

YAVNEH COLLEGE ADMISSIONS – 2011

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CERTIFICATE OF RELIGIOUS PRACTICE



In view of the Court of Appeal ruling in respect of Jewish Schools, Yavneh College will no longer be able to give priority according to Jewish status. Instead the school will give priority to those who meet a religious practice test based on guidelines from the Chief Rabbi.

Those applicants wishing to be considered as priority applicants for available places will need to obtain a certificate establishing religious practice based on the child's synagogue attendance, Jewish education and / or family communal activity.

In the event of oversubscription by those who achieve a minimum of 3 points on the certificate of religious practice, our over subscription criteria will be applied (available on the school website, in the prospectus or from the admissions secretary).

Questions

The following are some of the questions that we have been asked in respect of completion of the Certificate of Religious Practice (CRP) required for achieving a priority application to Yavneh College in September 2011.

1. If I get more than 3 points will my child achieve a higher priority than someone with only 3 points?

No - to achieve priority you need to get a minimum of 3 points.

2. Will 3 points automatically get my child a place?

No. Getting a minimum of 3 points will put your child in a priority position on the application list (just as previously Jewish status did). In the event of over subscription from those who achieve a minimum of 3 points, our oversubscription criteria (available on the school website, in the prospectus or from the admissions secretary) will be applied. Priority will be given to siblings, then those who attend feeder schools etc.

3. If my child is a sibling do I still need to complete the CRP?

Yes. In the event of over subscription from those who achieve a minimum of 3 points, our oversubscription criteria (available on the school website, in the prospectus or from the admissions secretary) will be applied. Priority will be given to siblings, then those who attend feeder schools etc. This is no different to when priority was given according to Jewish status, and then in the event of over subscription the oversubscription criteria applied.

4. If my child attends a named feeder school do I still need to complete the CRP?

Yes. In the event of over subscription from those who achieve a minimum of 3 points, our oversubscription criteria (available on the school website, in the prospectus or from the admissions secretary) will be applied. Priority will be given to siblings, then those who attend feeder schools etc. This is no different to when priority was given according to

Jewish status, and then in the event of over subscription the oversubscription criteria applied.

5. If my child is a sibling or attends a feeder school, but can only get 2 points, do I still have priority above those applicants who do not have a sibling or do not attend feeder schools?

No – anyone who obtains 3 points is treated as a priority applicant. In the event of oversubscription, our Oversubscription Criteria is then put in place whereby priority applicants (i.e. those obtaining 3 points) are considered in the first instance. If you only obtain 2 points and we are oversubscribed, we will only consider the applicants who are not a priority (i.e. less than three points) after all those who are a priority have been considered, even if they are a sibling or attend a feeder school.

6. I am divorced and my child attends different synagogues on different weekends; how do I get my points?

Your child will need to complete more than one Certificate of Religious Practice. Then the number of points achieved on all forms submitted will be aggregated to determine the number of points achieved in total.

7. Is it true you only get points if you attend a United Synagogue synagogue?

No. Your child can attend any synagogue and any rabbi can sign the certificate irrespective of what sort of synagogue they attend.

8. Does it matter if we are not members of a synagogue?

Synagogue membership is irrelevant to the certificate of religious practice. Attendance at synagogue is what is relevant.

9. Does the Certificate of Religious Practice confirm whether or not my child is Jewish.

The CRP does not confirm that a child is Jewish in accordance with Jewish Law.

10. Does my child get more than one point if both my husband and I are actively involved in Jewish communal, charitable or welfare activities?

No - there is only one point available for each child however many members of the family are involved in Jewish communal, charitable or welfare activities.