



AL GHAZALI COLLEGE

ADMISSION POLICY

Al Ghazali College (AGC) is an English Medium Muslim School with an Islamic ethos. It comprises of a Foundation Phase, Intermediate Phase, Senior Phase and an FET phase. The school offers educational facilities to the community of Pretoria (Laudium, Erasmia and Christoburg).

The school curriculum is integrated to allow Islamic Studies to be conducted alongside other subjects.

When applying for admission at AGC, priority will be given to the following:

1. Learners who meet the assessment criteria for the entrance test.
2. Siblings of learners already at the school.
3. Children who have attended Reception class and seek admission to Grade 1.

The availability of space will also be a determining factor.

All children joining the school, with the exception of children moving from the reception class, will be assessed by a member of the teaching staff before an offer of a place can be confirmed. The "Learner Admission Reference" must be completed by learners who have attended other schools and thereafter the principal of that school must complete his/her reference. This is to ensure that learners entering AGC are able to cope with the school's curriculum at the required grade and will settle comfortably and quickly into a new school situation.

Applications for admission in all grade classes, except for grade 11 and 12 should be submitted to the school by September before the year of expected entry. New learners will be called for interviews before the end of the third term.

The school will not accept any grade 11 and 12 learner admissions except in cases of relocation from other provinces. In such exceptions, no more than two subjects may be changed at the beginning of the grade 11 year and no more than one subject may be changed at the beginning of the grade 12 year of admission. Furthermore, a minimum average of 60% must be achieved across all subjects.

The school reserves the right to move a child who is experiencing problems in coping with a particular grade within the first half of the term of such learner joining the school.

Parents shall be advised to apply well in advance for learner admission at AGC. Places will be awarded in strict accordance to the admission policy and on merit.

Learner Admission Procedures

Learners are placed in the grade group according to their date of birth (1 January - 31 December). Children usually start Grade R during the calendar year in which they turn 6. In compliance with DBE/GDE policy, children are never admitted early. Occasionally children whose birthday fall late in the year and who are considered to be not ready for school may be advised to delay admission to the following year. The entry grade group entered by parents on the application form may be adjusted to ensure the child’s date of birth matches the school’s age requirements.

Year of birth to grade level placement:

| YEAR | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| R | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| 1 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| 2 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| 3 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
| 4 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
| 5 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| 6 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| 7 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| 8 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| 9 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| 10 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
| 11 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |

1. Applicants must submit the application package in full.
2. Applications are considered under application date order and added to the waiting list according to the priority criteria.
3. Applicants will be invited for an interview and assessment at the school as places become available - an interview with parents is included in the process.
4. Learners who have written the assessment test and achieved the minimum requirement but place is not immediately available, the application will be placed on top of the waiting list and the parents will be informed of this. If the learner fails to achieve the minimum requirement, parents will be informed and the decision of the school will be final.
5. Following a successful admission interview and assessment, a place may be offered.
6. Acceptance of the offer of a place must be confirmed by payment of a non-refundable deposit within the timeframe specified on the offer letter, generally a period of between 7 and 14 days.
7. Parents will be asked to complete an Admission form. This should be completed and returned to the school along with a copy of the learner’s birth certificate or ID document and a copy of the learner’s last report.

8. Re-application is required when a learner has not met the entry requirements at an interview and assessment.
9. If an offer of a place is not made due to unavailability of space even though the learner meets the entry requirements, the learner will be returned to the age-appropriate waiting list according to his/her priority status. In the event of a place becoming available within six months of the initial successful assessment, no further assessment will be required.
10. All documents handed in must be certified copies.