

# Accreditation School Profile

## Halton Hills Christian School

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The boards of the Halton Hills Christian Schools and Canadian Hallmarks Institute (CHI) are pleased to publish this *Accreditation Profile* as a public service promoting independent faith-based education in the greater Toronto (Georgetown) area. The format of this profile follows CHI standards: The contents of this profile were developed using local information obtained as part of the successful accreditation review.

### 1. Mission:

The official mission of the school is:

*We confess that the goal of education is to nurture children to grow into the sure knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord of life. We equip children with the skills necessary to develop their gifts and talents to their full potential. We challenge them to serve God according to His Word and teach them to discern their role in responsible service.*

### 2. Governance:

Halton Hills Christian School is owned by the Halton Hills Christian School Society and operated on its behalf by an elected board of 13 directors. The Halton Hills Christian School Society is a registered charity (#134883982 RR0001) and membership in the society is open to all adults who meet the criteria.

### 3. Community Demographics of School

- a) The families supporting Halton Hills Christian School come from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds, blue collar, professionals, and self employed
- b) The general statistics for Halton Hills County taken from Stats Canada Reports (2005), which provide the following:
  - Average (full-time income all families) \$92,398
  - Average (income single/parent families) \$51,379

## 4. Admission Policies for Students

- a) The Halton Hills Christian School Board has adopted a policy of non-discrimination in support of the Ontario Human Rights Code. In promoting its distinctive Christian character, the policy requires that students should:
  - be able to benefit from the programs offered and that parents should
  - declare their (his/her) support of the school's religious identity as evident in official documents.
- b) The student body is 99.6% composed of Canadian citizens.

## 5. Faculty

- a) Halton Hills Christian School has 13 full-time and 6 part-time teaching staff, 89% of whom have the Ontario Teacher's Certificate, 80% hold the Christian Teacher's Certificate and 68% hold both the Ontario Teacher's Certificate and the Christian Teacher's Certificate.
- b) The average teaching experience of the staff is 14 years (full time equivalent). The board requires an annual program of professional development for all teachers.
- c) The pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) is 14:1 for 2011/12.

## 6. Student Achievement

Halton Hills Christian School has a student body of 282 and a complete JK -Grade 8 program. The faculty follows a defined evaluation program to monitor the academic and social progress of each student.

- a) Basic Skills - The school participates in the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS) student assessment program on an annual basis. In 2010, Grades 3 - 8 participated in the Canadian Tests of Basic Skills (CTBS) with outstanding results.

Halton Hills Christian School CTBS Test Results, "2010" (percentile)			
Grade	School Ranking	OACS Norm	Canadian National Norm
3	61	82	50
4	82	77	50
5	93	77	50
6	85	72	50
7	69	76	50
8	82	75	50

- b) Literacy Test from Province - The school does not participate in the elementary provincial tests sponsored by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) because of the fees levied on non-funded private schools by the EQAO as a cost of participation.

- c) Halton Hills Christian School graduates attend Toronto District Christian, King's Christian, Christ the King Catholic Secondary School, Georgetown District Secondary School, Bishop Redding, Acton Highschool and Woodlawn Christian Secondary School where students score high on the Provincial Literacy Test.
- d) Other significant awards given are Valedictorian, Outstanding Academic Achievement, Honour Roll, Athletes of the Year, Most Improved Student and Christian Leadership.

## 7. Programs of Study

- a) Halton Hills Christian School offers a complete range of academic programs for all eight grades. The curriculum follows the outline developed by the OACS. This design follows the official Ministry of Education curriculum in content requirements.
- b) The board and faculty are committed to the integration of Christian perspectives throughout the entire program of studies.
- c) Halton Hills Christian School has a special education resource program and a special needs program. It provides technological studies at many grade levels to ensure that students acquire computer literacy before graduation.

## 8. Finances

- a) Halton Hills Christian School obtains its income from several sources, notably:
  - 89.6% from tuition;
  - 6% from donations;
  - 0% from government grants;
  - 3.47% from fundraising events;
  - .93% other
- b) 2011/2012 Year the tuition rate was \$11,184, family rate.
- c) For families experiencing temporary financial hardship, the board provides assistance in the form of assistance up to 50% of tuition. Families must have one year of paid up tuition to qualify .
- d) The official budget is approved each spring at a general membership meeting. The budget expenditures are as follows:
 

● education, salaries and benefits	70.8%
● transportation	7.7%
● facilities, operating	3.9%
● facilities capital & mortgage interest	2.8%
● program	5%
● administration	2.5%
● other	7.3%

