

WADE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
2011 – 2012 STUDENT HANDBOOK



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Introduction to Student Handbook

Dear Parents,

Given today's climate, Christian education has become a necessity, not an alternative. The educational "reforms" of the past have succeeded in undermining academics and traditional values. While there are many dedicated teachers in the public school system, they unfortunately teach in schools that are controlled by a faulty, flawed humanistic philosophy.

Your choice of Christian education for your child is a good one. At Wade Christian Academy (WCA), we function to provide an atmosphere for learning that will not be contrary to the teaching of home and church.

While our school is not a cure-all, it is an invaluable aid in promoting quality education in the midst of a Christ-honoring atmosphere. We pledge to you our commitment and dedicate ourselves to that end.

In Christ,
Pastor C. M. Rhodes

WCA Identity

WCA is an independent Baptist school – a ministry and integral part of First Baptist Church of South Brevard (FBCSB). Striving for high academics, our goal is to provide a Christ-honoring learning environment in which to train our young people for the glory of God. The Pastor and Deacon board comprise the governing board of WCA. WCA is a non-accredited participating member in the programs, services, and benefits of the Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (FACCS).

Vision

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Mission

Our mission is to provide an environment of excellence in spiritual and academic training necessary to prepare our students to fulfill God's purpose for their lives. In this environment, we endeavor to separate the students from the negative influences of the world, to provide opportunities for Christian service, and to empower our teachers to teach, challenge, motivate, encourage, disciple, and love each student.

Doctrinal Statement

We believe:

- that there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, John 10:30, 1 John 5:7).
- that the Bible (we use the KJV) is the inspired and inerrant Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21).
- that the foundation of all Bible doctrine and especially the Gospel depends on a literal interpretation of Genesis – that in 6 literal 24-hour days God created the universe, a “young” earth, and man as a direct act. (Genesis 1:1 – 2:25).
- that death followed only after Adam sinned and all mankind is born with a sinful nature and each individual is in need of a new birth. (Genesis 2:16,17,3:1-24; Romans 3:23, 5:12).
- that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born of a virgin, begotten by the Holy Spirit, and is true God and true man. (Matthew 1:18-23, Philippians 2:5-11)
- that the Lord Jesus Christ died for the sins of all mankind as our substitutionary, atoning sacrifice. (Isaiah 53:4,5; John 3:16; 1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
- in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord and His ascension into Heaven. (Luke 24:39; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4; Acts 1:8,9).
- that all those who believe in and receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit, become children of God, and receive the gift of eternal life. (John 1:12, 3:3-7; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:8,9).
- in the security of the believer. (John 5:24, 10:27-29; Ephesians 1:13).
- that the Holy Spirit empowers the Christian to live a consecrated life. (John 16:13; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:13,14; Galatians 5:16,17,25).
- in the personal, premillennial, pretribulational, imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 14:3; Luke 12:40; Acts 1:10,11; Matthew 24:29-31).
- in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust; the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting punishment of the lost is assured. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:7-15).

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ADMISSIONS AND FINANCES

1. Each family with students attending WCA must hold membership at FBCSB or at a Baptist church of like faith. Students must be unmarried and must be under age 20 until the last day of school to attend WCA.
2. New students and their parents should schedule an interview with the administrator. Diagnostic tests may be scheduled. (Students must be 4 or 5 years old by September 1st, to enter K4 or K5 respectively.)
3. An application form must be filled out in its entirety. For students that are not members of FBCSB, an application along with a pastoral recommendation form must be filled out and turned in with a \$25 application fee. Please be sure that all questions are carefully answered. If there are items that are not applicable, please designate with N/A. A non-refundable registration fee of \$100.00 is due upon WCA's acceptance of applications.
4. All registration fees, book fees, and first month's tuition are due by parent orientation. Subsequent payments are due on the 10th of each month.
5. Tuition and fees for the year will be charged at the time of registration. Students who enroll during the school year, or are withdrawn early, due to circumstances beyond their control, will be charged on a prorated basis. Scholarship money will be applied on a quarterly basis.
6. Tuition payments may be made in one of the following ways:
 - a. Annually, paid by September 1 (2% discount).
 - b. In 10 monthly payments from August 10 to May 10.
 - c. 12 monthly payments, beginning June 10th.
7. To ensure proper accounting, please be sure to make all your school payments through the school office. Payments will be eventually accepted through the church bookstore. Payment forms include check, cash, Visa, and Mastercard.
8. Early registration for re-enrolling students is \$50.00 if paid by May 30th.
9. School bill must be paid in full before a re-enrolling student can register to attend the next school year.
10. WCA admits students of any race, color and national or ethnic origin.
11. WCA participates in the Corporate Scholarship Program. To be eligible, a family must meet the financial guidelines, and the student must be entering kindergarten or first grade, or have just completed a full year's attendance in a Florida public school. For information, contact the school office or go to the website www.stepupforstudents.org. All forms must be completed and on file at WCA before a student may start classes.

– **Homeschool Program**

1. Parents desiring to home school as part of WCA must first have an interview with the School Administrator. At that time, application information will be made available.
2. Students may home school through their Junior year, but must attend WCA as a Senior in order to receive a WCA diploma.

– **Work Scholarship Program**

Students and parents may apply for the Student Tuition Reductions & Initiatives Paying for Education (STRIPE) Program, to help pay their school bill. This limited program helps with some portion of the student's tuition bill. Book fees and other fees still must be paid by the family. See the school administrator for eligibility requirements and an application.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES AND HOURS OF OPERATION

– **Church Attendance**

Hebrews 10:25 *“Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching.”*

We believe that church attendance is a vital part of a good Christian education, and therefore believe it necessary for every student to be a regular church participant. WCA students must faithfully attend all services of FBCSB or their home church. Services for FBCSB are as follows:

**Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.,
Sunday morning service at 11:00 a.m.,
Sunday evening service at 6:00 p.m. and
Wednesday night service at 7:00 p.m.**

Except in extenuating circumstances, families must be actively attending FBCSB or a Baptist church of like faith, before children are admitted to WCA.

WCA reserves the right to withdraw or refuse re-enrollment to any student who is not consistently attending church services.

– **School Hours**

Students should not arrive at school before 7:45 a.m. High school students will not be allowed into the school buildings until 8:10 AM. Elementary students will gather with the teacher/monitor at the west door of the church under the canopy until they are admitted to the building. Elementary students should be in class and ready for the day by 8:15 a.m. Students who are not ready by 8:15 a.m. are considered late and must go to the school office for a tardy pass. High school students must be in their first period class by 8:20. Those not in class by 8:20 are late and must report to the school office for a pass. High school students who are unexcused late will also receive demerits as appropriate. Late admittance to class will be determined by the teacher, based on the classroom situation at that time.

Students not engaged in after school academic or extracurricular activities must leave the building and **be picked up by 3:45 p.m.** Students without transportation home by 3:45 p.m. will report to a supervised study hall. There will be a \$10 charge for late pick-ups. Pick-up location for elementary students will be on the south side of the Spanish church building (school building entrance area if it is raining). Students shall leave the campus as soon as they have a ride and **must not loiter in the parking lot.** Students who have not been picked up by 3:45 will be placed in a supervised study hall for which there will be a \$10.00 fee per 1/2 hour (minimum fee will be \$10.00)

– School Attendance Philosophy

The school calendar is published apart from this handbook. Regular, faithful school attendance is necessary for good education. One trait that God expects from His servants is faithfulness. It is our responsibility as parents and educators to teach the importance of this attribute (I Timothy 1:12). *“He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much”* (Luke 16:10).

Perfect attendance is recognized at the end of the school year, at the elementary awards ceremony and at the high school commencement service (in the program handout). It means a student attended school every day from 8:15 a.m. till 3:25 p.m. Grace is given for one tardy and one early dismissal per semester. Note: If the student earns a sponsored absence (see item 4 below) or has a medical excuse (e.g., doctor’s note), his absence will not be counted among the nine allowable per semester, but it will exclude him from winning a “perfect” attendance award.

– School Attendance Policy

The success of any educational program is predicated upon the presence of the student and requires continuity of instruction and classroom participation. Attendance is required of all students enrolled in Wade Christian Academy during the days and hours that the school is in session. School attendance is the responsibility of parents/guardians and students. Absences shall be reported to the school by the parent as soon as practicable.

The parent/guardian of each student who has been absent from school or from class for any reason must provide a statement of the cause to the school for such absence. The administrator reserves the right to verify such statements and to investigate the cause of each single absence.

Teachers have the responsibility of maintaining accurate attendance records, as follows:

- A. Teachers shall record absentees each period of the school day.
- B. Parents/guardians will be notified each time their child is absent in so far as possible;
- C. When a student has been absent three (3) consecutive days and the school has been unable to ascertain the reason for the absences, the absences shall be investigated if deemed necessary by the school administrator.

- D. Absences must be reported in writing to the school by the parent/guardian or adult student as soon as possible. Failure to report and explain the absence(s) shall result in unexcused absence(s). The final authority for determining acceptability of the reason for the absence(s) shall rest with the administrator.

Students absent more than nine (9) days within a semester must complete additional make-up work to receive a passing grade for the semester. There will be a charge for make-up work (\$50/day or \$200/week). Students not completing assigned make-up work will not receive credit for classes missed and will not receive a passing grade.

Excused absences that are **not** counted in the nine (9) days attendance policy are:

- A. court dates
- B. religious holidays
- C. illness with medical documentation (Doctor's note)
- D. chronic and extended illness (with Doctor's note)
- E. Other unique situations/circumstances as determined by the administrator (i.e., death in the family, missions' trip, etc.)

All students must be in attendance a minimum of four (4) hours of instructional time to be considered present each day.

Kindergarten: Kindergarten students must be in attendance for a minimum of 162 days, as criteria for progression to first grade. The administrator may, in consultation with the teacher, deny promotion based on this criterion.

1st-12th Grade: Attendance is a critical component for your child's success in the classroom. Florida Law requires each parent of a child between the ages of 6 and 16 years of age to be responsible for the child's school attendance. For each and every absence after 9, the parent will need to submit official documentation (i.e. doctor's notes, etc.) to have the absence(s) excused. If approved, these will be recorded as excused absences.

Students who accumulate a total of fifteen (15) days of unexcused absence in a period of ninety (90) calendar days will be considered habitually truant, as defined by Florida law. This is an extremely serious situation. For example, Florida law requires public schools to inform parents of the excessive absences, as well as file a complaint with the Circuit Court Juvenile Division and notify the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV).

– Tardy to School (or Class)

High School – High school students will receive 2 “free” tardies per semester. Students who continue to be late will receive an after school detention for the third tardy and every third tardy thereafter (i.e. the 6th tardy, the 9th tardy etc.). Each ½ hour detention carries a \$10.00 charge. Students must bring the \$10.00 with them to their designated detention. This charge will be used to cover the extra manpower necessary to stay after school to supervise the student.

3. **Tardiness** – It is important for students to report to school/classes on time. **Students that are not in class when the bell rings shall be considered unexcused late (tardy) for that class.** Late students will report to the school office before going to their next scheduled class. Admission to class will be at the discretion of the teacher, depending on the classroom circumstances at the time. Late students are responsible to make up any missed work. Credit for missed work will be reduced one letter grade. Students not allowed entry to class by the teacher will report to the school office for further direction. Students having a legitimate reason for being late will be immediately admitted to class.

4. Absences due to Medical or Dental appointments (verified by a Doctor's note) or family emergencies, will be considered an excused absence. Parents should make every effort to schedule medical and dental appointments after school or at varying times, so their child does not have excessive absences in one particular class.

5. The school administration and church staff will make every effort to not interfere with the student's class schedule. Students will not be penalized if they are late or kept from class due to school or church-sponsored activities. These are “sponsored” absences.

6. The **student is responsible** to find out what he missed in class during his absence.

7. **Assigned work:** Previously assigned work due during a student's absence must be turned in the day student returns to class; otherwise a late penalty (grade reduction) will be assessed.

8. **WCA Make Up Work Policy:** Students with excused absences from school are to make up all missed assignments, without penalty, within a reasonable time following their return to school. It is the student's responsibility to ask for the make up work upon returning to school.

The general rule is that a student is allowed one day to make up assignments per day(s) missed (students that miss Tuesdays will be given until Friday of the same week to turn in assignments). Students who return to school and receive make up work and then are absent again are expected to submit all previous work upon return to school. Assignments not submitted will be entered in *ThinkWave* as missing which will calculate as a zero until the assignment has been submitted and graded. Long term assignments / projects are due on the announced due date. If students are going to miss more than three days of school, please contact the school secretary to request assignments. If students are given assignments in advance, the assignments are due upon returning to school. All make up work must be turned in to teachers before the nine week assessments begin. Remember, there is a direct correlation between student attendance and academic success.

9. **Tests/Quizzes:** If no new material is given during the absence, previously announced tests/quizzes must be taken within two school days. This may be extended per the teacher's discretion. If new material is presented during the absence, the student will be given time to obtain it before being tested on it.

If a high school student misses an entire class, they will be considered “absent unexcused” from class. Any work missed during an unexcused absence may be made up, based on teacher's discretion, and will be reduced by one letter grade.

Students that are late to school with a valid, signed note from their parent/guardian or due to an “excused absence” (i.e. Doctor/Dentist appt. etc.) will be admitted to class. **It is the student’s responsibility to get make up work due to absences from class because of tardies.**

Elementary – Elementary students will receive 5 “free” tardies per semester period. Students that continue to be late will receive an after school detention for the sixth tardy and every even-numbered tardy after that (i.e. the 6th tardy, the 8th tardy etc.). Each detention carries a \$10.00 charge. Students must bring the \$10.00 with them to their designated detention. This charge will be used to cover the extra manpower necessary to stay after school to supervise the student.

All Students – Ten (10) unexcused tardies will equal one (1) unexcused absence.

– **Designation of Absences**

1. "**Absent**": Students who are absent and have a signed excuse from a parent/guardian explaining their absence shall be considered “absent” and will be allowed to make up all work per the WCA Make-Up Work Policy (see p. 11). Students receive a maximum of nine "absences" each semester⁵. Upon their tenth absence, students will need to present the administration with an excuse note (i.e. Doctor’s note, a note explaining the family emergency, etc. See p. 10). If possible, pre-plan absences ahead of time with the office so that teachers may communicate the work that needs to be done during the student’s absence. These absences **do** count toward their 9 allowable absences per semester.

2. "**Absent Excused**": Students who miss with a Dr.’s note due to a scheduled appointment (Family Practice Dr., Orthodontist, etc.) will be considered “absent excused” and will be allowed to make up all work per the WCA Make Up Work Policy (see p. 11). These excused absences **do not** count toward their 9 allowable absences per semester.

3. "**Absent Unexcused**": Students who are not in class and do not give a signed excuse from a parent/guardian shall be considered “absent unexcused” and all work due that day in class shall receive a “0”. Tests or quizzes given that day must be made up by the next school day and will be reduced by one letter grade. It will be the student’s responsibility to get any work assigned that day and to get the materiel covered in that day’s class. These unexcused absences **do** count toward their 9 allowable absences per semester.

⁵ Students with 10 or more absences from school, or from any specific academic class, during a semester without a parent note or other absence designated as "excused" (see note 2 above), will not receive academic credit for the class and will earn a semester grade of incomplete for that class. With approval of the school administrator, students must make up any missed days in order to recover and receive credit. There will be an additional charge for any days required to be made up, depending on the classes missed and teacher required to cover the missed days. Upon successful completion of the missed classes, the student will be given class credit.

– **Emergency Closing of School**

If school is to be closed due to a hurricane or other disaster, unless you are notified otherwise, we will follow the public school closing. Listen to the radio for closing announcements.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND POLICIES

– **Grading Scale**

<u>Letter</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Grade Points</u>
A+	100	4.0
A	90-99	4.0
B	80-89	3.0
C	70-79	2.0
D	60-69	1.0
F	59 and below	0.0

– **Graduation Requirements**

In order to graduate, students must maintain at least a 70% average (2.0 GPA) on their high school transcript (subjects taken in 9th through 12th grade). There is a graduation fee (see fee schedule) which helps cover cap, gown, diploma, and other graduation expenses. **All coursework must be completed, and all tuition and fees must be paid in full by graduation day.** One of the goals of WCA is to prepare interested and qualified students for college, including the Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Twenty-six (26) credits in grades 9-12 are required to receive a College Preparatory diploma. Twenty-four (24) credits are required in grades 9-12 to receive a General diploma. This includes one year of Bible for each year in attendance at WCA. See high school credit requirements below. For scholarship applications, letter grades are based on the Florida uniform grading scale.

– **Help Classes**

WCA approved tutors are available for one-on-one or small group help. Parents that desire tutoring help for their children are encouraged to contact the WCA office for a list of approved tutors.

1. The student should desire the help and come prepared for each tutoring session.
2. The help session is not just a time to do homework which should have been completed before hand. Questions concerning homework should be addressed in the class.
3. The parent should be involved, and help ensure goals are being met.
4. Teacher will keep track of "help class" attendance. Erratic attendance indicates a lack of commitment and serious intent on the part of the student.

– **High School Diploma Credit Requirements**¹⁶

	General	College Prep ¹⁷
English	4	4
Bible ⁶	4	4
Math ⁷	4 ⁸	4 ⁹
Science	3	3 ¹⁰
Social Studies ¹¹	4	4
Foreign Language ¹²	1	2 ¹³
Fine Arts/Performing Arts	1 ¹⁴	1
Phys Ed & Health	1	1
Electives ^{15/18}	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	24	26

⁶Required while attending WCA

⁷Beginning with the incoming 2011-2012 freshman class, all students are required to take both Algebra I and Geometry in order to graduate.

⁸Florida statute requires 4 math credits to graduate. Students must choose from the 6 courses listed: Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, Advanced Math, Consumer Math, and Liberal Arts Math.

⁹4 credits of Algebra I or higher for Bright Futures. College Prep students must take Algebra I and II, Geometry and Advanced Math (or dual enroll).

¹⁰Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry or Physics: All students must take a minimum of Physical Science, Biology, and Chemistry.

¹¹American History, World History, Government, Economics, Worldviews, World Geography (the last four courses are 1/2 credit each).

¹²2 years of the same language; required for Florida Bright Futures Scholarship.

¹³Students that wish to enroll in public colleges must have 2 credits of a foreign language.

¹⁴Speech class (1/2 credit) can be applied to this requirement.

¹⁵Possible electives include Teacher's Aid, Yearbook, and other various courses (see school office for a list). Church/Community Service counts as 1/8 credit per semester per ministry for a maximum of 2 credits. Some electives may require an additional book fee.

¹⁶Beginning with the incoming 2011-2012 freshman class, all students are required to take at least one virtual class in order to graduate.

¹⁷Students receiving a college prep diploma must maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.

¹⁸All students will be required to take World Geography and World Views in order to receive a WCA diploma.

– **High School Study Hall**

Study hall is a quiet place for students to work and study. Students must be in their place when the bell rings. Students are to bring study hall material with them to class. Computer Laptops are available on a limited basis through the school office. **No outside laptop computers or electronic devices (iPods, iPads, Blackberrys, etc) are permitted.**

– **Homework**

Children learn by doing (John 7:17). A Carnegie-Mellon University study concluded, "...real competence comes with extensive practice..." Complaints about excessive homework are often traced back to the student's failure to effectively use his class time. Although teachers try to minimize what a child should do at home, homework is essential to school success. Despite what some modern secular "experts" say, homework raises achievement - when taken seriously. Homework also trains a student in following: following directions, organization, and time budgeting. Effective homework will make a student think, write, or practice what he has learned in school. How much homework is enough? That depends on many factors, but one consideration is to compare the time and energy spent on TV/Computer/Video-games to homework. Older students especially should not spend more time on entertainment than they do on homework. It is the **parents' responsibility** to ensure their child does his homework and does it well. Students who decide not to complete the assigned homework will receive demerits, as appropriate. There will be no homework assigned Wednesday nights.

– **Honor Students**

Report cards are issued every nine weeks. At this time we recognize those students who have excelled academically. Students who receive all A's and no incompletes on their report card are placed on the Principal's Honor Roll. Students with all A's and B's and no incompletes are placed on the Honor Roll. Students are publicly recognized and receive a reward. Students who have an incomplete on their report card are precluded from the honor roll. High school students should be aware that many colleges offer scholarships to students with grade point averages (GPA) of 3.5 and higher. Valedictorian and salutatorian honors are awarded to the top two students pursuing a college preparatory diploma with a 3.25 GPA or better, and are determined by comparing grades in senior high courses common to those competing. All students receiving a college prep diploma are also recognized.

– **Testing Policy**

1. Tests or quizzes announced in advance of an absence must be taken not later than the day after the day the student returns to class.
2. Tests and quizzes can only cover material given when the student was present in class. However, a student may be tested after given time to obtain material missed.
3. Students who are absent on test/quiz days will receive a 24 hour period before they are required to take the missed tests/quizzes, if new materiel was covered on the day of the absence or if the student did not receive a review sheet that the rest of the class received. Make-up tests/quizzes cannot be given on a Thursday.

4. Re-taking tests is strictly at the teacher's discretion. Teachers have the right to give students a different test than what the other students received, as long as it covers the same material.
5. No tests or quizzes will be taken on Thursdays following a normal school day on Wednesday (church day) or following the day students return to the parking lot after 10:00 PM from a school-sponsored trip.
6. No tests or quizzes will be taken on the day students return when students are out of class for more two school days or more. (i.e. holiday breaks, athletic playoffs, FCAA fine arts, etc.)

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Students may not use cell phones during school hours. Students who bring cell phones to school **must turn them in to the office at the beginning of the school day.** Emergency contact between students and parents during the school day is done through the office phone. Cell phones will be returned to students at the end of the school day.

Portable electronic devices can be disruptive and **may not be brought to school.** Temporary confiscation will result if this rule is broken. The playing of all musical instruments (including the piano in the chapel room) is restricted to the Music Department unless specific permission is granted by the administrator. Cameras are authorized only for yearbook activities. No electronic devices are to be taken on WCA sports/field trips. Student's cell phones will be held by the trip leader. **See High School Study Hall section for laptop policy.**

FIELD TRIPS

Parents will be informed two weeks in advance of an upcoming field trip. Permission slips & fees are due at least one school day prior to field trip day (fees include admission and transportation). There will be at least two adult chaperones per field trip. Drivers must be 18 years of age or older.

HEALTH CARE AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

– Sick Child Policy

Any child who becomes sick during the school day will be separated from his classmates. Parents must ensure they have given at least two phone numbers to the school for emergency contact during the day. **Any special instructions pertaining to a child's care in case of emergency must be provided in writing by the parents.** No child is to be brought to school who is experiencing symptoms that might indicate the onset of a communicable disease. In the event a child comes down with such an illness while at school, he will be isolated, and parents will be contacted to pick up the student as soon as possible.

- Students with a temperature of 100° or more should not attend school.
- Students who have vomited or had diarrhea should stay home until 24 hours after last episode.

– Medications

The office cannot provide medications of any kind. Students should not be sent to the office on a routine basis for Tylenol/Motrin. If a student has a headache or stomach ache serious enough, he will be sent home. In special circumstances, parents may send **prescription** medicine (in its original container) to the office with the name of doctor, name of student and specific instructions on how much and when to administer.

– Health Insurance

Each student registered must have hospitalization coverage. This coverage is the responsibility of the parent. Low-cost health insurance information is available via the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation Web site at <http://www.healthykids.org/>.

– Health Physicals and Immunizations

Any child enrolled in Wade Christian Academy for the first time must have a physical. WCA follows FACCS requirement for updates. If participating in the FCAA conference sports, physicals are required annually.

All students entering 7th grade must have immunization booster, as well as a scoliosis screening. For information go to the Florida Department of Health Web site at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Family/School/health/immunizations.html>. Also visit the CDC Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/VIS/#mening> for info on meningococcal disease.

– Participation in Physical Education (PE) Class

Students should have a doctor's note to be excused from PE for illness or injury. However, if you *don't* have a doctor's note, and your child has an obvious physical reason you wish to limit his participation in PE, please send a note yourself. During the class period itself, the student will remain with the class to observe its activities unless other arrangements are set up by the gym teacher. Students who do not participate in PE are not required to dress out. High school students will receive PE only for the percentage of classes they actually attend.

LOCKERS

- Lockers are assigned to high school students at the beginning of the school year. Students should use the lockers for their books instead of carrying everything between classes. Book bags and coats may be kept in a "bag room" during school.
- Students will provide lock combinations to school administration.
- Lockers are used to secure valuables and personal items. Therefore, **lockers shall remained locked at all times** (i.e. between classes and especially at the end of the school day and on weekends)
- Students are required to use an approved combination lock and **use only their assigned locker** (no locker sharing).

- Lockers are school property. The administration reserves the right to open and search any locker at any time.
- Periodic inspections will be conducted and fines may be assessed for lockers that are not neat and clean.
- No decorations of any kind are permitted on the outside of the lockers. Only a family picture or Bible verse(s) (hung by magnets) are permitted inside lockers.
- Locker areas are often congested, especially between classes. Boys are not to hang around the girls' locker area, and visa versa.

LUNCH

- Students will not be allowed to charge lunch. Parents will be notified when a child does not have a lunch and they must bring one to the student. If the parent cannot bring the lunch one will be charged to them and added to their next school bill.
- Teachers are not allowed to charge lunches for a parent or student.
- Students may bring a sack lunch to school. However, **there is no space to keep items cold.**
- Lunch boxes should be plain with no cartoon/Hollywood characters, pop stars, or other images that violate Christian principles and standards.
- Sandwich-type items, soda and snack items will be on sale Mondays thru Thursdays in the lunch room.
- Fridays are designated “Fund Raiser” lunch days and a special lunch will be made available for students to purchase, if desired. There will be no warm-ups or microwave use on Fridays.
- Pre-packaged Food items that need to be warmed in a microwave may be sent to school. **No “left-overs” will be warmed up in the lunch room.** The cost for this service is 25¢ per student — not per family. For convenience sake, a student may purchase warm-ups for the entire year for \$36.
- All food orders will be placed at the **beginning** of each school day.
- If a student does not place his lunch order first thing in the morning, he must wait until lunch time to do so.
- Warm-ups must be sent in microwave safe containers, or be able to be put on a 9” paper plate. **The lunch room will not provide items such as bowls, cups, etc.**
- All food must be eaten in assigned areas only.
- All students must be familiar with the lunch room rules and responsibilities.
- Respect others while standing in lunch lines.
- Clean up table and floor immediately after eating.
- A separate lunch slip for each student is required.
- Food items for multi-child families should be separated by the parent beforehand.

OFFICE PROCEDURES

– General

1. The school office is off limits to students. The school office contains sensitive personnel records and at times, high-valued items. It is imperative that the office door remain closed and locked at all times. Only authorized school employees are allowed entry, based on official need.

2. If parents need to contact their child during the school day, they should always go through the school office and the administration will contact the student. Cell phones are not to be used in school. In non-emergency situations, student contact will be on a non-interference basis and only allowed during class breaks to minimize class interruptions.
3. Any items delivered by parents must be taken to the school office. School officials will see that the child receives items.
4. Since there are numerous activities which are conducted and coordinated through the school office, we request parents to transact any non-school business away from the office area so as not to prevent efficient school operation.
5. Students are not allowed to leave the campus unless specifically authorized by the school administrator. If approved, students must sign in and out when arriving or leaving campus at other than usual times.

– Lost and Found

Please mark all of your child's belongings so they can be easily identified. Parents can purchase an "ID Marking Kit" from Sir Walter Uniforms, if desired. A Lost and Found will be maintained throughout the school year. All items must be claimed by the end of each month. Items may be retrieved from the Lost and Found before 8:15 a.m. and immediately after school until 3:45 p.m. There will be a token fee of \$.25 for each item redeemed from the lost and found.

– Office phone use

1. Students may use the school office phone only after receiving permission from office personnel. Students may not be excused from class in order to make a phone call, except in an emergency.
2. Forgetting P.E. clothes, books, reports, etc., is not considered an emergency.
3. No long distance phone calls are allowed.

– Pick-up changes

If a child is to be picked up by someone other than his parent or guardian, a signed permission slip authorizing the release of the child to another adult **must be on file in the school office for an ongoing request, or sent in to the teacher that day for a one-time request.** If a permission slip is not written and a special need arises, a phone request may be made as long as the adult making the request and the adult making the pick-up is known to the school office. **If possible, please do not wait until the last hour of the school day to make phone requests.**

– Visiting School

Parents are always welcome in the school. When you desire to visit a class, please:

1. Call the school to set up an appropriate time.
2. When you arrive, please go to the school office first, not directly to the classroom.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

A student's appearance relates directly to his personal testimony for Jesus Christ. Therefore, each student is expected to evidence Christian discrimination in this area (1 Timothy 4:12). Extremes in clothing style and tight apparel will not be accepted. The school administration does reserve the right to determine what is acceptable dress and appearance for school and school related functions.

Parents Appearance: *If visiting the school, or helping your child's teacher with an activity, we request that you adhere to the dress standards of WCA and First Baptist Church staff.*

School uniforms provide the following:

- Uniforms prevent Christian youth from being a stumbling block through immodesty or sloppy dress.
- Uniforms eliminate competition in dress between potential social climbers.
- Uniforms standardize and neutralize externals while enhancing individualization in internal values.
- Uniforms help improve a student's self-image.
- Uniforms result in higher discipline and academics.
- Uniforms provide a distinct difference — “being not conformed, but transformed.”
- Classroom decor is improved by uniforms.
- Uniforms reduce yearly clothing costs.
- Uniforms eliminate daily decisions of what to wear.

Parents, PLEASE ensure your child is appropriately dressed in his full school uniform (e.g., ties tied, belts worn, shirt tails tucked in) when he leaves your car in the morning.

- Uniforms may be purchased from:
Sir Walter Uniforms, Inc. - Everything except the high school boys' tie
FBCSB Bookstore – High school boys' ties

***All uniform items may be ordered through the FBCSB Bookstore.**

– Uniforms (All students)

High school students will be refused admittance to school or class without proper uniform. Uniform inspections will be performed on a regular basis. Students should keep their uniforms neat. Uniforms should be clean, pressed, and wrinkle-free. High School students without the proper uniform will receive one demerit per dress code infraction. Guys' shirt tails will be tucked in at all times when student is on church property or out in public.

Elementary students will receive Dress Code Infraction slips when they are not in the proper uniform. On the 3rd notice, elementary students will be issued disciplinary referrals and will not be admitted into class until they are in compliance.

Students (high school and elementary) who miss class due to dress code infractions will be considered absent unexcused. All assignments during unexcused absences will receive a zero. Any tests and/or quizzes missed will be made-up and will be assessed a one letter grade reduction. Elementary students who come to school in uniforms that are tattered or discolored will be given a dress code warning. If they return to school again in the same uniform they will not be admitted to class until they correct the deficiency.

For field trips: School uniforms must be worn unless otherwise announced.

Note: girls are not to wear boys clothing accouterments (e.g. ties, jackets) and visa versa.

– Uniforms (Boy’s)

High School (7th – 12th grade) Monday, Wednesday, Friday – Boys are to wear khaki pants with one of the three colored polo shirts (maroon, gray, or navy). Tuesdays and Thursdays, boys are to wear navy blue pants with white embroidered oxford shirts with WCA uniform ties. The WCA uniform tie is available through the FBCSB bookstore. All other uniform items may be purchased at Sir Walter Uniforms, Merritt Island or ordered through the FBCSB bookstore. Boys pants must not be flared or bell-bottom style, nor tight-fitting. Black or dark brown belts (solid color, no braided belts or large, ornate buckles) will be worn. All pants must have belt loops. Socks will be solid black or navy blue only. No white socks are to be worn with the uniform. Non-scuff black or dark brown loafers or oxford type DRESS shoes with heels less than one inch must be worn. Boys may wear one watch and one ring, but they are not to wear bracelets, necklaces, or earrings of any type.

Elementary (K4 – 6th grade) – Elementary boys are to wear blue pants with gray polo shirts or khaki pants with maroon polo shirts. There is no certain uniform designated for specific days, but the shirts and pants must only be worn in the combinations above. Boys should wear solid black, navy blue, or white socks with dark non-scuff loafers. Boys will wear a black or dark brown belt (solid color, no braided belts or large, ornate buckles). No old style uniforms will be worn. All uniform items can be purchased at Sir Walter Uniforms, Merritt Island or ordered through the FBCSB bookstore.

– Hair (Boy’s)

Boys **Hair** is to be neatly trimmed and **tapered** in the back and on the sides and no more than ¼ inch in bulk at any spot. Hair is to be off the collar, off the ears, and above the eyebrow. No spiked, wet, bowl-cut, “skinhead”, “bed head” (disheveled), fad hairstyles, coloring, or cuts with designs are acceptable. Young men who fail to meet the required haircut standard will receive written notification to parents and two days to comply. Those that do not comply in that time period will not be admitted to class until they are in compliance.

– Uniforms (Girl’s)

High School (7th-12th Grade) - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays - Girls will wear Khaki skirts with choice of maroon or navy polo shirts. Girls may also continue to wear previously purchased white polo shirts on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays (*only if the shirts are in excellent condition, not faded, stained, or bleached out*). Tuesdays and Thursdays - Girls will wear navy skirts with gray polo shirt. No white polo shirts will be

worn on chapel days. Skirt hems must be below the knee (easily touching the ground when student is kneeling). **The old style oxford shirt is also no longer allowed for girls 7-12 grade.** Shoes and belts will be solid black, navy blue or dark brown. Ladies' shirts and skirts will not be tight or form-fitting, and must promote a modest appearance. All uniform items can be purchased at Sir Walter Uniforms, Merritt Island or ordered through the FBCSB bookstore.

Elementary (K4 - 6th grade) - Plaid Jumper with WCA logo. Hem must be below the knee. White oxford or "Peter Pan" style shirt. Girls must wear solid white anklets, knee socks or footed tights, and shoes as described below. All uniform items can be purchased at Sir Walter Uniforms, Merritt Island or ordered through the FBCSB bookstore.

Girls may wear **stud earrings only** (no ornamentation; one earring per ear in the bottom of the ear lobe) for pierced ears. Only two rings and one bracelet (or watch) may be worn; no ankle bracelets; no necklaces showing. Fingernail polish will not be bright or faddish. Light pink, clear, or pearl colors are appropriate. This restriction applies, but is not limited to black and bright red polish, or nail ornamentation. Note: Jewelry and makeup standards apply with cheerleading uniform as well.

Shoes – Girls, All Grades - Shoes will be non-scuff, totally enclosed loafers, oxfords, pump or flat style, with no more than a one inch heel. Girls will wear plain white ankle socks (no designs. logos, etc.).

– Hair (All Girls)

Girls must keep their hair neat and clean at all times. Hair accessories (ribbons, bows, hair pins only) will be solid black, white or navy only. Hair must be not be dyed in an unnatural color or cut so short as to resemble a man/male style. Young ladies who fail to meet the required hair standards will receive written notification to parents and two days to comply. Those who do not comply in that time period will not be admitted to class until they are in compliance.

– Uniforms for Physical Education (PE)/Recess

Elementary: Boys will wear solid navy or black, knee length shorts and maroon WCA PE shirts. Girls will wear navy culottes and maroon WCA PE t-shirts. Cullotte hems must be below the knee (easily touching the ground when student is kneeling). PE shirts will have the WCA logo. All PE uniform items can be purchased at Sir Walter Uniforms, Merritt Island or ordered through the FBCSB bookstore. Athletic shoes will be worn with solid white socks (no logos or designs permitted on socks).

High School: Boys will wear navy, knee length shorts with WCA logo and maroon PE shirts. Girls will wear navy culottes and maroon PE shirts. Culotte must be loose-fitting with hems falling below the knee (easily touching the ground when student is kneeling). PE uniform items (Shirts, shorts, and culottes) can be purchased at Sir Walter Uniforms, Merritt Island or ordered through the FBCSB bookstore. All high school students will wear appropriate athletic shoes and solid white socks (no logos or designs permitted on shoes or socks).

All: No jewelery of any type is allowed with the PE uniform. This includes watches, rings, necklaces, earrings, or bracelets. Students are responsible for their own personal items and must secure any items of value in their locker prior to PE class. Girls may wear a hair tie to keep their hair back, but it must comply with WCA standards for color.

Students not in uniform will not be allowed to participate in PE class. Consequently, they will be considered “absent unexcused” and will and receive a zero for that day in that class. Students absent unexcused 10 times for being out of uniform will receive a failing grade for the class.

– **Dress Standards For Athletic Team Members On Game Days**

Students will wear the standard school uniform on game days. Cheerleaders may be given permission to wear their cheer uniform on some away games and at other times as deemed appropriate by the WCA administration.

– **Dress Standards for WCA-sponsored Trips**¹⁹

1. WCA uniform for WCA-sponsored trips will be normal school dress unless other standards are specifically prescribed by the administration.

When traveling **to** WCA away athletic events, players, cheerleaders, and spectator students will wear appropriate attire.

Boys—khaki pants with maroon polo shirt (properly worn), or athletic uniform

Girls—khaki skirt with maroon polo shirt, or athletic/cheerleading uniform

3. When returning **from** WCA away athletic events, football / basketball players will wear either game day dress code (see standard above) or their athletic uniform (shirt tucked in). (**Note:** athletic uniform may only be worn if there are no shower facilities).
4. When returning **from** WCA away athletic events, cheerleaders & volleyball players will wear either their uniform or game day dress code uniform.
5. Spectator students who ride the WCA bus and/or attend WCA athletic events will wear their school uniform (properly worn).

– **Coat and In-Class Jacket/Sweater Policy**

Our coat/jacket/sweater policy is intended to enhance the uniform appearance of WCA students. Clothing that is sloppy looking or non-uniform is counterproductive to promoting a positive WCA school image and Christian testimony.

¹⁹Subject to WCA administration discretion

To and from school: No oversized garments, trench coats, or other garments with logos or emblems that would convey a message contrary to Biblical standards or damage the Christian testimony of Wade Christian Academy will be worn. Beyond the above, there is no mandatory standard. However, the preference is for solid colors (avoiding bright colors or busy patterns) and no sweatshirts or pullovers. Students will remove their coats/outer garments immediately upon entering WCA facilities and store them in their appropriate “bag room” during the school day.

In class: Classrooms are kept at a comfortable temperature and students should not need to wear jackets or sweaters in class. However, if a student desires to wear a jacket or cardigan (center button down) sweater **in class, sweaters or jackets must be dark navy blue** (no combination of colors, light blues or grays, stripes, monograms, logos, lace, etc.). No hooded sweatshirts or other garments with hoods of any type are allowed. This restriction includes the tucking of hoods inside the sweater/jacket, which presents a bulky, sloppy appearance. Appropriate navy sweaters and nylon jackets can be purchased at Sir Walter Uniforms, Merritt Island or ordered through the FBCSB bookstore.

– Cold Weather Clothing Policy

Cold days are defined as any day where the temperature is below 40 degrees when school starts (8:15am) or the high does not exceed 55 degrees during school hours (8:15am – 3:25pm). Students will be allowed the following on these days:

Young Men: Young men may wear coats or jackets (no hooded jackets or sweaters) during the day. Coats/Jackets need to be a solid color or as close to a solid color as possible. No writing is to be on the jacket (i.e. brand names, logos, team names, etc.). There will be no exceptions. Students not in compliance will be required to turn in their jacket to the school office and can take it home at the end of the day. Appropriate navy jackets can be purchased at Sir Walter Uniforms, Merritt Island or ordered through the FBCSB bookstore. Students will be allowed to wear the jacket outside if necessary. Jackets must be worn properly at all times.

Young Ladies: Young ladies will be allowed to wear “leggings” on cold days. Legging color must correspond with the scheduled uniform skirt color for that day. Dark colors with dark skirts and light colors with light skirts. Young ladies may wear thicker socks. Socks must be a solid dark color or white. Proper school shoes should be worn at all times. No exceptions. Students not in compliance will be required to take these socks off. Ladies will be allowed to wear coats/jackets on cold days in class. (no hooded Jackets or sweaters allowed) Coats/Jackets need to be a solid color or as close to a solid color as possible. No writing is to be on the jacket (i.e. brand names, team names, etc.). There will be no exceptions. Students not found in compliance will be required to turn in their jacket to the school office and can take it home at the end of the day. Students will be allowed to wear the jacket outside if necessary. Jackets must be worn properly at all times. Appropriate navy sweaters and jackets can be purchased at Sir Walter Uniforms, Merritt Island or ordered through the FBCSB bookstore.

Items such as gloves, hats, scarves, etc. are not to be worn in the school building but are acceptable for outside activities. All other garments/jackets/coats etc. will be left up to the Administration’s discretion.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND TEXTBOOKS

A separate school supply list is sent out individually to all parents. However, below is a list of items generally required for each class:

K4 AND K5 – 2 boxes of 24 count Crayola crayons, crayon & pencil box (8 ½”x 5”), scissors, 3 glue sticks, 4 large boxes of tissues, 1 bottle of hand sanitizer, King James Bible, a blanket and pillow for naptime. Optional: only standard solid white or navy sweater for class use. Please mark all items with your child’s name

FIRST AND SECOND GRADES — Three 12-packs of #2 pencils, one box of 24 count Crayola crayons, one large eraser, one package **unbound** multi-colored construction paper, three white glue sticks, 1 roll scotch tape & scissors, a small box for supplies, three packages of wide ruled notebook paper, two sturdy plastic duo-tang folders w/prongs and pockets, one 12 inch wood or hard plastic ruler with centimeters, one marble composition notebook, three large (200 count) boxes of tissues, 1 bottle of hand sanitizer, King James Bible. Optional: standard solid white or navy sweater for class use. Please mark all items with your child’s name.

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES— King James Bible, 4 pencils at all times, 1 large eraser, 2 blue pens, 2 red pens, 24 count crayons box, colored pencils, 2 highlighters, 3 glue sticks, scissors, small supply box, 1 roll clear tape, 3 large boxes tissues, 1 bottle hand sanitizer, 6 packs wide-ruled notebook paper, 1 pack colored construction paper, 12” wood or hard plastic ruler (English & metric), three 70 count spiral notebooks, one steno pad for assignments, five solid colored 3 pronged folders w/pockets. Optional: standard solid white or navy sweater. Please mark all items with your child’s name.

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES—King James Bible, Dictionary/Thesaurus, #2 pencils, black or blue pens, box of colored pencils, 2 highlighters, scissors, small supply box, 1 glue stick, 2 large count tissues, wide-lined notebook paper, 3 ring binder, 1 steno pad, one 12” ruler (English & metric), one 70 count wide rule spiral notebook, 1 Pack 3”x5” cards (lined), 4”x6” cards (lined), 2 folders, (6th grade only: transparent protractor, 1 compass). Optional: only standard solid white or navy sweater for class use. Please mark all items with your child’s name.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES—#2 Pencils (no mechanical pencils allowed), pens, protractor, compass, 12-inch ruler (w/cm), loose-leaf, college-ruled paper/notebook(s) and dividers for each subject, and King James Bible. Additional supplies will be needed later for science projects. Only non-scientific calculators are allowed and are provided by the school.

NINTH THROUGH TWELFTH GRADES—#2 Pencils (no mechanical pencils allowed), pens, scientific type calculator for Algebra 2 or Chemistry, loose-leaf, college-ruled paper/notebook(s) and dividers for each subject, and King James Bible. Protractor, compass, and graph paper as needed by Algebra/Geometry students.

Students in grades 7—12 must have a combination lock for their locker.

Back packs and lunch boxes need be plain with no cartoon characters or other symbols that might contradict Christian principles and standards. Parents/students are expected to keep their supplies refurbished as needed throughout the year.

– Textbook Use

1. Most textbooks are paperback. Paperback textbooks and workbooks will become the property of the student at the end of the school year. This does not include WCA Library books or Readers. Readers are on loan to the student during the school year and must be returned. If a Reader is not returned at the *end* of the school year, or if a workbook is damaged or lost *during* the school year, the replacement cost will be charged to the student's account.
2. Any hard back textbooks are the property of the school. Rental of these books is included in the book fee. The replacement cost for lost textbooks will be charged to the student's account.
3. Students are required to keep all hard back textbooks covered. If a student's book is not covered, he will be required to pay a damage fee.

SPORTS ELIGIBILITY

Participating in interscholastic sports is a privilege and any student who intends to participate in sports (flag football, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading) must meet minimum requirements. Grade Point Averages (GPAs) will be based on the student's most recent academic performance, as recorded by teachers in *Thinkwave*, to determine a student's degree of participation. Grades will be continuously recalculated throughout the season to determine current and future eligibility. Eligibility rules are as follows:

Full Participation: To be eligible to fully participate in athletic games/matches, students must maintain a minimum **2.0 GPA** (70%) overall and be passing **all** academic classes.

Limited Participation: To be eligible to participate in 1/2 game/match²⁰, students must maintain a minimum **1.5 GPA** (65%) overall and be passing all **core** academic classes (Bible, English, Math, Science, Social Studies).

General Rules for Eligibility: Students will be allowed to participate in athletics only if **all** of the following apply:

- * Students will lose their eligibility to participate if they display a rebellious spirit toward the principles and goals of the Lord Jesus Christ, WCA and FBCSB.
- * Sports fee is fully paid up. (See tuition and fee schedule).
- * Student has on file, a physical examination signed by a medical doctor or surgeon, for the year in which he or she participates in sports.

²⁰1/2 volleyball match is defined as 2 games.

- * Students must be present in school/class on the day of the athletic event to participate. Students who miss (skip) any classes “unexcused” during the day will not be allowed to participate in games played on that day. Students with excused absences (i.e., Medical/Dental appointments) will be allowed to fully participate, depending on their medical condition/report. In any case, students who are absent for more than ½ of the academic school day will be ineligible for that evening’s game/match.
- * All students who participate in the WCA sports program **must** attend church services on Sunday and Wednesday, and should attend at least one weekly soulwinning event. **Students who fail to meet church attendance requirements during the week are not eligible to play in the next regularly scheduled game/match.**
- * A student’s behavior in class will be considered grounds for ineligibility if deemed appropriate by the coach, administrator, and athletic director, as follows:
- * **Demerits:** Students who accumulate **15 demerits** during any semester will be ineligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled game/match. Students who accumulate **25 demerits** during any semester will serve a 3-game/match suspension from participation. Students who accumulate **40 demerits** during any semester are ineligible to participate in the WCA athletics for the remainder of the sports season.
- * All athletes (basketball, football, volleyball, cheerleading) who maintain full eligibility throughout the entire sports season will be recognized at the annual sports banquet and receive a gift certificate for their consistency.

STUDENT STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

It is the desire of First Baptist Church and Wade Christian Academy that our students experience salvation by faith in Jesus Christ and become true disciples. The Word of God teaches that the goal for each Christian is to become conformed to the image of Christ our Savior, and to find and live God’s will for his life (Romans 8:29, Ephesians 2:10). A life consecrated to Christ demands separation from the WORLD, its ideals, philosophies, actions, and goals (I John 2:15-17, II Corinthians 6:16-18).

Wade Christian Academy was called into existence to help provide an environment conducive to true spiritual growth. This student standard of conduct is an aid in providing an environment that will best promote the spiritual welfare of the student. We therefore expect each student to abide by the following at home, school, and elsewhere:

- To maintain Christian standards of courtesy, kindness, morality, and honesty.
- To be dressed modestly and appropriately with discretion.
- To do his best in school work, devoting sufficient time to study.
- To refrain from swearing, smoking, indecent language, gambling, dancing, proms, consumption of alcoholic beverages, and **viewing movies or television programs which are contrary to the standards of WCA and our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- To refrain from listening to sensual or lewd music of any kind (country, rock, Christian rock, etc.)
- To refrain from the abuse of drugs of any kind.
- **High School students should be exhibiting or endeavoring to exhibit a life that is dedicated to the Lord.**

“Dating” or “going steady” is not encouraged. We do not want these relationships to develop here at school. Because we are trying to keep our young people pure, NO physical contact is permitted in the relationships between young ladies and gentlemen. Additionally, male and female students are not allowed to be alone together in any room while on the school campus. Students found in violation of this rule will receive a 1-day in school suspension and demerits, as appropriate (first offense).

– **Elementary School Discipline (philosophy)**

Children need boundaries and consistent leadership to achieve their highest potentials. God's Word gives a number of references pertaining to discipline. (Proverbs 22:6, Deuteronomy 6:7, Romans 8:29). Since good discipline sets the stage for proper learning to take place, it is essential that a class be under control. We ask students to practice the behavior that provides everyone the opportunity to learn. Students must display self-control, show respect to adult supervision and complete assigned tasks on time and as directed. We want to maintain a school environment that is safe, friendly and productive. If a teacher must be constantly correcting students, the obedient students are the one to suffer since academic progress is impaired. There are a variety of methods available to the teacher and administration to improve student behavior.

Examples of corrective classroom measures (in no particular order):

1. Writing sentences
2. Loss of playtime
3. Silent Lunch
4. Loss of ability to participate fully on special days/events

The items below are samples of behavior recognized as possible elementary office/referral²¹ offenses:

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| 1. Horse play, pushing or annoying others | 10. Lying |
| 2. Running in the building | 11. Profanity (written/spoken) |
| 3. Throwing objects | 12. Cheating, altering grades, forging signatures |
| 4. Arguing, rudeness or disrespect | 13. Bringing inappropriate material to school |
| 5. Gossiping or passing notes | 14. Not following patrols direction |
| 7. Disobedience | 15. Lack of self control |
| 8. Playing with irrelevant objects | |
| 9. Instigating or sowing discord | |

The items below are samples of behavior where suspension(s) or expulsion may be implemented are:

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| 1. Stealing | 7. Continually lying to teachers and administration |
| 2. Leaving class or school without permission | 8. Any act of disrespect for our Biblical values and beliefs |
| 3. Possession of pornography, explicit or provocative materials | 9. Insolence |
| 4. Vandalism | 10. Inappropriate internet postings |
| 5. Fighting and/or bullying | |
| 6. Behavior that disrupts the learning environment | |

²¹Student sent to the administrator's office

– **Elementary School Discipline (Policy & Procedures):**

Elementary teachers have appropriate systems of rewards and discipline commensurate with their grade level, but may at any time use a referral slip. This referral will result in detention, suspension, or some other appropriate form of discipline.

1. All office referrals will be logged in the WCA Elementary Discipline Database and sent to the parent/guardian in the mail. If the situation warrants, a call will be made to the parents from the administration.
2. At 8 referrals, the administration will set up a conference with the child's parent(s) and the teacher.
3. At 10 referrals, the record will be reviewed by the teacher and principal. If the offenses merit it, a warning letter of suspension will be issued.
4. At 12 trips to the office, a one-day suspension will be given.
5. At 14 trips to the office, a two-day suspension will be given.
6. At 15 trips to the office, the student is eligible for expulsion. At this point, the records and recommendations will be referred to the WCA Discipline Committee for final approval and recommendations.
7. Any single serious offense (i.e. fighting, threatening students or faculty etc.) could immediately categorize the student for immediate suspension.
8. Refusal to serve an assigned suspension is grounds for expulsion.

As the WCA student represents the school at all times, both on and off campus, it should be understood that conduct which brings discredit to the student, his family, the reputation and stature of the school and its community, and the Lord Jesus Christ may result in disciplinary action by the school.

– **Elementary Suspension Policy**

When a student is suspended, they will be allowed to make up any tests or quizzes missed. The grade placed in the grade book will be deducted by one letter grade of what they make on the test or quiz. All homework assignments will be received for full credit.

– **Notice Regarding Incidents of Threatening Student Behavior**

It is the mission of Wade Christian Academy to provide a safe school environment. Therefore, any student attitude, action, or activity, (verbal or written) which evidences a threat or interest in harming another student, or adult either on or off campus will be viewed as a potentially serious behavior problem. Such behavior and/or attitude is unacceptable and will be addressed through established school discipline and guidelines, which include but are not limited to suspensions or expulsion.

– **High School Discipline (philosophy)**

One of the main purposes of a Christian school is training young people in Godly character. However, this training begins at home and is the primary responsibility of the parents. WCA is not a reform school. For discipline to be effective, it must be based on biblical principles. Training a child involves both instruction and correction. The school will cooperate with the church and the home in forming good habits in the student.

- The purpose of discipline, be it demerits, a detention, or suspension, is several fold:

-- It is a time of chastening where the student is to connect wrongdoing with punishment (Hebrews 12:7, Galatians 6:7, Jeremiah 21:14a, Hosea 4:9).

-- It is a time to warn others (Proverbs 19:25).

-- It is a time of restitution (Exodus 22:1,4; Lev 6:5, Luke 19:8) and/or restoration (Gal 6:1).

- The student should reflect on his misbehavior and desire to modify his conduct so as to avoid being disciplined again.

- Students are expected to follow all rules or procedures with a good attitude and respect for those in authority -- namely the administration, faculty, and all church staff members.

- Back talk, disrespect, griping, insubordinate attitude, vulgarity, profanity, cheating, stealing, fighting and lying will be cause for disciplinary action.

- Students are expected to treat and speak to each other with civility (Eph 4:32, 5:4; Proverbs 26:19).

- High school discipline problems will normally result in demerits and parent/faculty conferences. Continual problems may culminate in detention, suspension or expulsion.

***Corporal punishment will not be administered to any student for any reason by any WCA teacher, staff member, or employee (full- or part-time).**

– Discipline (procedures)

Elementary:

1. Teachers have primary responsible for maintaining good order and discipline in their classrooms.
2. If a student fails to positively respond to discipline administered by their classroom teacher, they will be referred to the school administrator.
3. Parents will be notified any time their child is referred to the administrator.
4. Continued referrals or serious rules infractions will result in a conference between parents and administrator.
5. Students refusing to submit to the authority of their teachers, the administrator, or school staff will be referred to the WCA Disciplinary Board (FBCSB Deacon Board).
6. The school administrator makes the final determination up to and including suspension.
7. The WCA Disciplinary Board (FBCSB Deacon Board) will be the final determination authority for behavior that leads to expulsion.
8. Discipline records will be maintained on each student.

High School:

1. Teachers have primary responsible for maintaining good order and discipline in their classrooms.
2. A demerit system will be used in the high school.
3. For minor rule infractions, students will normally receive one demerit (there are exceptions as outlined in this handbook).
4. Continued inappropriate behavior, disregard for the rules, or more serious rule infractions, will result in escalated discipline measures to include additional demerits, detention, suspension, or expulsion.
5. The school administrator makes the final determination up to and including suspension.
6. The WCA Disciplinary Board (FBCSB Deacon Board) will be the final determination authority for behavior that leads to expulsion.
7. Discipline records will be maintained on each student. *High School discipline records will be forwarded along with student transcripts to potential schools/colleges/employers upon graduation or transfer.
8. High school students who make it through an entire school year with zero (0) demerits will earn \$125.00 (each year) towards their college tuition upon graduation from WCA.

– Basic Classroom Rules

1. There will be no talking unless called upon by the teacher (Students will raise their hand and wait to speak until called on by the teacher).
2. Students may not leave their seat without permission.
3. No passing, reading, or writing of notes allowed.
4. No homework from other classes may be done during class period without permission from a teacher.
5. Students will not be dismissed from class without a pass.
6. No item will be thrown in the classroom
7. Students must be in the classroom when the bell rings or they will be considered tardy (or absent) from class.
8. No gum is allowed on school property.
9. No food or drink is allowed in class (exception – High school students are allowed to carry one clear 16.9 ounce bottle of water, purchased only from the school office).
10. Students are not to leave the classroom until they are dismissed by their teacher. Students will not be dismissed until their area is clean and orderly.
11. Students are not to touch or otherwise handle each other or engage in horseplay.
12. Students are expected to treat the administration, staff, and teachers with proper respect and will not touch or disturb anything that is in or on a teacher's workspace, including their desks, storage containers/file cabinets, and podiums/lecterns.
13. Students must care for school property. Students will not deface or write on school property. Students must sit in chairs properly and use tables correctly.

– Disciplinary Probation

Elementary:

Student's that receive a set amount of referrals (12, see Elementary Disciplinary-Policy and Procedures, p.29) will be placed on Disciplinary Probation. Disciplinary Probation will last for three weeks. If a student is placed on Disciplinary Probation at the end of a quarter their record will not reset until they have finished their probationary period.

Students on Disciplinary Probation will be suspended from extra-curricular activities including a minimum of 1 game for athletic competitions (junior varsity). Students on Disciplinary Probation due to major rule infractions may be exempted from field trips (i.e. Beach/Zoo Days, etc.). If a student placed on Disciplinary Probation receives any additional referrals during their probationary period, they will receive a one-day suspension and their disciplinary record will be referred to the WCA Discipline Committee (FBCSB Deacon Board) for consideration for extended suspension or expulsion.

High School:

Students that receive a set amount of demerits (15, 25, 40 - see Escalated Demerit Chart) will be placed on Disciplinary Probation. Students placed on Disciplinary Probation will be suspended in whole or in part, from extra-curricular activities, including participation in athletic events, for a period of time as determined by the school administrator. Students on Disciplinary Probation due to major rule infractions will be exempted from field trips (i.e. Beach Days). Students committing additional violations/behavior problems during probationary periods, will be referred to the WCA Discipline Committee (FBCSB Deacon Board) for consideration for extended suspension or expulsion

Minor Infractions

Elementary:

Most minor Infractions are a result of carelessness or foolishness. Many times a warning is all that is needed to bring the student back into compliance (i.e. reminding them of not talking, telling a student not to sit on a desk or lean back on a chair, reminding a student to tuck in their shirt etc.). Teachers are instructed to try to solve problems on this level with parent/teacher communication. If this is not effective, the students will be given referrals to the school office. Disciplinary referrals will be logged into the WCA Disciplinary Database by the administration and a copy kept with the student's file.

A student that accumulates five referrals for minor Infractions during a nine week academic period will be sent to after school detention²² (3:30 – 4:00 PM). Detention will also carry a \$10 penalty.²³ A notice will be sent home to parents stating the date of the scheduled detention and with a list of infractions that occurred. Parents will have 48 hours to request a schedule change. Students not reporting to a scheduled detention will not be admitted to school until a parent conference with the administration is scheduled.

A student that accumulates twelve (12) total referrals for minor infractions during a nine week academic period will be suspended from school for 1 day on the day following their twelfth (12th) referral. All class work that is due during the days/hours that the student is suspended must be turned-in the first day back after the suspension or the student will receive a zero for those assignments. Quizzes and tests that are missed because of suspension must be made up according to established test/quiz make-up procedures.

²²See Detention Policy, p.37

²³Detention fees not paid on the day of the scheduled detention will be added to the student's school bill. The fee will be applied to the next regularly scheduled invoice.

Major projects due on that day (science projects, book reports, research papers, etc.) are due the first day back after the suspension. Students will be counted as absent unexcused from the days missed due to suspension. The administrator will schedule a conference with the parent(s) once a student reaches ten (10) total minor referrals during a nine week period.

A student that accumulates twelve (12) total referrals for minor infractions during a nine week academic period will be placed on disciplinary probation (see Disciplinary Probation, p. 31). Any additional infractions of any level will cause the student and their record to be referred to the WCA Discipline Committee (FBCSB deacon board).

Minor Infraction List: (This list is not exhaustive)

Students will be issued a referral (elementary) or one demerit (high school) to the school office after receiving a warning for each of the following offences:

Unprepared for class (i.e. homework not completed, no textbook, pen, pencil, paper, basic class supplies etc.)

Sitting on table tops or desks, leaning back in chairs.

Disrupting class (talking, leaving seat without permission, passing notes, sleeping, sitting improperly, working on homework or other class work.)

Not having a complete KJV Bible in chapel or Bible class in readable condition.

Dress code violation (including untucked shirt)²⁴

Automatic Referral - elementary (one demerit issued - high school) Issued for the following:

Entering another student's locker.

In the hallway without a hall pass.

Unkind or hurtful speech or action towards another student.

Being in the school building unsupervised and/or at an unauthorized time.

Bringing, listening to or using a radio, mp3, iPod, computer,²⁵ camera or other electronic device to school. (Camera's are only authorized for yearbook activities)

Chewing gum, eating candy, or eating/drinking in the school building (first violation includes one week of silent lunch. Second and subsequent violations include one week of supervised building clean-up detail)

Throwing objects on playground, in classrooms, in the cafeteria, or in hallways.
Unauthorized entering of a building or classroom.

Horseplay/misbehavior in church, chapel, gymnasium; excessive noise in hallways.

Significant church absences (Minimum 75% Attendance required; services include Sunday school, Sunday AM, Sunday PM, and Wednesday night services).

Major Infractions

Major Infractions often are the result of an attitude (spiritual) problem. The student may have said in his heart, “I don’t like that rule so I’m not going to obey.” Major Infractions will result in immediate dismissal from class if deemed to be disruptive to the classroom and necessitate a conference with the Administrator.

High school students will receive three (3) demerits and an after-school detention (3:30-4:00 p.m.). Elementary students will receive a disciplinary referrals logged into the WCA Disciplinary Database by the administration and a copy kept with the student’s file.

Elementary students that accumulate three Major Infractions during a nine week academic period will also receive an after school detention²⁶. Each detention carries a \$10 penalty. A notice will be sent home to parents stating the date of the scheduled detention and with a list of infractions that occurred. Parents will have 48 hours to request a schedule change. Any student not reporting to a scheduled detention will not be admitted to school without establishing a scheduled parent conference with the administration.

Any student who accumulates five Major Infractions during a nine week academic period will be suspended from school for 1 day on the day following their fifth Major Infraction. Students that are suspended will be ineligible to participate in athletic events and special events planned for that day (i.e. Beach Days, Spirit Week, etc.) All class work that is due must be made up. A one letter grade reduction will be applied. Quizzes and tests that are missed because of suspension will be made up the next day and reduced by one letter grade. Major projects due on that day (science projects, book reports, research papers, etc.) will receive a letter grade deduction. Students will be counted as absent unexcused from the classes they miss due to their suspension. A parent conference with the administrator will be scheduled once a student reaches five total Major infractions during a nine week academic period. Once a student reaches this level, they will be placed on Disciplinary Probation and they and their disciplinary record will be referred to the WCA Disciplinary Committee (FBCSB Deacon Board) upon their next Major referral.

Major Infraction List: (This list is not exhaustive; no warnings will be given)

Entering administration offices or teacher’s desks/computers without expressed permission.

²⁴See Dress Code, p.20-24

²⁵Exceptions may be made by the administrator is computer is used for virtual classes, dual-enrollment, or other authorized courses.

²⁶See Detention Policy, p.37

Possessing, using, or sharing a cell phone in school. (Cell phones are to be checked into the school office each morning as soon as the student enters the building.)

The following apply to students found with a cell phone in their possession (this includes any cell phone found, not turned-in to the office at the beginning of the day):

- a. The device will be confiscated and turned-in to the school office (it will be returned to the student at the end of the school day).
- b. The student will receive three demerits and an after-school detention.
- c. The student will not be allowed to bring their cell phone to school for a period of one week (first offense).
- d. The student will not be allowed to bring their cell phone to school for a period of one month (second offense).
- e. The student will not be allowed to bring their cell phone to school for the remainder of the school year (third offense).

Skipping class or leaving the campus without permission from the administration. For this rule the “campus” is defined as the entire church complex. However, students can be considered to be skipping class even if they are on campus.

Insolence or disrespect (verbal or nonverbal)

Listening to worldly music or possession of any worldly music or worldly media such as CD's, mp3's magazines, pictures, etc.

Possessing or viewing any vulgar material contrary to the standards of our Lord Jesus Christ or FBCSB on any media such as magazines, TV, movies, Internet, etc.

Using vulgar language or gestures; Vulgar is defined as being coarse, abusive, foul, morally crude, offensive, obscene, or profane.

Reckless driving on campus (speed limit on campus is 5 mph)

Bringing a knife or any type of weapon to school.

Lying or any form of withholding the truth such as harboring information about misconduct on the part of another student.

Cheating or participating in a cheating scheme, whether it is completed or not.

Stealing, conspiring to steal, or knowingly receiving stolen goods.

Gambling, dancing, smoking or having in possession any smoking materials or tobacco products whether on or off school property.

Entering any school/church area designated as “off limits” to students, without specific expressed permission from school authority.

Inappropriate (as deemed by the authority) physical contact between members of the opposite sex.

Members of the opposite sex found alone together unsupervised in any room on campus.

Fighting with or assault against another student. Assault is using physical force with intent to cause bodily harm.

Threatening a staff member (verbally or physically).

Intentional and willful disobedience or any action that displays a rebellious spirit.

Continued classroom disruption that results in removal from class by teacher.

Severe Infractions

Severe Infractions are considered egregious infractions and the student will be removed from class and may be suspended or expelled²⁷ from school pending disciplinary conference with the parents and the administrator and/or pastor. A student that commits a Severe Infraction will have their discipline record immediately referred to the WCA Disciplinary Board (FBCSB Deacon Board). All class work that is due during the hours that the student is suspended will be a zero (0). Quizzes and tests that are missed because of suspension will be a zero (0). Major projects due on that day (science projects, book reports, research papers, etc.) will receive a letter grade deduction. Students will be counted as absent unexcused from the classes they miss due to their suspension. Students that are suspended because of a Severe Infraction will be exempted from extra-curricular activities and will be removed from athletic teams and not be allowed to sit on the bench during athletic contests for the remainder of the season.

Severe Infraction List: (This list is not exhaustive)

Vandalism or any willful defacing or destruction of church or school property or personal property of a staff member.

Possessing on school property any type of weapon that fires a projectile.

Striking or attempting to strike a staff member.

Possessing or viewing any pornographic material on any media such as magazines, TV, movies, Internet, etc.

Use of alcohol, marijuana, or any type of illegal drugs.

Any action that displays an extremely rebellious spirit which is detrimental to the spirit and atmosphere of WCA.

²⁷ The Brevard County Public School System will not accept students who have been expelled from any school. Students that withdraw in order to avoid expulsion will not be accepted back into WCA unless approved by the WCA Disciplinary Board.

-Permanent Expulsion List²⁸

Distributing drugs or other illegal substances, including alcohol.

Fornication, homosexual act, fathering or bearing a child, whether brought to full term or not.

Attending a public school prom.

- Student Disciplinary Probation & Extra Curricular Activities

Participation in extra curricular activities at WCA is a privilege, and students that are participating should understand that they are representing their school, their pastor, and their Savior. Student athletes and those that participate in extra curricular activities that are disciplinary problems shall face the following consequences:

- Elementary students who accumulate twelve (12) referrals during a 9-week period will be placed on Disciplinary Probation.
- High school Students who accumulate 15 demerits during a 9-week period shall be ineligible to participate²⁹ during the next scheduled athletic event³⁰.
- High school students that accumulate 25 demerits during a 9-week period shall be ineligible to participate during the next three (3) scheduled athletic events.
- High school students that accumulate 40 demerits during a 9-week period shall be ineligible to participate in athletics for the remainder of the sports season.
- High school students that receive a ½ day out of school or in school suspension will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled athletic event.
- Students that receive a full day out of school or in school suspension will be ineligible to participate in the next two (2) regularly scheduled athletic events.
- Students that receive two or more days out of school suspension will be ineligible to participate in the next three (3) regularly scheduled athletic events.
- Students on Disciplinary Probation shall be considered ineligible for participation in all athletic events during their probationary period, as specified above. Students on Disciplinary Probation will not dress out with their team but will sit with their teams on the bench.
- Students that are suspended because of severe infractions will be exempted from extra-curricular activities and will be ineligible to participate in athletics, removed from athletic teams, and not be allowed to sit on the bench during athletic contests for the remainder of the season.

²⁸ Students who commit infractions on the Permanent Expulsion List will be considered expelled from WCA whether or not they withdraw.

²⁹ Suspended players must attend all games and sit on the bench wearing church apparel, as directed.

³⁰ "Athletic Events" are defined as football games, basketball games, volleyball matches, and cheerleading

– **Detention Policy**

The duration of each detention will be thirty (30) minutes. Detentions begin at 3:30 p.m. sharp and each carries a \$10.00 fee. Students must bring the \$10.00 with them when they report for detention. The money will be turned in to the school office.

This \$10.00 cost is to cover the additional manpower needed, as teachers must put their normal responsibilities aside to stay after school and supervise the students. If students are late to detention, they will demerits, as appropriate. Any student more than 10 minutes late to detention will be considered as skipping detention, will earn an additional detention, and will not be admitted back to school until a conference has been scheduled with the administrator and the student's parents.

During detention, students will be assigned work to accomplish and may not work on homework or regular assignments. Students who do not do the assigned work will be considered as skipping detention and will not be admitted back to school until a conference has been scheduled with the administrator and the student's parents.

– **Destruction or Defacing of School Property**

In addition to the discipline standards outlined above, students are responsible for repairing or paying for the repair of damage they cause to school property. If repairs have not been made, or scheduled to be made within a ten-day period, someone will be hired to make the required repairs, and the family will be billed. A fine of \$20 will be added to the student's school bill for each damaged/defaced item plus damages.

– **Driving on Campus**

Older students who drive to school must realize driving on campus is a privilege, not a right. Only students with driver's licenses or permits are allowed to drive on campus. The speed limit on campus is 5 mph. Care should be taken when driving through the parking lot. Speeding will not be tolerated and will result in the loss of the driving privilege for a period of two weeks (first offense). Further offenses will result in permanent suspension of driving privileges on campus. Students who park their cars on campus may not go out to their car during school. Students must have a Student Car Registration Form on file in the school office.

– **Off Limits Areas**

Unless specifically authorized by school authority, the following areas are designated "Off Limits" to students:

- The School Secretary and Administrator Offices
- Teachers' desks, cabinets, briefcases, folders, files, or other personal items
- The High School Bag Rooms (except during published open times)
- Restrooms designated for members of the opposite sex
- Student Lockers (other than your own)
- The Gymnasium Kitchen
- Upstairs area of Gymnasium
- Opening or exiting through the new Emergency Exit door (West side of High School building)

- Any classroom on campus not specifically designated as a “school classroom”
- High school students are not allowed in the elementary building unless specifically allowed by administration to perform duties such as teacher's aide

– **Student Websites**

Any student who desires to operate a personal online website or contributes to a blog must register the website/blog with the school office. (e.g. facebook.com, myspace.com, blogger.com, etc.) The website must be registered immediately upon its creation. Any student who creates a website or blog prior to attending WCA must register the website/blog as soon as he/she is accepted as a student. All websites/blogs will be monitored by the pastoral staff for content on a regular basis. Any student, including home school students, found with an unregistered website/blog or website/blog material that is deemed inappropriate to the purpose and mission of the WCA will be in direct disobedience to this ruling and will be subject to disciplinary action.

– **WCA Drug Testing Policy**

WCA reserves the right to randomly drug test students at the discretion of the Pastor, school administrator, and the disciplinary board. Drug tests will be provided by the school unless there is substantial proof that a student has been involved with drugs. In this case, drug tests must be purchased by the student, parents, or legal guardian.

– **WCA Search Policy**

Prohibited Items

In the interest of maintaining law, order, discipline and decorum in the school and during authorized school functions which take place off school property, Wade Christian Academy prohibits the possession, on school property or at authorized school functions, of substances or objects which may threaten good order, discipline, decorum and public safety.

Such materials or objects may include, but are not restricted to, the following items: Alcoholic beverages; illicit drugs; stolen property; weapons, either restricted or prohibited by law; any object which may be used as a weapon and which may cause serious injury; hate literature, racist material, pornography; food and drink other than lunch food.

Searches

The principal and any staff members authorized by the principal may conduct searches and, where necessary, seize prohibited substances or objects. Such searches may be conducted on ministry property without further notice or permission of the student or parents.

Students shall have no reasonable expectation of privacy in any areas designated to them for storage of personal belongings on school property (i.e., lockers, desks, bag rooms, locker rooms etc.), nor shall students have a reasonable expectation of privacy in any belongings they may transport onto school property in a bag or on their person (i.e., backpacks, lunch bags, purses, clothing, pockets, office space, cell phones, PDAs,

computers, vehicles, etc.). If illegal materials or weapons are found during the search, both the parents and law enforcement will be contacted. The student will then be remanded into the custody of law enforcement for prosecution at the discretion of the responding officers. The principal may question a student or visitor in furtherance of an investigation conducted for the purposes of maintaining order and discipline within the school or at an authorized off-property school function.

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