

# Questionnaire

## Family Church Information

Church Name:

How often does your entire family attend?

In what ways is your family involved in your church?

## General Family Information

Having read the Statement of Faith, are there any points that are inconsistent with your convictions?

What is your commitment to Veritas School through 12th grade (i.e. do you intend to have your children graduate from Veritas)?

How do you think the family should involve itself in the education of its children?

Is either parent, step-parent, guardian or extended family opposed to Christian education? If so, please explain.

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*The below questions are "open book"; our answers are on the following pages.*

Do you support the following aspects of the curriculum and school policies as found in the parent handbook? Please answer YES, NO, or Qualified Answer (if so, give more information below)

Homework Guidelines	
Discipline Policy	
Latin	
Classical Philosophy	

Scripture Memorization	
Frequent Memorization	
Uniforms	
Learning Disability Policy	

Qualified answer explanations:

If a conflict arises between you (or your child) and the classroom teacher or the school board, how would you attempt to resolve it? At what point, if any, would you call or write to other parents?

Which virtues would you most like your child(ren) to exhibit?

With regard to your child(ren)'s personal priorities, which is more important: high achievement (grades, leading roles, etc.) or doing one's best? Why?

If you find that your child is sinking academically, how would you respond?

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How much time for homework is tolerable in your family?

Should a grade of "C" be a cause for pride and praise if a student is working to the best of his/her potential? Why or why not?

Would you expect a teacher in a class of 21 students to spend 25% of his/her effort on one child with academic, behavioral or emotional problems if that child were yours? If he/she were not yours?

How do you promote spiritual values in your home?

Has your child ever been suspended or expelled from school or experienced any problems with drugs, alcohol, smoking, law enforcement agencies, etc.? If yes, please explain.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form directly to:  
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## *Answer Key to Questionnaire*

Why are we giving you an 'open-book' test? You get the questions and answers ahead of time because our goal is that you truly understand our philosophy. Every one of the questions deals with issues and concerns that affect the operation of Veritas School.

The Scriptures require 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. Positive criticism and ideas are always welcome, especially when they are in line with our overall adopted philosophy.

You may wholeheartedly agree with our answers, or you may not agree at all. Essentially, you have three reasonable courses of action, depending upon your position. First, you can disagree and decide not to enroll your child and choose another school. Second, you can disagree, be honest about your disagreement, but plan to cheerfully comply with our philosophy of education. Third, you can agree and understand that you are free to make objections later, if any should arise.

We are eager to answer any questions that may help you make your final decision.

Individual parents may have objections to one facet of the curriculum. They may love the reading program, but don't see why their child has to memorize, or take Latin, or follow the uniform code. We have made choices concerning our curriculum, and we think they have been good ones. We expect parents to support them. We are constantly seeking to enhance the curriculum. However, no aspect of the curriculum is optional, 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/her work and attitude at school.

Conflicts should be resolved at the lowest level possible, in accordance with Matthew 18. If you have a problem with a teacher, a board member, or other parents, you must first meet with the person involved; if an agreement cannot be reached, both parties should then approach the next level of authority. You should not gossip with other parents about a problem.

Answers to this question will vary from family to family and child to child. But we would like to get an idea of what values are important to your family.

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, to work up to his potential in every area. Not every student can high-jump seven feet and not every student can make the honor roll at Veritas School. All students have

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## *Answer Key Continued*

One of Veritas School's greatest strengths is academic excellence. Our curriculum goals demand much effort from every student. Parents of students who must work harder to keep up with the academic demands may well need to limit extracurricular activities and insist on completion of homework on some nights. We don't work academics around our extracurricular activities; studies come first.

We have set certain guidelines for homework within the various grade levels. We base these guidelines 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. If your student uses the time given in class to work on assignments, normally he/she should not have an excessive amount of homework.

Students transferring in and out of Veritas School 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 should not be made to feel inferior by a parent's expectation for higher marks. If you want uniformly high grades, this may not be the school for you. If you want high achievement, it is.

A teacher's attention is never going to be evenly divided among students, nor is a parent's among his/her own children. But there is a point beyond which we are being unfair to the compliant majority. This is a small school with a conservative budget and limited resources, and we simply cannot be all things to all people.

There is no right answer here, of course. We want to know what is important to your family.