



Delmarva *Christian* Schools

Continuous Enrollment

What is Continuous Enrollment?

Many schools develop an annual process known as re-registration or re-enrollment in order to collect data, update enrollment records, and learn of a family's future educational intentions. Not only does this method require families to file paperwork every year, it may need to be accompanied by a fee.

Instead, Delmarva Christian has adopted a simpler enrollment management model known as Continuous Enrollment. With Continuous Enrollment, families aren't required to "opt in" every year but rather they simply sign a one-time contract that enables them to "set it and forget it."

Besides alleviating the burden of annual paperwork, Continuous Enrollment locks down coveted seat(s) for student(s) with each subsequent year until graduation.

What are other benefits of Continuous Enrollment?

Delmarva Christian recognizes the value in a sustained, long-term partnership with families in the education of their students. Continuous Enrollment provides a seamless transition from one grade to the next ensuring a consistent and excellent course of study.

Additionally, having the assurance of ongoing partnerships with families enables Delmarva Christian to remain faithful stewards of human, financial, and capital resources as well as permits the school to fulfill its mission with excellence every year.

Good and faithful stewardship of tuition dollars entrusted to Delmarva Christian is taken very seriously. Continuous Enrollment empowers the school to confidently and wisely invest and make solid plans for staffing, programs, materials, curriculum, and facility usage so as to provide the best education possible.

What if a family has no plans to change schools? Can't that family remain at DCS until they want to notify the school otherwise?

This is the very reason Delmarva Christian offers Continuous Enrollment.

With the vast majority of DCS families returning year after year, the simplicity of Continuous Enrollment makes sense. Instead of penalizing families by requiring them to take the time to fill out the same paperwork year after year, families signing the Continuous Enrollment Contract will not have to worry about filing this kind of paperwork again.

Students will be automatically re-enrolled to Delmarva Christian every year.

If re-enrollment will be automatic, how will families know when a new enrollment cycle begins?

Having signed on with the Continuous Enrollment Program, families will receive an annual communication reminder from the Enrollment Office stating that automatic re-enrollment for the following year has begun. If the family's desire is to remain at Delmarva Christian, then this communication can be ignored and the convenience of doing absolutely nothing can be enjoyed.

In the event a family wishes to opt-out of the Continuous Enrollment program by withdrawing a student from Delmarva Christian, information to guide families through the withdrawal process will also be provided in the annual Continuous Enrollment communication. The deadline to complete the student withdrawal process, which includes submitting an official Withdrawal Form, is March 31.

What is the penalty if a Continuous Enrollment Program contract is broken?

Should a family wish to opt-out of the Continuous Enrollment Program and withdraw a student from Delmarva Christian after the March 31 deadline, the family is contractually obligated to pay the cost of one (1) month of the full tuition price per student. In other words, this amount equals the actual current full monthly tuition rate opposed to any lesser ATP adjusted tuition monthly rate.

The official DCS Withdrawal form will also need to be completed and submitted.

What happens if a family is faced with a unique circumstance and needs to opt-out or withdraw after the March 31 deadline? What if the plan was to have the family's student(s) remain at DCS through high school graduation but God has other plans?

We recognize that unique and unforeseen circumstances happen so we have built flexibility into the Continuous Enrollment Contract. For instance, if a family experiences major life changes/unique circumstances such as a move/relocation outside of the area, a catastrophic illness, or if Delmarva Christian can no longer meet a student's educational needs and/or the DCS Board of Directors approves any other unforeseen circumstance, there will be no financial penalty to the family.

How do families sign up?

The DCS Enrollment Office will send families with newly enrolled DCS students a personalized e-mail with easy step-by-step instructions that will walk the family through the process. It only takes a couple minutes!

A link to Continuous Enrollment Agreement contract on the DCS website under the 'Resources>Parent Links' tab is also available

And then, "*Set it and forget it!*"