



Thank you for your interest in Sanborn Christian School!!

We are grateful for your interest in this school, and in the possibility of joining together for the venture of Christian Education in your family. There is much to consider when partnering together for the benefit of your children, so the following pages of information begin to explain what Sanborn Christian is all about.

The Articles of Incorporation of Sanborn Christian School states that this Corporation is formed for the purpose of guiding a school for the spreading of Christian Education in agreement with the principles of the Bible as explained in the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dort and the Heidelberg Catechism. These three documents are part of the Reformed heritage which forms our school and church backgrounds.

Therefore, this school exists primarily to educate students in the light of God's Word. We are here to assist parents in their calling to raise up their children in the knowledge of God and of His Word.

As a Board of Directors, we take this calling very seriously. We are thankful for your interest in our school, and we are excited to share more details with you about the school and the methods we use to fulfil our mission. Due to the purpose of our school, we have a responsibility to ensure that families who are interested in sending their children to Sanborn Christian are aware of our vision and goals, and desire this environment for their children. We try to ensure an awareness of these things through the attached documents and a future visit with the parents.

Please take a moment to look through the attached documents, and the process that is outlined. Please contact our school administrator if you have any questions. Due to the nature of the enrollment process, and the steps that are necessary, we ask you to submit the attached documents as soon as possible and in-line with the listed "due dates" so that we can continue with this process without much delay.

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss how we can work together to educate under God's Word for serving Him in His world!

Blessings,

Board of Directors of Sanborn Christian School



SANBORN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT PROCESS:

At any time before or during this process, you are welcome to tour our school building, visit with the principal and/or teachers, and/or arrange to visit classrooms.

- A. Organize necessary paperwork – all of the following documents must be submitted to the Sanborn Christian school office before a meeting is scheduled and before any enrollment decisions are made.
- B. Submit the following documents to the Sanborn Christian school office to the attention of Anthony Minderhoud.
- C. Parent/ Board Visit
 - Upon receipt of the completed paperwork, you will be contacted to set up a parent / board visit
- D. After Parent/Board visit, the board will contact the family about enrollment at Sanborn Christian.
 - The necessary forms for enrollment at Sanborn Christian will be given at this time as well.

Timeline:

- *Complete following documents and submit to Sanborn Christian no later than: **April 30**
- *Sanborn Christian Board reviews these documents: **May**
- *A meeting is set up between parents and representatives of Board: **May/June**
- *Family contacted of enrollment: **June/July**
- *Registration of new student: **Mid-July**



Date: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Student Names: _____

Grade(s) student(s) will be attending: _____

Date of birth(s): _____

Current Age(s): _____

Gender: _____

Natural Father: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Cell #: _____ Work #: _____

Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____

Natural Mother: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Cell #: _____ Work #: _____

Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____



Other Children in the Family:

- Name: _____ Age: _____
- Name: _____ Age: _____
- Name: _____ Age: _____

Natural Parents are:

- Married: _____
- Separated: _____
- Divorced: _____
- Natural Father Deceased: _____
- Natural Mother Deceased: _____

If natural parents are divorced / separated, who has legal custody of child?

Is either parent forbidden by court order from having access to child or school records?
(If yes, written documentation will be required before enrollment).

If student does not live with natural father and mother, then the student lives with:

- Natural Mother only: _____
- Natural Father only: _____
- Guardian: _____
- Natural Mother and Stepfather: _____
- Natural Father and Stepmother: _____



Guardian / Step-parent's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Cell #: _____ Work #: _____

Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____

Grandparents' Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Cell #: _____ Work #: _____

Grandparents' Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Cell #: _____ Work #: _____

PAST SCHOOL INFORMATION

Please list and detail your child's previous school experience (including current and previous schools):

School	Address	Grades/Years Attended
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



PARENT AGREEMENT

As parent or legal guardian of the applicant student(s), my signature below indicates that I have read, understand, and agree with the Parent Agreement in making application for my child(ren) to attend Sanborn Christian School.

Student(s) Name(s): _____

- I agree to, and am in full agreement with, the basis and purpose of Sanborn Christian School, which states:

Purpose of SCS: The purpose of the Sanborn Christian School comes to expression in teaching students three personal relationships: to God, to fellow human beings, and to creation. In our personal **relationship to God** we teach that all of life begins and ends with God, therefore, God has claim on our life. We are created in God's image and must reflect that image in every aspect of life. This image is best reflected as we show love for God above all and submit ourselves to obedient service in the coming of God's Kingdom. In our **relationship to fellow human beings** we teach that love for God above all comes to expression as we fulfill Christ's instruction to love our neighbor as ourselves. We put the welfare of others ahead of self. We actively seek out and help - by word and deed - those in need. What we do for others is the same as doing it for Christ Himself. In our **relationship to creation** we teach that in Christ the cultural mandate to subdue the earth and have dominion over it is renewed and must be fulfilled. As stewards of God's creation we must work to maintain the quality of our environment and use both synthetic and natural resources wisely and constructively, for both work and leisure, for the well-being of present and future generations.

High-lighted Summary of the SCS Constitution: The basis of this society is the infallible (unfailing, reliable) Word of God, interpreted according to the creeds of the Reformed churches; namely, the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dort, and the Heidelberg Catechism.

The purpose of this society is to provide for and give to the covenant youth of the community, that weekday grade-school education and instruction which is in agreement with the second article of this constitution. The school admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at that school and that school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

All persons who, without opposition, agree to the basis of SCS (the basis of this society is the infallible Word of God, interpreted according to the creeds of the Reformed churches; namely, the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dort, and the Heidelberg Catechism) and are contributors to this cause are eligible to membership in this society. The society shall meet at least once a year. Other meetings of the society may be called by the board, or may be petitioned for by one-third of the total membership of the society.

The society shall choose from its membership a board of at least eight members. These board members shall be chosen so that two or three retire every year. The retiring members of the board are eligible for reelection if nominated by the board and if the retiring member agrees to



accept the nomination. A member shall serve no more than 2 consecutive terms. The term of office of each board member shall be three years. The board shall elect its own officers. Vacancies in the board may be filled by the board until the next society meeting.

All teachers in the school must be members of a recognized Reformed church and must accept completely Article 2 of the Constitution (The basis of this society is the infallible Word of God, interpreted according to the creeds of the Reformed churches; namely, the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dort, and the Heidelberg Catechism).

- I agree to support the standards of the school in every area of its philosophy and policies, including academic, behavioral, spiritual, moral, and disciplinary and dress code policies.
- I agree to assume the responsibility for my child's education by supervising homework, being an encourager, and keeping in regular contact with my child's teachers.
- I agree to support the school to the best of my ability through attendance and participation in the various school activities.
- I agree to support, to the best of my ability, the school's entire program through prayer, time and financial gifts.
- I understand, and agree, that Sanborn Christian was founded upon Reformed principles and still holds to those and promotes those today.
- **After reading the above principles, we cannot fully agree with these statements due to a different viewpoint. However, desiring to have our children receive a Christ-centered education, we, by initialing this statement, declare that we will not object to or interfere with the Reformed principles in which our children will be instructed.** (please initial to affirm)

_____ Father _____ Mother

- Sanborn Christian School reserves the right to refuse any application, or dismiss any child at any time, for unacceptable work or conduct, or any other reason deemed necessary. Neither this application nor payment of fees is considered to be binding upon Sanborn Christian School.

BOTH PARENTS MUST SIGN THIS AGREEMENT

Signed: _____

(Father's Signature)

Date: _____

Signed: _____

(Mother's Signature)

Date: _____



SPIRITUAL INFORMATION

The purpose and philosophy of Sanborn Christian School (The Society For Christian Instruction of Sanborn, Iowa) is to educate children according to the standards set forth in the scriptures, the infallible Word of God, as summarized in the Reformed Creedal Standards - namely, the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dort, and the Heidelberg Catechism. The goal of this education is to equip children to know God's Word and His creation, to dedicate the whole human life to God, to love their fellow man, and to be stewards in their God given tasks. In order to accomplish this, we uphold the following principles of Christian education. Have you placed your faith in Jesus Christ for eternal life and are you personally in agreement with and committed to the basic beliefs of the historic Christian faith as listed below?

- We believe that God by His Holy Word reveals Himself and renews man's understanding of God, man, and creation. This infallible Word directs man in all his relationships and activities, and therefore guides His people in the education of their children.
- We believe that in their education children must come to learn that the world, and man's calling in it, can rightly be understood only in relation to the Triune God who created, redeemed, and rules all things.
- We believe that man's sin brought upon all mankind the curse of God. Sin separates him from God, his neighbor, and the world, distorting his view of the true meaning and purpose of life.
- We believe that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, by His death and resurrection, took God's curse from us upon Himself. Therefore, in Christ, believers and creation are made right with God, and the meaning and purpose of life are made clear.
- We believe that the primary responsibility for education rests upon parents to whom children are entrusted by God. Christian parents should accept this responsibility in view of the covenantal relationship which God established with believers and their children.
- We believe that Christian teachers, in obedience to God, under the authority of the Board, and in cooperation with parents, educate children by word and example. They must take into consideration the different needs and abilities of each child in order to prepare him/her to serve God in all aspects of life.
- We believe that the children of believers are members of Christ, and as such must be trained and prepared to assume their covenant responsibilities in their relationships with God, their fellow man, and creation.
- We believe that since parents and their children are part of a broader Christian community, and because the entire community is part of the covenant relationship, it is the responsibility of the entire Christian community to help parents establish and maintain Christian schools through their prayers and their generous gifts of time and money.
- We believe that the Christian school should be organized and administered according to the legal standards and provisions of the state, as long as these do not conflict with the Word of God – the Bible. When this is done, the Christian school should be fully recognized in society as free to function according to its own principles.



1. Are you committed, as a Christian parent, to teaching these principles at home? **(please initial to affirm)**

_____ Father _____ Mother

2. Do you desire Biblical, Christ-centered education for your child? **(please initial to affirm)**

_____ Father _____ Mother

3. Will you commit your personal support, time, and finances to Sanborn Christian in the educational process? **(please initial to affirm)**

_____ Father _____ Mother

4. Do you desire for your child to receive training in these principles at school, and will you support the school in its endeavors to encourage and to guide your student in applying these principles to life? **(please initial to affirm)**

_____ Father _____ Mother

Current church attendance at: _____

Denomination: _____

Pastor: _____ Telephone: _____



PARENTAL STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Please describe what you believe Christian education should be, and how you envision Sanborn Christian School assisting you in providing Christian education for your child?

Signed: _____

(Father's Signature)

Date: _____

Signed: _____

(Mother's Signature)

Date: _____