

Accreditation School Profile

Immanuel Christian School (Aylmer)

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The boards of the Immanuel 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 Aylmer 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:

... to prepare students to meet the challenge of the world and culture they live in as young and growing Christians. Thus, students are taught the skills of discernment in the light of God's Word, the practice of stewardship for God's creation, the required commitment to a life of Christian service and the beauty of witness through modeling God's love in a broken world.

2. Governance:

Immanuel Christian School is owned by the Immanuel Christian School Society and operated on its behalf by an elected board of 11 directors. The Immanuel Christian School Society is a registered charity (##118967249RR0001) and membership in the society is open to all adults who meet the criteria.

3. Community Demographics of School

- a) The families supporting Immanuel Christian School come from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds. A total of 24 different occupations are represented as well as a large economic range, from needy to wealthy families.
- b) The general statistics for Aylmer taken from Stats Canada Reports (2005), which provide the following:
 - Average (full-time income all families) \$61,811
 - Average (income single/parent families) \$41,393

4. Admission Policies for Students

- a) The Immanuel 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 100% composed of Canadian citizens.

5. Faculty

- a) Immanuel Christian School has 4 full-time and 3 part-time teaching staff, 71% of whom have the Ontario Teacher's Certificate, 85.7% hold the Christian Teacher's Certificate and 71% hold both the Ontario Teacher's Certificate and the Christian Teacher's Certificate.
- b) The average teaching experience of the staff is 17.4 years (full time equivalent). The board requires an annual program of professional development for all teachers.
- c) The pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) is 16:1 for 2009/10.

6. Student Achievement

Immanuel Christian School has a student body of 88 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.

Immanuel Christian School CTBS Test Results, "2008" (percentile)			
Grade	School Ranking	OACS Norm	Canadian National Norm
3	82	81	50
4	66	77	50
5	81	76	50
6	62	73	50
7	71	76	50
8	79	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) Immanuel Christian School graduates attend East Elgin where students score 81% on the Provincial Literacy Test, London District Christian High School where students score 90% on the Provincial Literacy Test, and Providence Reformed Collegiate where students score 93% on the Provincial Literacy Test.
- d) Other significant awards given are the Math Award, Discipleship, Valedictorian, and Most Improved Student.

7. Programs of Study

- a) Immanuel 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) Immanuel 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) Immanuel Christian School obtains its income from several sources, notably:
 - 84% from tuition;
 - 9% from donations;
 - 0% from government grants;
 - 5% from fundraising events;
 - 2% other
- b) 2009/2010 Year the tuition rate is \$10,836, family rate.
- c) For families experiencing temporary financial hardship, the board provides case by case assistance of up to 1/2 of the tuition.
- d) The official budget is approved each spring at a general membership meeting. The budget expenditures are as follows:

● education, salaries and benefits	61%
● transportation	19%
● facilities, operating	5%
● facilities capital & mortgage interest	1%
● program	3%
● administration	5%
● other	6%

