



# VERITAS ACADEMY

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## Letter from the Headmaster

Greetings,

Thank you for your interest in Veritas! I hope the materials in this admissions packet will be helpful to you in understanding the unique Christ-centered, classical, and covenantal vision of Veritas Academy.

The mission of Veritas is to assist parents in the education of their children by cultivating truth, goodness, and beauty in students through a distinctly Christ-centered, classical, and covenantal education. Our daily goal, in partnership with your family and church, is to produce students who love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength and are equipped to engage and shape the culture with the Truth of Scripture.

Please visit our website [www.VeritasSavannah.org](http://www.VeritasSavannah.org) to learn more about excellence in classical, Christian, and covenantal education at Veritas. I also encourage you to contact Alison Brunson, Director of Admissions, in our school office (912-238-1222) to schedule a personal visit. When you visit, you may tour the facilities, observe our classrooms, and meet with me to answer your questions about our program.

I pray for God's clear leading of your family in this most important decision, the education of your children. I appreciate your consideration of our school and look forward to meeting you and talking with you about your child's future at Veritas Academy.

Yours in Christ,

Scott B. Taylor,  
Head of School



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## 2019-2020 Enrollment Information for NEW Families

**Application Fee** \$150.00 per family due with admissions application. All application fees are non-refundable.

**Tuition**

<b>Pre-Kindergarten 5-days/week</b>	<b>\$4650</b>	<b>3-days/week</b>	<b>\$3390</b>
<b>Kindergarten 5-days/week</b>	<b>\$4650</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>\$6770</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>\$7720</b>

Veritas does not charge additional fees for classroom textbooks or activities, but parents may be required to obtain copies of books for the at-home reading list provided for each grade. Parents typically spend \$50-\$100 per year per student for these books depending on the grade and whether new or used volumes are purchased.

**Tuition Assistance** Veritas Academy offers need-based financial assistance to families on a first-come, first-served basis as funds are available. Levels of tuition assistance offered will depend on a number of factors including total (gross) family income, number of family members, and the number of children enrolled at Veritas. If you are applying for financial assistance to help with tuition expenses **you must complete a FACTS financial aid application online (see <http://www.veritassavannah.org/admissions/financial-aid>) and submit all required documentation to FACTS at the same time you submit your admissions application.** It is expected that families will pursue every other available means of financial assistance (family, other scholarship funds, etc.) prior to applying for aid directly from Veritas.

**Enrollment Deposit** Families whose children have been accepted to Veritas will receive an enrollment contract that must be completed and returned to the school. This signed enrollment contract must be accompanied by an enrollment deposit totaling one-twelfth (1/12) of the family's total tuition obligation. Payment of the enrollment deposit will guarantee your child's placement in the classroom.

**Payment Plans** The remaining tuition balance after payment of the one-twelfth deposit may be paid using one of the following payment plans:

**1-Pay Plan:** One (1) lump sum payment due on June 1.

**12-Pay Plan:** Twelve (12) equal payments due on or before the first day of each month beginning with June 1, with the final payment due on or before May 1. If the one-twelfth deposit payment is made early (prior to May 1), eleven monthly payments will begin July 1 and continue through May 1.

Payments on the 12-Pay Plan must be made through FACTS and incur a one-time processing fee from FACTS. You must set up automatic electronic monthly payments by creating a login and entering your payment information on FACTS immediately after the enrollment contract is signed and the deposit is paid. For instructions see <http://www.veritassavannah.org/admissions/financial-aid>.

**Uniforms** A detailed list of specific clothing items and suppliers/vendors for Veritas student uniforms is available on the school website or from the school office. Certain uniform items must be purchased from the designated suppliers and other items may be purchased wherever desired.

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

#### For ALL students:

- Completed Application for Admission
- Completed Supplemental Admissions Questionnaire
- Pastor Recommendation Form
- \$150 per family application fee (non-refundable).
- Two Letters of Recommendation must be completed by teachers and/or administrators from the most recent school attended (preferably one teacher and one administrator).

#### Additional documents for applicants entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade or above (not required for Pre-K & K applicants):

- A copy of the most recent standardized test scores for each student applying (e.g. Stanford Test or Iowa TBS, etc.)
- A copy of the report cards from the two most recent grading terms for each student applying.
- Samples of the student's recent academic work for each student applying (*Photocopies* of two recent math assignments, two recent writing assignments, and a list of recent books read).

#### Additional steps for financial aid applicants:

- Submit a FACTS application and fee online (see [www.veritassavannah.org/admissions/financial-aid](http://www.veritassavannah.org/admissions/financial-aid)) at the same time the admissions application is submitted.
- Submit all requested documentation to FACTS so that the financial aid application can be processed quickly.

**YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL ALL THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS ABOVE RECEIVED. THANK YOU.**

## ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

1. Since Veritas Academy is a covenantal school (whose purpose, as noted, is to serve Christian parents who are striving to educate their children to the glory of God), **at least one parent or guardian of each student shall be able to give a credible testimony of a saving relationship with Christ, be a member in good standing of a local church**, and be in essential agreement with the Evangelical Statement of Faith in section 9.1, C of the Bylaws.
2. Although parents are not required to agree with the School's Statement of Faith (Westminster Standards), both parents must read the Statement of Faith and accept that it constitutes the doctrinal beliefs of the school and agree to have their children taught in accordance with the Statement of Faith.
3. Parents must understand the school's commitment to parental responsibility for their child's education. Veritas Academy exists to assist parents in the godly training of their children, not to take over responsibility for the education of their children. Both parents must understand and be in agreement with the educational Mission, Foundational Commitments, Approach, and Goals of Veritas. Both parents must agree to collaborate with the teachers in being engaged in and responsible for the home-based academic work assigned to their students.
4. Each family must read the school's Statement on the Sanctity of Life, Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality, and the Code of Student Conduct Policy and agree that their children will abide by the moral standards and institutional preferences therein.
5. Each family is required to have their pastor (or similar church leader) submit a completed Pastor Recommendation Form affirming the family's Christian testimony and local church membership.
6. Both parents must read the Parent/Student Handbook prior to completing an application for admissions.
7. The parents must be committed to cooperating with the policies of the school Board. This is most important in the areas of discipline and schoolwork.
8. **All children applying for admission to Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten must demonstrate academic and developmental readiness. A child must reach the age of four (4) years by August 1 of the year in which he enters Pre-Kindergarten at Veritas Academy. A child must reach the age of five (5) by August 1 of the year in which he enters Kindergarten at Veritas Academy.**
9. Children entering subsequent grades will be admitted to a grade based on having performed satisfactorily on an Admissions Assessment Tests for the grade to which they are applying.
10. For applicants entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade or above: Academic portfolios, copies of standardized achievement test scores, and recent report cards for each student that is applying must be submitted with the Application for Admission. As part of the application process and evaluation, Veritas Academy will also examine the student's records and transcripts from previous schools attended.
11. Two Letters of Recommendation must be completed by teachers and/or administrators from the most recent school attended (preferably one teacher and one administrator).
12. Upon receipt of the completed Admission Application, Supplemental Questionnaire, Pastor Recommendation, other required documents, and application fee (and financial assistance application if applicable), a family interview with the Headmaster will be scheduled. At the interview, the family's questions about Veritas Academy will be answered and the school's expectations will be clarified. Each parent and enrolling student must participate in the family interview.
13. New students will be assessed in Reading, Writing, Math and Grammar to determine their academic readiness for the program at Veritas Academy. Assessment results and prior records will be used to determine the suitability of the Veritas Academy program for the student's needs. Students who perform below the standards for entrance into a particular grade level may be recommended for placement in a lower grade. New students, particularly older students, will also be evaluated for Christian character, academic motivation, love of learning, and desire to attend Veritas.
14. The school will contact the parents with the decision regarding acceptance. If accepted, the family will receive a letter of acceptance and an Enrollment Contract. The school will also notify parents with respect to decisions regarding any requests for financial assistance.
15. The enrollment contract must be signed and returned to the school with the Enrollment Deposit (one-twelfth of the total tuition obligation for the family). An enrollment contract will provide a record of the agreement between parents or legal guardian(s) and Veritas Academy and specify the duties and responsibilities of each party pertaining to the admission of the family's children to Veritas Academy. All financial arrangements between the family and the school must be clearly understood before the admissions process is considered final. An enrollment contract will be issued and signed annually. Each parent will read and sign the Parent Contract. The original will be retained in the student's permanent file and a copy will be provided to the parent(s). This Parent Contract is to be completed before the student starts classes at Veritas Academy.
16. Parents are required to attend the annual parent orientation meeting held at the beginning of the new school year. After acceptance to Veritas, parents will be required to submit emergency contact information and other pertinent documents prior to the first day of school.
17. The child should understand that his parents have delegated their authority to Veritas Academy while the child is in school. He is therefore subject to the instruction and discipline of the teachers and staff while in school.



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# Application for Admission

(for NEW enrollment)

PLEASE NOTE: A non-refundable application fee (\$150 per family) is due with this application. This payment, along with your application, is required to begin the admissions process for your child. Receipt of these items, however, does not guarantee the enrollment of your child(ren).

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ School year for which you are applying: \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to apply for financial assistance to help with your tuition expenses at Veritas? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**I. Names of Children Applying For Admission.** Please begin with the oldest child to the youngest. Please use full legal names.

*If you are applying for-Pre-Kindergarten, please indicate 3-days/week or 5-days/week. (Kindergarten is 5 days/week only.)*

	Full Legal Name	Preferred Name	Date of Birth	Sex	Grade Entering
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

*(If additional space is needed, please answer on an additional sheet of paper.)*

**II. Family Information:** Thank you for providing ALL information for BOTH parents.

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: (if different than student) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: (if different than student) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Family's Preferred Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If the child's parents are not married, please give the name and address of the non-custodial parent on a separate sheet of paper and indicate whether the non-custodial parent should receive information about the child's progress. Also include information regarding living arrangements for the child and who will have responsibility for payment of tuition.

Are you a member of a local church? \_\_\_\_ Name of your church: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend your church regularly (at least three Sunday mornings per month)? \_\_\_\_\_

In what ways are you serving your church? \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not forget to have your minister complete a **Pastor Recommendation Form** as part of the application process.

Veritas Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in any employment practice, educational program, or any other Academy-administered program, activity or service, nor does it discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and financial aid programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

### III. Student Information

Please list the schools your child has previously attended beginning with the most recent. If more space is needed, please provide the information on a separate sheet of paper.

Child	School Name	School Address Street & # or PO Box, City, State, Zip	Phone Number	Dates: From/To	Grade Completed
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Veritas is not staffed to teach children with significant or serious learning disabilities or behavioral issues. We would appreciate your assistance in answering the following questions **as candidly and honestly as possible**. (If more than one child is applying, please note to which child you are referring.) Further elaboration on your answers will take place during the family interview.

- Does your child have any special learning needs (ADD, ADHD, dyslexia, etc.) that would require regular or special attention in a traditional classroom setting? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
- Has your child ever been referred for testing or placed in a special program? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Has your child ever seen or been referred to a counselor/doctor/psychiatrist for any type of social, behavioral, emotional, or mental issue? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, briefly state the nature of the issue: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Has your child ever taken medication for a learning or behavioral issue? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Has your child ever experienced any disciplinary problems at a previous school? ( i.e. Has a teacher or administrator **EVER** contacted you regarding your child's behavior?) \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Has your child ever repeated a grade for any reason? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: when and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
- Please describe any medical or health issues (heart, hearing difficulties, speech impediments, asthma, etc.) and any significant illnesses, diseases, conditions, allergies, injuries, surgeries, or hospitalizations. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you understand that before your child starts school at Veritas Academy, the parent(s) must submit a Georgia Immunization Certificate (form #3231) or a valid medical exemption or a valid affidavit of religious exemption? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Theological Questions & Commitments** (If additional space is needed, please answer on an additional sheet of paper. Answering “no” to any of the statements in questions 2-11 in this section will not automatically preclude you from enrollment at Veritas. Your honest responses are appreciated.)

1. How do you know that you are a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Do you believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God, free from error, and our only infallible rule of faith and practice?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you believe that there is one God in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who are of the same substance, equal in power and glory?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you believe that this Triune God created all things and governs all things, decreeing and determining whatsoever comes to pass?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you believe that man is created in the image of God, and yet is fallen in Adam. As a consequence, he is under the power of sin, spiritually dead, cursed of God, and unable and unwilling to save himself? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you believe that Jesus Christ, eternal Son of God, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary and is truly God and truly man; lived a sinless life, was crucified, died, and was buried and on the third day He rose again from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you believe that on the cross Jesus Christ bore the sins of His people, accomplishing the salvation of a multitude which no one can number, and that salvation may be found nowhere but in Him? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you believe that justification is a gift of God’s free and unmerited grace received by faith alone apart from good works?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you believe that the theme of "covenant" provides the framework for understanding the Scriptures; that there is one basic covenant of grace; that Old Testament and New Testament believers are saved by faith in the mediator of the Covenant, the Lord Jesus Christ; that the moral law, summarized in the Ten Commandments, is the law of the Covenant, and normative for believers in both eras?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you believe that the three primary means by which God's grace in Christ comes to us are the word (especially the preached word), the sacraments, and prayer. Furthermore, these means have been entrusted to the visible church, the house and family of God, outside of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you believe that God's covenant is family-based, embraces believers and their children in God's redemptive purposes, and provides the key for understanding the status and duties of parents and children in the home, the church, and school? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
12. Do you have any doctrinal or theological comments, qualifications, or reservations about our beliefs you wish to express? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**V. Educational Questions & Commitments** (If additional space is needed, please answer on an additional sheet of paper.)

1. What do you believe the parents’ role is in the education of their child(ren)? What is the school’s role? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Have you read the current Veritas Academy Parent/Student Handbook (available on our website or from the school office)? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you read the Dorothy Sayers essay, *The Lost Tools of Learning* (linked on our website)? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

4. Are there any points in our policies, mission, foundational commitments, goals, or approach to education which are inconsistent with your beliefs? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
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5. Do you understand that the Westminster Confession of Faith, with its Larger and Shorter Catechism, is the doctrinal foundation of Veritas Academy and that classical Protestantism **provides the perspective from which the entire curriculum is taught**? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you understand that as parents of full-curriculum students, you are expected to provide 10-15 minutes of daily home chapel/family devotions and Bible instruction for your children and agree to fulfill this requirement? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ (Veritas will provide a schedule of Bible reading/memorization and hymns/psalms which parents may use as a resource for this requirement.)
7. Do you understand that as parents of full-curriculum students (PreK-6<sup>th</sup>), you are expected to read aloud to your child(ren) 15-30 minutes/day from the book-lists and schedules provided by Veritas Academy and agree to fulfill this requirement? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you understand that as parents of full-curriculum students you are expected to set aside a reading hour each day devoted exclusively to your child's reading and agree to fulfill this requirement? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you understand that some of the academic work that is normally completed in the classroom in a conventional school must be completed at home and agree to monitor completion of this work? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you understand that Veritas begins Latin instruction in the second grade and that this requirement for all full-curriculum students is an integral part of classical education? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you understand that Veritas is a non-traditional learning center that operates on a condensed day schedule and that parents of all students enrolled at Veritas (K-12) are required by law to register as a homeschooler and submit a Declaration of Intent form to the Georgia State Department of Education by September 1 of each school year? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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**TO MAKE THIS APPLICATION COMPLETE, PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

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- Samples of the student's recent academic work for each student applying (Photocopies of two recent math assignments, two recent writing assignments, and a list of recent books read).

**YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL ALL OF THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS ARE RECEIVED. THANK YOU.**

**PARENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND COMPLETED FORMS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR (I.E. PERMISSION SLIPS, EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION, MEDICAL RELEASES, AND IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATES).**

My signature below herein evidences that the information in this application is correct to the best of my understanding. I also state that I have read and understand the foundational documents of Veritas Academy (Mission, Foundational Commitments, Approach, Goals, Statement of Faith, and Statement on Sanctity of Life, Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality) and that I agree to have my children taught in accordance with these. My signature below also evidences that I have read the current Parent/Student Handbook and, if my child is admitted to Veritas Academy, agree to faithfully and fully abide by the policies of the school as stated therein.

Father's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Supplemental Admissions Questionnaire

(To be completed after **BOTH** parents have read the Parent/Student Handbook.  
This is an "open book" questionnaire. You will find our answers on pages three and four.)

Name of Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you fully support the following aspects of the school curriculum, policies and program?

Please circle your response: Y = Yes N = No Q = Qualified Answer

Classical Academics	Y N Q	Memorization & Application of Scripture	Y N Q
Condensed Day Program	Y N Q	Discipline Policy	Y N Q
Challenging Academics	Y N Q	Conflict Resolution & Grievance Guidelines	Y N Q
Uniform & Dress Code Policy	Y N Q	Learning Disability Policy	Y N Q

Please explain any "N" or "Q" answers. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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2. If a conflict arises between you (or your child) and a classroom teacher, an administrator, or the school board, in your attempt to resolve the conflict, at what point, if any, would you communicate with other parents?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Which virtues would you most like your child to exhibit? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

4. What do you (as a parent) believe is a more important priority for your child: high achievement (e.g. honor roll, getting lead roles in school plays, leading the team in scoring, etc.) or doing one's best? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. If you found that your child was struggling academically, how would you respond? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



6. How much time (per night) for homework is tolerable for your family? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Should a grade of "C" be a cause for sincere praise if a student is working to the best of his ability and potential?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No Why or Why not? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Would you expect a teacher in a class of 15 students to spend 25% of his effort on one single child with academic, emotional, or behavioral issues, if that child were yours? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If the child were not yours? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No Comments? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

9. How do you promote biblical faith and virtue in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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10. What biblical principles guide you in the training and discipline of your children? \_\_\_\_\_

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Father's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Answer Key to Supplemental Admissions Questionnaire

Why are we giving you an open-book test? It's like a driver's license examination. You get the questions and answers ahead of time because the goal is not to flunk applicants, but rather to make sure they read and understand the lesson. Every one of these questions deals with real issues and concerns we have at Veritas. When you read these answers, which reflect the school's philosophy, you may wholeheartedly agree, or you may not agree at all. If you do NOT agree, then you have three choices of action. First, you may decide not to enroll your child and choose another school more in keeping with your philosophy and goals. Second, you may honestly express your disagreement, but agree to comply with our policies and philosophy of education. Third, you may merely “say” you agree now and then object later, causing difficulties for your child, our staff and anyone else involved. If Veritas is not a school you can appreciate and support without significant reservations, the best course would be to back out gracefully now. The Lord God (Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Ephesians 6:4) requires parents to be active leaders in the education of their children, but that responsibility does not include trying to re-shape an entire class or institution to fit their individual preferences. However, positive criticism and ideas are always welcome, especially when they are in line with our adopted philosophy. We are eager to answer any questions you may have which will help you make a wise decision for your children.

1. You would be surprised how often a parent will object to just one facet of the curriculum or program. They may love the reading program, but don't see why their child has to memorize, or take Latin, or wear a school-approved uniform. We have prayerfully made many choices concerning our curriculum and program, and we believe we have made sound decisions. We expect parents to support them. We are constantly seeking to upgrade the curriculum and make positive changes to our program. However, no aspect of the curriculum is optional (*for full-curriculum students*), and school policies should be willingly obeyed. If your attitude is not supportive, your child will pick it up, and this will be reflected in his work and attitude at school.
2. Conflicts should be resolved at the lowest level possible, in accordance with the principles of Matthew 18. If you have a problem with a teacher, the Headmaster, a board member, or other parents, you must first meet with the person involved, and if an agreement cannot be reached, both parties should then approach the next level of authority. You should never gossip with other parents about a problem at the school.
3. Answers to this question will vary from family to family and child to child. We simply wish to get an idea of what values are important to your family.
4. Wise parents will not contribute to modern society's worship of success by paying too much attention to the outward marks of achievement. Our goal is for every student to do his best and work up to his potential in every area. Not every student can slam-dunk a basketball and not every student can get “straight A's” at Veritas Academy. Each student has his unique strengths and weaknesses.
5. One of Veritas Academy's greatest strengths is academic excellence. Our curriculum goals are relatively rigorous and demand much effort from every student. We have “set the bar high” in our academic standards. The “average” student may have to work very hard to get average grades at Veritas. We define an average grade as a “C.” Parents of students who must work harder to keep up with the academic demands may well need to limit extracurricular activities, spend extra time helping with school work, or even secure an outside tutor to assist the student.

6. We base our homework assignments and expectations on what we have come to believe are reasonable, necessary amounts for most students. We also highly value family time and will do all we can to respect it. While the condensed day at Veritas requires that a significant amount of school work gets done at home, we are careful to keep homework at a very reasonable level. It is very important to understand that the amount of time spent on homework by any particular student can vary greatly within any classroom. The focused, diligent, and/or stronger students will generally have lighter homework loads. The students who do not wisely use the time given in class to complete assignments or who are seriously challenged by the assignments will most likely have heavier homework loads.
7. Students transferring into Veritas Academy will often find that good grades are harder to come by at this school. A grade of “C” may represent average achievement at Veritas, but may also represent excellent effort by a given student. That student who is working at their highest potential should not be made to feel inferior by a parent's unreasonable expectation for higher marks. If you want uniformly high grades, this may not be the school for you. If you want high achievement and a substantive education, it is. Veritas rejects the nearly ubiquitous trend of inflating grades that has been place in our country for the past fifty years
8. A teacher's attention is never going to be evenly divided among students; nor is a parent's among his own children, but there is a point beyond which we are being unfair to the compliant majority. Veritas operates under a conservative budget and limited resources. As much as we would like, we simply can't be all things to all people. This applies to students with learning disabilities as well. Such students are welcome at Veritas, provided they can function in a traditional classroom setting and fulfill our academic and behavioral expectations without special or additional instruction from our staff. Whether a student is struggling to catch up to our expectations or has special learning needs, parents will be primarily responsible for providing and/or securing any additional assistance needed by the student.
9. There is no single correct answer here. We simply want to know what is important to your family and how you go about nurturing your children in their faith.
10. Although the Scriptures allow for a spectrum of parenting styles, we believe that the Bible provides parents with a number of key principles that should be applied in the training and discipline of children. These key principles include, but may not be limited to:
  - Parents should cultivate a distinctly Christian culture in the home (Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Ephesians 6:4).
  - God requires parents to train their children in a God-centered way (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).
  - The father is ultimately and primarily responsible for child training (Ephesians 6:4).
  - The chief goal must be to train children to fear the Lord and love Him with their whole being, (Ephesians 6:4, Deuteronomy 6:1-9).
  - Love requires faithful correction and discipline (Proverbs 23:13-14, 29:17; Hebrews 12:5-11).
  - Children are a heritage and blessing from the Lord (Psalm 127:3-5).
  - Children must be taught proper submission and obedience to authority (Romans 13:1-3; 1 Peter 2:13-14).
  - The child's heart must be the focus of training –as opposed to controlling only outward behavior (Matthew 12:14, 15:18; Luke 6:45).
  - Discipline must not exasperate children. It is never to be unjust or abusive (Colossians 3:21).



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## Pastor Recommendation

**Parents: Please complete Section I and then give this form to your pastor to complete Section II. If you are a member of a large church and do not believe that the senior pastor knows your family well, you may have this form completed by an elder or pastoral staff member.**

### SECTION I. TO BE COMPLETED BY A PARENT.

Name of Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children Applying for Admission		Grade Entering	Names of Children Applying for Admission		Grade Entering
1. _____	_____	_____	3. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	4. _____	_____	_____

### SECTION II. TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PASTOR AND SENT DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL.

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

The above family is applying for admission of their child(ren) to Veritas Academy.

How long have you known this family? \_\_\_\_\_

How long has this family been attending your church? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this family a member in good standing of your church? \_\_\_\_\_

Does this family attend services regularly and serve faithfully in your church? \_\_\_\_\_

Please comment on this family's Christian life? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you recommend this family's child(ren) for enrollment in Veritas Academy? \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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OR EMAIL it to: [Office@VeritasSavannah.org](mailto:Office@VeritasSavannah.org)  
OR FAX it to: (912) 234-0566  
If you have any questions, please call 912-238-1222.  
THANK YOU for completing this recommendation!**

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# Letter of Recommendation

**Parents: Please complete Section I and then give one copy of this form to your child's most recent teacher and one copy to the principal or administrator to complete Section II. If your child is currently homeschooled, please have a Sunday School teacher or co-op teacher complete this form.**

**SECTION I. TO BE COMPLETED BY A PARENT.**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last) mo / day / year

Applying to Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Beginning (date): \_\_\_\_\_  
mo / day / year

I hereby authorize the release of this information to Veritas Academy:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II. TO BE COMPLETED BY AN AUTHORIZED STAFF PERSON AT THE SCHOOL WHERE THE STUDENT IS CURRENTLY (OR MOST RECENTLY) ENROLLED. PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED LETTER DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL.**

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street/PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your ratings by numbers in the right-hand column. Use a question mark where you have insufficient evidence. **Your candid estimate of the applicant will be of invaluable assistance to the admissions process at Veritas. Your comments will be held in strict confidence.**

**CONFIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATOR/TEACHER RECOMMENDATION**

	1	2	3	4	5	Ratings
<b>Academic Potential</b>	Exceptionally Promising Student	Generally Strong Student	Average Student, Capable of Satisfactory Work	Below Average: <input type="checkbox"/> Marginal Ability <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks Motivation	Faces Substantial Academic Challenges	
<b>Personal Qualities</b>	Outstanding – Leads and Participates	Generally Strong	Average	Below Average, Immature	Very Immature for Age	
<b>Emotional Stability</b>	Exceptionally Stable	Well Balanced	Generally Well Balanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Excitable <input type="checkbox"/> Unresponsive <input type="checkbox"/> Distractible	<input type="checkbox"/> Hyper-emotional <input type="checkbox"/> Apathetic	
<b>Summary</b>	OUTSTANDING	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	POOR	

1. Please comment on the applicant's overall attitude toward school and learning: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. To your knowledge, has the applicant had any history of involvement with drugs, alcohol, or juvenile delinquency?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Has the applicant ever been suspended or expelled? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. To your knowledge, does the applicant have any history of behavioral or social problems? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Does the applicant have any history of learning disability or has he/she required any special assistance to meet academic requirements? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
6. Have you found the child's parents to be cooperative and involved in the child's education? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Additional comments, if needed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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