

Dear Parents:

Local Christian schools and Elim Christian Services have been partnering to provide academic support services for students who learn differently, primarily students with learning disabilities, with the Discovery Center program. At this point, however, it seems that there are students whose needs are more intense and therefore cannot be met with Discovery Center support. A family may desire a Christ-centered education for their child, but find that the local Christian school is not an option.

A committee of Christian school principals, board members, and representatives from Elim has been meeting since November, 2010, to discuss ways to fill this gap. A program model called *Achieve* has been developed for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. *Achieve* would again be a partnership between the local Christian school and Elim. The goal of *Achieve* is to provide support that allows students with special needs to *achieve* to the potential God has given them through a program operating in the local Christian school, receiving professional support from Elim.

We know the need for special education services in the local Christian school exists. The next step, however, is to gather data related to the actual interest of parents in such a program. If you have a child who might benefit from *Achieve*, please take a few minutes to respond to the following questionnaire. A preliminary list of *admissions qualifications* is below. This should assist in helping you determine if *Achieve* might be a fit for your child. If you have any questions please contact: Linda Kleyn, Elim Christian Services

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***Admission Criteria:***

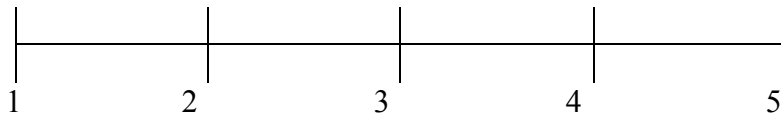
Students placing in an *Achieve* program would typically exhibit a combination of the following criteria:

- The student has a documented educational or medical diagnosis from an approved professional resource.
- The students' academic level is a minimum of 2 years below chronological age level.
- The student is in need of curriculum modifications in the general education setting.
- The student is in need of 1:1 or small group instruction in the core academic areas to achieve at a level commensurate with ability.
- Other documented intervention methods have not been successful in helping the student function effectively in the general classroom setting.
- The student's learning difficulties are not due primarily to a vision or hearing impairment, diagnosed behavior disorder or medical needs requiring nursing support.
- The student does not require nursing or medical care during the school day.

*Please feel free to share the questionnaire with other parents who might be interested in Christian education for their child with special needs.*

## Achieve Interest Survey

- 1) Achieve is targeting students who need the following:  
*Please check those that apply to your child.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Academic skills significantly below grade level.  
Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Needs special education services and support more than 50% of their school day. Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Needs occupational therapy for sensory and/or fine motor skills.  
Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Needs speech/language therapy to develop communication skills.  
Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Currently has an individual educational plan. (IEP)
- 2) Does your child have a diagnosed disability? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no  
If yes, what is the diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) How old is your child? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Where does your child currently attend school? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) On a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 being “no interest” and 5 being “very interested”) what is your interest in Achieve if your child qualified:



Once the data from questionnaires has been received, an informational session will be held with interested families to further discuss Achieve. If you would like to be contacted about that meeting, please include your name, address, and phone number or e-mail address.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank You!!**

**Please return this survey to your local school administrator**

**Or**

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