

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 is a growing elementary school through excellence in education in a nurturing environment supported by a diverse Christian 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 35 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 93% composed of Canadian citizens.

5. Faculty

- a) Listowel Christian School has 4 full-time and 5 part-time teaching staff, 75% of whom have the Ontario Teacher's Certificate, 20% hold the Christian Teacher's Certificate and 20% hold both the Ontario Teacher's Certificate and the Christian Teacher's Certificate.
- b) The average teaching experience of the staff is 9.4 years (full time equivalent). The board requires an annual program of professional development for all teachers.
- c) The pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) is 20:1 for 2011/12.

6. Student Achievement

Listowel Christian School has a student body of 109 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 2010, Grades 3 - 8 participated in the Canadian Tests of Basic Skills (CTBS) with outstanding results.

Listowel Christian School CTBS Test Results, "2010" (percentile)			
Grade	School Ranking	OACS Norm	Canadian National Norm
3	67	82	50
4	69	77	50
5	79	77	50
6	56	72	50
7	78	76	50
8	71	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 87% on the Provincial Literacy Test, Listowel District Secondary school where students score 87% on the Provincial Literacy Test, and Norwell District Secondary School where students score 85% on the Provincial Literacy Test.
- d) Other significant awards given are Woodland Christian High School Entrance Scholarship of \$1000.

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:
 - 69% from tuition;
 - 7% from donations;
 - 0% from government grants;
 - 11% from fundraising events;
 - 13% other
- b) 2011/2012 Year the tuition rate was \$10,750, family rate.
- c) Listowel Christian School offers a 15% discount to families with students enrolled in Christian High School, \$2,000 discount to families new to Christian education with full-time students enrolled, (\$1,000 discount for second year of full-time enrollment), assistance of up to 40% for two parent families (50% for single parent families) who qualify through our Bursary program .
- d) The official budget is approved each spring at a general membership meeting. The budget expenditures are as follows:

● education, salaries and benefits	64%
● transportation	19%
● facilities, operating	9%
● facilities capital & mortgage interest	1%
● program	2%
● admistration	4%
● 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*