

**505a – KCS Enrollment and Re-Enrollment Policies for Students with Special Needs  
Parent Acknowledgement Form**

Student with special needs constitute an important part of Kelowna Christian School's student body. The education offered at Kelowna Christian School provides learning opportunities for all students, whenever possible, regardless of abilities or special needs. God equally values all children, and being part of community is important to all children, including those with disabilities. Friendship between students with special needs and non-disabled children is mutually beneficial and encouraged.

The school's ultimate goal is to help its students reach their God-given potential: spiritually, intellectually, physically, emotionally and socially. To help its students reach their potential, *the school is the best arbiter of a student's enrollment, placement and programming*, although this is done in consultation with a student's parents. Each child is considered as an individual and as a member of the school community.

**Application Requirements for Students with Special Needs**

Applicants to KCS with special needs, or thought to have undiagnosed special needs, will only be considered for enrollment if the following entrance requirements are met:

- The Coordinator of Student Support Services will assess the student in a one on one meeting (and may request additional assessments and observations)
- The student's family must demonstrate a level of Christian commitment consistent with Kelowna Christian School's enrollment policy
- The Coordinator of Student Support Services must receive all diagnostic and background special needs paperwork before enrollment is confirmed (including, but not limited to IEPs; report cards; psycho-educational reports; any diagnosis reports including speech-language pathology, behavioural intervention, occupational therapy, physical therapy, etc.)
- As they will apply to special needs students in future years, applicants need to agree with the re-enrollment requirements that follow

**Additional Considerations**

- Families who apply for enrollment of a special needs student – but not other siblings – will not be considered for enrollment
- Decisions on special needs applications are made by the school with consideration to staffing, current case load, and other factors

**Re-Enrollment Requirements for Students with Special Needs**

New psycho-educational reports need to be submitted to the school at regular intervals in the child's school career (at initial entry, primary, and middle school). These assessments are paid for by the family, but may be coordinated by the school.

**Parent Agreement**

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the enrollment and re-enrollment policies listed above and agree to support those policies.

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Parent Signature

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Date