

**Admission Procedure**

Admission is open to any individual between the ages of twelve (12) and twenty-two (22) who, pursuant to state law, is entitled to attend school. In making admission decisions, the School shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, or disabling condition. Upon admission of any student with a disability, the School will comply with all federal and state laws regarding the education of students with disabilities.

The School shall not limit admission to students on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, or athletic ability. The School shall not offer attempt to give any monetary payment or in-kind gift to any student or student's family as an incentive for the student to enroll in the School.

The School shall restrict admission to the counties of Ashland, Holmes, Medina, Richland, Wayne or any contiguous county.

If the number of applicants exceeds the capacity restrictions of the School, students will be admitted based on a lottery system, with the following students given preference:

- students who attended the School the previous year;
- siblings of students attending the School the previous year;
- students who are the children of full-time staff members employed by the School, provided the total number of students receiving this preference is less than 5% if the School's total enrollment; and
- students who reside in the district in which the School is located.

The lottery system adopted by the School functions as described below.

- Each applicant exceeding the capacity of the School shall be assigned a number.
- A neutral third party will randomly select numbers, and as each number is selected, the respective student is placed on the permanent waiting list. Once placed on the permanent waiting list, the student retains the position from year-to-year unless the student is no longer an eligible student, is no longer interested in admission, or is selected for admission and thereby removed from the permanent waiting list.
- The School may, in its sole discretion, decide to institute one lottery system and permanent waiting list, or may decide to institute separate lottery systems and permanent waiting lists for each age or grade.

*Ohio:* R.C. 3314.06; R.C. 3313.98.

*Cross Reference:* Policy 3512, Kindergarten Admission.

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#### Records and Documentation

Upon admission into the School, all students shall be required to provide the following:

- any records from the public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school the student most recently attended;
- if issued and applicable, a certified copy of an order or decree, or modification of such an order or decree, allocating parental rights and responsibilities for the care of a child and designating a residential parent and legal custodian of the child<sup>2</sup>;
- a copy of a power of attorney or caretaker authorization affidavit, if either has been executed with respect to the child; and
- a birth certificate or one of the following comparable documents: (1) a certification of birth; (2) Passport or attested transcript of a passport filed with a registrar of passports at a point of entry of the United States showing the date and place of birth of the child; (3) An attested transcript of the certificate of birth; (4) An attested transcript of the certificate of baptism or other religious record showing the date and place of birth of the child; (5)

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<sup>2</sup> After enrollment, whenever there is a modification of any order or decree allocating parental rights and responsibilities for the care of a child and designating a residential parent and legal custodian of the child that has been submitted to the School, the residential parent shall provide the School with a certified copy of the order or decree that makes the modification.

**Enrollment Information**

Admission and Enrollment

If your child is between six and 18 years of age, or if your child is under age six but has been enrolled in kindergarten, he or she is "of compulsory school age" in Ohio.

Admission to Ashland County Community Academy ("the School") is open to any individual between the ages of five and 22 who is entitled to attend school under state law. To attend kindergarten at the School, a child must be five years old by August 1 or September 30 of the year of admission. Children under the age of five may be admitted under certain circumstances provided under Ohio law. If your child is not five years old by August 1 or September 30, your child may be admitted if he or she has been recommended in accordance with the School's acceleration policy. The child shall be evaluated for early admittance upon referral by the child's parent or guardian, an educator employed by the School, a preschool educator who knows the child, or a pediatrician or psychologist who knows the child. The School's referral form is available at Form 3512.1, Early Entrance to Kindergarten.

The School will not deny a transferring student admission, based on the student's age, if the student had been admitted to kindergarten by another school.

In making admission decisions, the School shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, or disabling condition. The School will comply with all federal and state laws regarding the education of students with disabilities.

The School does not limit admission to students on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, or athletic ability. The School will not offer or give any monetary payment or in-kind gift to any student or student's family as an incentive for the student to enroll in the School.

The School restricts admission to students who reside in Ohio. The Parent or Guardian of the Student or Student (age 18 or over), shall notify the School when there is a change in the Parent/Guardian or Student's primary residence.

If the number of applicants exceeds the capacity restrictions of the School, students will be admitted based on a lottery system, with the following students given preference:

- students who attended the School the previous year;
- siblings of students attending the School the previous year;

An attested transcript of a hospital record showing the date and place of birth of the child;  
(6) A birth affidavit.

Upon enrolling a student, the School will request records within 24 hours from the school your student most recently attended. If the records are not received within seven days, a second request will be made and the Head Administrator shall directly contact the school.

You or your student must notify the School if the student is under the care of a shelter for victims of domestic violence at the time of initial enrollment. Upon being so informed, the School will inform the elementary or secondary school from which it requests the student's records of that fact.

If the school your student claims to have most recently attended indicates that it has no record of the student's attendance or the records are not received within 14 days of the date of request, or if the student does not present a birth certificate or comparable document (listed above), the Head Administrator shall notify the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the area where the student resides of this fact and of the possibility that the student may be a missing child.

A student who has been discharged or released from the custody of the department of youth services under R.C. 5139.51 just prior to requesting admission to the School will not be admitted until the records described in R.C. 2152.18 (D)(4)(a) to (d) have been received by the Head Administrator.

The School will not deny admission to a protected child placed in a foster home or residential facility (as defined in the Ohio Revised Code) solely because the protected child does not present a birth certificate or comparable document. However, the protected child or the protected child's parent, custodian, or guardian shall present a birth certificate or comparable document (listed above) within 90 days after the protected child's entry to the School.

The School will comply with all records requests within two business days, make copies of the student's records, and keep the records on file.

If an order or decree allocating parental rights and responsibilities for the care of a child and designating a residential parent and legal custodian of the child, including a temporary order, is issued resulting from an action of divorce, alimony, annulment, or dissolution of marriage, and the order or decree pertains to a child enrolled in the School, the residential parent of the child shall provide the School with a certified copy of the order or decree.

#### School Performance Notification

As part of the admissions process, you are entitled to receive the enclosed copy of the most recent report card for the School.

*Ohio:* R.C. 3313.6411, R.C. 3313.672, R.C. 3314.06, R.C. 3321.01.

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### **Required Documents Upon Admission**

The School and Ohio law require certain documents, records, and other information be provided upon the student's enrollment in the School. The Head Administrator is hereby directed to develop and implement rules and procedures as necessary to ensure that the School complies with this Policy and all other applicable laws.

#### **Records and Documentation**

Upon admission into the School, all students shall be required to provide the following:

- any records from the public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school the student most recently attended,
- if issued and applicable, a certified copy of an order or decree, or modification of such an order or decree allocating parental rights and responsibilities for the care of a child and designating a residential parent and legal custodian of the child,
- if executed and applicable, a copy of a power of attorney or caretaker authorization affidavit, if either has been executed with respect to the child, and
- a birth certificate or Comparable Document, as defined below.

Upon enrolling a student, the School shall make a request for records within twenty-four (24) hours from the school the student most recently attended. If the records are not received within seven (7) days, a second request will be made and the Head Administrator shall directly contact the school.

If the school the student claims to have most recently attended indicates that it has no record of the student's attendance or the records are not received within fourteen (14) days of the date of request, or if the student does not present a birth certificate or other Comparable Document, the Head Administrator shall notify the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the area where the student resides of this fact and of the possibility that the student may be a missing child

A Comparable Document is defined to include any of the following: (1) a certification of birth; (2) Passport or attested transcript of a passport filed with a registrar of passports at a point of entry of the United States showing the date and place of birth of the child; (3) An attested transcript of the certificate of birth; (4) An attested transcript of the certificate of baptism or other religious record showing the date and place of birth of the child; (5) An attested transcript of a hospital record showing the date and place of birth of the child; (6) A birth affidavit.

Policy No. 3514

**Address Verification**

For purposes of reporting which school districts the enrolled students are entitled to attend, the School shall require each enrolled student to submit one of the following documents to verify their home address:

- a deed, mortgage, lease, current home owner's or renter's insurance declaration page, or current real property tax bill;
- a utility bill or receipt of utility installation issued within ninety days of enrollment;
- a paycheck or paystub issued to the parent or student within ninety days of the date of enrollment that includes the address of the parent's or student's primary residence;
- the most current available bank statement issued to the parent or student that includes the address of the parent's or student's primary residence; or
- any other official document issued to the parent or student that includes the address of the parent's or student's primary residence.

On a monthly basis, the School shall review student residency records of students enrolled in the School.

A Student's district of residence shall be verified upon initial enrollment, and thereafter on an annual basis.

For purposes of making the determinations required under this Policy, the district in which a parent or student resides is the location the parent or student has established as the primary residence and where substantial family activity takes place.

If a district's determination differs from the School's determination, then the School shall provide the district with documentation of the student's residency and shall make a good faith effort to accurately identify the correct residence of the student.

This Policy supersedes any contrary or additional requirements imposed by the respective public-school district of residence.

*Ohio:* R.C. 3314.11; 3314.03(A)(11)(32) and (33).

*Cross Reference:* Policy 3515, Required Documents upon Admission.

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Policy No. 3515



### Protected Child Admission

For purposes of this Policy, a Protected Child is defined as a child placed in a Foster Home or Residential Facility, as defined in the Revised Code.

The School shall not deny a Protected Child admission to the School solely because the Protected Child does not present a birth certificate or Comparable Document. However, the Protected Child or the Protected Child's parent, custodian or guardian shall present a birth certificate or Comparable Document within ninety days after the Protected Child's entry to the School

### Receiving Records Requests

The School shall comply with all records requests within two (2) business days. The School shall make copies of the student's records and keep the records on file.

### Grandparent Caretaker Requirements

A child who is living with and being cared for by grandparents may enroll in and attend the School, so long as the Grandparents/caretaker provide the documents and records above and all of the following documents:

- *Power of Attorney.* Under Ohio law, A child's parent, guardian, or custodian may create a power of attorney that grants to the grandparent with whom the child is residing any of the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's rights and responsibilities regarding the care, physical custody, and control of the child, including the ability to enroll the child in school, to obtain from the school district educational and behavioral information about the child, to consent to all school-related matters regarding the child, and to consent to medical, psychological, or dental treatment for the child. The power of attorney does not affect the rights of the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child in any future proceeding concerning custody of the child or the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of the child and does not grant legal custody to the attorney in fact. To create a Power of Attorney, an individual must use Form **3515.1**, Grandparent Power of Attorney.
- *Caretaker Authorization Affidavit.* A caretaker authorization form, included as Form **3515.2**, is a document that authorizes the grandparent to exercise care, physical custody, and control of the child, including, but not limited to, the authority to enroll the child in school, the discuss with the school the child's educational progress, to consent to all school-related matters regarding the child, and to consent to medical, psychological, or dental treatment for the child. Such a form can only executed by grandparent if the

grandparent has made reasonable attempts to locate or contact the child's parents but has been unable to do so. To create a Caretaker Authorization Affidavit, an individual must use Form **3515.2**, Caretaker Authorization Affidavit.

The Power of Attorney and/or Caretaker Authorization Affidavit are terminated if (1) revoked in writing and notice is provided; (2) the child ceases to reside with the grandparent; (3) court order; (4) the child's death; or (5) the grandparent's death.

Ohio law prohibits individuals from executing the Power of Attorney or the Caretaker Authorization Affidavit if the purpose is to enroll the child in the School so that the child may participate in academic or interscholastic activities offered by the School. Power of Attorney or Caretaker Authorization Affidavits submitted for this reason are void and are punishable as a misdemeanor of the first degree.

*Ohio:* R.C. 3313.672, R.C. 3109.52, R.C. 3109.65, R.C. 3109.80, R.C. 3109.78.

*Cross Reference:* Policy 3833, Tracking Missing Children; Form 3515.1, Grandparent Power of Attorney; Form 3515.2, Caretaker Authorization Affidavit.