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Rutland Area Christian School  
112 Lincoln Avenue  
Rutland, VT 05701-3260  
Phone: (802) 775-0709 Fax: (802) 786-0111

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT**

**(Please Circle one class or grade):**

T-Th A.M. Preschool	A.M. Kindergarten	1	2	3	4	5	6
T-Th A.M. Preschool & Afternoon Care							
M-F A.M. Preschool	Full-day Kindergarten	7	8	9	10	11	12
M-F A.M. Preschool & Afternoon Care							

(Please print name exactly as it should appear on all permanent records)

APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Name Used  
Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Sec. # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents or Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Rural Route or Post Office Box

City State Zip Code Home Phone  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant lives with (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_ Stepfather \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Stepmother  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's previous school: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings' names, ages and schools attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you plan to enroll any of the above in RACS? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Names & Date of Birth

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Name of Church you attend \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor/Elder \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant ever been tested, diagnosed, or received special help for reading or learning difficulty, or recommended for any special education program or special school (e.g. resource room, attention deficit, L.D. placement, etc.)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please explain fully \_\_\_\_\_

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Has the applicant ever been retained? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please explain fully \_\_\_\_\_

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To Parent or Guardian: Please make a full statement as to why you want to enroll this student in the Rutland Area Christian School.

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To Parent or Guardian: Please make a full statement describing your personal call to faith and belief in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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NEW STUDENTS MAY BE GIVEN A GRADE LEVEL SCREENING TEST.

Signatures: Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# RUTLAND AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

112 Lincoln Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701  
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## STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible authoritative Word of God.

*II Tim. 3:16; Rev. 22:18, 19*

2. We believe that there is one God, Creator of all things, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Genesis 1:1; Matt. 28:19*

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, ascension to the right hand of the Father, and personal return to power and glory.

*Col. 1:13-20; Heb. 1:1-4; II Cor. 5:21*

4. We believe that sin in man, which separates him from God, can be removed only by faith **alone** in Jesus Christ. It is through this faith **alone** that man is restored to fellowship with God and is able to know Him and His will for man's life.

*John 14:6*

5. We believe the Holy Spirit indwells each Christian and is significant in his education by bringing conviction of sin, revealing Christ's glory, and guiding each believer in the truth.

*I Cor. 2:12, 13*

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and lost; the saved to eternal life and fellowship with God, and the lost to eternal punishment and separation from God.

*Matt. 25:1-46; John 5:29*

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ and the need for accountability to a local fellowship of believers.

*Eph. 4:3, 13; Rom. 12:5; I Cor. 10:17; Gal. 3:28; Hebrews 10:23-25*

I believe the above Statement of Faith to be the truth proclaimed in the Word of God.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Pastor,  
Minister or Elder \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

## **TUITION PAYMENT POLICY**

Standard tuition rates apply to all students admitted to the school. The following policies apply unless arrangements have been made with the Board Treasurer.

1. No children of parents owing overdue tuition or other obligations will be readmitted to the Rutland Area Christian School the following school year. Other financial obligations include fees for payment of lost or vandalized books.
2. Tuition payments are due by one of the following two options: A) Paid in full by August 15 prior to the opening of school (in which case a 2% discount is given). B) Paid on the 10-month plan, payments will be made in accordance with the FACTS Program.
3. The books and materials fees are due by August 15 or included in the first three FACTS payments. The books and materials fees for the school year will not be refunded if the child withdraws during the school year.
4. FACTS payments that cannot be deducted for insufficient funds will be charged a fee by FACTS and your bank, and will be automatically attempted again on either the 5<sup>th</sup> or the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month unless you contact the Rutland Area Christian School bookkeeper prior.
5. When a student has voluntarily withdrawn from the school for any reason, tuition must be paid in full for each semester in which the student was registered and attended one calendar week of classes on the basis of one half (1/2) of the annual tuition for each of the semesters determined. 100% of book and other fees will also be due.
6. If a student is expelled or withdrawn at the recommendation of the school, tuition will be due prorated on the basis of 1/175<sup>th</sup> of the annual rate for each day of attendance.
7. The Board considers that all unpaid tuition accounts from past years are still due to RACS. Careful records are kept and any parent may determine the status of his or her account by inquiring of the Treasurer.
8. Continued failure to meet the above stated obligations or agreements with the Board Treasurer ON TIME will result in a Board action to consider refusal of enrollment for subsequent school years whether or not the bill is paid up.

## **TUITION PAYMENTS**

Tuition must be paid by one of the following two methods:

- Paid in full by August 15 (2% discount on tuition). Checks made out to RACS.
- Paid by FACTS with 10 monthly installments—August through May (\$41 annual fee). See included FACTS brochure.

## **FINANCIAL AID**

Financial aid is available as the Lord blesses the school. In order for the school to be as helpful as possible to the largest number of families, financial aid grants will generally not exceed 50% of total tuition.

If families are interested in applying for financial assistance, they must apply through ISM's FAST (Financial Aid for School Tuition) Program. This is an online service to process applications. This organization is a branch of ISM FACTS that is currently used for tuition payments. FAST will be the standard submission format for all applications (\$36 annual fee). FAST provides a need-based, financial-aid-analysis service which includes a recommendation of what a family should reasonably contribute toward tuition. All information from FAST is kept confidential. Results are reviewed by the RACS Financial Aid Committee that makes recommendations to the board based on the upcoming year's budget. Upon approval, financial aid offers are then sent to families by the school board.

March 19, 2012

Dear Families,

In order to apply for financial aid this year the RACS school board has decided to utilize the online service of Financial Aid for School Tuition (FAST) to process applications. This organization is a branch of FACTS that we currently use for tuition payments. FAST will be the standard submission format for all applications.

FAST does not decide whether financial assistance will be given or how much to give; rather FAST provides a need-based, financial-aid-analysis service which includes a recommendation of what a family should reasonably contribute toward tuition. All information from FAST is kept confidential. Results are reviewed by the RACS Financial Aid Committee that makes recommendations based on next year's budget. Upon approval, financial aid offers are then sent to families by the school board.

As a reminder, you must reapply each year. To start the process, please do the following:

- Log onto the School's website at [www.racsonline.org](http://www.racsonline.org)
- Click on the "FAST" button at the bottom left margin of the home page.
- The application process is self-guided. You may navigate in and out of the program allowing you to partially complete your application and go back to it at another time. Online e-mail and a 24/7 helpline is provided. Please do not call the school with questions.
- The charge for the application is \$36.00 to be paid by credit card at the end of the session. If you do not have a credit card, or cannot budget the fee, please call the school for assistance.
- After completing the online application you will be required to mail your 2011 tax returns for both state and federal taxes with all schedules and W-2's to the below address. (Self-addressed envelopes are available in the RACS office):  
Independent School Management  
Attn: FAST Processing  
1316 North Union Street  
Wilmington, DE 19806-2594
- Including the School's name on the outside of the envelope will ensure faster processing of your application.
- The online submission deadline for all applications is May 31, 2012.
- Your tax return must follow the submission, and be postmarked by June 14, 2012.
- Make your tax appointment early.

The goal is to have an award determination made and contracts issued by July 16, 2012. While no financial aid procedure can be entirely equitable – there are simply too many individual factors and extenuating circumstances – this new process that has been selected should serve our school community well. Among its many features will be the ability to further secure your financial data and maintain the high degree of confidentiality that past recipients have most appreciated.

Sincerely,

The RACS Board

## DRESS CODE

As a Christian school we have a unique responsibility in the area of dress. We at RACS desire to lead young people into adulthood while instilling the Christian values of modesty, orderliness, personal responsibility, respect for others and respect for authority.

The following are general biblical principles that govern our dress code:

- ❖ Orderliness and neatness will impact the orderliness and neatness of the student's work.
- ❖ Modesty honors God by respecting the bodies which He has given us and showing respect and love for others by not tempting others to sin.
- ❖ The individuality of the student is respected. Made in the image of God, each student is unique in qualities of the heart such as personality, gifts, talents, and temperament.
- ❖ The "spirit of individualism" which is self-promotion is forbidden in Scripture (see Phil. 2:3 – 8, et al.)

Therefore, in an effort to glorify God and foster the best learning environment possible in the school, the following dress code has been put into effect by the school board. It is subject to periodic revision by the administration. While the school determines the dress code and must enforce it in the school, it is important to remind parents that ***it is their responsibility to enforce this dress code before the child leaves for school each day.***

1. All students are expected to maintain the highest possible standards of personal hygiene. This includes personal cleanliness, as well as wearing neat, clean, untorn clothing without any holes. All clothing must be of a modest and appropriate fit. Clothing should neither be too tight fitting nor too baggy. Parents should strive to provide clothing that is a notch above play clothes.
2. Shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals may be worn but must have a strap in the back for safety purposes in PreK – 6<sup>th</sup> grades. No crocs for PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students.
3. Hats may not be worn in class.
4. No student will be allowed to wear clothing or jewelry that displays **suggestive slang or inappropriate language**, or that advertises alcohol, drugs, or groups/individuals that do the same. **No screen print T-shirts will be worn.**
5. No student will be allowed to wear tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, midriffs, or transparent tops. The tops may not be cut low in the front, back or side, and cleavage should not show. Straps should be at least "three fingers" in width. Also **no skin** should be showing between the bottom of the shirt and the top of the pants or skirt.
6. Boys may not wear earrings (or have any body piercing). Girls may only have pierced ear lobes.

7. Hair should be clean and out of the students' eyes. Boys' hair should not touch a T-shirt collar when measured at full length. Hairstyles should be neat and appropriate. Extreme styles and unnatural colors are inappropriate. Facial hair is allowed if it is kept well-trimmed and groomed.

8. Proper undergarments must be worn with all clothing.

9. No coats or jackets should be worn in the classrooms. **Proper-fitting, hooded, clean not tattered, sweatshirts with a zipped front may be worn. Pullover sweatshirts may be worn if they do not have a hood. Any logos must be small and appropriate. Any RACS wear is acceptable.**

10. Students must be in dress code **before entering the building** each day. This includes collared shirts on and tucked in for boys.

11. In general, students will not be permitted to attend classes while wearing any article of clothing that may disturb a proper learning environment. The administration or staff shall make this determination at school. A dress-code infraction may require a student to be sent home to change or else have an after-school detention. No warning will be required.

Boys' daily dress: Collared-shirts buttoned and tucked in  
Dress pants or jeans  
Shorts in May, June, and September only  
No sweatpants or wind pants  
Proper-fitting, hooded zippered sweatshirt, sweater, fleece

Boys' chapel dress: Solid Navy Blue shirts with collars – must be tucked in  
Khaki pants  
Solid, navy blue sweater, fleece, etc. if needed

Girls' daily dress: Appropriate tops (see #1 & #5 above) No screen print T-shirts  
Dresses, jumpers, dress pants, skirts, skorts or jeans  
Shorts in May, June and September only  
(No item of clothing should be more than 3 inches above the knee)  
No sweatpants or wind pants  
Proper-fitting, hooded zippered sweatshirt, sweater, fleece

Girls' chapel dress: Solid Navy Blue top (no informal T-shirts with writing)  
Khaki skirt, jumper or skort, khaki pants (if not leading chapel)  
Socks should be solid white or solid navy (please note  
“navy,” not royal blue)  
Solid, navy blue sweater, fleece, etc. if needed

Note: **For all students in all grades** – Chapel dress excludes all sweatshirts and fleeces except for RACS wear and any other sweatshirts and fleeces that are **solid navy** provided they satisfy the requirements of #9. Chapel dress is to be worn all day. Khaki shorts may be worn *following* chapel in May, June or September.

## **A WORD ABOUT WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE TAUGHT AT RACS**

To be right up front about it, in addition to teaching reading, writing, and arithmetic, science and literature, social studies and history, RACS has a *behind-the-scenes agenda*.

We are a Christian school, and intend to teach our children in a Christian way. What this means is that teaching about God won't be relegated to a mere "religion" class, with all other subjects taught independently. We believe that God is *there*, that He is a *personal* God who has an interest, indeed a deep care for people, and that He is *active* in their doings here on earth.

With a God like that, how could we consign Him to a one-hour-of-one-day-a-week "religion" class? God doesn't care about religion, per se. He cares about hearts; hearts that recognize individual sinfulness and a sincere desire to forsake sin and cleave to the cross of Jesus Christ for a proper standing before a Holy God.

Because God was active in History by sending His one and only Son Jesus Christ into the sinful world to die for undeserving sinners, we see that He is overflowing with mercy and grace! He is a God of Love. It is this God of love, grace and mercy that we present, both through spoken word and by example to all of our students here at RACS.

The world teaches that individual freedom is experienced only through personal autonomy. Our attempts to flex the muscles of our own wills (I'll get to Heaven MY way...) are defiant toward God. They reflect the kind of bad choice that Adam and Eve made in the Garden of Eden.

In contrast, we teach that while we remain individuals, we gain true freedom only through a right relationship with God, living lives that are in conformity to His will.

This kind of talk is very unpopular in the world's eyes. But if the Bible is true, and it is, then we learn that personal autonomy goes against God's intention for His people. As He says in Genesis, "I will be their God, and they will be my people." What an incredible promise! That's not a curse or restraint to live under; being called one of God's people brings incredible freedom for a soul!

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So, then, in agreement with RACS' Statement of Faith, here are some basic truths which will be taught during your child's time at RACS:

**God is:** *\*there...He exists<sup>1</sup>*

*\*personal<sup>2</sup>*

*\*Creator<sup>3</sup>*

*\*Owner of all that exists<sup>4</sup>*

*\*Holy<sup>5</sup>*

*\*Perfect<sup>6</sup>*

*\*Perfectly Righteous<sup>7</sup>*

*\*Love<sup>8</sup>*

*\* ...but He is also **Just** toward sin and righteousness<sup>9</sup>*

*\*He will not abide sin in His presence<sup>10</sup>*

**Man is:** *\*created by God<sup>11</sup>*

*\*personal - made in God's image<sup>12</sup>*

*\*finite... all of us die eventually*

*\*aware of God's existence ...but denies it<sup>13</sup>*

*\*not only all of that, he is also *sinful*, and he knows it<sup>14</sup>*

*\*unholy*

*\*imperfect*

*\*unrighteous<sup>15</sup>*

*\*of a depraved mind<sup>16</sup>*

**So we see that:**

*\*God is Holy and all powerful and JUST*

*\*...and man is not. When he dies he is going to stand before this Holy God, accountable for the sinfulness of his soul<sup>17</sup>*

**Therefore, we conclude:** Mankind has a problem, a colossal dilemma! What a disaster! What can be done in the face of such hopelessness?

Well, praise God, the story doesn't end there! There is Good News for the sinner!

God sent His Son Jesus Christ into the sinful world to make a sacrifice with His very life and die for the sins of those who would believe in him.<sup>18</sup> Those who are accepting of the gift of salvation will be saved,<sup>19</sup> and acceptance of the gift comes only through faith in Christ's death and resurrection on the sinner's behalf.<sup>20</sup> Regarding salvation, God has no interest in the sinner's performance - he can't try to be "good enough" or do enough good things to merit salvation. Salvation is a gift of God.<sup>21</sup> The Bible clearly teaches that it is through faith alone<sup>22</sup> in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ<sup>23</sup> on the sinner's behalf that brings salvation to the hopeless sinner.<sup>24</sup>

So for the sinner who rejects all of this teaching, who thinks he can control his own destiny, who demands that he must have his own autonomy and do things his own way, there are bitter words in the Bible. The Bible teaches that on judgment day<sup>25</sup> that sinner will be rejected by God<sup>26</sup> because when God looks upon that sinner, He sees not perfect holiness and righteousness, but SIN. The Bible promises that this person will perish and spend his eternity in Hell,<sup>27</sup> separated from the Goodness of God forever. This is very grave indeed.

But for the sinner who confesses his sin and puts his trust in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, the story has a different ending. When the saved sinner stands before that Holy God on judgment day, God will look on him and see *not his sin, but the righteousness of Christ!* God will welcome him with open arms into Heaven because of *Jesus Christ's* perfect righteousness.<sup>28</sup> This is the Good News about Jesus Christ for the sinner, and we believe it is the TRUTH.

How about you?

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So that is the message of Salvation offered to us in the Bible. We at RACS believe the Bible is true, that it has been given by God, and we as believers have a God-given responsibility to proclaim this gospel to our children.<sup>29</sup>

These truths about our loving God's offer of forgiveness in Jesus will be INTEGRATED into every nook and cranny of every subject taught here at RACS. It is our passion and privilege to teach, and to teach truth about God's physical world of reading, writing and arithmetic together with the TRUTH of God's redeeming Love as revealed to us in Scriptures.

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If you have never heard of God's redeeming love in this way before, we would like to encourage you to make a careful study of the verses below, asking God to reveal to you their truth:

Luke 1:1-4, Luke 22-end. Then Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9, 10:13, 10:17

## NOTES

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1. Psalm 90:2
2. Exodus 3:14-15, Nehemiah 9:17, Psalm 86:15, Joel 2:13, John 4:2
3. Genesis 1:1, Psalm 148:5
4. Hebrews 2:10
5. Exodus 3:1-6, Leviticus 11:45, Joshua 24:19, I Samuel 2:2, Psalm 99, Isaiah 1:4, 6:3, 41:14,16,20, 57:15, Ezekiel 39:7, John 17:11, Revelation 4, Revelation 15:4
6. Deuteronomy 32:4, II Samuel 22:31, Matthew 5:48, Romans 12:2
7. Nehemiah 9:7-8, Psalm 11:7, 199:137, 145:17, Isaiah 45:21
8. Psalm 136
9. Genesis 18:24, Psalm 7:11, 96:13, Acts 17:31, Romans 2:5-16, I John 1:9, Revelation 16:5
10. Habakkuk 1:13, Jeremiah 44:4, Psalm 5:4-6, Romans 1:18, 2:5-9
11. Genesis 1:27
12. Genesis 1:27
13. Romans 1:20-22
14. Romans 3:10-19, I Kings 8:46, I John 1:8,10
15. Romans 3:10, Psalm 143:2, Ecclesiastes 7:20
16. Romans 1:28-32, 8:7-8, John 6:44
17. Romans 2:5, Psalm 62:12, Matthew 16:27, II Corinthians 5:10, Revelation 22:12, I Corinthians 4:5, Hebrews 4:13
18. I John 4:10, 2 Corinthians 5:21
19. Romans 10:9
20. Galatians 3:1-25
21. Ephesians 2:8-9
22. Galatians 3:11
23. Acts 4:12
24. Romans 3:21-5:21
25. I Thessalonians 5:2-3
26. Revelation 20:11-15
27. Matthew 25:31-46, Luke 3:17
28. I John 1:9, Romans 6:23, Romans 4:25-5:2, I Timothy 2:5, I John 5:11-12, II Corinthians 5:21, John 6:44
29. Deuteronomy 6:4-7