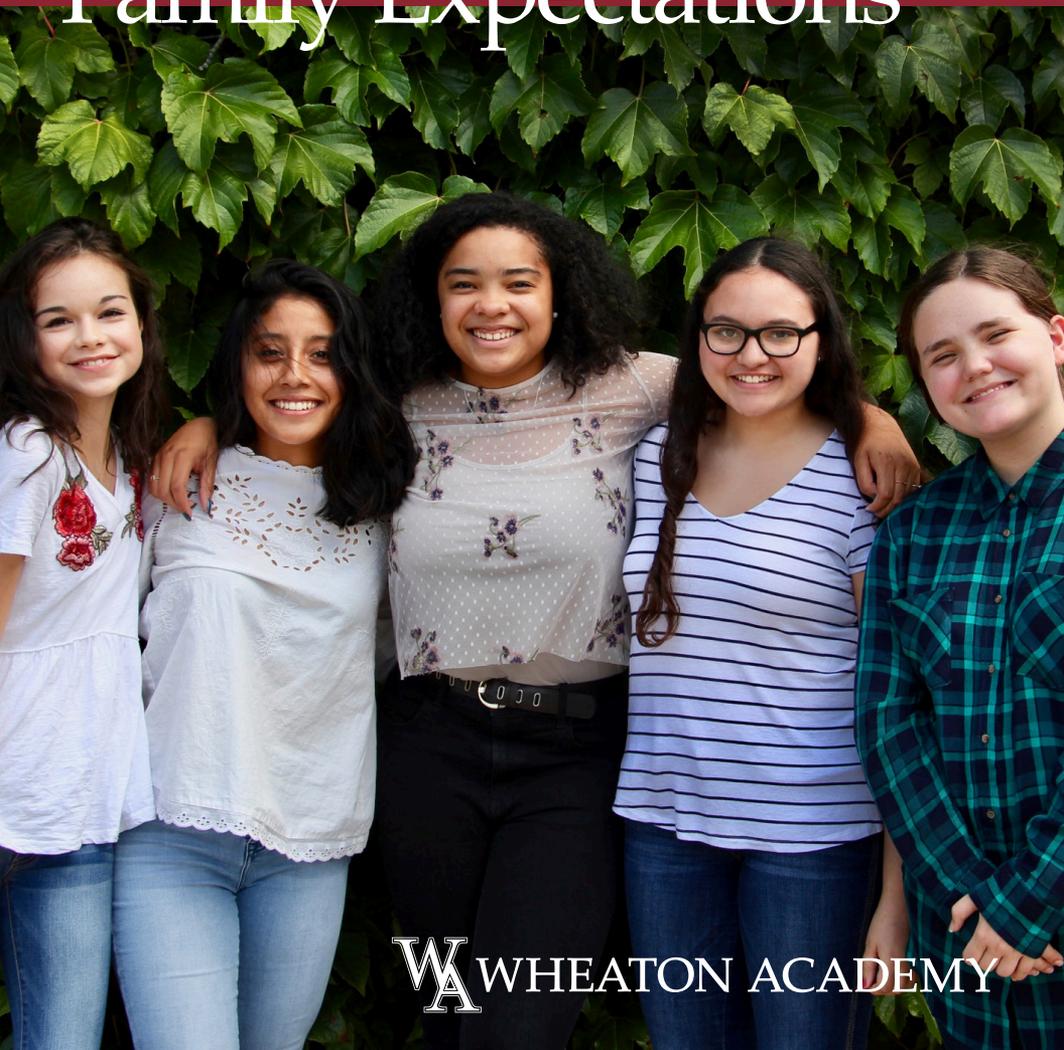


What is Wheaton Academy's  
approach to education?

What do we expect from our  
students and their families?

# School Philosophy & Family Expectations



# Wheaton Academy Philosophy

## Partnership

The mission of Wheaton Academy is “to nurture growth in our students through relationships, excellence, and service to the glory of God.” We believe biblically that “training up a child in the way they should go” is the parents’ responsibility. Accordingly, we see Wheaton Academy as an available partner in the education process for parents who desire a consistent philosophy of Christian education from the home, church, and school. Our Statement of Faith, Curriculum Guide, and Student Handbook provide an overview of our guiding educational philosophies. Families are encouraged to review these documents together as they consider applying for admission at Wheaton Academy.



## Patterns

While students are not expected to be perfect, Wheaton Academy is looking for students seeking a personal walk with Jesus Christ so they flourish within our school community. An applicant should demonstrate these patterns of behavior:

1. **Accountable to God** by actively working at building a nourishing and personal relationship with Jesus Christ, studying God's word, maintaining an active prayer life, worshiping with fellow believers, thinking about what is true, noble, right, and pure, all while living under the authority of God and their parents by obeying applicable rules.
2. **Accountable to Others** by encouraging one another and building each other up, communicating biblically with one another in the spirit of love, choosing friends and associates carefully, and demonstrating honesty and integrity by refraining from lying, stealing, cheating, and gambling.
3. **Accountable to Biblical Morality** by caring for their body as a "temple of God" refraining from the use or abuse of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illegal drugs, prescription drugs, or any other harmful substance or activities, by maintaining biblical standards of morality in staying sexually pure until marriage, and by demonstrating self-control, being quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.

## Academics

Wheaton Academy identifies itself as a college preparatory school with high academic standards and challenging expectations. Wheaton Academy students will take more courses and spend more time studying than most high school students. Students and parents should familiarize themselves with the Academy's academic and graduation requirements. To prepare for college and life, we believe a rigorous high school experience is good for students, thus Wheaton Academy students should be prepared to work hard.

At the same time, because our commitment is to serve the whole Christian family, we do not select students for enrollment solely on academic abilities. We strive to determine if a student can be successful at Wheaton Academy, while understanding that God has made each of us unique, gifted with certain abilities. Some students will have abilities that will show up more readily in the classroom, while others will not. Our objective is to help every student discover and develop his or her God-given abilities.

We will seek to understand if Wheaton Academy can meet the needs of students who have struggled academically, have been identified with learning differences, or may have difficulties with our curriculum. Our desire is to see all of our students succeed, therefore we will compare the student's needs with the available support programs we have available. If a program of intervention and support is deemed necessary through Wheaton Academy support programs or outside programs, participation in these programs may be an ongoing prerequisite of enrollment.

Parents do need to recognize that Wheaton Academy may not be the best fit for every student. Additionally, Wheaton Academy reserves the right to determine whether or not a student is a good fit for admission, continued enrollment, or re-enrollment.

## Applying at Wheaton Academy

If your family desires a partnership between the Christian education at Wheaton Academy, the Christian church and your Christian home, if the prospective student fits the description of the patterns described, and if the family desires a rigorous academic education, then prospective parents should review the policies and expectations and proceed according to the application process. Families should bring this document prepared to discuss and sign at their interview.



# Parent Policies & Expectations

Believing that Christian education is a partnership between the Christian home and Christian school, and working in concert with the Christian church we affirm that:

- We are born-again, Bible-believing Christians who have accepted and continue to acknowledge Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior.
- If as parents with authority over our child's education, we are not able to make the affirmation above, we agree to support the biblical teachings and guiding principles that Wheaton Academy takes from the Bible to educate our child.
- We have read and agree with the statement of faith of the school, and agree to have our child educated in accordance therewith.
- We have read the "Code of Conduct: Standards for Christian Living" in the Student Handbook and agree to hold our student accountable to these goals.
- We are and will remain in regular attendance and active fellowship with a Bible-believing church. Specifically, we will nurture our child's regular involvement in the local church.
- We commit to take an active role in the ongoing education of our child. We will make an effort to attend school functions and activities.
- We commit to support the school and our child in prayer and follow biblical principles of communication (Matthew 18). Specifically, we will address any dissatisfaction with the school by resolving the matter with the person or persons directly involved rather than begin to spread criticism or hold a negative attitude in our hearts.
- We give the school authority to discipline our child within the bounds of the discipline policy and according to the "Standards of Conduct" in the Student Handbook. As partners, we agree to support the school's efforts to nurture personal responsibility and accountability in our student.
- We agree that the information disclosed at any point during the admissions process may be shared with other school personnel. This ensures that the school is equipped in supporting the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs of the applicant should they be accepted to Wheaton Academy.
- We agree to meet all tuition and other financial obligations. If we face potentially changing financial situations, we will communicate with the Business Office in a timely and open manner.
- We agree to contribute financially to the school as the Lord provides and we are able.
- We agree to demonstrate and model respect for authority including good sportsmanship at Wheaton Academy athletic events.
- We agree to model our family culture on biblical principles and embrace biblical family values such as a healthy marriage between one man and one woman. We will take our role as spiritual mentors to our children seriously.
- If at any time we are no longer in agreement with Wheaton Academy school philosophy, standards, or practices we agree to withdraw our student.
- We understand and are in agreement with the philosophy of Wheaton Academy as outlined in this document.

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*Father's Signature*

*Date*

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*Mother's Signature*

*Date*

# Student Policies & Expectations

Wheaton Academy exists to provide a learning environment that is consistent with the values of the Christian home and church. Consequently, students who desire to grow in their faith while becoming prepared for college and a life of service are encouraged to apply. As a student applicant to Wheaton Academy, I affirm that:

- I am a born-again, Bible-believing, Christ-honoring Christian, or
- I do not know Christ as my personal Lord and Savior yet, but I desire to grow in my understanding.
- I have read and wholeheartedly agree to live by the guidelines for Christian living as outlined in the Wheaton Academy "Standards of Conduct."
- I will be regularly and actively involved in the community of a Bible-believing church.
- I have and will continue to demonstrate a pattern of positive influence on peers and a perceptible pattern of choosing good influences (whether it is people, music, movies, etc.) for myself.
- I have demonstrated (through report cards, teacher references, standardized test scores, and a pattern of effort) academic readiness for the college preparatory curriculum at Wheaton Academy.
- I believe I am sufficiently mature to function appropriately in the Wheaton Academy culture. I will demonstrate self-control, respectful behavior, and a proper sense of decorum as basic expectations of myself.
- I have demonstrated through past performance a pattern of excellence in effort. If this pattern has not been consistent, my family and I have a plan to address any deficiencies.
- In addition to my parents' desire, I want to be a student at WA in order to grow spiritually, academically, socially, and physically for the ultimate purpose of using my life and gifts to honor God.
- I understand that Wheaton Academy reserves the right to withdraw my admissions decision prior to the start of school if, by Wheaton Academy's judgment, my action, attitudes, or beliefs are no longer aligned with Wheaton Academy standards or beliefs.
- I understand and am in agreement with the philosophy of Wheaton Academy as outlined in this document.

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*Student's Signature*

*Date*

**The mission of Wheaton Academy is to nurture growth in our students through relationships, excellence, and service to the glory of God.**

Specifically, we intend to partner with the home and church in guiding students to:

1. Develop a personal, vibrant, and growing relationship with Christ;
2. Adopt and continue to cultivate a thoroughly biblical worldview;
3. Discover, explore, and practice his/her God-given gifts and abilities;
4. Acquire the knowledge, understanding, and wisdom necessary for further study and to become prepared to represent the Lord effectively in their life calling.

Wheaton Academy seeks to achieve this mission as a school by providing an educational program characterized by biblical values and traditional educational standards using innovative curriculum centered on a caring student/teacher relationship.

Wheaton Academy admits students of any race, color, or national or ethnic origin to all 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, or national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarships, athletics, and other school programs.

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