



Welcome to Ebenezer Christian School 2025.

"Training up Tomorrow's Leaders Today"

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Welcome to the Ebenezer Christian School "Family". Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We see this as a privilege and a responsibility, one we take seriously before God. We look forward to developing a partnership with you throughout the year.

- We are committed to nurture, love, and pray for your children. We will educate them with excellence.
- We will help lead them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and strive for spiritual maturity.
- We will teach them to serve and be responsible citizens for our school, community, and world.
- We will strive to model and train effective communicators.
- We are committed to following God's call for our lives and the lives of our students.

We have truly experienced God's hand in guiding the formation of Ebenezer Christian School from its very inception. We see His fingerprints on our current activities. We continue to seek His guidance as we make plans to continue moving Ebenezer Christian School forward.

Vision Statement

"To follow the Lord in all areas, be spiritually and academically excellent, and be the premier Christian School in Mafikeng. To provide a fully integrated curriculum designed to stimulate and cultivate high academic and moral standards.

Mission Statement

"Our mission is to provide a Christ-centred education which challenges students to develop a life-long love of learning, to grow in their faith, and to respond to God's call of service to their families, their communities, and the world."

"To raise up tomorrow's leaders today."

Head of Academics

Head of Academics **Mrs Lena Bohmer previous Principal for 20 years at Noah's Ark.**

Mrs Bohmer has been dedicated to the field of education for more than twenty years. She has worked with students ranging in age from Grade RR through to Grade 7 in a variety of roles. She brings her skills as an Educational Leader to ECS and will work with the ECS staff to ensure your child's educational success. Mrs Bohmer views education as a life-long calling. Most importantly, she brings a belief that students are at the centre of all school-related decisions. She is excited to unite her experience, her openness to learn, and her child-centred approach to support our students and staff. Because the relationships between God, families and the school are vital to the success of our students and staff. She

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encourages you to become involved in every way possible. She looks forward to meeting you in 2024!

Management of Ebenezer Christian School

The management of the Ebenezer Christian School are passionate about Christian education and have a heart to serve God in the ministry of ECS. Each member feels clearly called by the Lord to serve and it is their heart's desire to follow His guidance in all areas to ensure that the school will be spiritually and academically excellent.

"To preserve the past, assess the present and prepare for the future."

Our small classes and quality staff allow for a very personal approach to learning. We believe that education is more than just studies and sport and have created an environment where every child participates in an array of activities, with a special emphasis on their individual strengths. Please keep your eyes open for all our new ventures and news in 2024.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LEARNERS

EXPECTATIONS:

As with any organization, it is necessary to have a set of rules & regulations in order that all can co-operate and interact beneficially. The purpose of School rules is to establish a disciplined and safe environment to facilitate effective teaching and learning at ECS. If we were to formulate rules for every possible student misdemeanor, the resulting document would be long, cumbersome and would leave loopholes. A formal set of rules & regulations is usually unnecessary for most learners who conduct themselves sensibly and in a manner that is mutually advantageous. However, there are learners who need the guidance of rules, regulations, and instructions. At ECS, we believe that our rules, regulations, and expectations are Biblically and educationally based. As such, we expect all learners to co-operate with ALL of them, with the help of the Holy Spirit and by working in close partnership with the home and church, they can be met. Nothing shall exempt a learner from complying with the school rules. Learners agree to comply as follows:

RESPECTFULNESS:

- As a learner at ECS, I shall show respect to all Staff members, student leaders, peers, younger children and even myself. Respect includes:
- Greeting adults first, especially visitors to the school.
- Helping and serving others.
- Ensuring my language and behaviour is appropriate and in accordance with Christian values.
- Being punctual and on time for all lessons, assemblies, school events.
- Recognizing my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. I shall not damage this temple by smoking, drinking alcohol, using drugs or being sexually promiscuous.
- Displaying Godly stewardship. I shall keep the areas, both where I learn and play, clean and tidy, as well as free from litter. I shall also keep fellow learners accountable to this same standard.

I show self-respect by:

- Wearing my uniform correctly. When my school uniform is worn correctly, it shows school pride.

- Keeping my uniform in **good** condition.
- If I arrive at school not in proper school uniform, there must be a letter or phone call to the Office from my parent. If neither is received, my parent will be called to collect me to go home & change.
- When I wear the school uniform, I must always represent the values and principles of my school.

Maintaining a high standard of work in my studies. This includes:

- Completing and submitting all class work and homework assignments on time, completed to the best of my ability. I shall ensure that I alone will complete my work, and no one else will do the work on my behalf, as this does not demonstrate my capabilities and what I have learned.
- Having all required books and stationery in class daily, as well as keeping my stationery and books in proper order. This includes covering my books.
- Participating in physical training and showing sportsmanship.

DESIGNATED AREAS:

Learners are not allowed to be in classrooms, the Staff Room and Church facilities unless under supervision by a Staff Member of ECS before and after school, as well as during break times.

PERSONAL SAFETY & WELL-BEING:

Learners should exercise the greatest care while on the school grounds and obey all school rules and instructions given at assemblies and by Staff. Whilst the school shall, always, take reasonable safety precautions to avoid injury/loss to learners, the School, SGB or the NW Department of Education shall not be liable for any claims/litigations which may arise in respect of this. No unsupervised ball games are allowed during breaks and before or after school. If a learner is unwell or falls ill at school, then the parents / legal guardians will be contacted for his/her instructions.

NB: It is essential that all contact numbers and details are provided accurately on the Admission / Re-Admission forms. Learners who are using chronic medication **MUST** inform the Office, as well as their Educators. Learners who suffer from respiratory illnesses must always carry their asthma pumps or special medication with them. In pursuance of its safety and security policy, the school reserves the right to conduct a search of a learner if there are reasonable grounds for this action.

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR – PARENTS

Parents form an integral part of our school. They are important members of the Ebenezer Christian School team. Together with staff, management, and children, they strive to live the Vision and Mission of ECS.

The school expects parents to:

- be loyal members of our school family.
- take a keen interest in their child's academic progress.
- be passionate and enthusiastic about our school's vision and mission.
- radiate the positive image of our school into the broader community.

- be punctual - in paying the fees - in adhering to due dates - observing school hours and in reacting to school communication.
- support school functions and meetings - be parents who are involved with their children.
- refrain from seeing teachers during school hours.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The school will be open from 07:10 till 14:00, Monday through Friday during school terms, except for school and/or public holidays. The hours for learners are as follows:

Grade RR-1: 07:30 till 14:00 (Mondays through Friday)

Grades 2-7: 07:30 till 14:00 (Mondays through Friday)

Transportation is the responsibility of each learner. Transportation must be arranged so that learners are not late in arrival to school and are collected on a timely basis. The gate will be closed at 07h30 in the mornings. Learners must arrive before this to be on time to class. R50 late fee will be charged to account if learner is dropped off or picked up late. Additionally, the School is NOT responsible for learners who are collected late, or for learners who are no longer on school property. Learners are no longer under the school's jurisdiction if they have exited the school gates.

NB! The school is not responsible or liable for learners who have not been collected by 14:30. Additionally, any fighting and/or other behaviour that happens off school property is not the responsibility of the school.

Terms and payment structure for After Care

Registration / Reregistering fee of R200 paid upon registration.

R650 per month, payable in advance (12 months January – December).

Aftercare will continue in December until the second last day of Term 4. Aftercare will not be available on the last day of each term.

Aftercare fees are paid directly into the same bank account as the school fees – to be Referenced e.g., J SOAP AFTERCARE.

Fees are payable per month. Fees are to be paid in cash, by debit order, credit card or via EFT and **one month's written notice**, via e-mail to Mrs Wilna Jardim is required to withdraw your child.

Billing will only be cancelled once an official notice, via e-mail has been received. If fees are not paid timeously, unfortunately, your children will not be allowed to return to Aftercare until such time as any outstanding fees are settled.

ECS After Care is only available Monday to Thursday 14:00 to 17:10, A fee of R 50 for every 15 minutes after 17h15 will be levied for LATE collection.

This will be added to your account. Please ensure your child is provided with extra lunch and water.

Homework will be supervised, and staff will assist with reading. Learner academic work that is not completed in class is therefore completed at Aftercare, under the supervision of the staff. It is the learner's responsibility to ensure that homework not completed during the academic day is done at Aftercare.

Aftercare is only provided during the term and excludes public holidays, school holidays and the last day of the term.

COMMUNICATION

Good lines of communication between the school and parents are extremely important. Enquiries can be made telephonically to the Office at (018)110-0945 / 083 301 7545 or via email at ecs@utb.co.za / admin@utb.co.za. **If contact numbers change, it is the parent's responsibility to contact the Office to update the learner's info**, as various information and reminders may be sent via WhatsApp. It is also important to have proper info on file, in case of emergency. Correspondence will be sent periodically from the school and must be signed by the parents to indicate it has been read. If you would like to speak with your child's teacher, please ensure that you make an appointment via the Office or through written communication with your child's teacher. Please remember, appointments should be scheduled after school. **Class time is reserved for teaching.**

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONICS

Cell phones and/or other electronics are NOT allowed on school property, unless in an emergency, they must be accompanied by a letter from a parent/guardian. The school takes no responsibility for lost/stolen belongings. Personal belongings are each learners.

responsibility. Phones that are brought to school (after having received written parental permission), are to be switched off during school hours and when on school property. If they are not switched off on school property, they will be confiscated, and available for collection at the end of the school year after paying the R500 fine.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

Although the school takes a progressive and corrective approach to discipline by teacher/parent conferences, learners should be aware that the following behaviours are regarded as serious misdemeanours that could immediately result in disciplinary action, suspension and possibly expulsion:

Wilful damage to school or church property, dishonesty, including in tests or exams, bullying, fighting, physical or verbal assault, victimisation, or intimidation, including gender or racial harassment, theft, or possession of stolen property, including test/examination papers prior to writing tests or examinations, Immoral behaviour or profanity, insubordination/disregard of legitimate instructions / request by those in authority, incitement to riot or caused any disruption to the educational process. Where learner's damages school property (e.g., breaking a window) he/she will be held financially responsible to pay for repairs, and must report such damage to the Office.

AGREEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

Learners will be placed on the academic level at which the Diagnostic or Placement Test specifies. If your child does not perform academically according to the required standard, he/she will be put on academic probation for 3 months. If he/she does not improve, the school reserves the right to terminate the contract. Parent(s)/guardian responsible for the account undertake to provide ONE TERM'S NOTICE in writing should your child leave this school. If notice is not given, the parent is responsible to pay the full fees for that term.

DRESS CODE & UNIFORM

The principles underpinning the development of the following dress code are practicality, health, safety, affordability, simplicity, impartiality, and pride in our School. These guidelines have been set to ensure that there are no unnecessary distractions for learners.

HAIR (Boys):

Hair must be neat and clean and should not bunch at the back of the head or above the ears. Hair must be shaped and evenly graded. Hair must be clear of the collar and must not cover any part of the ear. It must be 2cm above the eyebrows, even when combed forward. Steps and fashionable/extreme hairstyles, likely to cause comment or distraction, are not acceptable within the school context. **No wild or “big” hairstyles. Decorative shaved patterns are not permitted.** Hair may not be bleached or coloured, thus changing the natural colour of the hair.

HAIR (Girls):

Hair must be neat and clean. Hair that is collar-length or longer must be tied up and may not hang loose or down the sides of the face and head. Fringes that hang down over the forehead to cover the eyes must be tied up/clipped back from the forehead with hair clips or an Alice band. Fancy, unusual, or extreme hairstyles, likely to cause comment or distraction, are not acceptable within the school context. **No wild or “big” hairstyles.** Natural singles/braids (with or without extensions) are allowed if they are a maximum of 10mm in diameter. Singles/braids must be the same length and must be the **natural colour** of the girl's hair. Hair must be held neatly at the back of the head. Braided tails or loose pieces of hair may not be longer than 2cm at the back of the head in the neck. If it is longer than 2cm, it must be tied up. Dreadlocks must be locked and styled. Hair must not be **bleached or coloured**, thus changing the natural colour of the hair. Hair bands may be royal blue, orange or white. No other colours or patterns of hair bands are permitted.

ADORNMENTS:

- No jewellery, (including necklaces, chains, rings, arm bands, and bracelets of any kind) apart from standard watches, are permitted.
- Medic-alert discs may be worn.
- Girls may wear only a single pair of 15mm gold/silver sleepers or round studs in the lower part of the earlobe.
- Boys may not wear earrings, or pins to keep holes open.
- No other piercings are allowed.
- Additionally, scarves, beanies, gloves, and belts of the wrong colour will be confiscated.

Rights and Responsibilities of a Private Independent School

The purpose of the Rights and Responsibilities document adopted by the Department of Basic Education and the National Alliance of Independent Schools Associations (NAISA) in 2010 is to clarify the distinct nature of independent schools within the South African education system and assist Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) in general and district officials to deal appropriately with them. This document covers the key defining characteristics of independent schools. These are aspects of independent schools that make them different from public schools; both in the way they are legally sanctioned and the way they operate. These characteristics include the following:

1. They follow their own distinctive missions (including ethos, religion, faith or philosophy and values).
2. They determine their own learner admission policies in line with the law.
3. They choose their own curricula and exit examinations that meet the prescribed outcomes of the National Curriculum Statement.

4. They may determine their own promotion and retention policies in line with applicable policies.
5. They determine how they are governed, financed, and staffed, within the boundaries of the law, and in line with good governance practice.

Independent schools must operate within the confines of the Constitution and all relevant National and Provincial legislation. However, critical to their independence is the freedom of a school to use its professional judgement to make decisions. These key characteristics ensure that schools have the freedom they require to be able to determine and deliver programmes of academic excellence to learners and adhere to their ethos. Ebenezer Christian School is an Independent Institution operating on a **NOT-FOR-PROFIT** basis. **No** assistance in the form of finances/subsidies is received from government and as such the school is wholly dependent on fees, possible sponsorship or donations for its continued operation and existence.

Ebenezer Christian School is Register with the Department of Education **EMIS #600105473** and associated with ACSI. ACSI is an international association that represents Christian Schools.

When registering a new student into Ebenezer Christian School please note when and how fees are payable:

Testing Fees Grade R to 7 & A.C.E

- A placement test is a test given by the school to determine the academic or skill level, to place the learner in the correct class.
- R200 per student
- To be paid before test are done.

Registration Fee Grade RR to 7 & A.C.E

- To be paid on submission of the contractual application.
- A registration fee of R1 000 for Grade RR-Grade 3 and R1 200 for Grade 4 - 7 is payable per student. **This fee is not refundable.**

Re-Registration Fee Grade RR to 7 & A.C.E

- Grade RR to 3 to be paid by the 16 October 2024 with the submission of Re-registration form - R500.00. **This fee is not refundable.**
- Grade 4 to 7 & ACE - R600.00 - To be paid by the 16 October 2024 with the submission of Re-registration form. **This fee is not refundable.**

Computer fees

- Computers R600 per term or R2400 annual fee – **compulsory grade RR to 7 & ACE**

Development Levy Fee

A development levy is charged to all grades and contributes to the building improvement, development and maintenance of the buildings and playground in general. This fee is non-refundable.

R2000.00 **to be paid -up in full by the 7th of June 2024.**

School fees Grade RR to 7 and A.C.E

- To be paid **annually**, quarterly or 12 months (Jan – Dec) Annual fees are paid in the first week of the school term.
- **Quarterly** fees are paid in the first week of the school term.
- **12 Months:** to be paid before the 7th of each month.

School Fee Discount Structure

Pay your child school fees for the year before:

- **December** and get **3%** discount on the year's school fees.
- **January** and get **2%** discount of the year's school fees.
- **February** and get **1.5%** discount of the year's school fees.

Has more than one child enrolled at Ebenezer Christian School.

- **2 children** enrolled – get **2.5%** discount on your 2nd child's school fees.
- **3 children** enrolled – get **5%** discount on your 3rd child's school fees.
- **4 children** enrolled – get **7%** discount on your 4th child's school fees.

A.C.E

- Is a globally successful Accelerated Christian Education (A.C.E.) programme it is a unique education system that offers students the opportunity to learn at their own pace while being guided by excellent, biblically based learning materials.
- ACE consists of individual PACEs (Packet of Accelerated Christian Education) the child works through. The idea is like a whole textbook being broken down into its individual units.
- Each PACE represents one of those units. Every subject has its own set of 12 PACEs, which they recommend being completed in a year. Of course, every child is different, and this isn't set in stone. You can adjust this based on your student's needs and abilities.
- ACE is available from Grade 1 to Grade 7.

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- **An admin fee of R900.00** to be paid in full by the first week of the school term.

NOTE: NO alterations or changes may be made to this document.