



Bethel Hill Charter School
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Kindergarten Application (2012 – 2013)

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Children who will be age five (5) on or before Aug. 31, 2012.

A child who will be age four (4) on or before April 16, 2012 may enter kindergarten if the school principal determines, based on information submitted by the parent/guardian, that the child is gifted and has the maturity to justify admission to Bethel Hill Charter School.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Bethel Hill Charter School will be open to students in grades K – 6 who are eligible for admission to a public school under the North Carolina state law. BHCS will not discriminate against any student on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, disability, or gender. Admission to the school is free for all Person County & other North Carolina students.

The registration period will be from Jan. 3 – Feb. 29. If spaces remain after Feb. 29, slots will be filled as applications are received. Registration packets will be available at BHCS, S. P. Gentry Store, and Person Co. Public Library. Students enrolling may also go online at <http://esinc.net/bhcs/> and print a kindergarten application packet. Parents of kindergarten applicants are encouraged to attend one of the two open houses and campus tours held at BHCS on Jan. 12 & Feb. 2. If necessary, a lottery will be held on March 6th at 1:30 to determine students to be enrolled. Alternate weather lottery dates are March 7th or 8th.

Information Required for Kindergarten Application (all items must be turned in to complete the application process)

1. Completed Kindergarten Application
2. Proof of Domicile ~ *Example – license or ID card with address, jury duty summons, car registration, voter registration, tax statement. You may black out any confidential information that is not applicable. We only need to verify this information; we do not need to keep a copy of this information.*
3. Birth Certificate. This must be turned in to prove your child is eligible to attend a NC public school.

Additional information needed once your child has been accepted:

- Completed Registration Form. (to be mailed out with notification letter)
- Health Assessment Report ~ The Health Assessment (mailed out with notification letter) must be completed by a qualified health care provider/doctor and must be filled out completely. NC Law requires a physical within thirty (30) days after the child's first day of school.
- Immunizations ~ A copy of the child's completed immunization record. NC Law requires a copy to be on file within thirty (30) days after the child's first day of school.
- Social Security Number ~ A parent may bring the Social Security card and birth certificate to school to have a copy made or mail a copy to the school.

Registration for a student is not complete until all the above items are on file.

Dear Bethel Hill Charter School Applicant:

Thank you for considering Bethel Hill Charter School, Person County's first public charter school, as your educational home next year (2012 – 2013). We all look forward to your participation in this unique educational opportunity as we continue to look at the most effective teaching/learning methods to assure you a quality education.

The mission of Bethel Hill Charter School is to provide a safe and positive environment in a small community school setting with a low teacher-pupil ratio that will enable students to excel in all academic areas with an emphasis on respecting self and others. The community, parents, and teachers will be devoted to instilling in each child a love for learning, compassion for all mankind, creativity for problem solving, and high academic and behavioral standards by providing a multi-cultural, student-centered environment in which to learn.

The registration timeline is as follows:

January 3 – January 31

- Siblings of current students of Bethel Hill Charter School
- Children of faculty, staff, and BHCS board of directors
- Children of parents who reside in the Bethel Hill district and will be enrolling in kindergarten for the first time this coming up school year, or children (grades 1 – 6) who have moved into the Bethel Hill School district within the past year.

January 12

- Informational meeting and tour of the school for prospective kindergarten parents.
BHCS Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

February 2

- Informational meeting and tour of the for school prospective kindergarten parents.
BHCS Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

February 1 – February 29

- Continue accepting applications from groups listed above but no longer qualify for priority positions.
- Begin accepting applications from all other students who are eligible to attend public schools in North Carolina.

March 5 – Beginning of 2012 – 2013 school year

- Continue accepting applications for remaining positions on a first come, first serve basis (these applications will not be included in a lottery if one is necessary).
- Compile waiting list after enrollment limit is reached.

March 6

- Conduct lottery of students who register in February (if needed) at 1:30 at BHCS auditorium
Snow Make up for lottery – March 7 or 8 at 1:30 (first available).

March 13

- Written notification of enrollment status will be mailed to parents of non-priority students.

Application packets will be available at the Bethel Hill Charter School office, the Public Library, and S. P. Gentry's Store. Parents may also go online at <http://esinc.net/bhcs/> to get an application packet. Completed kindergarten applications must be returned to the school with a copy of the birth certificate and proof of NC domicile. An example of what we may use for proof of domicile is a valid driver's license, tax statement, or voter registration. You may not use a utility bill for proof of NC domicile.

Call the school office at 336-599-2823 ext. 256 if you have any questions or need additional information.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can attend BHCS?

Any child that is a legal resident of the state of N. C. and is eligible to enroll in N.C. Public School.

Is there a cost to go to BHCS?

No, we are a North Carolina Public School.

When can I enroll my child for kindergarten?

During the enrollment period (January & February) of the year that your child will begin school. We do not take applications for students until the enrollment period when they are 4 and will be 5 on or before Aug. 31st of that year.

Who is a priority student?

A priority student is any student who: (1) lives in what was considered the Bethel Hill district when the school was a Person Co. School, (2) is a child of a faculty or staff, (3) has a sibling that is currently enrolled at BHCS.

How is the lottery done?

If there are more student applications than spots available, we will hold a lottery. This lottery is open to anyone who would like to attend. Any student who has completed an application by the application deadline will be entered into the lottery. Members of our board of directors (or their designees) will draw student names to fill the spots we have available. After all spots are filled the remainder of the names will be drawn and placed onto a waiting list in the order in which they are drawn. Each year a child remains on the waiting list there will be a new lottery held in March to create the new waiting list for the next school year.

If my child is placed on a waiting list how long will their name remain on the waiting list?

Your child's name will be placed on the waiting list in the order it was received until a spot becomes available or you ask for it to be removed. There is no way to determine how long it will take for a space to become available. Spaces become available when a student leaves our school, so there is no way to predict this. As required by NC Charter Law, a lottery for grades 1 – 6 will be conducted for the students currently on the waiting list annually on the morning of the Kindergarten lottery for that particular year.

What if one of my children gets accepted and there is no space available for my other child?

Siblings will be placed on the waiting list in the order they are received at the time they applied. That sibling will remain in that order until the accepted student has completed their first year. At that time the accepted student's siblings will be placed at the top of the waiting list for priority when a space becomes available for enrollment. If you opt not to enroll a child because there is not space for all of your children, then that child will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list.

Does BHCS follow the same calendar as Person County Schools?

We try our best to keep it as close to their calendar as possible. However, because we do our report card periods on a six week schedule there are a couple of days that will differ throughout the year.

Does BHCS have a preschool program?

No, our school covers a grade span of kindergarten through 6th grade.

Is transportation provided by BHCS?

Because we have to serve the entire county we are not able to go door to door. We run the major highways and establish pick up points. Parents help the school a great deal when they transport their own children. Parents may also arrange car pooling when possible.

Does BHCS have a before and after school program?

Yes, we operate a before school program from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and an after school program from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The after school program provides a wide range of activities for students. They receive homework assistance, tutoring, along with instruction in music, art and computer.

Are the students required to wear uniforms?

No, it is the mission of Bethel Hill Charter School to instill respect for self, respect for others, and high moral values. A person's dress is a way of demonstrating that respect for self & others. It is not the intent of Bethel Hill Charter School to stifle or deny appropriate expression through one's individual dress. However, we do expect children to dress appropriately for school. When questions concerning dress arise the principal determines the appropriateness of dress. Parents may appeal the principal's decision to the Board of Directors.

Does BHCS follow the same curriculum as the other Person County Schools?

Yes and No, we teach the North Carolina Standard Course of Study just as all other public schools in N.C. In addition to that curriculum we teach the Core Knowledge curriculum. We also use Saxon Math and Saxon Phonics programs to teach reading and math.

Who runs BHCS?

Our school is governed by our own Board of Directors which are elected by our parents, faculty and staff. We have nine members serving three year staggered terms.

How is this school funded?

We receive state, local and federal funds to operate the school. However, we do not receive capital or lottery money for facility construction. Facility construction and improvements are funded through private donations, fundraisers, grants and loans.

Is my involvement with the school required?

Yes, as a part of the contractual agreement parents must volunteer a minimum of one hour per month. Generally a student's school performance improves when their parent becomes actively involved at school.

Does BHCS have a free & reduced lunch program?

Yes, in 2003-2004 we opened our own cafeteria. We used a combination of grant funding, donations and local school money to purchase the necessary equipment to operate a cafeteria. We also began participating in the Federal School Lunch Program. All parents will be given an application for free and reduced meals. After the application has been processed parents will be notified of their lunch payment status.

BETHEL HILL CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION

Check All Items That Apply:

_____ New Enrollee (grade 1 – 6)

_____ Child of Faculty Member

_____ Grade K (Bethel Hill District)

_____ Sibling of Current Student

_____ Grade K (Outside BH District)

*sibling's names: _____ Teacher: _____

Date: _____ School student is currently attending: _____

Student's Personal Information:

Student name: Last		First	Middle	Name called	
Age:	DOB:	Sex: M F		Current grade level:	
Mailing Address:			City:	Zip:	
911 Address:			Telephone:		

Parent/Guardian Information:

Parental Status: _____ Single _____ Married _____ Separated _____ Divorced

Child Lives With: _____ Both parents _____ Mother Only _____ Father Only _____ Guardian
_____ Foster Parent _____ Grandparent _____ Other

Mother's/Guardian name:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:
Email address:		
Father's/Guardian name:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:
Email address:		

I understand that this is a copy of the Bethel Hill Charter School Application. Parents must turn in proof of domicile with this application. Acceptable documents for proof of NC domicile are: NC License, NC Id card, jury summons, car registration, voter registration, & tax statement. Once your child has been accepted there is a more in-depth registration form that must be completed.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date:

Please complete entire form and return to BHCS with birth certificate & proof of NC domicile by:
Priority students: January 31, 2012 Non-Priority students: February 28, 2012