

**Good News Christian Academy**



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Student Handbook***

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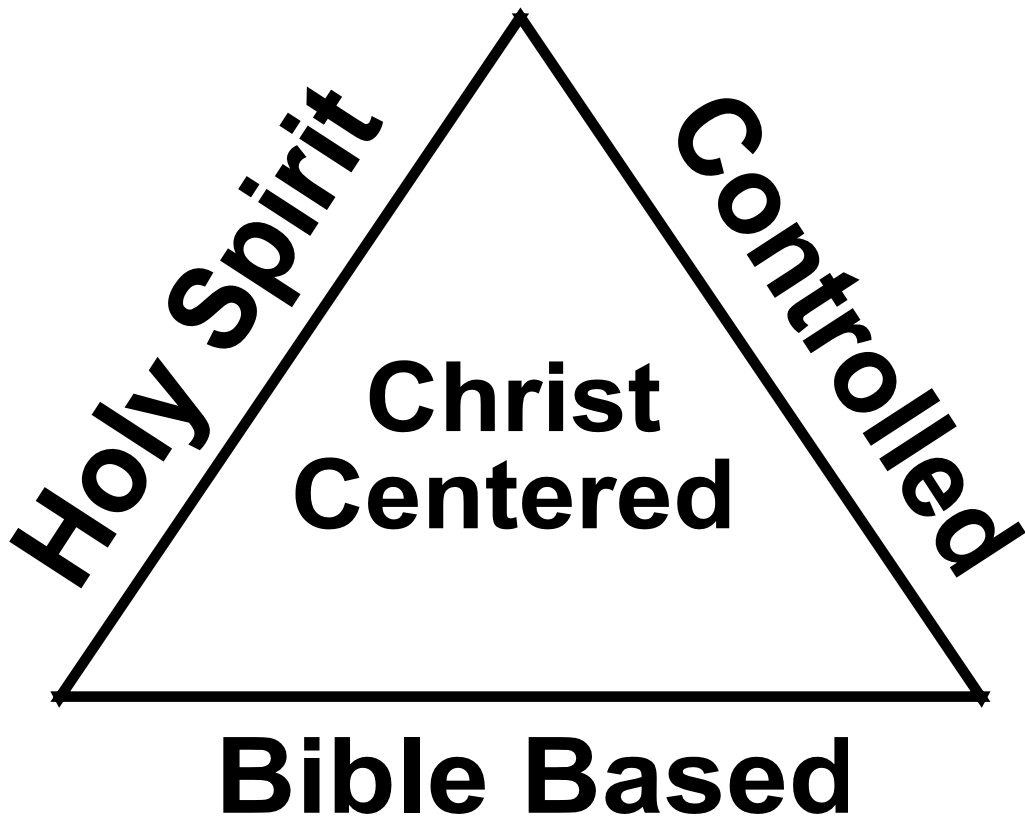


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# **Christian Philosophy**

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**



**God's Point of View**

## ***Good News Christian Academy Confession of Faith***

1. We believe in the verbal inspiration and authority of the Scriptures. We believe that the Bible reveals God, the fall of man, the way of salvation, and God's plan and purpose in the ages.
2. We believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity, virgin birth and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe that salvation is "by grace" plus nothing and minus nothing. The conditions to salvation are repentance and faith.
5. We believe that men are justified by faith alone and are accounted righteous before God only through the merit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
6. We believe in the visible, personal, and premillennial return of Jesus Christ.
7. We believe in the everlasting conscious blessedness of the saved and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.

## ***Good News Christian Academy Mission and Purpose Statement***

**Good News Christian Academy exists for the purpose of complementing the teaching of the home and church in training young people to be able to reason from Biblical principles and relate Biblical truth to the physical, spiritual, social, and academic areas of the students' lives so they can be true servants of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."*

*Luke 2:52*

# Good News Christian Academy

## ADMISSION POLICY

### *Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy*

Good News Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available by the school to the students. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in administration or its educational policies, admissions policies, or athletic and other school administered programs.

### *Agreement with School Position*

Junior and senior high students wishing to attend Good News Christian Academy should be in complete agreement with the theological position, educational philosophy, and standards of the school. Before submitting an application, a prospective student should examine the school requirements in the following areas:

1. *Religious*: Each student should be in agreement with the Confession of Faith. A personal salvation and faithfulness in church attendance are also a vital part of the spiritual requirements.
2. *Academic*: It is the responsibility of each applicant to provide a transcript of credits from the previous school he attended. The transcript should demonstrate the student's ability to perform on the grade level in which he is placed or he may be required to adjust to the grade level in which he can do satisfactory work. A parent or guardian will need to fill out a transcript request from the school office to be sent to the previous school.
3. *Attitude*: Before a student can be enrolled in Good News Christian Academy, we require that **BOTH PARENTS AND STUDENT AGREE** with the ministry; and **ENROLL OUT OF A PERSONAL DESIRE** to be a part of that ministry.

We believe that the Christian school is the extension of the Christian home in helping young people grow spiritually, academically, socially, and physically. We encourage parents to prayerfully consider the policies of our school. Once a student is enrolled, we desire the cooperation and support of the parents as we endeavor to carry out the responsibilities that have been given to us by the home.

## NEW STUDENT'S STATUS

Students transferring to Good News Christian Academy from public schools should do so because of a strong desire to be in a Christian school environment and learning situation. Transfers because of behavioral problems or similar difficulties will be individually evaluated by the administration.

New students entering Good News Christian Academy will be on academic probation for the first nine weeks. During this introductory period, we will evaluate the student's academic achievement and grade placement. If changes are necessary, contact will be made with each parent and pupil involved. Student enrollment for the next year will be determined on SAT test results and how well they develop in all four areas.

GNCA does provide the option of homeschooling through A.C.E. by PACEs should the parents desire to do so.

### *Entrance Tests*

An entrance test may be given to any student whose academic background may be weak or whose ability to perform in the classroom may be questionable.

### *Health Forms*

Each first-time student entering Good News Christian Academy must supply an up-to-date certificate of immunization approved by the New Mexico Department of Health. These records must be on file in the school office for evaluation by the local health department. Students are also required to have yearly physicals on file regardless of participation in school athletic activities.

## STUDENT WITHDRAWAL OR DISMISSAL

Withdrawals from school must go through the school office. Parents need to complete withdrawal papers as well as pay their remaining balance in full before student records can be sent to the receiving school.

Students transferring to another school and having attended one or more days of any month will still owe a full month's tuition. If a student is dismissed for any reason and has attended one or more days of any month, he will still owe the full month's tuition. Tuition must be paid before a transcript will be sent.

If a student has withdrawn from Good News Christian Academy for any reason other than moving out of the school area, he may not re-enroll until both he and his parents meet with the school administration. His withdrawal and application for re-entry will be reviewed, and only upon the recommendation of the administration will the student be accepted back into Good News Christian Academy. Students may not enroll after October unless special permission from the school administration is granted.

## ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is a must for all students if they are to progress in their education. Absences should be due to illness, death in the family, or other URGENT matters, **ten days will be allowed per semester for shopping, babysitting, Go-Jii-Ya, hunting, illness, doctor or dentist appointments, or any personal matters. Half personal days are not allowed.** Students must be in school for at least four hours to be counted present for the day.

Students may NOT take personal days during exam week. Any personal days taken during exam week will be unexcused. All work missed during an absence must be made up within one week upon returning to school. Exceptions may be granted in case of extended illness.

Students may not leave school early without bringing a note from a parent to the school office unless due to illness. The note should state the REASON for leaving, the specific TIME the child will be picked up, as well as who will pick up the student.

Classes begin each day with homeroom and devotional exercises at **8:00 A.M.** Parents are encouraged to see that the students are on time. It is our feeling that children should learn through their promptness, and thus we encourage parents to help develop that character through their prompt delivery of students each morning.

If a student arrives at school after 8:00 a.m., he will receive a tardy. Three tardies will constitute one absence toward their ten days allowed.

Excessive unexcused tardies or absences will result in a conference with the principal and parents. **If a student misses more than ten days for other than extenuating circumstances they will be expelled from Good News Christian Academy.**

School will be dismissed each day at 4:00 P.M. Parents are encouraged to pick up students promptly.

#### *Snow Days & Emergency Closures*

When the school needs to close because of bad weather, the parents will be notified by phone. We will not necessarily be on the same schedule as the public schools.

#### TRANSPORTATION

For the protection of the students, the parents, and the school, the school should know who is authorized to pick up the student.

PLEASE notify the school if the child is to leave with anyone other than those who have been authorized.

If a student wishes to drive to school, he must have a permit or drivers' license and written permission from a parent or guardian. A student may not leave with another driving student without **written** permission from parents of both the rider and the driver.

Students will be brought back to the school after practices or away games. Parents will pick their child up at the school unless other arrangements are made. Students must have a written permission by parents or guardian to ride home with someone other than the parents or guardian from school events.

## FINANCES

Good News Christian Academy receives no federal or state assistance. We depend upon tuition and donations to operate our school. It is necessary therefore, that parents prayerfully consider the financial requirements of our school and be in complete agreement with them before committing their child to attending Good News Christian Academy.

Because Good News Christian Academy does not receive any state or federal funding, the school hosts fundraisers throughout the school year for special events that are planned by the school. It is expected that the parents and students participate fully in these efforts in order to maximize the benefits for the students.

### *Registration Fee*

Registration is \$50.00 per child, if paid before August 1, 2014. After August 1, 2014, the registration will be \$100.00 per child.

### *Graduation Fees*

Each graduating student will be required to pay a graduation fee of \$100.00 no later than the second month of the second semester. This fee will be used to cover the expenses for the diploma, honor cord, and Commencement Exercise. Parents and graduates are responsible for obtaining the cap, gown, and tassel for the Commencement Exercise.

### *Tuition*

Families that attend Good News Baptist Church faithfully will be granted an alternate tuition scale. This is due to the fact that families that attend Good News Baptist Church participate in giving tithes and offerings to the church. Those tithes and offerings in turn are used to pay for the school property utilities, insurance, and supplies.

#### GNBC Students:

First Child -\$150.00  
Second Child - \$100.00  
Third Child - \$80.00  
Fourth Child - \$60.00  
Fifth Child - Free

#### Non-GNBC Students:

First Child - \$200.00  
Second Child - \$150.00  
Third Child - \$100.00  
Fourth Child - \$80.00  
Fifth Child - Free

In addition to the tuition costs, students who work in PACEs will be charged \$35.00 per month to cover the cost of PACEs. Kindergarten, First, and Second grade students do not work in PACEs, but will be charged for their textbooks until the books are paid for. First and Second graders work on PACEs in the afternoon. These students will be charged on a PACE by PACE basis.

The first payment is due SEPTEMBER 1 and is considered late by the 10th of the month. Following payments are also due the 1st of each month. After the 10th of each month a late fee of \$25.00 will be added to the bill. If the student's account is not paid in full by the 1st of the next month, the student will not be allowed to return to class until the bill is paid in full. If



necessary, parents can contact the school office and set up a monthly payment plan. However, payments must still be made on time each month.

## DISCIPLINE

The administration desires to keep our disciplinary measures both effective and Scriptural. We will work closely with parents to solve any difficulty in behavior. Corporal punishment will be used only when other avenues have failed to correct the problem. Parents will be called in to administrate the spanking. If parents refuse to discipline their child, the child will be dismissed from school. Close contact between parents and teachers will generally solve most behavior difficulties. Suspension or expulsion will be the result of habitually bad behavior.

Teachers will handle classroom disciplinary problems according to school guidelines until such time as this proves ineffective. The child will then be sent to the office. If this is necessary more than once in fairly close succession, the parent will be called, and appropriate measures will be taken to halt the problems. PARENTAL COOPERATION IS ESSENTIAL. The lack of parental cooperation could result in the child's dismissal from school.

Dismissal of a student is the final step in discipline. Decisions in this matter are the full responsibility of the administration. Further reviews or appeals will not be considered. The student's disciplinary record will be reviewed prior to accepting the student's application for another school year.

### *In-School Suspension*

A student placed in In-School Suspension has broken one of the school rules that the administration feels is severe enough but does not warrant out of school suspension. The student will be set apart from the rest of the students and will have no contact with other students during the day.

In-School Suspension students will be given separate breaks from other students and will only be allowed to get a drink of water or use the rest room. An In-School Suspension student will have lunch break at the same time as other students but will take his lunch at his desk. He will not be allowed to leave the grounds at any time during the day, including lunch break. The length of the In-School Suspension will be determined by the school administration.

Violation will go on the student's permanent record. Any violation of any school rules will be grounds for expulsion.

### *Out of School Suspension*

A grade of ZERO will be received by a student for all daily work and tests during out of school suspension. When property is damaged or defaced, the student will be required to pay the entire cost of the refinishing or repairing. Depending on the seriousness of the offense any suspension may result in expulsion if the administration sees this action necessary. A suspension requires a phone call to the parents. If this cannot be done, a letter will be mailed immediately.

## COURSES REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

<u>Category</u>	<u># of Credits</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Math	2	Algebra I, II
English	4	English I, II, III, IV
Social Studies	4	U.S. History World history World Geography Economics & Civics
Science	2	Physical Science Biology
Word Building	1	Etymology
Bible	2	Old & New Testament Surveys
Physical Education	1	Per year attended
Health	1/2	Health

## GRADING SCALE

In PACEs, the students are required to score an 85 or higher on a test to pass. However, other subjects are taught traditionally and are graded using a traditional grading scale.

99 - 100	A+
97 - 98	A
95 - 96	A-
92 - 94	B+
88 - 91	B
85 - 87	B-
82 - 84	C+
78 - 81	C
75 - 77	C-
72 - 74	D+
68 - 71	D
65 - 67	D-
0 - 64	F

## CURRICULUM

### *A.C.E. Distinctive*

On the surface, most schools look alike—buildings, personnel, curriculum, and budgets. The A.C.E. program is different. For over 40 years, it has been the trendsetter in Biblical educational reform. Its philosophy is built on basic principles of the Word of God. Students are taught to see life from God’s point of view, to take responsibility for their own learning, and to walk in Godly wisdom and character. Accelerated Christian Education® is not just a publisher but a comprehensive Bible-based program that serves both the campus-based school and the homeschool.

## *What is a PACE?*

Accelerated Christian Education® has taken the conventionally styled textbook and divided it into bite-sized, achievable, worktexts called PACEs. Each PACE is similar to a unit in a textbook. Each level consists of 12 PACEs in each subject. PACEs integrate Godly character-building lessons into the academic content, and self-instructional activities are carefully designed to develop thinking skills and create mastery learning.

Students begin their PACE work by noting their goals, the concepts they will learn, a Bible verse, and a corresponding character trait. From the beginning of each PACE, they know what is expected and assume the responsibility for their own learning!

Throughout the curriculum the introduction of new vocabulary words is computer controlled so that no new vocabulary word is used without the student first learning its meaning and pronunciation. Also, these words are repeated a certain number of times to ensure mastery. Full-color explanations and illustrations add excitement to each lesson, and innovative learning activities reinforce the interesting text material.

Each PACE contains several Checkups, which are quizzes covering a section of the PACE. If mastery in an area is not achieved, the Checkup will reveal that weak area. Students can then take the time necessary to review and learn those concepts before proceeding to the next.

Upon completion of the activities and Checkups, students prepare to take the Self Test. Here students evaluate themselves, and a supervisor/tutor determines readiness for the final PACE Test. When the Self Test is successfully completed, the student turns in the PACE and takes the PACE Test the next school morning. The PACE Test objectively measures student mastery of the material.

Since 1970, A.C.E. PACEs have proven to be effective tools for goal setting and for achieving academic excellence.

## *Biblical, Character-Based Education*

At A.C.E., our purpose in providing educational materials, goes beyond simply helping students learn the academics required to enter college or get a good job. We desire to build in students a life-long burning passion to learn and grow spiritually. It is one thing to want children to be successful and quite another to provide the academic and character training to ensure this accomplishment.

## *Character Development*

Godly character training is part of the A.C.E. learning experience, and it prepares students to welcome and accept challenges and future opportunities. Sixty character traits, such as kindness, loyalty, and honesty, are taught within the curriculum.

## *Scriptural Foundation*

Challenging and highly effective, the A.C.E. program is an extraordinary educational approach, Biblical in its core, that prepares students for tomorrow's world while giving them traditional moral values that will last a lifetime.

The curriculum conveys Biblical values and concepts considered foundational to meaningful interpersonal relationships and productive learning in such a way as to become life-shaping influences.

Accelerated Christian Education—a unique program for this time in history—is building Godly citizens and Christian leaders of tomorrow. A.C.E. is your servant to meet the educational needs of today, with the traditional values of yesterday, and the technology of tomorrow.

With A.C.E.'s concept of individualized learning, students don't just get by—they get ahead! To God be the glory!

## *Individualized*

In the 1960s, many students were not performing at their grade levels. This fact compelled many to question the very structure of the conventional educational system. With the Lord's guidance, A.C.E. addressed these concerns and designed a Biblically based educational program geared to meet the learning needs of individual children. This unique program consists of mastery-based curriculum and materials that are self-instructional, character building, and individually prescribed.

Whether the student is a high achiever, a moderately paced learner, or a slow learner, the A.C.E. educational process begins at the exact level determined by the child's ability. This is individualization, making it possible for each student to master the subject matter before moving on. Such mastery is the foundation upon which all future learning is built.

Today, 200 staff members provide training services, curriculum, and materials for an international network of 6,000 schools and thousands of home educators in 128 countries.

## *Five Laws of Learning*

The educational concept of A.C.E. was built on five basic laws of learning:

- Students must be at subject levels where they can perform.
- Students must set reasonable goals.
- Students must be controlled and motivated.
- Learning must be measurable.
- Learning must be rewarded.

### *Three Levels of Learning*

The A.C.E. curriculum is based on the philosophy of three levels of learning: knowledge, understanding, and wisdom.

**Knowledge**—In elementary, focus is on the who, what, when, and where of information. This is analytical thinking.

**Understanding**—In junior high, focus is on relating the who, what, when, and where, to the how and why. This is cognitive thinking.

**Wisdom**—In senior high, focus is taking both cognitive and analytical thinking and reasoning and applying it to life situations.

### *Online Diagnostic Tests*

The A.C.E. program offers entering students free online diagnostic testing to determine skill and concept mastery. The online diagnostic tests evaluate students, provide immediate scoring, and correlate skills with the scope and sequence for accurate placement in the curriculum.

### *Readmaster Plus*

Readmaster Plus is an educational software suite that enhances students' educational experiences while challenging their learning. Readmaster Plus offers four distinct computer software programs. Readmaster offers computerized reading programs for all levels to improve reading rate and comprehension. Typemaster teaches computer keyboard skills. Math Builder provides computerized drill and practice in math concepts. Word Builder expands vocabulary skills by challenging the student to evaluate word meanings and spellings. Students are encouraged because they see and experience tangible results.

### *Core Curriculum Provides Students' Basic Educational Needs*

The core curriculum includes basic academic disciplines that focus on essential educational needs: math, English, Literature and Creative Writing, social studies, science, Word Building (spelling), and Bible Reading. Each core subject contains 156 PACEs from kindergarten through Level 12. Exceptions are math (144 PACEs), Word Building (concludes with Level 9), and Literature and Creative Writing (for Levels 2 through 8). Some core courses are enhanced with DVDs, videos, and computer software.

Each core subject consists of 12 PACEs per level. Typical students work daily on one PACE in each subject and may be performing at varying levels according to the diagnostic test results. Most complete at least 70 PACEs per year, maintaining academic balance by completing about the same number of PACEs in each assigned subject.

Students who are more skilled may progress at a faster rate or may accelerate in the areas of their academic strengths. Slower students are encouraged to do their best but are able to work at their levels of proficiency and proceed as they are capable.

## STUDENT DRESS

All students are expected to dress neatly and modestly at all times in accordance with the Christian testimony of Good News Baptist Church.

### *Girl's Dress Code*

- Tops must be blouses or polos with sleeves.
  - Crew-neck t-shirts are acceptable
  - Navy blue, white, pastel colors—no all black
  - Low necklines (more than three-finger width from the collar bone) in front or back are never permitted.
  - Tops may not feature large printed material (words) or questionable images.
- Jicarilla traditional dresses are acceptable
- All dresses and skirts must come below the knees while sitting. No tight fitting dresses or skirts.
- All slits in dresses or skirts must come no higher than the knee when sitting.
- Sweaters are to adhere to the same conditions as shirts.
- No hoodies are to be worn during class.
- Socks or hose must be worn at all times.
- Shoes must be closed toe with backs.
- All extremes in fashion and make-up should be avoided.
- No gaudy or outlandish jewelry.
  - No nose or lip piercings are permitted.
  - No more than one earring in each ear. Earrings must be worn in the earlobes.
- The hair cut must always be neat. If bangs are desired, they should be no longer than one inch above the eyebrows. No hair hanging over the eyes or in the face.
- It is imperative that these standards be followed for every day of school and all school functions.

### *Boy's Dress Code*

- Boys must wear **navy blue** or **kaki** colored **dress slacks**. Slacks must be long and loose-fitting (not baggy or saggy).
- Shirts must be **navy blue, white, pastel colored, or Western snap**, polo, or button up shirts. Shirts must have a collar and sleeves and must be worn tucked inside the trousers at all times. **(No solid black shirts of any kind).**
- Ties must be worn on chapel days.
- Bib overalls, military clothing, camouflage or other hunting clothing, blue-jeans or baggy pants are never to be worn.
- Boys must wear socks at all times.
- Belts must be worn with pants.
- No hoodies are to be worn during class.
- Boys may not wear jewelry of any kind except watches, rings, tie tacks or tie bars.
- Beards, goatees, and mustaches of any shape or length are prohibited.
- Sideburns should never come below the top of the lobe of the ear.
- The hair cut must always be neat. The hair should never be excessively long on the top, back, front, or side of the head. It must be **off** the ears. Fullness of the hair on any part of the head will not be considered neat.

- Bowl cuts or rock style cuts are not accepted.
- Shaving the head is not accepted.

Any student whose appearance does not meet with the school's standards of appearance will be disciplined.

1. If the violation is extreme, as determined by school officials, the student will not be allowed to attend class until the violation is corrected.
2. The student will receive only one warning from the teacher or the administrator. A second violation will result in a detention. Parents are urged to see that their children are always in conformity with the school's standards of appearance.

### STUDENT CONDUCT

1. Running, loud talking, or any other disruptive conduct will result in disciplinary action.
2. Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds before dismissal time without permission from the office.
3. Students are not permitted to play the pianos without permission from the administration.
4. Chewing gum is not allowed on the premises. Candy may be eaten in certain areas.
5. The telephone at Good News Christian Academy is for school and church business. Students will not be allowed to make or receive calls except in emergencies. Forgetting one's homework, calling about work schedules, etc. do not constitute emergencies.
6. Students are not to enter any office without being invited by faculty or staff.
7. Electronic devices or games of any kind are not allowed (i.e. tablets, iPods, iPads, etc.).
8. Cell phones will be permitted with strict adherence to the following conditions:
  - They are not to be used for any reason during school hours without request by a staff member.
  - They are to remain in the student's bag on silent.
  - Any violation of these two conditions will result in the confiscation of the student's cell phone and the immediate loss of the student's cell phone privileges.

### *Respect and Consideration*

The facilities of Good News Christian Academy and Good News Baptist Church belong to the LORD. They have been dedicated to HIM for HIS glory and honor. Therefore, students should use them with respect and consideration. Parents will be held financially responsible for any property damage caused by their child if repair or replacement is necessary.

### MARRIAGE POLICY

No married student will be allowed to attend classes at Good News Christian Academy.

### PREGNANCY POLICY

No pregnant student will be allowed to attend classes at Good News Christian Academy.

## SECURITY

Due to security, the front doors of the school will be locked during school hours. Entrance should be made on the East side ramp door. Cameras are another layer of security that the school provides for the students to ensure their safety.

## VISITORS

Parents are welcome to visit our school at any time. However, before visiting a classroom, parents should make arrangements with the teacher and the office. **ALL VISITORS MUST CHECK IN FIRST AT THE OFFICE OR WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR.**

## DATING

Dating or pairing off will not be allowed at any grade level during school hours. Dating on the junior-high (grades 7-9) level is not permitted at any school activity. If parents approve of dating on the junior high level, it must be to a non-school function.

Dating on the high school level (grades 10-12) may be allowed by permission at certain after-school functions. It must be approved in writing by both sets of parents. Un-Christian behavior of any kind during these activities will result in disciplinary action and the loss of the dating privilege.

## ATHLETICS

The purpose of our athletic program is to glorify God. It is also our desire to build Christian character, discipline, sportsmanship, cooperation, and self-control into the lives of those who participate. At the beginning of the school year all students start with a clean slate. Everyone is eligible up to the first nine weeks.

In order to participate in athletics, a student must have passed three paces per quarter:

- 1st quarter – 3 paces total in each subject
- 2nd quarter -6 paces total in each subject
- 3rd quarter—9 paces total in each subject

In order to pass a PACE, students must make an 85 or above (which constitutes a B average). Students must maintain a B average in all of their subjects in order to be eligible to participate in any athletic activity.

The administration may make necessary adjustments for a student due to special circumstances such as illness, injury, or death in the family.



## FIELD TRIPS & ATHLETIC EVENTS

All students attending a field trip are required to turn in a permission form signed by a parent or guardian, giving permission to participate in the field trip.

Dress codes for all field trips and athletic events will be announced prior to each individual trip. Student conduct on the trip will be held to the same standard as in the classroom. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend these trips with their child(ren), but will need to verify it with the school office in advance.

All persons attending a field trip or athletic event are representatives of Good News Christian Academy and our Lord. Any person who attends a field trip or event that is not a faculty member or student of GNCA must adhere to the dress codes and conduct set in this handbook.

## STUDENT EVALUATION

Students (and or family) will be individually evaluated at the end of each 9 weeks as to whether continued enrollment will be allowed. This evaluation will be based on four criteria of accountability. They are as follows:

1. Financial responsibility (school payments)
2. Policy Cooperation (school handbook)
3. Academic Progress (school PACE/textbook work)
4. Attendance

If in the evaluation, it is determined that the student (and or family) has not met the required standards the student will be placed on probation the entirety of the following 9 weeks. If at that time the student (and or family) has not shown sufficient improvement in the needed areas, the student will be immediately dismissed from Good News Christian Academy.

## HIGH SCHOOL

The student should consider it a privilege and not a right to attend a Christian School. For this reason discipline is required to insure that the high Christian principles of this school are maintained. Students may be assured that disciplinary action will be taken for infractions of school policies or rules. These measures may include after-school detention, profitable extra assignments, suspension, expulsion, or any other means deemed necessary by the administrative staff.

Students can receive detentions for any infraction of the school rules or any other misconduct. The following is a breakdown of the detention system:

# OF DETENTIONS	CONSEQUENCES
3	Conference with principal

5	Conference with Parent, child, and Principal
8	Suspension
10	Second Suspension (Automatic Expulsion)

All detentions must be served the same day they receive it, except Wednesday, which there is no detention because of church services Wednesday evening. Wednesday detention will carry over to Thursdays. Failing to satisfactorily serve a detention may result in suspension.

Students who receive detention will be required to call their parents and inform them of the detention and the reason for the detention. Parents can then make the necessary arrangements for their child to be picked up or dropped off at the given time.

# GOOD NEWS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## Student - Parent Pledge

It is the desire of Good News Christian Academy to develop Christian character within the hearts and actions of our students. To train young people academically and not spiritually is to fail as a parent, a local church, and also as a Christian school. In accordance with this belief, we feel it necessary to commit our students, parents, and administration to standards of conduct which will uphold principles set forth in the Word of God. Students must also learn that sin always results in judgment, and that lesson is best taught by our example. Discipline is difficult to administer and friendships hard to overlook, but the Word of God demands not only our love, but our consistency.

1. I pledge my support in action and attitude to the standards of conduct as written in the student handbook.
2. As a loyal student or parent, I pledge my support to defend the school when attacked by those wishing to destroy the testimony and direction of the institution.
3. I understand that smoking or the use of tobacco in any form, regardless of the situation, will result in the student's immediate removal from school.
4. I understand that drinking alcohol in any form, regardless of the situation, will result in the student's immediate removal from school.
5. I understand that any use of drugs other than for medical purposes will result in the student's immediate removal from school.
6. I understand that proven immoral behavior of any student will result in immediate removal from school. Rumors concerning such behavior will be investigated.
7. I understand that cheating is certainly not the proper action for a Christian school student. I understand the result of such action will be failure in the course and I will need to repeat the entire course. Upon my second cheating infraction, it will be necessary to be removed from school until such time that Christian character can be demonstrated in my life.
8. As a parent I understand the necessity of teaching Christian character by my child's regular attendance at school. I will refrain from allowing him to miss school unless illness or an approved emergency occurs. Failure to keep my child at school on a regular basis will result in an administrative request that my child withdraw from school. If I allow my child to miss an excessive number of school days, I understand that I must accept the responsibility for any poor or failing grades that the student might receive.
9. I understand the disciplinary procedures outlined in the handbook and give the teacher and administration full discretion in the discipline of my child(ren) enrolled in Good News Christian Academy. This includes assigning detention hall (I agree to provide the transportation needed), spanking, suspension, or expulsion.

10. I understand completely that Good News Christian Academy will not assume responsibility in any way in the event of an accident, injury, or loss of personal property. In case of an accident, I request that the school contact me. If this cannot be done, please contact a physician and make whatever arrangements seem necessary.
11. I further understand that Good News Christian Academy does not have and will not carry insurance coverage for debts arising from injuries, accidents, or loss of personal property that might occur on the premises of Good News Christian Academy, or while my child is under its care off the premises of the school, as in the case of field trips, athletics events, etc. The parents/ guardians shall assume all responsibilities in such cases.. In case of an accident, I request that the school contact me. If this cannot be done, please contact a physician and make whatever arrangements seem necessary.
12. I understand my financial responsibilities as given in the handbook and agree to abide by the school policies concerning them. I understand that no grades will be released until all financial obligations are met.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_