

Accreditation School Profile

Listowel Christian School

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The boards of the Listowel 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 North Perth 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:

Listowel Christian School provides elementary education to our children through quality academics based on Biblical foundations within a Christian family community.

2. Governance:

Listowel Christian School is owned by the Listowel Christian School Society and operated on its behalf by an elected board of 8 directors. The Listowel Christian School Society is a registered charity (#131376303 RR 0001) and membership in the society is open to all adults who meet the criteria.

3. Community Demographics of School

- a) The families supporting Listowel Christian School come from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds. A total of 23 different occupations are represented as well as a large economic range, from needy to wealthy families.
- b) The general statistics for North Perth County taken from Stats Canada Reports (2006), which provide the following:

● Average (full-time income all families)	\$65,739
● Average (income single/parent families)	\$46,167

4. Admission Policies for Students

- a) The Listowel 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 92% composed of Canadian citizens.

5. Faculty

- a) Listowel Christian School has 3 full-time and 5 part-time teaching staff, 75% of whom have the Ontario Teacher's Certificate, 75% hold the Christian Teacher's Certificate and 75% hold both the Ontario Teacher's Certificate and the Christian Teacher's Certificate.
- b) The average teaching experience of the staff is 16 years (full time equivalent). The board requires an annual program of professional development for all teachers.
- c) The pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) is 17:1 for 2009/10.

6. Student Achievement

Listowel Christian School has a student body of 100 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.

Listowel Christian School CTBS Test Results, "2008" (percentile)			
Grade	School Ranking	OACS Norm	Canadian National Norm
3	79	81	50
4	51	77	50
5	76	76	50
6	74	73	50
7	75	76	50
8	78	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) Listowel Christian School graduates attend Woodland Christian High School where students score 93% on the Provincial Literacy Test, Listowel District Secondary school where students score 89% on the Provincial Literacy Test, and Norwell District Secondary School where students score 74% on the Provincial Literacy Test.
- d) Other significant awards given are Woodland Christian High School Entrance Scholarship, and Listowel Optimist Public Speaking Award.

7. Programs of Study

- a) Listowel Christian School offers a complete range of academic programs for all 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) Listowel 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) Listowel Christian School obtains its income from several sources, notably:
 - 63% from tuition;
 - 18% from donations;
 - 6% from government grants;
 - .5% from fundraising events;
 - 12.5% other
- b) 2009/2010 Year the tuition rate was \$10,600, family rate. Listowel Christian School encourages families to apply to the Children First Grant program and offer information on the Christian Economic Assistance Foundation (CEAF).
- c) For families experiencing temporary financial hardship, the board provides assistance in the form of discounts for families with children enrolled in Christian High School. There is also an introductory discount to families new to Christian education with full-time students enrolled. Discounts are offered to full-and part-time staff members. Tuition assistance is also available to families who find tuition a financial hardship of up to 40% for two-parent families and up to 50% for single-parent families who request assistance.
- d) The official budget is approved each spring at a general membership meeting. The budget expenditures are as follows:

● education, salaries and benefits	58%
● transportation	18%
● facilities, operating	5%
● facilities capital & mortgage interest	6%
● program	10%
● administration	2%
● other	1%

12. Public Information

Any member of the public is welcome to request a copy of the following documents:

- *Official Bylaws*
- *School Calendar*
- *Admission Policy*
- *Financial Statements*
- *Membership Policy*