



**David's Star**  
Lutheran Church & School

# Mission and Enrollment Guidelines 2016-2017



# **DAVID'S STAR LUTHERAN SCHOOL MISSION**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

David's Star Evangelical Lutheran School uses God's Word to nurture, educate, and equip children for a life of Christian service and ultimately life in heaven.

## **Vision**

- David's Star Evangelical Lutheran School strives to assist parents to bring up their children "in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).
- David's Star Evangelical Lutheran School desires to excel at using its resources in God-pleasing ways: partnering with the home, holding ourselves accountable, and constantly striving to improve in all that we do. "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).
- All our teachers are called by the Lord through the church to "Feed my lambs" (John 21:15). God's Word will be carefully interwoven into all subject areas so students have the opportunity to see how God's Word permeates every aspect of their lives.
- The gospel of Jesus Christ is at the heart of all we do as we help our students grow and develop into mature Christian people.
- Because the gospel of Jesus Christ is intended for all people, David's Star Evangelical Lutheran School will actively seek to expand its ministry to the families of our congregation and families without church homes in our broader community.

## **Objectives**

David's Star Lutheran School carries out its mission and vision:

- by encouraging families to recognize the school as a partner in helping them carry out their God-given responsibility in bringing up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord
- by preparing our children to go and serve the Lord wherever their lives take them
- by gathering God's children as we seek to reach out to those not yet in our fellowship, particularly those without a church home.
- by enabling and soliciting faculty participation in spiritual and professional growth
- by promoting on-going evaluation of educational ministry, with the goal of continual improvement

*"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it"* (Proverbs 22:6).

# **STATEMENT OF BELIEF**

## **I. WE BELIEVE**

- A. The Bible is the inerrant Word of God and the only infallible authority in matters of faith and life.
- B. It is the will of God that the church should reach out with the Gospel.
- C. Making disciples is the mission of the church.
- D. All other tasks and efforts of the church should support and assist in carrying out these tasks.
- E. The Holy Spirit accomplishes this work through the Gospel in Word and in the Sacraments.
- F. The ministry of sharing and caring is the privilege and responsibility of all Christians.



## **II. WHO WE ARE**

***We are a body of confessional Lutheran Christians (WELS) committed to serving our community on behalf of Christ's name by. . .***

- A. Totally submitting to the truth of God as found in the Bible.
- B. Bringing to people the love of God in Christ Jesus.
- C. Actively seeking those who do not know Christ as their Savior.
- D. Equipping Christians for service in Christ's kingdom.
- E. Encouraging every member of God's family in God's grace and truth.
- F. Acknowledging with our lives and worship the primacy of the Triune God in our lives.

## **ENROLLMENT POLICY**

1. The primary goal of David's Star Evangelical Lutheran School is to enroll all the children of school age within the congregation. David's Star Evangelical Lutheran School 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 of our school.
2. David's Star Evangelical Lutheran School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in its administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.
3. Children whose families have no church connection, are members of other WELS congregations, or who are of other denominations may enroll in our school providing we have room to accommodate them.
4. Children who transfer from another school must present a transfer or a report card upon enrollment. The scholastic rating of the previous school will be honored in most instances, unless circumstances warrant a change.

## **ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

1. In keeping with the Christian purpose of our school, children whose parents are members of David's Star Evangelical Lutheran Church are strongly encouraged to enroll, and need to meet only the mental and age requirements.
2. For Preschool enrollment, children should be four (4) years old by September 1.
3. For Kindergarten enrollment, children must be five (5) years old by September 1.
4. The faculty reserves the right to establish the grade level of any child, determined by special tests and an analysis of past and present performance.

## **GENERAL ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES**

1. All of the above entrance requirements must be met.
2. Children of David's Star Evangelical Lutheran Church may be enrolled by contacting the school principal or pastor(s). Children will be considered enrolled when the necessary forms and requirements are completed.
3. Children of other WELS congregations are welcome to attend David's Star Evangelical Lutheran School. Their parents may enroll them by working with the school principal to complete the necessary forms and requirements.
4. Children whose parents are not members of a WELS congregation should be directed to the principal for information concerning enrollment:
  - a. Requests for enrollment will be individually acted upon by the principal, in consultation with the pastor(s), and approval by the Board of Education of David's Star Evangelical Lutheran School.
  - b. Non-member parents will meet with the pastor(s) of David's Star Evangelical Lutheran Church for an overview of the teaching of the Lutheran church.
  - c. The principal will meet with the parents of the prospective student(s) and discuss the mission and purpose of the school, participation in religious instruction, cost of fees and tuition, and other matters.
  - d. Consideration will be given to classroom size, present number of non-WELS students, and background information available.
4. Parents enrolling their children in David's Star Evangelical Lutheran School make a commitment to the spiritual growth of their entire family. It is beneficial that all parents attend Bible-based classes each year.

# **ENROLLMENT POLICY FOR CHILDREN OF PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

In order to carry out the unique purpose of our school without compromising that purpose, and at the same time to make Christian education available to others outside of our fellowship, the following principles will apply:

- a. The children will be expected to attend the worship service at which their classmates are singing.
- b. It will be expected that the parents will not publicly contradict the biblical teachings which their children are learning in our classrooms.
- c. It will be expected that the children participate in the classroom and group devotions and religion classes.
- d. It will be expected that the children participate in the all-school functions (the Christmas Eve Service, the Musical, and graduation services, and the like).
- e. Children may not belong to any organization which teaches a philosophy that contradicts the Word of God.
- f. Questions and concerns of the parents will be handled by the individual teacher involved and the principal. The principal will decide which cases merit the attention of the Board of Education.
- g. Tuition and fees must be paid on schedule in order for a child to remain in good standing.
- h. The children must comply with all other policies and requirements which pertain to the rest of the student body (physical records, academic standing, discipline, and the like), as well as any other policies and requirements which are not mentioned specifically in this document.
- j. If the parents of the non-member child find that they are unable to comply with this statement, the parents will be encouraged to withdraw their child or children from our school or will be asked to do so by the Board of Education upon review of the matter.

# **DAVID'S STAR LUTHERAN SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS**

## ***Parents and students can expect that David's Star Lutheran School faculty and staff will:***

1. Be prepared for the classes taught.
2. Have a servant attitude in their approach to ministry.
3. Carefully assess each child's individual abilities.
4. Encourage each student to work to his or her potential.
5. Have a willingness to assist students.
6. Be available for students and parents.
7. Speak well of David's Star Lutheran School students and their families.
8. Express the joy of carrying out the Gospel ministry at David's Star Lutheran School.
9. Pray for the students and families of David's Star Lutheran School.

## ***The David's Star Lutheran School faculty and staff expect that students will:***

1. Have a willingness to participate, cooperate, and learn.
2. Take responsibility for class assignments and projects.
3. Complete all assignments on time using one's God-given talents to their fullest.
4. Conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates Christian love.
5. Go to the classroom teacher when there is a question or problem regarding class work.
6. Challenge themselves to succeed at the highest possible level.
7. Understand and reflect the joys and blessings of the Gospel ministry carried out at David's Star Lutheran School.
8. Pray for your parents and the David's Star staff.

## ***The David's Star Lutheran School faculty and staff expect that parents will:***

1. Have your child at school on time each day.
2. Attend worship services regularly with your child.
3. Encourage your child to use his/her God-given talents to the best of his/her ability.
4. Regularly discuss school with your child.
5. Encourage your child to seek help from his/her teacher when questions or concerns arise.
6. Discuss your child's progress with his/her teachers.
7. Share with your child and others the blessings of Christian education.
8. Speak well of your child's teacher and the David's Star Lutheran School staff.
9. Pray for your child and staff at David's Star Lutheran School.

***When home, church, and school cooperate and work together under God's guidance,  
great things can happen!***