



## GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### Parent Agreement

Grace Christian School is fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Our parents recognize that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, the school community, and your home church. As a partnership, our parents will understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons, we continue to welcome and encourage parents/guardians to participate fully in the life of our school.

The purpose of this agreement is to provide a reminder to all parents and visitors to our school about the expected conduct and policies. This is so we can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

#### **Guidance:**

#### **We expect parents, guardians, caregivers, and visitors to:**

- Respect the school.
- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- Demonstrate that all members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behavior.
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
- Correct own child's behavior especially when it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behavior, or unsafe behavior.
- Approach the school, not other parents, to help resolve any issues of concern.
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behavior.

#### ***Romans 13:1-7***

*Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.*

#### **In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment, the school cannot tolerate parents, guardians, caregivers, and visitors exhibiting the following:**

- Disruptive behavior which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office, the main office area or any other area of the school grounds including sporting events.
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper outside of Christian character.
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of the school's staff, a visitor, a fellow parent, or a pupil regardless of whether or not the behavior constitutes a criminal offence.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication to any Grace Christian School employee.
- Gossiping with other parents, teachers, students, staff or guests regarding the school, teachers, students, processes, policies or otherwise.

- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parent/staff, at the school whether face to face conversations, text messaging, the use of social media, etc. Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking **to the class teacher or administration, so the matter can be dealt with fairly, appropriately, and effectively for all concerned.**
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise him or her because of the actions towards the parent's own child. (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences.)
- Smoking (cigarettes or vapors) or consumption of alcohol or other drugs while on school property.

Should **any** of the above guidelines be breached by a family, then such actions will result in penalties including restricted access to extracurricular events, removal of the student of the offending family from enrollment at Grace Christian School, contacting the appropriate authorities, or any other action deemed necessary. The Board of Directors will determine the appropriate action.

***Proverbs 19:20***

*Listen to advice and accept **discipline**, and at the end you will be counted among the wise.*

**Policies:**

**Tuition Payment**

Since the school has a financial obligation to its employees, students are considered enrolled for the entire school year. Tuition is calculated on the basis of the entire school year; therefore, no reductions can be made for vacations or school holidays. If a student enters after the school year has begun, charges are pro-rated according to actual number of days enrolled. No deductions will be made for tuition during the school year, regardless of the cause of such absence. All accounts must be paid in full at the end of each quarter to receive report cards or transcripts.

**Discipline**

I understand that sending my children to Grace Christian School is a privilege and not a right. The goals of the school are not to reform, but to train Christian youth in the highest principles of Christian leadership, self-discipline, individual responsibility, personal integrity, and good citizenship. I also believe that discipline is necessary for the welfare of each student, as well as for the entire school. I give permission for my child's teacher and/or other agent of the school to make and enforce classroom regulations and school policies in a manner consistent with Christian principles on discipline as set forth in the Scriptures.

***Proverbs 15:32***

*Those who disregard **discipline** despise themselves, but the one who heeds correction gains understanding.*

**Withdrawal Notice**

I agree to give a 30-day notice before withdrawing my student. I understand that I am responsible for the year's tuition unless special arrangements are made with the school board.

**Early Pick-Up**

I understand that picking up my child(ren) from school before dismissal time causes classroom disruption, so I will limit early pick-up to instances where my child(ren) has a scheduled medical/dental appointment and will provide a doctor's note to excuse the early pick-up. Like a tardy, student's miss important schoolwork.

***Proverbs 9:9***

*Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.*

**Lockers/desks**

I understand that lockers and desks are property of the school and that the school has a right to open and search lockers. I understand that the school may also search items within lockers and desks (e.g. backpacks, purses, cell phones, etc.). The school is not responsible for items/articles lost or stolen.

### **Church Attendance**

I understand that as a requirement for admission to Grace Christian School, my family, including my child(ren), must attend church on a **regular basis**. I understand this to be twice per month at a minimum for my family and to include additional youth group attendance for teenage students. I agree to fulfill my responsibility as the spiritual leader of my family by ensuring our family attends church.

### **Fundraising**

I understand that fundraising greatly contributes to the successful operation of the school by allowing for the purchase of miscellaneous items including playground equipment, security cameras, computers, etc.

### **Liability**

I further agree to be bound by the binding arbitration agreement. I hold the school and its agents harmless for any liability to my child or any guardian or parent thereof because of any claims on behalf of my child against the school or any agent thereof because of any injury or alleged injury to my child. Should I choose to break the binding arbitration agreement and legal action for any reason be taken against the school or any employee or agent thereof on my child's behalf and the school or its legal agent not be found at fault, I agree to pay any attorney fees, court fees, damages or other costs that the school or its agent should incur to defend itself against such action.

#### ***1 Corinthians 6:1***

*If any of you has a dispute with another, do you dare to take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the Lord's people?*

### **Inappropriate Use of Social Network Site**

Parents and students agree not to defame Grace Christian School or state anything in a manner that could be construed as derogatory about the school or create divisiveness amongst the school community. Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, teachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils. The GCS Board considers the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the whole school community. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, or the administration, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately, and effectively for all concerned. Violating this provision could result in removal from enrollment.

In the event that any pupil or parent/care giver of a child(ren) being educated in the school is found to be posting libelous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content that can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity that breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/care giver or pupil remove such comments immediately.

Additionally, and perhaps more importantly, is the issue of cyber bullying and the use by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying.

We trust that parents and caregivers will assist our school with the implementation of these policies and we thank you for your continuing support of Grace Christian School.

This Parental Agreement and Code of Conduct will be in effect for as long as my children listed below or others to be enrolled, attend Grace Christian School, whether in elementary, middle, or high school.

I understand that should my marital status change, it is my responsibility to have a corrected Parental Agreement and Code of Conduct Statement signed, updated, and sent to Grace Christian School.

I realize that the Christian school is an extension of me, the parent, and I pledge my prayerful support to the school administration and staff. I will make every effort to work with the school personnel to insure the best possible learning experience for my child.

I have read and understand the above information and request that my child be accepted to attend Grace Christian School.

Printed Name of Child (Oldest to Youngest)	Grade

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Father's (Guardian's) Signature

Date

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Mother's (Guardian's) Signature

Date