



## PARKVIEW BAPTIST SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Why is Parkview Baptist worth the tuition?

For our current families and our graduates, the answer is especially compelling. You can find testimonials of current and former students on our website, talking about the impact their Parkview Baptist education has made in their lives. It is without a doubt, a significant investment for parents to pay for private, Christian school tuition. We believe that the eternal investment in your child's future is worth that price.

### What Admissions test does Parkview Baptist use?

- **Incoming Pre-Kindergartners** do not take an admissions "test" per se, but rather an admissions screening with the Early Childhood Division Head.
- **Incoming Kindergarteners and 1<sup>st</sup> graders** take the AABL (Admissions Assessment for Beginning Learners), administered by ERB (Educational Records Bureau). The test is given on the iPad and takes approximately 45 minutes. Kindergarten testing takes place on Friday mornings at 9am and 10am. The AABL assesses a child's verbal and quantitative reasoning, early literacy, and mathematics skills. Parents can go to <https://www.erblearn.org/parents/admissions-testing-aabl> to learn more about the AABL.
- **Incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> graders – 10<sup>th</sup> graders** take the ISEE (Independent School Entrance Exam), administered by ERB (Educational Records Bureau). The test is given on the iPad or desktop, depending on the testing date. The ISEE is a standard assessment of skills for each applicant, ranking his or her reasoning and achievement skills among students in the same grade. Parents can find out more about the ISEE by going to <http://erblearn.org/services/isee-overview>. An admissions committee evaluates the applicant's folder based on test scores, prior academic information, family history, student questionnaire and administrator referrals.
- **Incoming 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders** do not take a separate entrance test but must have a complete admissions file, including two years of standardized test scores from previous school, latest report card and any other pertinent academic information. An admissions committee in the high school evaluates the applicants folder based on academic information, family history, student questionnaire and teacher and administrator referrals. This process allows the admissions committee to make an admissions recommendation with more information than just academics, to determine if the applicant will be a good fit here at Parkview Baptist. **Incoming 12<sup>th</sup> graders are not admitted at Parkview Baptist as a general rule, except in the case of extenuating circumstances such as relocation into the area.**

### How do you make admissions decisions?

The most important assessment we make in the admissions process is to weigh the potential success of a prospective student at PBS. A complete admissions file includes all academic records, including standardized test scores and past grades. The score on your child's entrance test is important as well. However, the most important factor is whether or not you and your family will be a good fit here at Parkview. We want every child to be able to succeed. An Admissions Committee, which includes the Division Head, Director of Enrollment and three additional teachers becomes familiar with all documents and information about a prospective student before making the final decision.

### Do siblings and alumni children have preference in the admission decisions?

Yes and no. We realize that most parents and alumni have very positive feelings for our school and wish to have all of their children share the same educational experience. At the same time, children are individuals, and what is best for one child is not necessarily the same for another. Most important in our decision is whether a child would thrive in this learning environment. In general, we do give preference to a sibling or legacy over another child. But a sibling or legacy child will be offered a place only if the Admissions Committee is confident that he/she has the potential to succeed in this setting.

### What is the deadline for applying at PBS?



We operate on 'rolling admissions,' which means we accept applications year round until a grade level is full. However, many families get their applications submitted in the fall of the preceding entrance year. Priority acceptance deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>. The first round of acceptance letters are sent out by February 1<sup>st</sup> to allow new families to take advantage of the priority registration fee. After the first round application deadline, applications are accepted based on a 'first come, first served' basis.

### **Are all the students at Parkview members of Parkview Baptist Church?**

No. We are a ministry of the church and PBC supports the school in so many ways. However, as a ministry of the church, we have students from over 80 different churches represented; as well as denominations such as Catholic, Methodist, Pentecostal, Presbyterian and non-denominational. Our weekly chapel services include vibrant speakers and contemporary worship.

### **Is Parkview Baptist an accredited school?**

Yes. We are fully accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools and Advanc-Ed (formerly Southern Association of Colleges and Schools). We are an approved non-public school in the state of Louisiana and we are a member of the Association of Christian Schools International, Louisiana Association of Independent Schools, Southern Baptist Association of Colleges and Schools, Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) and Educational Records Bureau (ERB).

### **Are your teachers certified?**

All of our PK-12 teachers hold either a state teaching certificate or are highly qualified with a degree (Bachelors and/or Masters) in their subject area, along with the required hours of Knowledge of the Learner courses at the collegiate level. Many of our teachers are Parkview Baptist School alumni, and all teachers are expected to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the ability to clearly share the Gospel with teens and lead them to Christ. All teachers operate on a professional growth plan that focuses on accumulating hours of professional development and growth in their specific field. As the field of education consistently progresses, it becomes ever more important for our teachers to continue their education so that they may be academically equipped to prepare our students for God's purpose and plan for their individual lives. Parkview Baptist School operates on a continuous cycle of school improvement, including a commitment to professional development for our teachers.

### **What is the governing structure of the school?**

Parkview Baptist School has a Superintendent who functions as the Head of School. Dr. Don R. Mayes is a Parkview Baptist Alumni (Class of 1988) with experience serving as a Superintendent of a Christian School in Florida for many years. Dr. Mayes joined the PBS Staff in January of 2012. He and his wife April (Director of the Parkview Baptist Fine Arts Academy), have two children – a daughter in college and a son in the high school at PBS.

The school is divided into four divisions as follows:

- **Early Childhood (Pre-K, TK and K)** – under the direction of Cathy Wilson, Division Head. Mrs. Wilson and her husband, Bruce, have had two students graduate from PBS and her son, BJ, currently teaches in the Elementary. Mrs. Wilson has her degree in Early Childhood from Louisiana Tech and has been involved in Education since 1992.
- **Elementary (1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade)** – under the direction of Jeff Lilley, Division Head. Mr. Lilley and his wife, Traci, have had one PBS graduate and one in the high school. Mr. Lilley holds his Bachelors in Adaptive Physical Education from Louisiana College and his Masters of Education in Administration and Supervision from Southern University.
- **Middle School (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)** – under the direction of Joana Dieterich, Division Head. Mrs. Dieterich and her husband Scott (who is a PBS football coach), have two daughters at PBS. Mrs. Dieterich has her B.A. in Business and Home Economics from McNeese State University and her Masters +30 in Educational Technology from McNeese State University.
- **High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)** – under the direction of Ben Haindel, Division Head. Mr. Haindel and his wife Courtney (who is the Director of Marketing and Enrollment at PBS), have three daughters at PBS in Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle School. Mr. Haindel has his B.S. in Social Studies Education from Louisiana College and his Masters in Administration and Supervision from the Southeastern Louisiana University.