

Admissions Overview & Requirements:

Nondiscrimination Policy: Schaeffer Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and financial aid programs, and athletic and other school administered programs. Because of the clear teaching of Scripture that God does not show favoritism based on race or nation or tribe of origin, but rather accepts all who fear Him and who do what is right, Schaeffer Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race or nation or tribe of origin or any other basis that is contrary to Scripture, for purposes of fellowship, acceptance, membership, enrollment, employment, or leadership. (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 10:34-36, Revelation 5:9 and Revelation 14:6)



Parent Admission Requirements

Parents should have a clear understanding of the biblical philosophy and purpose of Schaeffer Academy. This understanding includes a willingness to have their child exposed to the clear teaching of the school's [Statement of Faith](#) in various and frequent ways within the school program.

Parents should have a clear understanding of our unique classical approach. Parents should carefully read the school's [Statement of Purpose](#) and informational materials about the school. We also strongly encourage each parent to read the book by **Douglas Wilson, "Recovering the Lost Tools of Learning,"** as one of the best texts for explaining the kind of program we offer at Schaeffer Academy.

Parents are required to cooperate with all the written policies of Schaeffer Academy. This is especially important in the area of discipline and schoolwork standards, as well as active communication with the respective teachers and administration. In addition, parents are strongly encouraged to become active volunteers in other areas of the school.

There are three important documents that need to be completed at the time of admission and annually thereafter:

1. **Statement of Purpose:** This document outlines the beliefs and practices of a Schaeffer Academy education. We require parents to sign the Statement of Purpose to show their agreement with the philosophy of the school.
2. The **Statement of Faith:** While parents are not required to agree with nor sign the Statement of Faith, we want parents to recognize that all students of Schaeffer Academy are taught according to its content. In addition, Parents will only be considered to be voting members of the school if they elect to sign the Statement of Faith.
3. The **Enrollment and Tuition Contract:** Signing this document indicates a clear understanding between parents and the school regarding financial arrangements. This document is part of the online enrollment process once a student is accepted for enrollment and annually thereafter with reenrollment.

Student Admission Requirements

Educational policies of the State of Minnesota require students admitted to kindergarten to have had their fifth (5th) birthday by September 1. Kindergarten students need to complete a preschool screening (Early Childhood Screening) available through the school district where parents reside or the Rochester Public Schools.

All incoming grade 1-12 students must have one or more of the following and a successful score on Schaeffer Academy's entrance test:

- An overall C average (1.8) in the previous grade level
- A passing grade in all subject areas
- At or above average on a recognized national standardized test

The student should understand that his or her parents have delegated their authority to the school. The child is therefore subject to the instruction and discipline of the teachers and the Headmaster while at school.

SCHAEFFER ACADEMY STATEMENT OF PURPOSE & STATEMENT OF FAITH

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The primary purpose of Schaeffer Academy is to operate a school to provide a Christ-centered and classical education which emphasizes academic excellence in liberal arts. Schaeffer Academy will closely adhere to the Statement of Faith and Statement of Purpose.

The philosophy and content of education at Schaeffer Academy are founded upon the principle that it is necessary to remain faithful and obedient to the truth of God as revealed in the Scriptures. Schaeffer Academy attempts to operate as an extension of the family, recognizing the God-given responsibility and authority of parents to educate their children. At all its levels, programs and teachings, Schaeffer Academy seeks to:

- 1) Teach all subjects as parts of an integrated whole with the Scripture at the center (II Timothy 3:16-17);
- 2) Provide a clear model of Biblical Christian life through its staff and Board of Directors (Matthew 22:37-40);
- 3) Encourage every child to begin and develop his relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-20);
- 4) Emphasize grammar, logic, and rhetoric in all subjects;
- 5) Encourage every student to develop a love for learning and to achieve his academic potential; and
- 6) Provide an orderly atmosphere conducive to attaining these goals.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Bible to be the only inspired, inerrant, infallible, authoritative Word of God; inerrant in the original manuscripts. We believe the inerrancy of Scripture embraces not only religious truth, but also the Bible's scientific, historical, and literary features.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that creation was an act of God, and that the creation of man was a specific act of God, so that man did not evolve from other species (Genesis 1:1-2:7, John 1:3, I Corinthians 15:45-49) We believe that all men and women bear the image of God; that the gender of all men and women is determined by their biological sex; that sexual intimacy is to occur only within a marriage of one man and one woman; and that men and women are to govern all creation according to the rights and responsibilities given by God (Genesis 1:27-28, Genesis 2:4-25)
4. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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 future personal return in power and glory.
5. We believe that people are born with a sinful nature and are in need of Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
6. We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from God to convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment; to regenerate, sanctify, comfort, indwell, and enable the Christian to live a godly life.
7. We believe that salvation is by grace through faith alone in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and not as a result of works, and that faith which leads to salvation will also be evidenced by good works. Therefore, we believe that those who repent of sin and receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, are born again and shall be saved.
8. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved to the resurrection of life and they that are lost to the resurrection of damnation.
9. We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.