



**Bethel Hill Charter School**  
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## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION (2023 – 2024)**

*Thank you for considering Bethel Hill Charter School, Person County's first public charter school, as your educational home next year. We all look forward to your participation in this unique educational opportunity as we continue to look at the most effective teaching/learning methods to assure your child a quality education.*

*The mission of Bethel Hill Charter School is to lay the foundation for individual excellence. The vision of Bethel Hill Charter School is to work in partnership with staff, families and community to promote high academic standards and strong character. This is accomplished in a safe, positive, multicultural environment.*

### **ELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

Children who will be age five (5) on or before August 31, 2023 and are domiciled in the state of North Carolina.

### **ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**

Bethel Hill Charter School is open to students in grades K – 5 who are eligible for admission to a public school under North Carolina state law. BHCS will not discriminate against any student on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, disability, or gender. Admission to the school is free for all Person County & other North Carolina students.

The registration period will be from **January 3 – February 28, 2023**. Registration packets will be available on our website, [www.bethelhill.net](http://www.bethelhill.net), and in the front office for anyone who would like a paper copy. Our front office is open Monday – Friday from 7:30 am – 3:30 pm. Once completed, they can be returned via email to our Office Manager, Tina Hildreth at [tina.hildreth@bethelhill.net](mailto:tina.hildreth@bethelhill.net), fax: 336-599-9299, or drop off in the front office.

If spaces remain after Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, slots will be filled as applications are received. However, if more applications are submitted than available spots, a kindergarten lottery will be held on Wednesday, March 1st at 10:00 a.m. to determine kindergarten students to be enrolled. Lotteries for grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> will be at 1:30. Alternate weather lottery date will be the day we return from inclement weather.

### **INFORMATION NEEDED**

***\*For a COMPLETE application:***

1. Completed application
2. Birth Certificate
3. Proof of Domicile in North Carolina. **\*2 FORMS NEEDED\***

*Example – license or ID card with address, jury duty summons, car registration, voter registration, tax statement. You may mark out any confidential information that is not applicable.*

***\*Once a student has been accepted into BHCS:***

1. Completed Bethel Hill Registration Form *(will be sent with acceptance letter)*
2. Health Assessment Report/Immunizations *(will be sent with acceptance letter)*

The NC Law requires the Health Assessment to be completed by a qualified health care provider/doctor and must be filled out completely. This form should be returned to Bethel Hill Charter School as soon as possible. Upon acceptance, a copy of the child's immunization record must be included unless Part III of the Health Assessment has been completed and signed by medical personnel.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD TIMELINE**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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**January 19<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 – 7:00 pm – Guided Tours of the school for potential families  
7:00 pm - Kindergarten Informational Meeting in the BHCS Auditorium

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

10:00 am - Kindergarten Informational Meeting in the BHCS Auditorium  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm – Guided Tours of the school for potential families

**March 1<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 am - Conduct lottery of rising Kindergartens who are not considered priority status *(if needed)*  
1:30 pm – Conduct lottery for rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders

All lotteries will be held in Auditorium, alternate weather lottery date will be the day we return from inclement weather

**March 1<sup>st</sup> – For the Beginning of 2023 – 2024 school year**

Continue accepting applications for remaining positions on a first come, first serve basis *(these applications will not be included in a lottery if one is necessary)*.

Compile waiting list after enrollment limit is reached

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Written notification of enrollment status will be emailed to parents of non-priority students

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Who can attend BHCS?**

Any child that is domiciled in the state of North Carolina and is eligible to enroll in a North Carolina public school.

### **Is there a cost to go to BHCS?**

No. There is no cost to attend. We are a North Carolina public school of choice.

### **When can I enroll my child for kindergarten?**

You may enroll during the enrollment period (January & February) the year before your child will begin school. We do not take applications before the enrollment period begins in January, and kindergarten students must be 5 on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> of that year.

### **Who is a priority student?**

A priority student is any student who:

1<sup>st</sup> Priority: is a child or grandchild of a faculty or staff member,

2<sup>nd</sup> Priority: has a sibling who is currently enrolled at BHCS

3<sup>rd</sup> Priority: lives in what was considered the Bethel Hill district when the school was a Person County School

4<sup>th</sup> Priority: qualifies for Legacy Priority

*-Bethel Hill Charter School Board adopted the following Legacy Priority in February 2014.*

*-Starting with the 2013-2014 school year through the 2015-2016 school year, siblings of students completing 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Bethel Hill Charter and were enrolled at least four years will be granted enrollment priority*

*-Starting with the 2015-2016 school year, siblings of students completing 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Bethel Hill Charter School and were in enrolled at least four years will be granted enrollment priority. This is because the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, which was the highest grade offered, was eliminated starting with the 2016-17 school year.*

### **How is the lottery conducted?**

If there are more student applications than spots available, a lottery will be held. This lottery is open to any student who has completed an application submitted by the application deadline will be entered into the lottery. Members of our board of directors (or their designees) will draw student names to fill the spots we have available. After all spots are filled the remainder of the names will be drawn and placed onto a waiting list in the order in which they are drawn. Each year a child remains on the waiting list there will be a new lottery held in March to create the new waiting list order for the next school year.

### **If my child is placed on a waiting list, how long will their name remain on the list?**

Your child's name will be placed on the waiting list in the order it was received until a spot becomes available or you ask for it to be removed. There is no way to determine how long it will take for a space to become available. Spaces become available when a student leaves our school. **If your contact information changes, please call or email us.** If we cannot contact you, then the next person on the waiting list will be contacted.

### **What if one of my children gets accepted and there is no space available for my other child?**

Once one of your children is enrolled, their siblings will move to sibling priority status on the waiting list. If you opt not to enroll a child because there is not space for all of your children, then that child will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list.

### **Does BHCS follow the same calendar as Person County Schools?**

We try our best to keep it as close to their calendar as possible. However, because we have six-week grading terms, there are a few days that will differ throughout the year.

### **Does BHCS have a preschool program?**

No. Our school covers a grade span of kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Is transportation provided by BHCS?**

Yes, we have bus routes that cover most of Person County. Since we cover such a large area, we are able to provide convenient pick up points and a limited few door-to-door stops.

### **Does BHCS have a before and after school program?**

Yes. We operate a before school program from 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and an after school program from 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Please note there is an application and fee associated with this program.

### **Are the students required to wear uniforms?**

No. It is the mission of Bethel Hill Charter School to instill respect for self, respect for others, and high moral values. A person's dress is a way of demonstrating that respect for self and others. It is not the intent of Bethel Hill Charter School to stifle or deny appropriate expression through one's individual dress. However, we do expect children to dress appropriately for school. When questions concerning dress arise the Principal determines the appropriateness of dress. Parents may appeal the Principal's decision to the Board of Directors.

### **Does BHCS follow the same curriculum as the other Person County Schools?**

Yes, and No. We teach the North Carolina Standard Course of Study just as all other public schools in North Carolina. In addition, we also implement the Core Knowledge curriculum for content. We are able to choose which curriculum programs fit the needs of our students best from year to year.

### **Who runs BHCS?**

Our school is governed by our own Board of Directors, who are elected by our parents, faculty and staff. We have nine members serving three year staggered terms.

### **How is this school funded?**

We receive state, local and federal funds to operate the school. However, we do not receive capital or lottery money for facility construction and maintenance. Facility construction and improvements are funded through private donations, fundraisers, grants and loans. BHCS is a tuition-free, public school of choice.

### **Is my involvement with the school required?**

Yes. We expect parents to volunteer a minimum of one hour per month. Generally, a student's school performance improves when their parents become actively involved at school. We need your daily support with homework, emphasizing reading, communication, and participation in events and activities.

### **Does BHCS have a free and reduced lunch program?**

Yes. We are part of the Federal School Lunch Program. All parents will be given an application for free and reduced meals. After the application has been processed, parents will be notified of their lunch payment status. We offer breakfast and lunch each day.