# Our Vision in the Beginning

In 2016, SSCA opened with the mission of providing high-quality Christian education to students on the south side of Peoria who would not otherwise be able to afford it.

The dream God gave was to start with a kindergarten class and expand each year through at least eighth grade. Our prayer is that someday students will come to know Christ and take His love back to their families and help transform a whole community for God's glory.

"I like our school because I have a lot of friends and we talk about God. God has given us this school so we can learn about Him. I learned that God is everywhere, even in our hearts."

-3rd grade student

"Best decision I've ever made! She learns what she needs to know to succeed in life- that's including God and His purpose for us all on this earth, so I'm truly thankful."

-Parent of an SSCA student

"I love the smaller classrooms. Also that my child doesn't get overlooked when she doesn't understand. I love the after school programs and meeting with teachers who know my child."

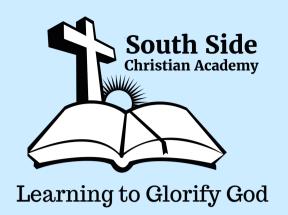
-Parent of an SSCA student

#### Good to Know

- All application & tuition fees are covered by scholarships. No SSCA families are charged any fees.
- Balanced, year-round academic calendar
- Transportation available within 61605 zip code
- Cold breakfast & hot lunch provided daily
- Uniforms are required & are provided upon enrollment



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## Applying to SSCA



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"I feel love here." -Kindergarten student



### Who can apply?

Students who turn 5 before September 1 may apply for kindergarten.

We currently do not accept students with IEPs.

In 2024-2025, SSCA will have grades K-8. We do not have a preschool program.

When possible, priority for enrollment is given to siblings of current SSCA students.

At SSCA, it is essential that a majority of our students reside within the 61605 zip code.

### **Application Process**

- 1. Schedule a <u>visit</u> to SSCA by calling 309-279-5753. During your visit, ask any questions and hear what makes our school unique.
- 2. Complete an application and return it to SSCA.
- 3. The principal or a school director will contact you to acknowledge receipt of your application and let you know whether there are currently openings in the grade level.
  - If there is an opening, the student will be assessed by the principal or classroom teacher.
  - If there is not an opening, applications will be kept through the end of the first grading period (mid-October). SSCA does not accept new students after the first grading period. Parents must submit a new application after March 1 to be considered for the next school year.
- 4. <u>Students will be assessed</u> at the school. This appointment takes between 30-45 minutes per child. Families who miss 2 scheduled appointments will not be considered for enrollment at SSCA. Parents may be asked to provide any previous records and report cards at this appointment.
- 5. Once a student has been assessed and all records have been received, the principal and directors will discern whether a student might be successful at SSCA. Students may not be a good fit based on academic or behavioral concerns. In such instances, a family interview will not be scheduled. Families will be notified of the decision in a timely manner.
- 6. The principal or a director will contact the student's parents to set up a <u>family</u> <u>interview</u>. This conversation is essential in determining whether SSCA is a good fit.
- 7. After the family interview is conducted, families will be notified within 1 week of acceptance or denial.
- 8. To guarantee a student's placement, families must agree to the family handbook and parent covenant. A birth certificate, all state-mandated health records, and financial documents (which allow us to provide scholarships and help offset the costs of tuition) will also be required at that time.