

Signature of Parent

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Print Name of Parent

Print Name of Parent

Home Phone Number

Work Phone Number

Cell Phone/Beeper Number

Emergency Telephone Numbers (Relative, Neighbor, Friend) _____

Student's Personal Physician's Name and Phone _____

Insurance Company _____

Policy # or Group # _____

Address of Insurance Company _____

Allergies _____

Medications (regularly used) _____

Medical Condition _____

Attach Copy of Insurance Card if Provided

FAMILY INTERVIEW SCHEDULING FORM

We (parents and student(s)) are available to meet with board members of Blackburn Study Center at the following dates and times before May 30, 2006. (Please select dates as early as possible.) Evening meetings will be scheduled after 6:30 PM. Blackburn will conduct some interviews on Monday and Wednesday study center meeting times (between 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM) through May 26, 2006.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The following statements are the basic elements of Christianity that will be taught, and which the policies and practices of Blackburn Study Center shall reflect, at all grade levels.

1. We believe the Bible is the Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, inerrant in the original writings, infallible and the final authority in faith and life.
2. We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe the God we serve is the creator and sustainer of all things, and the source of all truth. He is holy, righteous, good, loving and full of mercy.
3. We believe that God upholds, disposes and governs all creatures, actions and things, and that God, in His ordinary providence, makes use of means, yet is free to work without, above or against them at His pleasure.
4. We believe that because of Adam's sin all mankind is in rebellion against God. For the salvation of such lost and sinful men, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary.
5. We believe in the true deity and full humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe in His virgin birth, in his sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return in power and glory.
6. We believe that salvation is by grace through faith alone, and that good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith.
7. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
8. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved to the resurrection of life and those that are lost to the resurrection of damnation.

We (I) acknowledge and agree that all classes offered by Blackburn Study Center will be taught in a manner consistent with Blackburn Study Center's Statement of Faith. (Signed by both parents.)

Father's Signature

Date

Mother's Signature

Date

Are there any points in Blackburn Study Center's Statement of Faith that are inconsistent with your convictions? _____. If so, please explain:

STUDENT RULES OF CONDUCT

This is the basic code of conduct that Blackburn Study Center requires all students to obey.

1. Students are expected to observe Christian standards of behavior and conversation. For example, students must speak honestly, respect their peers and submit to authority.
2. Prompt and cheerful obedience is expected. Talking back or arguing with tutors or the Parent of the Day is not permitted.
3. Students must comply with the dress code in all respects.
4. In order to avoid litter and distraction, chewing gum and electronic musical devices or games are not permitted.
5. Students are expected to be aware of and avoid the off-limit areas of the church building. Students should not play on or around cars in the parking lot.
6. Running is not allowed in the church building.
7. Students are expected to treat all class materials and facilities with respect and care.
8. Students are expected to treat one another with kindness and respect. Teasing, criticizing, name-calling and other forms of verbal or physical abuse are not permitted.
9. Students are expected to treat prayer and class discussion with proper reverence. Jokes, songs, or behavior that trivialize or exhibit disrespect towards God are not permitted.
10. Public displays of affection in the context of boy/girl relationships are not permitted at Blackburn Study Center. Jokes and teasing on this subject are not permitted.
11. Any missed work due to absences should be completed in a timely manner as set forth in the Home Assignment Policy.
12. Students may not speak out of turn during class time and must raise their hand.
13. Clowning around and other forms of disruptive class behavior are prohibited.
14. It is expected that students will work diligently, participate in class discussions and concentrate on their work while in school.
15. Students accept responsibility to complete all homework assignments in a timely manner.
16. Students recognize that they are to be held responsible for their conduct, both in action and attitude, by their parents, tutors and those in authority at Blackburn Study Center

Parent's signature indicates parental review with student.

Date

Student's signature

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Copy One: Family Reference

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Copy Two: Student's Blackburn File

BLACKBURN STUDY CENTER

2006-07 Tentative Courses Offered by Class

Grade 3	Grade 4-5	Grade 6-7	Dialectic Class (Grade 8-9)	Rhetoric (Grade 10-11)
Latin: Prima Latina	Latina Christiana II	Oxford Latin II	Oxford II, III or Spanish I	Oxford III or Spanish I, II or III
Literature	Literature	Literature	Omnibus: Middle Ages (History/Literature/Writing)	Omnibus: Ancients (History/Literature/Writing)
Writing - IEW	Writing – IEW	Writing – IEW	Writing	Rhetoric (Rhetoric/Speech)
Exploring God's Creation Through Astronomy	Exploring God's Creation Through Astronomy	General Science by Apologia	Physical Science by Apologia	Chemistry by Apologia
History: Middle Ages, Renaissance & Reformation	History: Middle Ages, Renaissance & Reformation	History: Middle Ages, Renaissance & Reformation	Logic III	Theology
Art	Art	Art	Art	
Music	Music	Music ???		
			*After regular hours math class offerings: Algebra I, Geometry	*After regular hours math class offerings: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry

* CLASS FEE NOT INCLUDED AS PART OF THE REGULAR FULL-TIME TUITION COST