



Jesus Is The Way Christian Academy

Parent – Student Handbook 2017-18

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Principal

Train up a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he shall not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Jesus Is The Way Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

The Administrator's Pen

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Jesus Is The Way Christian Academy is a Christ centered academic academy where educators motivate children to achieve their highest spiritual, academic, physical, social, and emotional potential. The needs of children are our highest priority. The faculty and staff are dedicated to working with parents/guardians to provide the most outstanding Christian education possible. Enrolling your child at *Jesus Is The Way Christian Academy* is the best decision you can make!

We will communicate with you on a regular basis about the progress of your child. Our doors are always open for you to stop in to observe your child in their learning environment. Parent(s) and guardian(s) are encouraged to become involved at the academy by volunteering as teacher assistants, recess monitors, trip chaperones, after school club sponsors, and to become members of our Parents Association.

The 2017-18 school year will be an exciting one! We look forward to educating your child from a Christian perspective to be the leaders of tomorrow. Together we will challenge them to reach beyond their own expectations to excel beyond their own imaginations.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline D. Marrow, M. Ed.
Administrator

Academy's Philosophy

The philosophy of *Jesus Is The Way Christian Academy* is a God-centered view of all truth is God's truth; and the Bible is the inspired and only infallible authoritative Word of God. God created all things and sustains all things. Therefore, the universe and man are dynamically related to God and have the purpose of glorifying Him.

Our philosophy compels us to promote high academic standards while helping students achieve skills in creativity and critical thinking using integrated Christian curriculum. We strive to provide a non-threatening environment utilizing mutual respect. Our instructional program prepares students to glorify God through achieving a balanced personality, a proper understanding and acceptance of their role at life, at work, at play, and at worship all immersed in the Christian concept of love. In addition, instilling in them a expectation to become lifelong learners who continue their education beyond high school to college, university or vocational training.

Our responsibility to our students encompasses the mental, intellectual, physical, social, and emotional aspects which are inseparable due the intertwining thread of the spiritual which runs through them. While the education of children is the responsibility of parents and guardians; our academy functions as an agent for parents, insuring our teachers work closely with parents in every phase of a student's development to improve the process of Christian education.

Motto

EDUCATE! MOTIVATE! SUCCEED! LEAD!

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe that the Church is a collection of believers (Acts 2:47). People created by God, offered salvation through Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to bear witness in the community concerning God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying work (Acts 1:8).

We believe in one God, existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in nature, power, and glory (Matt. 28:19; John 10:30; 1 John 5:7).

We believe in the Holy Spirit, a divine person distinct from the Father and Son (John 14:26, 15:27, 16:13; Acts 1:2, 8).

We Believe in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ (John 10:33); the eternally begotten Son (John 3:16), conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary (Isaiah 7:14; Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:35); His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15; 7:26); His miracles (John 2:11); His atoning death (John 11:25; 1 Cor. 15:4); His ascension to the right hand of God the Father (Mark 16:19); His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11).

We believe the Holy Scriptures (Bible) as contained in the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God and is our rule of faith and practice (2 Timothy 3:15; 2 Peter 1:21).

We believe man was originally created in the image of God, but through sin he brought upon himself and his posterity, not only physical death, but spiritual death as well, which separated us from God; that all humanity by physical birth possess a sinful nature and are therefore sinners in thought, word and deed; that they can be restored to fellowship with God through faith in Jesus Christ (John 3:5-6, 16-17, 5:24; Romans 3:23, 5:8-9, 9:9-10; Titus 3:5).

We believe "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures"; that His death was a substitutionary atonement for our sins; and that all who believe in Him are forgiven, accounted righteous before God, justified and given eternal life (Eph. 2:8-9; Hebrews 9:14-15).

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation (John 5:28-29).

We believe in a real heaven (Revelation 21:1) and a real hell (Luke 12:5).

We believe in Holy Communion (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26), water baptism (Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:3), spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1-11), and feet washing (John 13:1-15).

PHONICS BASED CURRICULUM

Language Arts	Reading
Spelling	Writing
Mathematics	Science
Bible	Health
History/Geography	Spanish
Number & Letter Recognition	Phonics
Physical Education	Music
Special Projects	Art

ACADEMICS

Students will

- strive for excellence in academics and behavior
- contribute to maintaining an exceptional Christian learning climate
- complete all homework and assignments on time
- complete assignments to the highest standards
- be allowed to make up assignments and tests only after an excused absence
- Students will be graded based on the following scale:

A – 100 – 90
B – 89 – 80
C – 79 – 70
D – 69 – 65
F – 64 – 0

SPIRITUAL

Students will

- attend and participate in assemble
- begin each day with prayer, pledges, and singing of the academy's anthem
- demonstrate Christian character
- have a Bible course as a part of their curriculum requirements
- participate in a mandatory Christmas and Easter pageants for parents and guardians, family and friends which will count towards their music grade

CITIZENSHIP

Students will

- take care of the property of other students, academy personnel, and the academy
- handle with care all books, equipment, and academy materials
- turn in lost & found items to their teacher
- respect fellow students, teachers and academy staff
- have pride in their academy
- be honest and use proper language at all times (refrain from profanity)
- refrain from the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco
- abstain from having illegal weapons in their possession
- be good Christian role models
- seek assistants to resolve conflicts rather than engage in violent activities
- report anything threatening or disrupting the academy's safe learning environment
- leave all personal items at home unless requested
- recite the Pledge to Allegiance to the United States and Christian flags
- sing the National Anthem
- sing the Black National Anthem
- avoid cheating and/or copying another student's work or plagiarizing
- receive prior permission before bringing anyone to the academy to spend the day

STANDARDIZED TESTING

All students in grades Kindergarten through 8th are required to participate in yearly standardized testing. Parents will receive copies of the testing results.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Every student must be immunized according to the following requirements:

Immunizations

Hepatitis B1(HepB)

Rotavirus (RV) RV1 (2-dose series); RV5 (3-dose series)

Diphtheria, tetanus, & acellular pertussis (DTaP: <7 yrs)

Haemophilus influenzae type 4 (Hib)

Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13)

Inactivated poliovirus (IPV: <18 yrs)

Influenza (IIV; LAIV)
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
Varicella (VAR)
Hepatitis A (HepA)
Meningococcal// (Hib-MenCY > 6 weeks; MenACWY-D >9 mos; MenACWY-CRM ≥ 2 mos)
Tetanus, diphtheria, & acellular pertussis (Tdap: >7 yrs)
Human papillomavirus (2vHPV: females only; 4vHPV, 9vHPV: males and
females) Meningococcal B
Pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23)

MEDICATION

Medication will only be dispensed if the parent/guardian sends all medication in a medicine container marked with the student's name, the dosage amount, and how often it is to be administered (every 3 hours for three days, etc.). A signed letter with the parent's phone number, giving the academy permission to dispense the medication, and listing the times the medication is to be dispensed must accompany the medication. Only the nurse or an administrator may dispense medications. Medications not marked with the requested information will not be dispensed.

LUNCH

Parents are responsible for providing lunch for their child(ren). A microwave is available to heat lunches.

ATTENDANCE

Students may arrival at the academy as early as 8 AM. Students will be marked late at 8:31 AM. Students are to be punctual and make every effort to attend every day the academy is open. If absent or late a signed note or phone call from the parent or guardian is required stating the reason for the absence or lateness.

UNIFORM

Students are required to wear their uniform to the academy every day. No logos or markings on the uniforms or shoes other than the academy's logo. Name should be on the inside label to distinguish ownership. Jumpers and skirts may be no more than two inches above the knees. Students who are out of uniform will receive an infraction. Students who receive three infractions for any reason will be suspended.

BOYS

Navy blue pants
Navy blue pants
White or pale blue shirts
Navy blue ties
Navy blue sweater
Black shoes
Navy or white sweater

GIRLS

Navy blue pants
Navy blue pants
Navy blue skirts
Navy blue jumper
White or pale blue shirt
Navy blue cross tie
Navy or white sweater
Black shoes

GYM UNIFORM

Gym uniforms will be made available for purchase. Cost to be announced later.

RULES OF CONDUCT

No student may engage in any conduct or encourage any conduct jeopardizing the health, safety or welfare of any member of this academy; or engage in any conduct that disrupts or undermines the mission of *Jesus Is The Way Christian Academy*. Students will receive a notice of infraction for any violation of the rules of conduct. Students receiving three notices of infraction will be suspended. Students who receive three suspensions will be dismissed from the academy.

INFRACTIONS

- Fighting
- Violation of dress code
- Using profanity
- Disrespect of academy staff
- Persistent tardiness
- Persistent failure to complete homework
- Cheating and/or copying the work of another student
- Destruction of academy property

- Damage, destruction or theft of private property
- Reckless endangerment or threats
- Possession of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco
- Abuse of computer and/or internet privileges
- Possession of a weapon
- Possession of cell phones, mace, pepper spray, and laser pointers
- Harassment
- Possession of pornography
- Disruptive behavior
- Students will not bring large sums of money to the academy

Approved Sanctions/Corrective Action

For 1st & 2nd Infractions

- Meeting with the student and the administrator
- Meeting with the teacher, student, and parent
- Meeting with the teacher, student, parent and principal
- Detention
- Placed in time-out
- Placed on daily report
- Suspension from privileges, including, but not limited to trips, special activities, recess, and etc.
- Referral for outside intervention
- Suspended after the first or second infraction depending on the severity of the incident to warrant's it

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Pay tuition and book fees on time
- Reflect Christian character in front of your child(ren)
- Be responsible for periodic student health exams
- Submit an up-to-date immunization record each year
- Have your child's eyes and teeth examined yearly
- Send a letter stating the reason for your child's absences
- Present concerns in a calm, reasonable manner
- Attend report card conferences
- Supervise the completion of homework assignments
- Communicate with your child's teacher about their academic progress and behavior on a regular basis
- Be responsible for your child's attendance and punctuality
- Attend all conferences requested by the child's teacher or administrator

- Volunteer as often as possible
- Attend church with your child(ren) on a regular basis
- Become involved in the Parents Association

PARENT RIGHTS

- Right to review all information contained in the student's records
- Right to receive your child's report card three times a year
- Right to receive the criteria for any grade
- Right to request and receive a conference with your child's teacher

Before and After School

All rules of conduct discussed in this handbook apply to all before and after school programs and activities. The before school program is from 7 to 8 AM. The after school program is from 3 to 6 PM. Students picked up after 6 PM will be charged an additional fee for each additional fifteen minutes they remain in our care.