

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



**Student / Parent Handbook
2023-2024**

Free Will Baptist Christian School



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Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do,
do all to the glory of God.

-1 Corinthians 10:31



Free Will *Baptist Church*

Schedule of Services

Sunday School	10:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 AM
<i>Children's Church, Nursery provided</i>	
Wednesday Night Bible Study	6:30 PM
<i>Bible Study, Children's Classes, Youth Group</i>	

Dear Students and Parents,

A new school year! New opportunities and possibilities. It is my pleasure to welcome you to a new year at Free Will. This letter is my tenth welcome letter and I still feel just as blessed to be here as I did in year one. Whether you are returning or a brand new Free Will family, we welcome you!

Free Will is a special place that has been educating students for over 50 years. We have a long history of striving for excellence. We continue to strive, with God's grace, for another year. He has been so good to us and it is our honor to bear His name and be involved in His work.

At Free Will, you are surrounded by a group of people who care about you and your education. Please reach out if there is something we can do for you. We will always do our best to serve the students with which God has entrusted us. We view our relationship with our families as a partnership. Thank you for working with us.

Most importantly, we hope your faith is challenged, refined, and grown this year. We pray that the gospel of Jesus Christ would impact every student, parent, teacher, and staff member. It is all for His glory!

Sincerely,

Gene Wooton
Pastor Gene Wooton

Free Will Baptist Christian School (FWBCS)

Elementary School/Business Office773-3179
Hannah Postlewaite, Principal
Monday - Friday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

High School Office778-8030
Angela Wooton, Principal
Monday - Friday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

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Statement of Faith

We believe in the verbal inspiration and authority of the Scripture; we believe that the Bible reveals God, the fall of man, the way of salvation, and God's plan and purpose for the ages.

We believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We believe in the deity and virgin birth of Jesus Christ.

We believe that salvation is "by grace" plus nothing and minus nothing. We believe that the conditions of salvation are repentance and faith.

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.

We believe in the visible, personal return of Jesus Christ.

We believe in the everlasting conscious blessedness of the saved and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one, legitimate meaning, and that is marriage sanctioned by God, which joins one man and one woman in a single, covenantal union, as delineated by Scripture.

We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage as defined above. We believe that any other type of sexual activity, identity or expression that lies outside of this definition of marriage is contradictory to God's natural design and purpose for sexual activity.

We believe that God creates each person as male or female determined by anatomy at birth and is not subject to change. These two distinct, unchangeable genders together reflect the image and nature of God, and the rejection of one's biological gender is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women in the home and the church.

We believe that God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. The husband is to love his wife as Christ loves the church. The wife is to submit herself to the spiritual leadership of her husband as the church submits to the headship of Christ. Children are a wonderful gift and heritage from the Lord. Parents are responsible for teaching their children spir-

itual and moral values through consistent lifestyle examples and appropriate training and discipline.

We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion is murder and constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life.

We believe that an intentional act or omission that facilitates premature death, is assuming a decision that is to be reserved for God. We do not believe that discontinuing medical procedures that are extraordinary or disproportionate to the expected outcome is euthanasia.

We believe that we should demonstrate love for others, not only toward fellow believers, but also toward those who are not believers, those who oppose us, and those who engage in sinful actions. We are to deal graciously, humbly, gently, and patiently with those who oppose us. God forbids the stirring up of strife, the taking of revenge, or the threat or use of violence as a means of resolving personal conflict or obtaining personal justice. Although God commands us to abhor sinful actions, we are to love and pray for any person who engages in such actions.

We believe that children are from the Lord and must be absolutely protected within the Church from any form of abuse or molestation. The ministry has zero tolerance for any person, whether paid staff, volunteer, member, or visitor, who abuses or molests a child.

It is the conviction of the administration, faculty, and staff of the FWBCS that the above statements of our faith should be evident and evangelistically taught in each and every activity of our school. This includes the classroom, playground, extracurricular events, school programs, and especially chapel services. While personal belief in these statements is not required for admission, it is mandatory that they be respected by both parents and students.

Philosophy

The educational philosophy of the FWBCS is based upon a God-centered view that all truth is God's truth, and that the Bible is the inspired and only infallible, authoritative word of God, which is the source of this truth. 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. Because man is a sinner by nature and choice, he can only glorify and know God by choosing God's free gift of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ, thereby committing his life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Our aim socially is to provide a Christian perspective on the total world view from which will come a balanced personality and a proper understanding and acceptance of a person's role in life at home, at work, at play, and at worship – all grounded in the Christian concept of love.

This philosophy channels our energies to promote high academic standards while helping students to achieve skills in creative and critical thinking, using the best integrated curriculum available. The objective of our instructional program is to enable the student to be prepared to pursue the post-secondary education of their choosing, whether in college or vocational training areas.

Our responsibility for the student encompasses the spiritual, mental, intellectual, physical, social, and emotional areas. These are inseparable and through them runs the essential thread of the spiritual. Therefore, it must be our aim to shun the tendency to teach the Bible compartmentally or on the intellectual level alone – the scarlet thread must be woven throughout the total curriculum.

It is apparent, then, that the types of activities we employ or permit in the classroom or school program will not mitigate our basic philosophy. The spiritual must permeate all areas – else we become textbook oriented rather than student oriented. This philosophy dictates that we cooperate closely with parent in every phase of the student's development, always offering assistance in understanding the purpose of FWBCS.

Mission Statement

Free Will Baptist Christian School exists to provide a quality Christian education in a safe, loving environment, which, in partnership with the home and church, prepares each student scholastically, socially, and spiritually. FWBCS seeks to challenge students to excel in all their endeavors, to maintain a close relationship with God, and to exhibit a Christian testimony in the community.

The following are the objectives we hope to accomplish in each student's life:

- To teach that the Bible is the divinely inspired and infallible word of God (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)
- To provide opportunities for the student to confess Christ as Savior and Lord (Romans 10:9-10)
- To teach Biblical character qualities and provide opportunities for the student to demonstrate these qualities (1 Samuel 16:7; Galatians 5:22-23)
- To teach the student how to develop the mind of Christ towards godliness (Philippians 2:5; 1 Timothy 4:7, Romans 1:16-32)
- To develop self-discipline and responsibility from God's perspective (1 Timothy 4:7; 1 Corinthians 9:24- 27)
- To teach respect for and submission to authority from God's perspective (Romans 13:1-7; Hebrews 13:17; Ephesians 6:1-3)
- To develop a Christian worldview by integrating life and all studies with the Bible (2 Peter 1:3)
- To teach the student to hide God's Word in their heart through memorization and meditation (Psalm 119:11; Psalm 1:103)
- To develop the student's identity in Christ as a unique individual created in the image of God and to develop their fullest potential (Psalm 139:13-16)
- To teach the student to treat everyone with love and respect as unique individuals created in God's image (Philippians 2:1-4; Ephesians 5:21)
- To teach the student how to become a contributing member of their society by realizing the need to serve others (Galatians 5:13; Romans 2:10)
- To teach the student physical fitness, good health habits, and wise use of the body as the temple of God (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- To teach the student Biblical attitudes toward material things and their responsibility for using them to God's glory (1 Timothy 6:17-19; Matthew 6:19-20; 1 Corinthians 10:31)
- To teach the student to understand and use the fundamental processes in communicating and dealing with others (such as reading, writing, speaking, listening, and mathematics) (2 Corinthians 5:20)

- To teach and encourage the student to use good study skills and habits (2 Timothy 2:3-7)
- To teach the student how to do research, and to reason logically from a Biblical perspective (Hebrews 5:14; Romans 12:2)
- To teach good citizenship through an understanding and appreciation of our Christian, American and Caribbean heritages (1 Corinthians 10:11; Romans 13:1-7)
- To cooperate closely with the parents in every phase of the student's development, especially as it relates to the school program (Mark 10:45)
- To provide a Christian environment in harmony and recognition of Biblical commands and guidelines (Philippians 4:8, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, Romans 1:26-32)
- To help parents understand the school's purpose and program.
- To assist parents in keeping up with the changing culture and its effect on the home and their children
- To encourage parents to realize and shoulder their responsibility for the spiritual, moral and social education of their children (Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Proverbs 22:6)

2023-2024 Free Will Baptist Christian School Calendar

Watch for special event dates on our website www.freewillschool.com and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FreeWillSchool.

August 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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School Days for Students	
In-Service Day for Teachers (No Students)	
School Holiday	

January 2024						
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September 2023						
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August 2023
 Aug 14-18.....Teachers Return/In-service (No students)
 Aug 18.....Open House & Parent Orientation 6:30 PM Auditorium
 Aug 21.....First Day of School

February 2024						
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September 2023
 Sep 4.....Labor Day Holiday (School Closed)
 Sep 25.....Teacher Work Day (No Students)

October 2023						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

October 2023
 Oct 9.....Columbus Day/Friendship Day Holiday (School Closed)
 Oct 19.....1st Quarter Report Cards

March 2024						
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November 2023
 Nov 1.....D. Hamilton Jackson Day Observed (School Closed)
 Nov 10.....Veteran's Day Holiday (School Closed)
 Nov 22-24.....Thanksgiving Holiday (School Closed)

November 2023						
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December 2023
 Dec 13.....Last Day of School (K3-5th Grade)
 Dec 14-15.....Midterm Exams for Upper Campus (Half-Day)
 Dec 18-Jan 5.....Christmas Holiday (School Closed)

April 2024						
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January 2024
 Jan 8.....School Resumes
 Jan 11.....2nd Quarter/1st Semester Report Cards
 Jan 15.....Martin Luther King Day Holiday (School Closed)

December 2023						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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February 2024
 Feb 16.....Teacher Work Day (No Students)
 Feb 19.....Presidents' Day Holiday (No School)

May 2024						
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

March 2024
 Mar 15.....Teacher Work Day (No students)
 Mar 21.....3rd Quarter Report Cards
 Mar 25-27.....SAT 10 (1st-12th Grade)
 Mar 28-Apr 5.....Easter Break (School Closed)

April 2024
 Apr 8.....School Resumes

May 2024
 May 3.....Teacher Work Day (No Students)
 May 19.....Baccalaureate, 11:00 AM, Auditorium
 May 21.....K5 Graduation, 7:00 PM, Auditorium
 May 22-23.....Final Exams for Upper Campus (Half-Days)
 May 23.....Last Day of School (Half Day for All Students)
 May 24.....5th Grade Promotion 7:00 PM, Auditorium
 May 24.....8th Grade Promotion, 7:00 PM, Auditorium
 May 25.....Senior Graduation, 4:00 PM, Auditorium

June 2024
 Jun 3.....Final Report Cards Available in Business Office

Grading Period Schedule	
1st	Aug 21-Oct 13
2nd	Oct 16-Dec 15
3rd	Jan 8-Mar 15
4th	Mar 18-May 23

Accreditation

Free Will Baptist Christian School (grades 7-12) is fully accredited by the Middle States Association. The following information is directly from the Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools on their website at [https:// www.msa-cess.org](https://www.msa-cess.org).

“The Middle States Association is a worldwide leader in accreditation and school improvement. For over 125 years, Middle States has been helping school leaders establish and reach their goals, develop strategic plans, promote staff development and advance student achievement.”

Enrollment

Enrollment and attendance at FWBCS is a privilege and not a right. FWBCS therefore, reserves the right to refuse enrollment or re-enrollment to any student whose attendance is not compatible with or in the best interest of the school and/or the student as determined in the sole discretion of the Administration. This simply means the student's attitude and behavior, parent's cooperation with teachers and office personnel, and overall academic progress will all be considered before the student is enrolled or re-enrolled.

Admission

Registration for enrollment in FWBCS begins in April. Once the registration fee is paid, a place will be reserved for the student for the next year. Should a student not be accepted by the school after the registration fee has been paid, the fee will be refunded. Otherwise, registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

School Hours

7:30 AM	Students may arrive on campus
8:00 AM	Classes begin
3:00 PM	Elementary classes dismissed
3:05 PM	Middle and High School classes dismissed
3:30 PM	School closes and all students must be picked up

Age Requirements

All students enrolled in FWBCS must be toilet trained. Students will be placed in K3 through the first grade according to the following schedule:

K3	must be 3 years old by Oct. 1st of K3 year
K4	must be 4 years old by Oct. 1st of K4 year
K5	must be 5 years old by Oct. 1st of K5 year
1st grade	must be 6 years old by Oct. 1st of 1st grade year

Required Documents

- Completed application packet
- Birth certificate
- Social Security Card
- Current immunization record
- Immunization Clearance Form
- Universal Health Record (only for students in K3, K4, K5)
- Prior year's report card nNew students only)
- Transcript nNew students only, grades 10-12)
- Two reference letters nNew students only, grades 6-12)
- Entrance exam nNew students only)

A student cannot be officially registered until all documentation is received.

Immunization Records

FWBCS maintains current information on a student's immunizations as required by law. For this reason, medical records must be turned in at the time of registration. No child will be allowed to enroll without current medical records.

Withdrawal

When it becomes necessary for a student to withdraw, a withdrawal form must be filled out in the business office. At that time any adjustments to the account will be made. Please note that changes in enrollment are applied on the day the form is turned in to the office, not on the last day the student attends classes. No fees will be refunded upon early withdrawal or enrollment termination.

Transfer Students

Transfer students in grades 6 through 12 will be required to meet the following criteria before being admitted:

- Must have maintained a “C” average with no failing grades at the previous school for the most recent semester
- Must submit two letters of reference; one from a non-related mentor, one from a former teacher or principal
- Must complete an entrance exam
- Must have an interview with the principal and parent
- Must provide all paperwork, including a most recent report card and the two references mentioned above to the principal at the interview

A transfer student may be required to attend summer school at FWBCS or repeat a grade in order to complete the required credits for graduation.

Pictures and Media Release

Free Will Baptist Christian School routinely utilizes multiple forms of media to highlight students and their activities related to our school. Student images may be captured in a variety of forms including photographs, video, and audio recordings. These images and recordings are used primarily but not solely for the purposes of use in the yearbook, parent notices, and the school website. We are proud of our students and eager to highlight their successes.

Annual school picture days will be announced in the Friday Notice and on the morning announcements well in advance. Students are permitted to wear color clothes on picture day. These pictures will be used in our school yearbook and parents will be given an opportunity to purchase picture packages.

As a condition of enrollment, parents are required to sign a Media Release Form included in the application.

Notice of Nondiscrimination Policy as to Students

Students of any race, color, sex, national origin, and ethnic origin are admitted to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at FWBCS. While FWBCS does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, nationality, or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs, as a religious institution FWBCS reserves the right to deny admission or to terminate the enrollment of persons whose lifestyle, words, actions, or otherwise do not align with FWBCS’s statement of faith, code of conduct, or other policies.

Financial Information

Registration Fees

A registration fee is required by all students to secure a place for them at FWBCS. This registration fee covers the cost of books, insurance for the student, and bookkeeping charges. This fee is a one-time, non-refundable fee charged at the time of enrollment.

Students who register late in the year will still be required to pay the full registration fee for that year.

Tuition Options

Extended tuition payment plans are available with a service charge. Please see the business office for details.

Tuition Payments

Tuition payments are due according to the tuition schedule agreed upon at the time of registration and noted on the financial contract.

Tuition payments are due by the 1st of each month. There is a 10-day grace period where late fees will not apply. After the 10th day, a late fee of \$25 will be applied to the account.

Students who register late will only pay for the months they attend school. Students who register on or before the 15th of the month will pay the full tuition for that month.

FWBCS accepts cash, money orders, certified checks, and most major credit cards. Payments can be mailed or personally brought to the Business Office. Payments can also be made on our virtual terminal located on our school website.

Account Balances

An account is considered delinquent when it is 30 days past due. If your account balance reflects any delinquent tuition, daycare, van service, or other miscellaneous payments, the students on that account will not be permitted to attend class until it is brought up to date. Students who are absent from school for more than fifteen (15) days due to overdue tuition payments, will be asked to withdraw from FWBCS and official withdrawal papers will be processed. In order to sit for mid-term exams, tuition must be paid up to date through December. Students whose tuition is not current prior to midterm or final exams will not be allowed to attend classes or take exams until the payment has been made.

Free Will Baptist Christian School 2023-2024 Tuition and Fee Schedule

Early Registration Discounts:

\$100 off for RETURNING STUDENTS if registered by March 30th

\$50 off if registered by June 1st

K3 - K5

One-time, non-refundable Registration, Insurance & Book Fee: **\$375.00**

Payment Options	Payment	Total Due
Full	4904	4904
Semi-Annual	2467	4934
3-Payments	1650	4949
4-Payments	1241	4964
9-Payments	560	5039
11-Payments	461	5069

Multiple Child Discount (second child or more) - 5%

Payment Options	Payment	Total Due
Full	4659	4659
Semi-Annual	2344	4689
3-Payments	1568	4704
4-Payments	1180	4719
9-Payments	533	4794
11-Payments	439	4824

1st - 5th

One-time, non-refundable Registration, Insurance & Book Fee: **\$475.00**

Payment Options	Payment	Total Due
Full	6516	6516
Semi-Annual	3273	6546
3-Payments	2187	6561
4-Payments	1644	6576
9-Payments	739	6651
11-Payments	607	6681

Multiple Child Discount (second child or more) - 5%

Payment Options	Payment	Total Due
Full	6190	6190
Semi-Annual	3110	6220
3-Payments	2078	6235
4-Payments	1563	6250
9-Payments	703	6325
11-Payments	578	6355

6th - 12th

One-time, non-refundable Registration, Insurance & Book Fee: **\$525.00**

Payment Options	Payment	Total Due
Full	7230	7230
Semi-Annual	3630	7260
3-Payments	2425	7275
4-Payments	1823	7290
9-Payments	818	7365
11-Payments	672	7395

Multiple Child Discount (second child or more) - 5%

Payment Options	Payment	Total Due
Full	6869	6869
Semi-Annual	3449	6899
3-Payments	2305	6914
4-Payments	1732	6929
9-Payments	778	7004
11-Payments	639	7034

Payment Plans

11- Month Plan	Monthly payments beginning on July 1st and ending on May 1st
9- Month Plan	Monthly payments beginning on September 1st and ending on May 1st
4- Month Plan	Payments on the first of September, December, February and April
3- Month Plan	Payments on the first of September, December, and March
2- Month Plan	Payments at the start of each semester (August and January)

Additional Fees

****A late fee of \$25.00 will be charged when payment due is more than 10 days late.**

Refunds

- Students who withdraw prior to the beginning of school will be charged the registration fee. All tuition payments will be refunded.
- Students who withdraw prior to Oct. 20 will be charged two months tuition and the remainder will be refunded.
- Students who withdraw after Oct. 20 of the first semester, or after Feb. 20 of the second semester, will be charged for the balance of the semester.
- Refunds will not be considered until the parent/guardian has signed an official notice of transfer/withdrawal. There is no refund of tuition to students who are ill or absent.
- Tuition refunds or credits will not be given to students who are out of school for family vacation or time off island.

Insurance

Accident insurance will be provided for all students. The insurance cost is covered by the registration fee. More information about the insurance may be obtained in the business office. In case of an accident at school, the parents must pick up the insurance forms from the school office. In order for our insurance company to provide coverage, all accidents must be reported within 24 hours of the incident.

Miscellaneous Charges

At times fees may be required for, but not limited to, the following: K5, 5th, 8th, and 12th grade promotions, testing, lost report cards, lost books, school pictures, and late payments.

School polo shirts and P.E. uniforms are available for an additional cost. Please see the Business Office for current prices.

A returned check fee of \$35 will be charged to any customer with a check returned due to insufficient funds. FWBCS will then only accept cash, money orders, or certified checks from that customer. FWBCS will not accept personal checks from a customer after a check has been returned due to insufficient funds..

Academic Information

Grading Scale

98-100	A+	89-91	B+	80-82	C+	71-73	D+	0-64	F
95-97	A	86-88	B	77-79	C	68-70	D		
92-94	A-	83-85	B-	74-76	C-	65-67	D-	P Passing	
								F Failing	
								I Incomplete	

An incomplete grade indicates that a student was unable to complete an important test or project before the end of the grading period. A student will be given an additional two weeks to finish an incomplete caused by an excused absence. At the end of the additional two weeks, the incomplete grade will be changed to the final grade.

Assessments

Students at Free Will Baptist Christian School are assessed by classroom tests, quizzes, in-class assignments, homework, group and individual projects, as well as a teacher's anecdotal records. Some grades use i-Ready, a computer based learning system which offers diagnostic testing. We also administer the Stanford-10 Achievement Test yearly.

Online Gradebook

Students and parents in 1st - 12th grade may obtain login information for Gradelink from the office. This is a new program this year. Parents are encouraged to check this online gradebook weekly to stay informed about student progress.

Report Cards

Report cards are issued at the end of each nine-week grading period. Students in K3-K5 will not receive a report card for the first quarter. Report cards for the second quarter are sent home in January. For K3-K5 students, report cards are due back within the week bearing the parent's signature. For students in 1st - 5th grades, report cards are for the parents' records. For 6th - 12th grade students, report cards will be emailed.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

GPA is calculated based on the weighting of each credit from all the classes taken. Courses retaken during summer school are averaged with the grade received for that course during the regular school year. For example, a student receives an F (GPA 0.0) for Geometry during the fall semester of a school

year. That student then retakes Geometry in summer school and receives an A (GPA 4.0). The resulting GPA for Geometry would be calculated by averaging an F and an A (GPA 2.0).

Textbooks

Textbooks are paid for by a portion of the registration fee. If any books are lost or damaged beyond use, they will be replaced and charged to the student's account. Students must take good care of their books so that they will last the entire school year. Any book that is defaced with profanity or vulgarity will be taken from the student. A new book will then be issued and charged to the student's account. Hardback books are the property of the school and are not to be marked in. A fee of \$1 per page will be charged (up to the cost of the book) to a student who marks in a hardback book. If a student or parent initiates an elective class change, they are responsible for the cost of the new textbook.

Homework

It is our philosophy that homework is an integral part of the school program. Therefore, each teacher is expected to give homework to help the students to advance in their studies. Late or missing homework could result in a grade reduction at the teacher's discretion. Parents should be cautious in helping with homework assignments. All work that a student submits must be completed by that student.

Summer School

A remedial summer school program is offered each summer for students needing extra help. Students may be required to attend summer school for promotion or simply recommended to attend to strengthen certain weaknesses. Students must secure permission from the principal before enrolling in summer courses at another school. Failure to do so may prevent the course credit from transferring to FWBCS. FWBCS does not give more than one half credit for high school level courses taken during the summer.

Physical Education

Students with medical restrictions such as asthma or some other physical handicap that restricts their P.E. activities will be graded in P.E. on a satisfactory or unsatisfactory basis. A dated doctor's letter for any restrictions is required.

Chapel

All students are required to attend chapel. Chapels are held each week for all students 1st through 12th grade. Each chapel is devoted to singing, an evangelistic message by the pastor, principal, faculty member, or a guest speaker, and may include announcements and various presentations by the students. It is important that chapel time becomes a meaningful part of each student's experience at FWBCS.

Attendance

Being present at school each day is paramount to the success of each student. Any absence will be considered unexcused unless a signed note from the parent or a phone call from the parent is received in the office prior to or directly following the absence. Students and parents are expected to communicate with teachers in a timely manner about how to complete any missing work due to absences. A student who is absent 20 or more days in one semester or 30 or more days in one school year may be retained in the same grade the following year.

Tardiness

School begins promptly at 8:00 each morning. Students must be dropped no earlier than 7:30, but early enough to ensure that they are in class when the 8:00 bell rings. A student who arrives late will be considered tardy unless there are extenuating circumstances such as a flat tire, flooding of roads, or emergency stops. Students who miss quizzes, tests, or class work because they are regularly late to school will be graded accordingly. Three unexcused tardies equals one unexcused absence. Students leaving school before 3:05 pm must be signed out in the office by a parent or guardian.

Extra-Curricular Activities

A student may participate in an extra-curricular event only if all of the following conditions are met:

- The student's average in all subjects is at least 70%.
- The student attends class regularly.
- The student attends at least four hours of school the day of the event.
- The student is not on academic or behavioral probation.
- The student's personal behavior (at school and at home) is not overtly contrary to the standard of conduct outlined in the student handbook.

A temporary probation period may be imposed, at the discretion of the administrator, during which time the student is still able to participate in an extra-curricular event. Any student whose behavior or attitude is deemed to adversely represent the character of the school may be barred from extra-curricular participation.

Transcripts

When it becomes necessary for a student to transfer to another school, the receiving school will normally write to request a transcript of the student's records. Transcripts are not given to parents for hand delivery, and no "permanent records" may be transferred to another school. The first three transcripts are free; a fee will be charged for all others. No student information will be released until all school accounts are paid in full. Transcripts will reflect the student's legal name at the time of enrollment and may not be changed except with a court order reflecting the minor's name has been changed pursuant to an adoption decree.

Grades 1-5 Curriculum

More information about curriculum including a scope and sequence for each class can be found at www.abeka.com or www.bjupress.com.

Reading – The skill of reading is essential for man to be able to know what God has written in His Word, the Bible. Reading is taught in K4 through 2nd grade using the intensive phonics approach. In grades 3 through 8 the emphasis in reading is on comprehension, expression, smoothness, and reading to learn. Students are given the opportunity to read many fine selections that enhance their reading skills and add good character.

Language Arts – Language skills must be mastered if the student is to be able to effectively communicate with his fellow man. Traditional grammar is taught at all grade levels. Spelling, penmanship, poetry, and creative writing incorporate much of the material introduced in the reading selections.

Mathematics – Students are trained in number concepts starting in K4 and traditional math instruction begins in 1st grade. Elementary grades emphasize a different mathematical concept each year. Our math curriculum comes from Bob Jones University Press and more information on it, including a full scope and sequence can be found at www.bjupress.com.

History – History is a record of the time that God has given man, and the account of what man has done with it. In 1st and 2nd grade, students read selections from American History. A formal study of history begins in grade 3. Elementary students will study world history, United States history, and US civics, culture, and economics.

Science – Science is the study of the natural world for man's benefit and for God's glory. Grades 1 through 3 use science and health as a source of reading material. Formal science and health classes begin in the 4th grade. Students engage in a general study of science in grades 4 through 8.

Bible – The Bible augments the study of all other subjects. All students are taught that the Bible is the literal Word of God.

Grades 6-8 Curriculum

More information about curriculum including a scope and sequence for each class can be found at www.bju.press.com.

6th Grade

Bible* – an overview of all 66 books of the Bible

English – grammar, composition, vocabulary, spelling, poetry,

History – exploring ancient civilizations

Science – study of cells and organisms, matter and energy, astronomy, heredity, the nervous and immune systems

Math – developing problem-solving skills in preparation for algebra, teaches methods of estimation, and math in real-life situations

Reading – comprehension skills, vocabulary, and literature

7th Grade

Bible* – learn from the wisdom of Proverbs. These principles can help you better face the responsibilities of young adulthood.

English – grammar, composition, vocabulary, spelling, poetry, and literature

History of the World – world history from creation through the 21st century

Science – study of plants, animals, and human beings

Fundamentals of Math – whole numbers and decimals, number theory, and an introduction to algebra and geometry including problem solving skills

8th Grade

Bible* – the life of Christ

English – grammar, composition, vocabulary, spelling, poetry, and literature
History of America – U.S. history from the discovery of the new world to present day

Earth Science – an expanding study that moves from earth's atmosphere to the rest of the universe

Pre-Algebra – algebraic expressions, linear equations, integers, fractions, decimals, percent, and radicals

*Information on Bible curriculum can be found at www.positiveaction.org

In addition to the above listed courses, other classes (such as PE, art, health, music, etc.) may be offered.

Grades 9-12 Curriculum and Credits

To graduate from high school, a student must accumulate 26 credits (sometimes called units). The following list gives the subjects and the number of credits required for graduation. At Free Will Baptist Christian High School our emphasis will be to prepare students for college.

Subject	Credits required
Bible	4
English*	4
Science	
Physical Science*	1
Biology*	1
Chemistry/Physics	1
Math	
Algebra I*	1
Algebra II	1
Geometry	1
History	
V.I./Carib. History	1
U.S. History	1
World History	1
Foreign Language*	2
Speech/Drama/Government	1
Physical Education	2
Typing/Computer	1
Electives	3
Total	26

*These subjects are prerequisites. For example, a student cannot take Algebra II until he has completed Algebra I. Therefore, students who fail all or part of a prerequisite course must retake the course or make up the course in summer school. High school students (grades 9 through 12) who make a failing semester grade in any subject must attend summer school or repeat the course the following year.

A student must receive 6 to 6.5 credits each year he is in high school (grades 9 through 12) to stay on schedule to graduate in four years. The following are the minimum credits required for a student to be promoted.

To be promoted from freshman to sophomore	6 credits
To be promoted from sophomore to junior	12 credits
To be promoted from junior to senior	18 credits

Students who do not pass enough subjects to receive at least 5 credits must attend summer school to earn the necessary credits. Failure to earn at least 5 credits will require the student to retake the entire grade (this includes the subjects passed).

Academic Probation

Students at FWBCS are expected to maintain high academic standards. During the course of the year, any student who drops below the numeric grade average of 70% OR receives at least one grade of 'F' (grade lower than 65%) on any report card, will be placed on academic probation.

While on academic probation, a student will not be able to take part in any extracurricular activity. This includes athletic events, student council, or leadership in classes or clubs. This probation will remain in effect until the probation is lifted by the president or principal.

Drop/Add Courses

Some elective courses may be dropped from or added to the student's schedule within the first two weeks of each semester. All changes must be approved by the Administration. If a student or parent initiates an elective class change, they are responsible for the cost of the new textbook.

Class Rank

Each class is ranked according to overall GPA. It is calculated based on the grade from every class taken at FWBCS in grades 9 through 12. With the exception of Algebra or Geometry, no classes taken prior to the 9th grade will be counted towards a student's high school GPA.

In order for a student to be considered for valedictorian or salutatorian, they must have completed all requirements for graduation and earned at least 14 high school credits at FWBCS. Only credits earned at FWBCS, or from a program in partnership with FWBCS, will be considered when determining class rank.

The valedictorian is the student who has the highest high school GPA at the end of his/her senior year. The salutatorian is the student who has the second highest high school GPA at the end of his/her senior year. Student behavior, attitude, and work ethic may also be considered.

Standardized Testing

FWBCS administers the SAT-10 every spring. Results will be made available to parents when received. Students are encouraged to be present on these important testing days.

Community Service

At Free Will Baptist Christian School, we see the value in serving others. Students are encouraged to earn 25 hours of community service each year beginning in the 9th grade. Students may pick up community service forms in the high school office. This information may be used for college applications, scholarship applications, etc.

Champion Program

The purpose of the FWBCS Champion Program is to provide inclusive education which recognizes that each child is uniquely created by God with a distinctive learning style and ability. We recognize that not all students learn the same way or in the same amount of time, and each child comes to school with individual needs. It is our hope that this program will be a successful partnership between the student, the parents, and the school. Our goal is to help students learn and find strategies to succeed in the classroom.

The Administration reserves the right to determine whether the school has adequate and appropriate resources to enroll children with special needs. While FWBCS does accept some students with special learning needs, we do not have a self-contained special education class with a dedicated special education teacher. These students will attend general education classes. We do not provide all special education services. Students with special needs that we are able to serve may be eligible for the Champion Program.

In order to be eligible for this program, a current educational evaluation or assessment done by a professional must be provided. Upon acceptance, parents and staff will meet to write and set goals for the student. The student will be evaluated periodically to ensure goals are being met. The educational plan will be updated as needed to promote progress.

Applications for the Champion plan can be picked up in the Business Office.

Student Conduct

The following standard of conduct is based on the ministry's statement of faith which has its authority in the Bible, as well as policies determined by the Board of Directors and Administration designed to facilitate and foster a Bible-based educational environment.

Standard of Conduct

At Free Will Baptist Christian School we seek to provide an environment conducive to the spiritual growth and development of our students. We believe that students should avoid practices which are detrimental to the student's physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.

While a relationship with Jesus Christ is a personal decision, there are certain Biblical guidelines that must be followed in order to be a student at FWBCS. A non-inclusive list of Biblical references include: 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8, Philippians 4:8, Romans 1:26-30.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." (Romans 12:1-2)

To facilitate spiritual growth, as encouraged by the Word of God, the students enrolled at FWBCS agree to:

- Maintain high standards of courtesy, kindness, morality, and honesty
- Be kind, helpful, and respectful of those in authority
- Refrain from swearing and/or the use of indecent or suggestive language (includes any use of the Lord's name in vain)
- Refrain from smoking, gambling, or use of intoxicating beverages or narcotics
- Refrain from any conduct that would be harmful to a Christian environment
- Refrain from any behavior, attitude, or action at or away from school that expressly or implicitly contradicts the FWBCS statement of faith.

A student may be disciplined, up to and including expulsion, or asked not to return the following year if he/she is out of harmony with the ministry's standard of conduct or other policies of the school, whether on or off the property, as determined in the sole discretion of the administration. Re-admission considerations following dismissal will be determined on a case by case basis.

Dress Code

Students are required to adhere to the dress code in order to be admitted to classes each day. Any time a student is wearing his or her uniform, it must be worn properly and neatly. Clothing worn under the school uniform with writing or pictures must not be visible. Parents are asked to see that clothes are neatly pressed and in good repair. Clothes that are worn, tattered, too short, or too small must be replaced.

FWBCS reserves the right to dictate the dress standard for any event in which a student would be representing FWBCS or using the name of FWBCS. The dress standard will be determined and approved by administration. This would include, but is not limited to: field trips, fundraisers, banquets, sporting events (participant or spectator), community service, senior trips, or any activity in which the students or teacher would be representing FWBCS. Any clothing, bags or accessories that bring undue attention to a student are not permitted. Any items worn or in the possession of students that bear improper messages (such as those promoting alcohol, drugs, worldly music, immorality, vulgarity, cigarettes, etc.) will be confiscated. These items will only be returned to a parent or guardian. Hoodies with the FWBCS emblem will be available. No other jacket, hoodie or sweater is allowed to be worn. Students must wear solid colored socks.

Boys

Boys will wear the FWBCS white collared polo shirt with a school emblem which are available in our Business Office. All but the top button must be buttoned.

Boys may wear navy blue uniform pants or knee-length uniform shorts with a black, brown or blue belt. Boys in K3 through 5th grade may wear elastic waist pants without a belt. Boys in grades 9-12 may wear khaki knee-length uniform shorts or uniform pants. Jeans or any pair of pants that are made of denim or have a patch pocket are not permitted. Boys' pants must be worn pulled up around the waist and shirts must be tucked in.

Boys' hair must be neat and cause no distraction. If a boy gets a haircut that is not acceptable at FWBCS, he must get it corrected immediately before he can attend classes. Beards and mustaches must be neatly trimmed. Earrings or pins are not allowed. Excessive jewelry is not allowed. Sandals or slippers are not allowed. Hats or head coverings are not to be worn before, between, or during classes.

Girls

Girls will wear the FWBCS white collared polo shirt with a school emblem which are available in our Business Office. All but the top button must be buttoned.

Girls may wear a knee-length navy blue uniform skirt, uniform shorts or uniform pants reaching the middle of the knees or longer. Girls in grades 9-12 may wear knee-length khaki skirts, uniform shorts or uniform pants. Girls must wear their shirts tucked into their skirts, shorts or pants. If a girls' pants, skirt, or shorts have belt loops, a belt must be worn. Tight clothing is not permitted.

Girls' hair must be neat. Large medallions, large earrings, body piercings and multiple chains are not allowed. All jewelry or accessories must be worn in moderation. Sandals or open-toed shoes are not allowed. Hats or head coverings are not to be worn before, between, or during classes.

Color Clothes

Students will be allowed to wear regular "color clothes" to school on their birthday and on other selected occasions. The standards of modesty will be the same as when students wear uniforms. Girls must wear either knee-length shorts, skirts, or pants. Shirts are to be modest. No spaghetti straps, tank tops, or crop tops are allowed. Boys must wear long shorts and shirts with sleeves. Boys and girls may wear blue jeans with no rips or distressing. No joggers, jogging pants, sweatpants or pajama pants are allowed. Students must wear appropriate footwear on color clothes days; no sandals, slippers or slides, please. As always, there must be no vulgar or inappropriate messages worn. Rules concerning hats, belts, and jewelry apply on color clothes days as well.

Student Life and Activities

Library Services

We employ a part-time librarian on both campuses and there is a designated library on both campuses. Elementary students have library time built into their weekly schedules and high school students are free to use the library during lunches, before and after school, and during class as time permits.

Lockers

Upper campus students may rent lockers to store their belongings during the school year. A locker rental agreement must be signed and a \$10 rental fee paid in order to rent a locker. Students are responsible to provide their own combination or key lock. At the end of the year, if lockers are kept in good condition, \$5 of the rental fee will be returned to the student.

School Lunch

For students in K3-5th grade, there will be a snack time each morning. Parents are encouraged to send a healthy snack and a drink. FWBCS receives a free hot lunch for every student each day that public schools are in session. Parents may also send their child with lunch to school if preferred. Lunch from home will not be refrigerated or heated. Students will not be permitted to share food.

Student Activities

Our students are invited to be involved in various academic and athletic activities. Depending on interest and coaching availability, we offer a wide range of sports and clubs. In the past, students have been involved in JV and Varsity soccer, volleyball, and basketball. We also have elementary soccer, basketball, and softball programs. Our school has a chapter of the National Honor Society, a Student Council, and teachers/staff lead several clubs such as science club, reading club, cooking club, and photography club. Announcements about clubs and organizational meetings will be given over the morning announcements and in the Friday Notice. Participation is encouraged.

Athletics

FWBCS participates in several SCIAA (St. Croix Interscholastic Athletic Association) activities throughout the year. Upcoming sports seasons will be announced in the Friday Notice and on the morning announcements at school. Students will be asked to sign up to show their interest and will receive details about a particular sport. At this time, uniform requirements, fees, travel plans, and other details will be given and permission will need to be granted by parents for students to participate. Participation is encouraged. Parents and vis-

itors are invited to attend games and matches. Students must be present at school in order to participate in any athletic activities that day. They must also maintain an average of 70% in all classes to be eligible to play.

Internet Usage

The school's computers, networks, and internet usage must be used in a manner that conforms to the school's educational philosophy and does not violate the code of conduct or the statement of faith. Students will be required to sign policy guidelines before using school computers or networks.

Deliveries

Any items to be dropped off to students throughout the day should be brought to the school's office (forgotten lunches, uniforms, projects, etc.). Office personnel will deliver these items to students. Other deliveries, such as birthday cakes or balloons should be approved in advance so the disruption to the students is kept to a minimum..

Holidays

Please check the school calendar for specific dates on which the school is closed. FWBCS does not observe all the holidays that are observed by the public schools.

Pick Up/Drop Off Procedures

Parents of students in 1st - 5th grade must use the correct entrance gate, pull through to the back of the building, and stop at stairs for drop off and pick up. Parents may also use the front parking lot if they plan to exit the vehicle for an office or classroom visit. Parents of kindergarten students (K3-K5) must use the correct entrance gate, park in the front parking lot, and walk students to or from the classroom. Students in K3-K5 must be signed in and out each day. Back gate and exit gate may not be used as an entrance.

On the upper campus, parents are to drop-off or pick up students at the east end of the classroom building. Please do not leave your car unattended while on the loop section of the driveway. Parents who need to speak with a teacher or go to the office must park in front of the classroom building. Please do not drive or park on the grass or dirt.

All students must be picked up by 3:30 PM each day. In the event of an emergency, please contact the office. In the event of a half-day, student pick up is at 11:45 AM. On full days, After Care is available for elementary students on the lower campus for an additional fee. At 3:30, students who have not been

picked up will be sent to After Care and any incurred fees will be applied to the students' account.

Students must only enter vehicles of authorized drivers who were granted permission by parents at the time of student enrollment. Alternate drivers may be asked to show identification in order to pick up a student..

Phone Use

Cell phone use is not permitted by students while on campus. If the need arises for a student to contact their parent or guardian during the school day, they may request to use the office phone. Parents who wish to speak with students or teachers must leave a message in the office. The child or teacher will be asked to call back as soon as it is convenient and will not interfere with the classroom schedule except for emergencies.

Field Trips

From time to time, students will be given opportunities to enhance their learning experience through off-campus field trips. When these occur, parents can expect to be notified with a note from the office or the teacher. Signed permission slips will be required for students to attend these field trips.

Special Events

Special events, programs, awards ceremonies and the like will be scheduled throughout the year. Announcements will be made on the Friday Notice, Class Dojo (elementary) and on the morning announcements for such events. We welcome parents to be a part of many of these special events and look forward to ways to celebrate our students. Depending on the event, seating may be limited.

Walking Home

No child will be permitted to leave the school grounds at any time without permission from the school administration. Students desiring to walk home must have a note on file in the office giving permission from the parents. Should a student wish to ride home with someone other than their regular ride, the student must present a note from the parents to the office giving the specific identity of the person picking up the student. Any time a student leaves campus before classes are finished for the day he must sign out in the office. Failure to do so can be interpreted as skipping class.

Student Drivers

Students who drive to school must have permission to park from the office. A Student Parking Agreement must be filled out which includes a vehicle description and proof of insurance. This applies to cars, trucks, motorcycles, bicycles, etc. Students may be directed to park in designated student parking areas. Students must promptly exit their vehicles upon arrival at campus and may not linger in or around the vehicles. Students may not return to their vehicle before the end of the school day without staff permission and must not give rides to any student without proper permission. Students who do not drive safely on or near the school campus will lose the privilege to bring a vehicle on the school grounds.

Health and Safety

Supervision Policies

It is the policy of FWBCS that all students ages 2-5 will at no time be left alone or unsupervised and that child/staff ratios shall be met during all hours of operation, including field trips.

Emergency Procedures

Emergency drills (fire, tsunami, and active violence) will be conducted periodically as required by law. Expectations for these drills and for actual emergencies will be explicitly taught to students and practiced regularly.

Should an illness or an accident require immediate medical attention, emergency personnel and the parents will be contacted. If the emergency number the parent wishes the office to call should change at any time during the year, the parents must notify the office immediately.

Please notify the office in writing if your child has life threatening allergies or medical conditions.

Sickness

If a student becomes ill at school, the parents will be contacted. If a child has a temperature of 100.4 degrees (F) or more, he must stay home. A student who gets the flu, COVID-19, chicken pox, measles, pinkeye, ringworm, or any other contagious illness must stay home until he is cleared by a doctor or the Virgin Islands Department of Health to return to school.

Medication

Students who must take prescribed medication at school must bring the medication along with a dated note signed by the child's parent. The office will store and administer medication in accordance with the label instructions.

Students are not to keep any form of medicine (prescription or over-the-counter) on them personally in the classroom, in their lockers, purses, book bags, etc. In the event that a student's condition requires a medication to be on their person (epi-pens, inhalers, etc.), considerations will be made on a case by case basis. Over the counter medicine such as Tylenol or Aspirin that has been provided by the parents will be administered to the student by school staff with specific directions from the parent. The school provides no medicines to be given to students.

Allergies

Students with severe food allergies are encouraged to bring their own lunch to school. Parents must list allergies on the school application and openly communicate any health concerns with teachers and/or office staff.

Mandated Reporting

Teachers and school staff at the Free Will Baptist Christian School are legally Mandatory Reporters of child abuse and neglect. If there is anything a child tells a staff member or something a staff member sees or hears that creates a reasonable suspicion that abuse or neglect is occurring or has occurred, the administration will be made aware and that staff member is legally required to report to the St. Croix Department of Human Services - 340-718-2980 or to the Police - 911.

Student Behavior

General Information

Our goal is to provide an environment that is conducive to learning. That environment can only take place when there is order, making the students feel safe and secure. We believe that discipline is necessary for maintaining order, and thus safety and security. Our goal is not to punish students but to teach them that they are responsible for their actions. FWBCS wants to help each student become a better individual.

FWBCS expects full cooperation from students, teachers, and parents in the education and discipline of the students. If at any time the school feels this parental cooperation is lacking, the student may be requested to transfer out of the school. On occasion, a disciplinary note, call, or email may be sent home to inform the parents of a disciplinary problem. This is an indication that parents need to take action at home so that the teacher's time is not consumed with behavioral problems instead of academic instruction. There also may be times when a student's actions indicate that he is not willing to submit to a teacher's authority. The student will be kept in the office until a parent arrives and the problem is corrected.

It is the policy of FWBCS that staff shall not hit the students or engage in any form of corporal punishment. Students will not be subjected to cruel or severe punishment, humiliation, or verbal abuse.

The Administration and Staff reserve the right to contact law enforcement if they determine that a student's actions warrant it.

Please feel free to consult with the office about any problem or question that concerns the welfare of the students. It is the desire of the principal, faculty, and staff to be of service to both parents and students. Every teacher welcomes visits from parents. We do urge, however, that such visits be made by appointment at a convenient time for both the teacher and the parent.

Prohibited Conduct

Attitudes, actions, and behaviors deemed by the Administration to be disruptive in nature to the academic and/or spiritual environment of the school will not be tolerated and will be disciplined at the discretion of the Administration. The following is a list of student offenses that may result in demerits, detention, in-school suspension, or expulsion.

- Skipping class or detention
- Smoking (on or off campus)
- Use of drugs or alcohol (on or off campus)

- Cheating, stealing, gambling, lying, or deceiving
- Disrespect for, arguing with, or disobedience toward authority
- Public displays of affection
- Immoral behavior (on or off-campus)
- Vulgarity, profanity, or harsh or abusive language
- Fighting
- Pornography
- Vandalism
- Disrespect in chapel
- Possession of prohibited items
- Repeated offenses in the same semester

Bullying

Students must not engage in any of the following types of intimidation, harassment, or bullying: verbal (name calling, spreading rumors, sending inappropriate, violent, sexual, or malicious notes, pictures, texts, etc.); physical (shoving, hitting, spitting, damaging or stealing property, etc.); psychological (acts intended to create a sense of fear or anxiety); or electronic (cyberbullying).

Prohibited Items

Any of the following items that are found will be confiscated and turned over to the student's parents: weapons of any kind and sharp instruments such as letter openers, ice picks, etc. If a student is found to be in possession of a weapon such as a gun, knife, brass knuckles, etc., the parents and the police may be called. A student who is found in possession of a weapon, or is found using anything as a weapon to intentionally hurt someone, will be immediately expelled. Should a student possessing a weapon cause any physical damage or personal injury, the parents will be held legally liable.

Electronic devices, videos or video games, tablets, and inappropriate music or reading material of any kind are prohibited from school. Earbuds and headphones are not to be worn. Cell phones must be turned off and put away while students are at school. We reserve the right to confiscate devices being used during school. If a student arrives at school and realizes they have a prohibited item, they must bring the item to the office immediately.

Searches

It is the policy of FWBCS to make unannounced searches of backpacks and lockers. All school-owned or school-provided computers, networks, online academic services or platforms, electronic devices, physical or electronic mail or storage files, parking areas, desks, and lockers are the property of the church/school, and students have no expectation of privacy in these items or areas.

School authorities reserve the right to conduct random inspections of any of these to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our students.

In addition, in the event the school suspects a student possesses an unapproved item or has used a school-owned item in a manner that violates school policy, the school reserves the right to conduct a search of the student's pockets, vehicle, locker, desk, backpack, outerwear, shoes, any other item belonging to or in the possession of the student, or any online platform or account the student may have accessed. Unless the situation potentially constitutes an emergency, the school will first attempt to notify parents if a search is necessary and will have two or more staff present for a search; however, enrollment in the school constitutes parental and student consent to conduct random and for-cause searches without additional or further consent when deemed necessary by school officials. This includes the use of drug- and gunpowder-sniffing K-9 dogs.

Social Media

The Administration has discretion to monitor students' public social media activity; students' online activities at and away from school must adhere to the Standard of Conduct and the ministry's statement of faith; and students may be disciplined, up to and including expulsion, for online activity that is disruptive to the spiritual or educational environment of the school or that in any other way violates the letter or spirit of the school's policies or statement of faith. Any online activities, including social media posts, blog entries or comments, emails, chats, or otherwise, that the Administration becomes aware of that potentially constitutes or involves past or potential criminal activity, will be reported to appropriate law enforcement.

Students should not engage in inappropriate communication with staff members/teachers such as initiating or responding to social media messages or invitations, text messages, chat rooms, discussion sites, instant messages, or other digital or electronic communications other than through school-authorized communication methods.

Disciplinary Procedures

The following disciplinary procedures may be used to motivate students to abide by school policies: demerits, detention, in-school suspension, at-home suspension, and expulsion.

Demerits (Upper Campus) – Demerits are earned by the student for an infraction of school rules and policies. The following list is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all issues resulting in demerits. It is provided to give a general idea as to how demerits are issued and how infractions are

weighted. Other offenses not listed will be assigned demerits according to the seriousness of the offense as determined by the school administration.

5 Demerits

- Tardy to class
- Loud and unruly behavior
- Dress code violation (shirt out, skirt too short, etc.)
- Unprepared for class (homework, pencil, paper, etc.)
- Excessive talking in class or chapel
- Failure to return note or excuse
- Not paying attention in class (passing notes, etc.)

10 Demerits

- Disruptive behavior in class
- Leaving class without permission
- Littering
- Throwing objects
- Pushing, shoving, or horseplay
- Cell phone use

20 Demerits

- Misbehaving in chapel
- Defacing school property maliciously (plus payment for repairs)
- Leaving school without permission

Students who stay demerit-free for two weeks will have 5 demerits removed from their records. The following is a list of disciplinary steps that will be taken according to the number of demerits a student earns.

Demerits	Disciplinary Action
20	Detention
40	Parent conference with the administration, and a second detention
70	Parent conference with the administration, and 1 day at-home suspension and disciplinary probation
100	Parent conference with the administration, and 3-day at-home suspension
125	Parent conference with administration, and 5-day at-home suspension
150	Expulsion

Lower Campus Discipline - It is the expectation that even our youngest students must follow school procedures and the directions of our teachers and staff. Most minor discipline issues will be handled in the classroom and discussed between teacher and parent. In the event of a major offense such as fighting, defying a teacher, displaying loud and unruly behavior, using inappropriate language, etc. the school administration will handle the matter.

Detention (all students) – Detentions will be served during lunch or after school as determined by the administration. Parents will be contacted by the office with a phone call, email, or a note sent home.

In-School Suspension – In-school suspensions will be served at the school during the school day. A student may make-up class work that was missed during this time.

At-home Suspension – Suspensions to be served at home can result from a student continuously violating school policies, by earning demerits throughout the school year, or by a single serious offense. Actions and behavior that merit suspension will be determined by the school administration. School work missed during this time may not be made up for a grade.

A student who receives a suspension will be placed on probation. This probation will remain in effect until the student demonstrates that he is willing and able to abide by school policies. The length of suspension will be determined by the school administration in conjunction with the following list:

First suspension	1 to 5 days depending on offense
Second suspension	2 to 5 days depending on offense
Third suspension	5 days regardless of offense with a possibility of expulsion

After three suspensions, it is clear that the student is not making the necessary efforts to abide by school policies. A fourth suspension will not be given; instead, the student will be expelled from school.

Expulsion – A student may be expelled from FWBCS if he receives 150 demerits within a single semester, is suspended more than twice during the school year, repeatedly violates school policies, or commits a single serious offense. Special attention will be given to issues that adversely affect or endanger other students or teachers. The actions and behavior that merit expulsion will be determined by the school administration. A meeting with parents will be granted before the expulsion is final.

Parental Responsibilities

General Information

It is important that parents and students understand that this is a Christian school, and all of our policies and standards will be determined by conservative and fundamental beliefs in God's Word, the Bible. Students who attend FWBCS must be willing to bring themselves in line with the rules, guidelines, and policies set forth.

Students are expected to treat their teachers and fellow students with respect. Openly arguing with teachers will not be tolerated. Students must respect the teacher's position of authority even if the student does not agree with the teacher. Opportunity will be given for the student to respectfully voice his/her opinion. Students will not, however, be allowed to argue with or criticize the teacher in front of other students. Such behavior will be considered to be defiance of authority. If a student has an issue with a teacher that he/she does not feel has been appropriately resolved, they should see the school's principal.

Respect for authority must begin at home. Parents must support the teachers, administration, and overall school policies in front of their children. Should a parent have a problem with the school, that parent must address the teacher or principal. Even if the parents disagree with school policy, they should not degrade or criticize the school in front of the student. If the parent has a difference with the school that they feel cannot be reconciled, that parent may want to consider transferring the child to another school. FWBCS reserves the right to dismiss any student when it is deemed a parent's attitude is not in the best interest of the school.

As mandatory reporters, teachers and administrators intend to report any reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect.

Parents are required to inform the school if a student has been arrested by law enforcement. The school reserves the right to assess the situation and assign consequences independent of any finding by law enforcement or formal legal adjudication.

Open House

The Friday evening before the first day of school will be set aside for an open house. The time will be from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Parents are invited to come and meet their child's teacher(s). Friends and relatives are also welcome.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parents are encouraged to keep close contact with teachers throughout the year. Conferences may be scheduled by contacting teachers by phone or email. Teacher's email addresses can be found on our website, www.freewill-school.com.

Parental Involvement

We encourage parents to be involved in their child's education at home and at school. The volunteer form included in the Student Enrollment Packet will be used to set up volunteer opportunities for parents. Parents may also speak to teachers about possible volunteer opportunities. Thank you, parents, for partnering with us.

Miscellaneous Information

Cancellation of School

If it becomes necessary to close school while in session due to weather or other emergency conditions, announcements will be made through local and social media outlets.

Visitors

Parents are always welcome at FWBCS. All visitors must check-in at the school office and show identification. Students who wish to bring visitors to school must receive permission from the office at least one day before the visit. Prospective parents who wish to see the classrooms may arrange a tour with the office. All animals at the school, including service animals, shall be vaccinated according to the recommendations of a licensed veterinarian. Smoking, use of alcohol, and use or possession of illegal or otherwise toxic substances are prohibited on either campus at any time.

Sales/Flyers

No posters, flyers, or the like should be displayed or distributed on campus without permission from the Administration. There should be no private selling of goods or services at school.

Lost and Found

All personal items brought to school should be labeled with the student's name. Some items which have been lost may be reclaimed in the school office. If items are not claimed by the end of the semester, they will be sold or given away to a charitable organization.

Graduation Protocol

Promotion and graduation dates are published on the school calendar. Graduation announcements and rings will not be ordered through the school, but may be purchased by parents individually, if desired. School personnel will order caps and gowns and will communicate with parents for the fees associated with these items. Guests at graduations and promotions may be limited due to space limitations.

Contributions

Free Will Baptist Christian School is part of a non-profit religious corporation operating completely from tuition and fees charged for student services. Any contributions to the school above fees and tuition may be tax deductible and are greatly appreciated.

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