

# Accreditation School Profile

## Holland Marsh District Christian School

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The boards of the Holland Marsh District Christian School and Canadian Hallmarks Institute (CHI) are pleased to publish this *Accreditation Profile* as a public service promoting independent faith-based education in the greater York County 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:

*The purpose of Holland Marsh District Christian School is to provide a quality Christ-centred education wherein each student may grow in grace, wisdom, knowledge and wonder and so be enabled to responsibly serve God and others in all areas of life.*

### 2. Governance:

Holland Marsh District Christian School is owned by the Holland Marsh District Christian School Society and operated on its behalf by an elected board of 11 directors. The Holland Marsh District Christian School Society is a registered charity (#118959154RR0001) and membership in the society is open to all adults who meet the criteria.

### 3. Community Demographics of School

- a) The families supporting Holland Marsh District Christian School come from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds. A total of 73 different occupations are represented as well as a large economic range, from needy to wealthy families.
- b) The general statistics for York County taken from Stats Canada Reports (2005), which provide the following:
  - Average (full-time income all families)                      \$52,833
  - Average (income single/parent families)                      \$30,639

## 4. Admission Policies for Students

- a) The Holland Marsh District 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 99.9% composed of Canadian citizens.

## 5. Faculty

- a) Holland Marsh District Christian School has 9 full-time and 3 part-time teaching staff, 60% of whom have the Ontario Teacher's Certificate, 50% hold the Christian Teacher's Certificate and 33% 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 21:1 for 2009/10.

## 6. Student Achievement

Holland Marsh District Christian School has a student body of 212 and a complete JK-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 2008, Grades 3 - 8 participated in the Canadian Tests of Basic Skills (CTBS) with outstanding results.

Holland Marsh District Christian School CTBS Test Results, "2008" (percentile)			
Grade	School Ranking	OACS Norm	Canadian National Norm
3	84	81	50
4	74	77	50
5	64	76	50
6	65	73	50
7	68	76	50
8	48	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) Holland Marsh District Christian School graduates attend Toronto District Christian High School, Unity Christian High School, and local Catholic High Schools where students score above the average on the Provincial Literacy Test.
- d) Other significant awards given are Bill Rupke Memorial Award, Sue Lise Memorial Award, Sylvia Claydon Sportsmanship Award, Rotary Club Awards for Creative Expression, Scholastic Achievement Award, Athletic Award, Lions Club of Bradford Most Improved Student, and the Servanthood Award.

## 7. Programs of Study

- a) Holland Marsh District 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) Holland Marsh District 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) Holland Marsh District Christian School obtains its income from several sources, notably:
  - 85% from tuition;
  - 2% from donations;
  - 0% from government grants;
  - 12% from fundraising events;
  - 1% other
- b) 2009/2010 Year the tuition rate was \$11,139/family rate. for JK the rate was \$5,570 and for SK the rate was \$7,798
- c) For families experiencing temporary financial hardship, the board provides assistance in the form of a percentage of tuition discount.
- d) The official budget is approved each spring at a general membership meeting. The budget expenditures are as follows:
 

● education, salaries and benefits	70%
● transportation	15%
● facilities, operating	5%
● facilities capital & mortgage interest	0%
● program	5%
● administration	5%
● other	0%

