



FLORIDA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Parent-Student Handbook

2021-2022

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MISSION STATEMENT

Florida Christian School, a private non-denominational school, exists to provide quality Christian education for preschool through 12th grade. Our mission is to develop well-rounded students through excellent academic and extra-curricular activities, while seeking to win the lost to Christ and equip Christians with the skills and knowledge to change the world for Christ.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Florida Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin. Florida Christian School admits students of any race to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to all students.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME TO FLORIDA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. We have prepared this handbook with you, the student and parent, in mind. We want you to know that Florida Christian School is unique. We stand for all the “old fashioned” virtues that really satisfy and that lead to a life of love, joy, peace, and productivity.

We believe in a high standard of education, in well-qualified, certified teachers, in a curriculum that fits the needs of the day, all of this based on the eternal truths of God’s Word, the Bible. The Bible states that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Knowledge, then, must begin with the Lord. That is where we begin, continue, and end, with the truths of God.

The educational program of Florida Christian School seeks to relate all learning to God from whom it came. One well-known educator has written, “Deprive education of its vertical relation to God, and you rob it of its basic educative character. The soul of education is the education of the soul. But what must we say of an education that denies the very existence of the soul?”

Our students are taught first the importance of faith in Christ as the only way to salvation (Ephesians 2:8, 9) Secondly, they are taught the Christian truths of God’s Word, that they might grow to become mature young men and women, spiritually, mentally, and physically. To this worthy goal the administration, faculty, and staff sincerely dedicate their lives.

Florida Christian School of Dade County, Inc., admits students of any race, color, national, or ethnic origin, to all rights, privileges, programs and activities which are available to students at the school. Florida Christian School will not discriminate based on race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of our educational and admission policies, nor in our financial aid, and other programs.

FACULTY CREDENTIALS

Faculty members at Florida Christian must have appropriate teaching credentials to teach at FCS and be certified by the Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools. Secondary teachers must have a minimum of a Bachelor’s Degree and teach in their field of certification. Our elementary and kindergarten teachers must have a minimum of a Bachelor’s Degree and are certified by FACCS to teach elementary grades. Our preschool teachers are required to have Early Childhood Development training, maintain FACCS teacher certification, and meet state requirements for working with young children. FACCS has the same standards for teacher certification as the State of Florida with the additional requirement for teachers to take a Philosophy of Christian Education course. The school website has information such as degrees and universities that teachers attended. This is located under the About button. All faculty/staff are fingerprinted and have background checks completed through the State of Florida and the FBI.

In addition, our teachers are encouraged to continue their education at the graduate level. Many have a Master's Degrees. They receive in-service training; attend educational seminars, conventions, and workshops throughout the year to earn ISP/CEU's.

Our faculty also sign an annual commitment to a local church and agree to live a life of high moral and Christian standards.

ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATION

Florida Christian is accredited by the Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (FACCS), Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA), Cognia Advanced Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS CASI) and The National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPISA). Florida Christian School is affiliated with or a member of the Independent Schools of South Florida, the Florida High School Activities Association (FHSAA) and the Florida Schools Music Association (FSMA), Florida Vocal Association (FVA) the Florida Thespians and the Florida Junior Thespians.

SCHOOL HOURS

Elementary	
2K-3K Half Day	8am-12:30 pm
2K-5K Full Day	8am- 2:30 pm
1 st -3 rd Grade	8am- 2:40 pm
4 th Grade	8am- 2:45 pm
5 th Grade	8am- 2:55 pm
6 th – 12 th Grade	8am- 3:05 pm

2020-2021 MS/HS Bell Schedules

Regular Schedule		Chapel Schedule		
<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>	
1st	8:00 - 9:00	1st	8:00 - 8:50	
2nd	9:05 - 9:55	2nd	8:55 - 9:45	HS Chapel / MS Class MS Chapel / HS Class
			9:50 - 10:40	
3rd	10:00 - 10:50	3rd	10:45 - 11:25	
4th	10:55 - 11:45	4th	11:30 - 12:10	
	6th Grade Lunch		6th Grade Lunch	
	Class 10:55 - 11:20		Class 11:30 - 11:50	
	Lunch 11:20 - 11:45		Lunch 11:50 - 12:15	
	Class 11:50 - 12:15		Class 12:20 - 12:40	
5th	11:50 - 1:10	5th	12:15 - 1:35	
	A Lunch Schedule		A Lunch Schedule	
	Lunch 11:45 - 12:15		Lunch 12:10 - 12:40	
	Class 12:20 - 1:10		Class 12:45 - 1:35	

Half-Day Bell Schedule	
<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>
1st	8:00 - 8:55
2nd	9:00 - 9:45
3rd	9:50 - 10:35
4th	10:40 - 11:25

B Lunch Schedule		B Lunch Schedule		5th	11:30 - 12:15
Class 11:50 - 12:15		Class 12:15 - 12:40			
Lunch 12:15 - 12:40		Lunch 12:40 - 1:05			
Class 12:45 - 1:10		Class 1:10 - 1:35		Half-Day Exam Schedule	
C Lunch Schedule		C Lunch Schedule		<u>Exam</u>	<u>Time</u>
Class 11:50 - 12:40		Class 12:15 - 1:05			
Lunch 12:45 - 1:10		Lunch 1:05 - 1:35		1st	8:00 - 9:40
6th	1:15 - 2:05	6th	1:40 - 2:20	Break	9:40 - 10:30
7th	2:10 - 3:05	7th	2:25 - 3:05	2nd	10:35 - 12:15

OFFICE HOURS

The school office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., except on weekends, holidays and scheduled half days. The main campus office is open throughout the summer from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday, closed on Friday.

E-MAIL

All faculty members have e-mail addresses this is normally the most effective way to reach a faculty member. You may access the directory on the school website <https://www.floridachristian.org/about/faculty-staff/> (Under About/Faculty).

WEBSITE

The school website is a vital source of information and resources. The school calendar and announcements are posted. Many vital links are available for academic grades, faculty, employment, and student resources.

LUNCH PROGRAM

All students will eat lunch on campus. A hot lunch and a variety of sandwiches (hot and cold), salad bar, fruit, chips, ice cream and additional snacks are available for purchase. The cafeteria is also open for breakfast. Price lists for the cafeteria are available on the web site.

Students from other schools are **not** permitted to visit during lunch time. Students may bring their own lunch from home to be eaten in the school cafeteria. A parent may bring lunch for their own child(ren). Parents must take lunches to the front office for the student to pick up during their lunch period. Students and/or parents may not have food delivered to the school by a takeout or delivery service (i.e., Pizza Hut, Burger King, Grubhub, UberEATS).

Parents may go online at <https://www.myschoolaccount.com> to add money to their child’s account which will allow charges for lunch. Parents are also able to see charges against their account and what their child is eating each day. (There is a 24-hour delay on this system.) Payments can be made online, by the parent coming to the cafeteria, by calling Miami Prime Catering Service with a credit card (305-907-7005), or by sending a check to school with your student. Parents can set a low fund notification and replenish the account at any time you wish. Miami Prime Catering Service accepts MasterCard, Visa, and Discover cards.

Preschool & Elementary Snack & Lunch Policy

2K-4K students will have a once-a-day scheduled snack time. 5K-5th grade students may have a snack during a designated scheduled restroom break. **All snacks MUST be provided by the parents, individually wrapped with their name on the outside, and healthy in nature.**

Children have the option of bringing a lunch and a drink from home or purchasing their lunch from Miami Prime Catering. The school must be notified of any food allergies your child may have. It is extremely important that your child's name be printed clearly on the outside of his/her lunch box and also on any containers inside the lunch box. **No heating of lunches from home is permitted. Please do not send foods that must be heated or ask personnel to heat food.** Children must either bring a lunch from home, or order lunch online the night before (grades 2K-3rd) or in person (grades 4th-5th ONLY). Parents on West Campus must either send a lunch from home, or order lunch online the night before (grade 2K-3rd). Those in 4th or 5th can buy in the Main Campus lunchroom.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Proper communication is essential in the operation of a school. Your cooperation concerning the signing and returning of important notices and school papers will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding grades, school functions, classroom practices, or disciplinary action, please contact the school immediately.

It is important for the student to know both parents and teachers are working harmoniously for his/her welfare. Open, unwarranted criticism of school practices (or those in authority), often reap tragic results in our children. When there is a misunderstanding, the parent should take it immediately to the teacher. Often an e-mail or note can clear up the difficulty. If the problem remains, a three-way conference will be arranged by the principal with the parent, the teacher, and the principal.

Appointments with teachers should be requested at least one day in advance. Many times, teachers have commitments they must keep following their school day. Please e-mail the teacher requesting an appointment.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The guidance department is staffed by qualified counselors (with master's degrees and other certifications) who assist our students in a variety of ways. The guidance staff works with students of all ages in dealing with social, career and academic issues. Counselors can advise or support students at any given time on an as needed basis. A counselor is also available for grief and emotional needs.

COLLEGE GUIDANCE

Florida Christian School offers a comprehensive college counseling program for high school students. The college guidance counselor provides complete information and assistance in college entrance, scholarships, and college selection. She also arranges an annual tour for juniors to visit colleges and universities in the State of Florida.

Some highlights of the college guidance program services include:

- Personality and career interest testing
- Academic counseling
- College and career counseling
- Pre-college admission testing: PSAT
- College tour trip for Juniors of state universities
- Fall and spring college information presentations for parents.
- Student classroom workshops on varied topics such as: college essays, financial aid, Bright Futures, resumes, college admission testing, college applications and scholarships
- FCS campus visits by college admission representatives
- Online college planning through Naviance, a college guidance web-based program
- Silver Knight Award program

STUDENT INSURANCE

All students who attend Florida Christian are covered under a school secondary injury insurance policy. This coverage applies to any school activity on the school property, field trips or athletic activities sponsored by the school. The school's insurance covers only the portion of the medical bill not covered by the students' primary policy and only partially covers uninsured students' medical bills. The administration strongly suggests that athletes have a primary insurance coverage.

Packets are available in the school office for parents who wish to take out a 24-hour accident coverage on their students.

FIRE DRILLS AND LOCK DOWN PROCEDURES

Fire drills and emergency lockdown procedures are required by law. Students are given instructions for each type of procedures. Evacuations require students to leave the buildings and assemble in a designated area. When the fire drill signal is given, students are to follow their teacher's directions and exit in accordance with the instructions posted for each classroom.

Lockdowns will be implemented by school administration and/or the head of school security. In a lockdown procedure everyone remains in the classrooms until the drill is complete.

PATRIOT STORE

The school Patriot Store will open before and after school. Patriot Store hours will be announced. P.E. uniforms and fan wear will be purchased at the Patriot Store.

LOCKERS

A locker with a combination lock is available upon request in the front office. A doctor's note may be required for special requests/circumstances. Lock combinations are changed each summer, and the combination is issued only to the student who is responsible for his/her own locker and possessions. The lockers are the property of Florida Christian School and are subject to inspection by authorized school personnel. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Lockers must be completely cleaned out by noon of the last day of school.

DROPPING OFF ITEMS

It is important to maintain a formal atmosphere concerning visitation procedures. When visiting a classroom for any reason, please come to the office first do not go directly to the classroom. Lunches, homework, books, etc., may be left in the office for your student to pick up, when time allotted front office staff will drop off students' items to their classrooms. However, classes will not be interrupted to inform your student the item has arrived. If your student calls and requests something be brought, he or she needs to check later in the day with the office personnel to see if it has arrived you must report to the main office first then you may make your delivery directly to their classroom after obtaining permission from the main office.

VISITORS ON CAMPUS

During school hours all visitors on campus must present a valid picture ID and be issued a visitor's pass to remain on campus. Visitor passes are issued at the front gates by security guards or in the main campus front office. Visitors will be screened through the Concierge Pad Visitor screening program. **Visitor passes must be worn and displayed at all times while on campus.**

FLOWERS, BALLOONS, ETC.

Any flowers, balloons, etc., brought or delivered to the school, must remain in the office until the end of the school day. These items will not be allowed in the classrooms during the day.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/WORK/PHONE NUMBERS

If you have a change of address, home telephone or business telephone number, please inform the office immediately. This is vitally important should an emergency occur, and you need to be contacted.

CELL PHONES, LAPTOPS, TABLETS

Cell phone use is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. – 3:05 p.m. and must be turned off (as opposed to being place on silence or vibrate) before the beginning of all classes. Only Middle School and High School students are permitted to use their cell phones before school, during lunch and after school only.

INTERNET, E-MAIL RULES and BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

We are pleased to offer students of Florida Christian School access to the FCS network for Internet access. Laptops and tablets should not have their own data plan. Students need to connect to FCS network. It is suggested that students obtain and use a USB flash drive for saving projects. All students will be required to sign and follow the schools Authorized Use Policy.

STUDENT WEBSITES and SOCIAL NETWORKING

Florida Christian School has deemed that the inappropriate use of social networking websites (i.e. Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat or Group Texts, emails, etc.) is not compatible with the purpose and mission of the school. Any student found using these sites in an inappropriate manner which contrasts with the school's conduct standards, moral standards, and statements on harassment or Authorized Use Policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the school.

STUDENT DEVICES

Students in grades 6-12 are required to have their own devices. FCS is not liable for personal loss, theft or damage to any electronic device brought to school. Furthermore, misuse of the device or violation of FCS's Authorized Use Policy will result in disciplinary measures which may include the loss of privilege to bring the device to school. Devices and Internet use can only be used at the direction of the teacher in the classroom for academic purposes.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

In rare instances, the school may close due to a weather emergency (hurricane warning, etc.). Announcements regarding school closure will be placed on the school's phone system, the school web site <http://www.floridachristian.org> and e-mailed through FACTS formerly RenWeb . Parents please make sure FCS has most up to date contact information for your child/ren.

TRANSPORTATION TO ATHLETIC, FINE ARTS, AND OTHER SCHOOL EVENTS

Occasionally, students participate in off-campus activities. The director of the event will inform students and parents of the type of transportation to be used. If the school provides bus or van transportation, all students must ride on the bus or van, both to and from the event. The only exception to this is for the student to be taken or picked up by their own parent, or for the parent to provide, in advance, a written note for their student to ride with another parent. If transportation is not provided by the school, the parent will be responsible to make arrangements for their student. Student driver must have a parent email the coordinator of the event and receive prior authorization to be permitted to drive themselves to the event.

FINANCES

There is a discount given for families choosing the annual plan or semester plan of payment. Students who attend a portion of a month will be liable for the entire month. Families who withdraw or who are dismissed will not receive a refund. The enrollment fee is payable once a year. See the <https://floridachristian.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/NEW-2020-21-Tuition-Rates.pdf> for payment details.

The only refunds permitted will be for those parents who have paid more than one month of tuition in advance.

Report cards will not be posted when accounts are overdue.

PAYMENT PLANS

In keeping with our desire to offer convenience and flexibility in the payment process, we have partnered with **FACTS Tuition Management** service <https://www.factsmgt.com>. This partnership will provide the convenience of 21st century technology with additional options that fit the needs of every FCS family. This service will include:

- Flexibility in payment plans (monthly, semester and annual payments)
- Multiple payment methods (cash or credit)
- 24/7 payment assistance Convenient access through the FACTS formerly RenWeb portal directly or through the school's website

Regardless of the payment plan selected, the non-refundable Tuition Installment, Improvement Fee and Book or Class Fee are due in full.

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

During a student's senior year, they may request several high school transcripts to be sent to colleges or universities. Most transcripts are done electronically by the Naviance Program. At the end of the school year, the graduating senior needs to inform the CAP Counselor which college or university needs their final transcript. Final transcripts will not be released to any senior who has not fully satisfied all academic and financial obligations.

For official paper transcripts, there is a \$5 charge per transcript. Students need to complete a form in the business office which includes the college or university address and attach payment in order for the request to be completed.

HEALTH/CLINIC POLICY

Students attending FCS must meet all the State of Florida immunization requirements in order to attend class.

The **school clinic** is open school days from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The clinic is staffed with a licensed R.N. and trained volunteers who can provide first aid for injuries and temporary care of the sick. The school nurse can be reached at 305-226-8152 ext. 277 or dwarner@floridachristian.org

Students must have a medication form on file in the clinic in order to take any medications at school. If there is not a form on file and a student needs medication (Tylenol, Advil, etc.) parents will be called for authorization.

Any student, who has a temperature of 100 or above, must remain at home for at least 24 hours fever free without any medication being given.

To take prescribed medications at school, students must have a medication form, along with a doctor's note on file in the school clinic. All prescribed medications such as an inhaler, antibiotics, Epi Pen, etc., must be in their original bottles or container, and turned in by the parent to the clinic to be kept locked-up. Students are not permitted to have medications on their person or in their backpacks while in school.

Students with any type of infectious illness or condition such as childhood communicable diseases, infections of the skin or eyes, etc. must receive proper treatment from a physician and be checked by the school nurse before returning to class. In case of surgery, fractures, or prolonged illness, a note from the physician should be presented to the school nurse regarding any limitation of activities or special consideration. Any parent that has a student with a medical condition such as diabetes, asthma, allergies, etc., must make sure that this information is on file at the school.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance and punctuality are essential for maximum learning. Students are only permitted to miss a maximum of 9 school days per semester. Students that are absent from school will be marked in one of three categories.

Skipping – Student misses an entire day(s) of school and does not present a note from a parent OR a note from a doctor. Students in this category **will not** be permitted to make up any work missed because of the absence. Absence will count towards the 9 allowable absences per semester.

Unexcused – Student misses an entire day(s) of school and presents a note from a parent. Students in this category **will** be permitted to make up any work missed because of the absence but the absence will be Unexcused. Absence will count towards the 9 allowable absences per semester.

Excused – Student misses an entire day(s) of school and presents a doctor's note. Students in this category **will** be permitted to make up any work missed because of the absence and the absence will not be counted against them.

Students are allotted one day to make up the work for each day that they are absent unless given special permission by their teacher. If the student is absent one day prior to the test, the student must take the test the day he or she returns, unless given special permission by the teacher. Student must take test within two days up returning to school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL ABSENCES

Students absent more than 9 days in a semester are subject to losing credit for the semester. More than 18 absences in one school year may cause the student to repeat the entire grade. The decision to issue credit to students with excessive absences is entirely at the discretion of the administration. A notation will be placed on the attendance bulletin as to whether the student is excused or unexcused.

When a student has been absent for any reason, he/she must bring a written excuse from their parent or guardian stating the cause of their absence in order to be permitted to make up any work missed. The parent may also email attendance@floridachristian.org (This is the preferred procedure and will save the student a trip to the office.) All parent and doctor notes must be turned in upon return to school and no longer than two days after the absence.

Student athletes must be present for a minimum of 4 class periods on the day of any athletic event to be eligible to participate in any athletic event.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Students who need to be dismissed from school early must be signed out at the main office (both campuses). Students who are dismissed early will be marked as “absent” from the period that they are in at the time they are dismissed.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL TARDIES TO SCHOOL.

Students who do not arrive at school by 8:00 a.m. are considered as tardy and must report to the main office and sign-in. Middle School and High School students who arrive to school after 8:00 a.m. without a note from a parent, will be marked unexcused. Attendance office will determine validity of excuse (Oversleeping and traffic issues will not be acceptable). Students with a note from a parent or a doctor’s note will be counted as an excused tardy. All notes excusing a student tardy must be submitted to the attendance office within 24 hours. Example: if a student arrives to school at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, the parent has until 10:00 a.m. on Friday to submit a note excusing the tardy.

Classrooms will open at 7:45 a.m. and students will be permitted to enter.

Middle and High School unexcused tardy -

3 unexcused tardies will automatically be counted as an absence.

Student drivers will be subject to the loss of their driving privileges to school on the third unexcused tardy.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL TARDIES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

Middle and High school students will be addressed as follows: For the first 3 unexcused tardies to class during a grading period, a category 2 violation (in-school detention) will be issued. A student is considered tardy for a class if he or she is not in the classroom when the tardy bell rings.

Attendance will be taken and reported each class period.

ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE POLICY (K5 to 5th grade)

One of the areas of utmost importance in the learning process is attendance. In order for your student/s to fully benefit from the academic program and be successful, good attendance and punctuality are essential.

HALF-DAY ATTENDANCE (All Grades)

- If the student arrives between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., he/she is late.
- If a student is present in school for a minimum of 5 hours, he/she is present for a full day.
- If the student is present in school for a minimum of 3 hours, he/she is present for a half day.
If the student is present in school for less than 3 hours, he/she will be credited a full day of absence.

ACADEMICS

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Florida Christian School requires 26 annual credits for graduation. These are earned in grades 9-12.

Bible	4 annual credits
English	4 annual credits
Social Studies	4 annual credits
Science	4 annual credits
Math	4 annual credits
Personal Fitness/P.E.	1 annual credit
Health/Life Mgt.	½ annual credit
Electives	4 ½ annual credits

Every FCS graduate must take one online high school course between 9th and 12th grade.

One year of Bible is required for each year a student attends Florida Christian School. A student, who fails Bible, may not be accepted as a student at Florida Christian the following year.

World History is required in 9th grade, World Geography is required in 10th grade, U.S. History is required in 11th grade and Government/Economics is required in 12th grade.

Physical Science is required in 9th grade, Biology is required in 10th grade and then two elective sciences must be taken in 11th and 12th grade.

Algebra I is required.

P.E. credit may be earned by participation in two seasons of a JV or varsity sport during the 10th-12th grades.

Twelfth grade students planning to graduate from Florida Christian School must take at least one college board exam and have the scores on file in the school office. Graduates are also required to attend graduation.

The original failed grade may remain listed on the student's transcript; however, it may not be calculated into the GPA.

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GRADING SCALE (5K-12)

Number	Letter	GPA	Honors GPA	AP/DE GPA
100-98	A+	4.30	4.80	5.30
97-93	A	4.15	4.65	5.15
92-90	A-	4.00	4.50	5.00
89-87	B+	3.30	3.80	4.30
86-83	B	3.15	3.65	4.15
82-80	B-	3.00	3.50	4.00
79-77	C+	2.30	2.80	3.30
76-73	C	2.15	2.65	3.15
72-70	C-	2.00	2.50	3.00
69-67	D+	1.30	1.80	2.30
66-63	D	1.15	1.65	2.15
62-60	D-	1.00	1.50	2.00
59-0	F	0.00	0.00	0.00

FACTS formerly RENWEB

Florida Christian informs parents and students about grades through the FACTS formerly FACTS/RenWeb Program. In order to access this information, you must activate your FACTS formerly FACTS/RenWeb account. You may do this at <https://www.floridachristian.org> or by contacting FCS personnel, Bpadron@floridachristian.org. To access your student's academic progress, grades and homework assignments, all financial accounts must be current.

Approximately seven days following the end of a grading period, report cards will be available through an email from your student's principal. The date for the report cards is published on the school calendar.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards for grades preschool - 12 are available through our FACTS/RenWeb program. The student's financial account must be current in order to access the report card. Parents will be sent a link to the report cards seven days following the end of a grading period. (Please note your school calendar.)

At the completion of a school year, parents will receive information concerning the results of standardized testing which is done each spring along with a printed final report card.

ACADEMIC PROBATION/ELIGIBILITY

Students receiving more than one failing grade or having less than a 2.0 average will be placed on academic probation. A student will be removed from probation after the next grading period if there is no more than one failing grade and the grade point average is above 2.0. Academic probation includes the following:

1. Loss of the privilege to participate in athletics and cheerleading.
2. Loss of the privilege to be excused from any class period, except as the principal directs.
3. Students who remain on academic probation for two consecutive grading periods will be liable for dismissal.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In order to receive 100% of tuition and fees through the Florida Bright Future Scholarship Program students need 100 (depending) hours of community service between their 9th and 12th grades of school. Forms are available on the FCS website under Parent Link.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Schedule changes will be permitted during the first two weeks of the first semester. A student may not drop a class unless he or she is taking seven subjects. He or she must have the change of course form filled out and signed by parents before he or she will be considered for a schedule change.

ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

Each spring, standardized achievement tests are given to students in the five-year-old kindergarten through the eleventh grade. The testing for the middle and senior high school is done during a three-day period. The elementary test is given throughout the week, a small section of the test at a time. The results of this test are given to parents with the final report card for the year. **A student who fails to maintain entry level requirements on the S.A.T. may not be allowed to continue at F.C.S.**

COLLEGE BOARD ENTRANCE TESTS

All seniors at Florida Christian School are required to take either the S.A.T. (Scholastic Aptitude Test) or the A.C.T. (American College Testing) at least one time in order to receive their diploma. Students may take these tests during their junior or senior year and the test may be repeated in order to attain a higher score. These tests are given at various locations throughout the city about four times a year, usually on a Saturday morning. Bulletins and registration packets on these tests are available in the school office.

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (P.S.A.T.)/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is given to all sophomores and juniors in the fall and to the freshmen during second semester. This test is given at Florida Christian during the school day. The results of this test will give a good indication of what performance to expect during the senior year when the student takes the S.A.T. or A.C.T. for college. This testing is also done to help students qualify to enter competitions for national scholarships and receive financial aid information from colleges.

COLLEGE GUIDANCE

The objective of the office of college counseling at Florida Christian School is to provide high school students and their families with the knowledge needed for college admission. This is an individualized process that begins in

9th grade and continues through the end of the senior year. For more information, please visit our College Guidance page.

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

See the Florida Christian School website for this information <https://www.floridachristian.org/Academics/>

TEXTBOOKS AND WORKBOOKS

Consumable textbooks and workbooks used by our pre-school students are included in their monthly tuition payments. Kindergarten and elementary students will be assessed a book fee for all textbooks and workbooks provided by the school. See the school website for current fees <https://floridachristian.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2019-20-Tuition.pdf> Secondary students (6-12 grades) must purchase all textbooks, E textbooks and workbooks.

BIBLES

Each student must have a copy of the Bible (ESV) for daily use in the classroom.

HONOR ROLLS

The honor rolls will be published at the end of each grading period. FCS has two honor rolls for the elementary, middle school, and high school students.

To be eligible for the Principal's Honor Roll, a student must earn A's in every subject.

To be eligible for the Honor Roll, a student must earn more A's than B's and have a minimum 3.7 G.P.A. To qualify for a yearly award the student must meet the above requirements for each of the grading periods. In addition, special awards are given at the end of the year by individual teachers in recognition of outstanding achievement.

Student conduct record could eliminate a student from eligibility from any honor roll.

HELP CLASSES

Teachers are available for help class by request to assist their students.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

All middle and senior high school students will "dress out" for physical education. Students will wear uniforms and gym shoes specified by the athletic department.

All physical education uniforms must immediately have the student's names clearly printed on the shirt and shorts with permanent ink. Any student who is found wearing a uniform without his name will be considered to be out of uniform and be liable for discipline for stealing. Students may not lend uniforms to another student for physical education or after-school activities.

ELEMENTARY AFTER SCHOOL CARE

For the convenience of working parents who wish to have their two, three, and four-year-old students remain at school after their school day, a supervised extended school day is offered until 6:00 p.m. Elementary school students (5K-5th grades) may also be included in this program from 2:45 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. An additional fee is charged and is to be paid in advance with the regular school tuition. Please refer to the Tuition Rates and Fees Schedule <https://floridachristian.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/NEW-2020-21-Tuition-Rates.pdf> for the cost of the program. Elementary students are not permitted on the school property unsupervised. If you do not pick your child up at the proper time, the child will be taken to the extended care program, and you will be charged.

The program is not available during Christmas or Spring break. The charge after 6:00 p.m. is \$1 for each minute (per child), regardless of the reason for the parent's tardiness.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Middle school students (grades 6 – 8) who remain on campus after school must be involved in a supervised activity or sport. Any middle school student on campus after school that is not involved in a supervised activity or sport must report to a supervised activity or sports must report to the **Patriot Place** for the Middle School After Care. This is an after school supervised program exclusively for middle school students from 3:15 pm to 5:00 p.m. Pre-registration into the program is preferred. If an emergency occurs and the middle school student is not picked up 3:15 p.m., parents will be billed a drop-in rate per child, per day. All students must be picked up by 5:00 pm. Parents will be. Need to be picked up by 5:00 p.m. The after 5:00 p.m. charge will be \$1 per minute per child, regardless of the reason for the parent's tardiness.

PARENT-TEACHER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

PTCF meetings vary in nature. This is a great way for parents to help serve and participate in FCS activities in order to provide support.

PRAYER GROUPS

Two different groups meet to pray for our school each week. Tuesday is an English-speaking group and Thursdays a Spanish speaking group. The Tuesday group meets in the main campus cafeteria and begins at 8:00 a.m. The Spanish group meets on Thursday on the West Campus at 8:00 a.m. This vital ministry is open to all parents. If you are able, we would like to encourage you to attend.

FUND RAISING

Fund-raising activities such as selling candy, etc. are normally limited to specific groups within the school such as the band, choirs, cheerleaders, etc. These fund-raising projects do not help the school financially but help the program towards defraying the cost of student trips, uniforms, etc. The sponsor of these groups must first obtain permission from the administration before conducting a specific fund-raising event.

ELEMENTARY SPORTS

F.C.S. has a variety of elementary weekly sports programs. These activities offered throughout the school year include cheerleading, football, baseball, soccer, track & field and basketball. These programs are sponsored by our high school coaches and students. Information about them will be sent home with your student before the clinics start.

EXTRACURRICULAR – INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

- Baseball Boys - Middle School, JV and Varsity
- Basketball Boys - Middle School, JV and Varsity
- Basketball Girls - Middle School, JV and Varsity
- Cheerleading Girls - Elementary, JV, and Varsity
- Cross Country - Boys and Girls - Varsity
- Football Boys - Middle School (6-8) and Varsity (9-12)
- Golf - Boys and Girls - Middle School and Varsity
- Lacrosse - Varsity
- Volleyball Girls - Middle School, JV and Varsity
- Volleyball Boys - Varsity
- Softball Girls - Middle School and Varsity
- Soccer Boys - Middle School and Varsity
- Soccer Girls – Varsity
- Track Boys and Girls - Middle and High School
- Wrestling Boys and Girls Middle School and High School

Annual physicals are required to participate in the above sports programs. These physical forms are available on the website at <https://floridachristian.org/parentlink/> (Under Parent Link)

STUDENT CONDUCT

Florida Christian School expects each student to be obedient to God in his daily conduct. The Bible emphasizes the importance of our testimony to those around us. Scripture also teaches us that proper discipline is needed to correct those things in our lives which are wrong.

The following offenses and discipline will be strictly enforced.

Category 1 - (All discipline handled by the teacher, in the classroom, and then logged by the teacher in FACTS/RenWeb)

- Talking without permission

- Self-correctable dress code issues
- Outside of class without a pass
- Writing notes in class
- Chewing gum littering
- Throwing objects / classroom disruption
- Failure to have all materials for class
- Having symbols or other offensive or objectionable drawings or words on books or materials
- Wearing caps/ Hoods indoors
- Bringing toys or electronic devices to school including aftercare
- Horseplay (During class or in-between classes)
- Committing acts of minor disrespect such as facial, vocal or physical reactions
- Failure to follow directions
- Minor public displays of affection including hand holding, hugging, or kissing.
- Not following the Golden Rule Matthew 7:12

Category 2 - (Handled by the teacher with an in-school detention, logged in FACTS/RenWeb with an e-mail/phonecallhome.)

- Any Category 1 infraction a student commits a second time or more.
- Excessive tardiness to class (3) in a quarter.
- Disrespect of another student or staff member
- Leaving assigned area or classroom without permission
- Lying or acts of dishonesty
- Use of dirty gesture
- Foul language
- Parking violation

Category 3 – (Handled by teacher and or principal with multiple days of detention or after school detention. Also logged in FACTS/RenWeb by administrator or teacher)

- Disrespect to those in authority (administrators)
- Dress code violations that require intervention from administration
- Misuse of others or their property
- Frequent critical or derogatory remarks to others
- Using or writing improper language (extreme)
- Forging a parent's signature
- Plagiarism/cheating, will also result in academic penalty (HW, Classwork, Quiz or Test)
- Using an electronic device without permission, or at an unapproved time or location

Category 4 – In School Suspension (Dean must be involved with a parent meeting or phone call).

- Bullying and Harassment in person, writing, or social media (as defined in the handbook)
- Physical altercation
- Tampering or damaging school, another student's, or teacher's property
- Skipping Class
- Excessive dress code violations
- Leaving campus without permission
- Using the internet improperly (AUP violations)
- Extreme disrespect to staff or students

- Blatant belligerence or defiance to authority
- Any category 4 violation will result in an “F” in conduct (elementary only)

Category 5 - Out of school suspension with Probation assigned Suspension (Dean and Principal must be involved with a parent meeting)

The circumstances surrounding an infraction will be considered in determining the length and time of the suspension. All suspensions are considered unexcused absences. Tests and makeup work might receive an academic penalty at the discretion of administration.

Probation- this is the chance for a student to correct a serious discipline problem. If the problem does not improve to satisfactory levels as determined by the Administration, the consequence could result in expulsion.

- Repetition of category 3 or 4 actions
- Publicly criticizing school polices and or staff
- Stealing
- Carry or using tobacco, e-cigarettes, or any vapor products on or off campus
- In possession of any illegal item
- Pretending to use or have drugs, legal or illegal
- Pulling fire alarm
- Possession of or posting lewd material on campus including access via the internet
- Bringing fireworks to school
- Breaking in or vandalizing the campus or property
- Threat of physical abuse to teacher, staff, student or property
- Possession of incendiary materials or device
- Bringing or pretending to have alcoholic beverages on or off campus
- Acts of sexual immorality on or off campus (including social media)
- Carrying sharp objects or any kind of weapon

Category 6 - Expulsion (Headmaster and Dean will meet with parents)

- Repetition of any Category 5 action
- Bringing any item to school that could be determined to be a weapon with intent to cause harm.
- Bringing any illegal items to school with intent to use or resale.
- Excessive acts of violence

1. **BEHAVIORAL PROBATION** – Behavioral probation prevents a student from participating in sports, field trips or other type of trips taken by the school. A student can be placed on behavioral probation for two consecutive grading periods; however, if a student qualifies for a third behavioral probation period, the student will be liable for dismissal.

2. **SUSPENSION** is given to any student who receives a category 4 or 5 violation. Students may also be suspended for any repeated offense. Other suspension offenses include any violation deemed necessary by the dean or other administrators.

3. EXPULSION of a student will occur for any violation deemed necessary by the administration.
4. DISQUALIFICATION FROM RE-ENROLLMENT for the following school year may result from an accumulation of excessive violations within the school year.

RESTORATION PROGRAM

Middle School and High School students whose behavior and conduct records at the school requires dismissal, may be considered for a counseling program to help the student deal with spiritual matters in their life. Completion of this program and meeting all the requirements set by the administration may possibly lead to the student’s restoration as a student at FCS.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

The Administration and Staff of Florida Christian School is dedicated to preventing and eliminating substance abuse on school property and at school-sponsored activities. The use or possession of illegal drugs or illegal mood-altering substances, alcoholic beverages, drug-related paraphernalia, vaping devices and paraphernalia or the abuse of prescription or over the counter drugs by any student on school property or while attending or participating in any school sponsored activity or at any time the student is forbidden. Transgression of this rule will result in disciplinary action, which may include expulsion from the school, even for a first offense. Any student selling drugs on school property or at school functions may be immediately expelled. In the enforcement of this policy the school may also conduct random searches as set forth in this handbook.

Because Florida Christian School is committed to a drug-free environment, the school reserves the right to perform drug testing as needed as an enhancement to the school’s existing education and prevention initiatives. Research shows that drug testing is a powerful deterrent to drug use. If testing is performed, students will be tested by submitting to a urine test which will take place at random or if a reasonable suspicion exists. The tests will screen for nicotine, marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines (both ecstasy and methamphetamines), and phencyclidine (PCP), barbiturates, benzodiazepines, and synthetic cannabinoids (K2 and Spice). Students will be randomly selected for the drug testing throughout the year or if a reasonable suspicion exists. If a student takes any action to avoid, manipulate or interfere with the test or the test results, it will be considered a positive result and disciplinary action will be taken. All drug screening will be administered through the school’s clinic and under the supervision of the clinic staff. Parents will be notified prior to the testing of their child.

If a student tests positive, a parent/guardian will be contacted directly by the Dean of Students and a meeting will be scheduled. The parents will receive an explanation of the test results, to include the type of drug, level of use, and window of time of use. Refusal to participate in such a test may result in expulsion from the school. Any student who voluntarily seeks help for substance abuse will receive confidential assistance and referral. The Administration will seek appropriate parental and counselor involvement to assist the student.

If a student tests positive because of a urine drug test, and the students parent protests the test, the student will be required to submit to a controlled substance screening blood test at a recognized medical facility or laboratory at the parents’ expense. A blood test will provide specific details at to any controlled substance,

including nicotine, that may be present in the student's system and the level of concentration. The student must submit to the blood test within 72 hours of being notified by the administration and show proof of such. Students who test positive because of a drug screening conducted by the school will face disciplinary action up to the dismissal from school.

VAPE DETECTION DEVICES

Florida Christian School utilizes the HALO vape detection devices. These devices are installed in bathrooms and locker rooms on the main campus. The devices detect any vaping, including vape devices that contain nicotine and THC. The vape detectors are integrated with our video surveillance system and sends alert notifications to the administrative staff.

Any student found to be in an area when a vape detection device sends an alert is subject to the school's random drug screening policy and may be required to submit to a drug screening as described above.

OFF CAMPUS CONDUCT

Florida Christian School students are expected to maintain Christian conduct off campus as well as on campus. Attendance and/or participating in an event in which alcohol and/or drug activity occurs may lead to dismissal from school.

FIELD TRIPS

All school field trips (except fine arts trips) must be organized by the school field trip coordinator. Fine arts field trips will be coordinated by the fine arts coordinator. All school field trips must have the permission from the principal. All students must have a signed permission form from their parent to participate in the field trip. Parents are welcome on most school field trips, however, space on the school vehicles is limited, and they may have to provide their own transportation. Additionally, some entrances allow a limited number of adults per students. Parents must remember the teacher is in-charge of the group while on a trip.

PARENT/ADULT PARTICIPANT IN SCHOOL TRIP AGREEMENT

Part of the Florida Christian experience involves traveling with our students to many exciting places. We believe that these trips are an intricate part of the overall school program and are certainly some of the favorite memories of our students. We are also happy to have our parents travel with us and be a part of these trips. We also know that there are many opinions and preferences represented in our school, as well as habits and family customs. Because of this we ask our parents who are traveling with us, to sign a simple statement of cooperation for the purpose of communication and continuity for the trip, which reflects our school's policies and Christian testimony. If you have any questions about any of the statements below, please see or call the trip leader, prior to the trip for clarification. In order to participate on the trip, it will be necessary for each parent/adult participant to agree to comply with the agreement.

Trip guidelines for parents:

- There is a no smoking/vaping policy on all school trips
- There is a no alcohol consumption policy on all school trips.
- Dress must be modest and conform to the student dress code for all trips.

- There should be no profanity on any school trip.

Parents cannot allow a change in any trip activity without permission from the faculty trip leader or give permission for students to participate in any activity not approved by the trip leader.

CONDUCT IN ASSEMBLIES/CHAPEL

At all times, the student's behavior should be refined and courteous. An indication of the cultural level of a school is the conduct of the student body at an assembly. Whether guests are present or not, each student is personally responsible for the impression made by the school as a whole. Unacceptable conduct would include whistling, inappropriate clapping, boisterousness, and talking during a program. Misconduct will result the assignment of an in-school suspension at the discretion of the dean.

Textbooks and other materials are to be left in student lockers. Purses, wallet, and Bibles are to be taken to all assemblies and chapels.

PHYSICAL CONTACT/IMMORALITY

Demonstration of romantic involvement between students on the school campus or at school events is forbidden. Hand holding, embracing, kissing, or any other contact that would contribute to undue familiarity will not be tolerated. This type of behavior will result in suspension or expulsion.

In accordance with the school's recognition of Biblical authority, no immoral conduct will be tolerated, including identifying statements related to immoral conduct. The Bible strictly forbids immoral conduct and the advocacy for such sinful behavior. (1 Thess. 4:1-8) An identifying statement is defined as a statement that a student is sexually active, or words to that effect, or language or behavior that a reasonable person would believe is intended to convey that a student engages in or has a propensity or intent to engage in immoral and/or sexual acts. Participating in or immoral conduct or sexual activity is incompatible with enrollment at a Christian school and is a basis for dismissal.

HARASSMENT, SEXUAL AND OTHER FORMS OF HARASSMENT

Florida Christian School seeks to promote a safe and healthy environment in which all of our students can reach their full spiritual, physical, and academic potential. Florida Christian School will not tolerate verbal or physical conduct by any student or other person which harasses, disrupts, or interferes with another's school experience as a student or that creates an intimidating, offensive, or hostile school environment.

No form of harassment will be tolerated, including harassment because of a student's race, national origin, disability, age, or sex. Special attention should be given to sexual harassment. No student, either male or female, should be subjected verbally or physically to unsolicited and unwelcome sexual overtures or conduct. Such behavior will not be tolerated and shall result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from school. Prohibited sexually harassing or offensive behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Unwanted physical contact or conduct of any kind, including sexual flirtations, touching, advances, or propositions.
- Verbal harassment of a sexual nature, such as lewd comments, sexual jokes, or references, and

offensive personal references.

- Demeaning, insulting intimidating, or sexually suggestive comments about an individual.
- The display, on school premises, of demeaning, insulting, intimidating, or sexually suggestive objects, pictures, or photographs.
- Demeaning, insulting, intimidating, or sexually suggestive written, recorded, or electronically transmitted messages or postings (i.e., e-mail, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat, Group Texting, You-tube, etc.)

Sexual harassment does not refer to the occasional compliments of a socially acceptable nature. It refers to behavior that is not welcome, that is personally offensive, and that interferes with a student’s effectiveness in school. Sexual harassment includes gender-based harassment of a person of the same sex as the harasser.

Any student, parent or faculty member who experiences or observes harassment in any form at the school must report it immediately to the appropriate principal and or to the Headmaster. All allegations of sexual harassment will be promptly investigated in an impartial and confidential manner. A timely resolution of the complaint will be communicated to those involved.

Florida Christian School will permit no student/parent/faculty-based retaliation against anyone who brings a bona fide complaint of sexual harassment or who is a witness in an investigation of sexual harassment. However, anyone who makes a false complaint or provides false information in an investigation of sexual harassment will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from school.

BULLYING

Florida Christian School recognizes that a safe and civil environment in school is necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards. The school finds that bullying, like other disruptive or violent behavior is conduct that disrupts both a student’s ability to learn and a school’s ability to educate its students in a safe environment. Additionally, as a Christian School, FCS seeks to promote behavior and attitudes acceptable to God. (II Timothy 1:7)

The school prohibits all bullying on school premises, at school-sponsored functions or activities, or while students are being transported by any means of transportation provided or supported by the school.

Any student who believes he or she has been or is currently the victim of bullying may report the situation to the school headmaster, principals, or assistant principal. The student may also report concerns to the dean, guidance counselor or a teacher who shall notify school administration.

STUDENT WEBSITES/SOCIAL NETWORKING

Florida Christian School has deemed that the inappropriate use of social networking websites (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, SnapChat, Group Texts, Emails, etc.) is not compatible with the purpose and mission of the school. Any student found using these sites in an inappropriate manner which is in contrast to the school’s conduct standards, moral standards, and statements on harassment or bullying will be subject to disciplinary

action up to and including dismissal from the school.

STUDENT DRIVERS

Students may drive their cars to school, provided there is ample space to park. Seniors will be given preference in parking spaces. Any remaining spaces may be used by juniors/sophomores. Students must park in assigned areas. When students leave their cars in the morning, they may not return to their cars during the school day without permission. Three unexcused tardies to school may result in the loss of driving privileges for nine weeks.

All student drivers must register their cars with the Dean's office. Packets concerning registering your car may be picked up in the front office or at the Dean's office. Students and parents must complete the vehicle registration form and pay a \$45 fee. A registration sticker will be issued and must always be displayed. Student drivers who park on school grounds without registering their vehicle risk having their vehicle towed at the parents' expense. Leaving school grounds in an automobile without specific parental permission and approval from the school office is expressly forbidden.

Seniors who properly register their vehicle have the option of being assigned a specific parking space for the entire school year and are permitted to decorate the parking stump if they choose too. Dean must approve all artwork before decorating parking stump. Assigned parking spaces for seniors are located on the west side of the main campus near the softball field and along the wall near the back gate. These spaces will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

Driving Infractions - reckless driving, speeding, or any other misuse of the driving privilege will result in a two-week suspension of driving privileges for the first offense and a permanent loss of driving privileges for the second offense.

DRESS CODE

Complete uniform includes:

1. Uniform shirt or blouse
2. Uniform slacks (MS / HS), skort, culottes or jumper (elementary only)
3. Proper shoes, socks, or stockings
4. Belt for slacks & shorts
5. Student I.D. badge
6. Unaltered shorts.

Other Dress Requirements (all students)

The following is non-acceptable dress

1. Caps, hats or hood covering head (in doors)
2. More than one piece of neckwear (gold chains, etc.)
3. No piercings for girls other than the ear. No nose or eyebrow piercings.

DRESS PROCEDURES FOR NON-UNIFORM DAYS

Students are permitted to wear pants, loose fit jeans, modest length shorts.

Students are not permitted to wear jeans with rips or tears anywhere, short shorts, leggings, jeggings, spaghetti strap tops, exposed mid drift, pajama bottoms, sleeveless shirts or any inappropriate words or phrases on clothing.

Students must wear sneakers or other closed shoes. No sandals, crocs or open toed shoes

Every Friday will be designated as “school spirit day”. Students will be permitted to wear any Florida Christian School top, polo, or t-shirt, that represents FCS, an FCS sport, FCS fine arts or club. Students are required to wear school uniform dress code bottoms.

STUDENT SCHOOL ID

All students are always required to wear their school issued ID during school hours. ID’s must be worn with the issued blue lanyard, or any lanyard approved by the administration. Lanyard and ID must be visible and worn around the neck or attached to a backpack.

If a student forgets their ID for the day, they must obtain a temporary ID from the front office. If a student needs to replace their ID, they can purchase a new one in the Dean’s office for \$5.00. A new ID will be provided that same day. Replacement lanyards can be purchased in the bookstore for \$1.00.

Student ID’s will also be used to purchase their lunch by having their student ID bar code scanned by cafeteria staff. Student ID’s can also be used to enter all athletic events on campus.

Skorts (elementary) may be no more than 3" from the knee. **GIRLS WITH SKORTS/SHORTS TOO SHORT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN CLASS.**

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Students will be permitted to attend class only if they are dressed in a complete FCS uniform. Any student who comes to school without a complete uniform will be required to call their parents to bring proper clothing and will not be permitted in class until properly attired.

HAIR CODE FOR STUDENTS:

Boys’ hair will be neatly trimmed off the eyebrows, collar with the entire ear showing. Boys are also not allowed to have lines, or any type of design shaved into their hair. Boys are not permitted to use a band or any item to hold their hair up. Verticality of boy’s hair will be at the discretion of the administration.

Both boys and girls cannot dye, bleach, or make any drastic changes to their natural hair color. Any student who comes to school with dyed hair (purple, pink, blue, etc.) will be sent home and cannot return to school until corrected. No student will be allowed in class with a faddish or extreme haircut or hair style.

Students violating the hair code may be asked not to return to class until meeting the hair code. Repeated violations may result in suspension.

Any hairstyle that is considered to be extreme, or a distraction, can be deemed inappropriate by an administrator.

EARRINGS: Boys may not wear earrings at school or any school-related activity.

TATTOOS: All tattoos should be covered by the student's clothing. Athletes must cover any tattoo at practice or games. Henna tattoos of any kind are not permitted.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Florida Christian School P.E. uniforms should be worn for physical education class, athletic team practice, cheerleading practice, drill team practice, and band practice unless the coach has approved another outfit.

Slacks, culottes, and modest shorts are permissible at athletic events (football games, etc.)

NOTE: We respectfully request that parents dress appropriately when at school or attending school events. We also request that there be no smoking or vaping on school property.

FIELD TRIP DRESS

All students will wear FCS uniforms for all field trips unless otherwise approved by the school administration.

HISTORY

In the summer of **1968**, Pastor Robert Miller, a former missionary to Cuba, was asked by a group of parents to become the first principal of a new Christian school. Pastor Miller, along with seven board members, a group of Christian families, and about 100 students, came together and Florida Christian School was born. The school purchased an old church building which housed the entire student body, grades 1 through 12.

Mr. Dick Costner, one of the original school board members, became the principal in the fall of **1969** and served until **1971**. Dr. Linton Fowler, also one of the original board members, took over the school's administrator position and led the school into a period of growth. A new two story classroom building was completed in **1972** and additional property was acquired. The population of the student body grew to 750 students by the late 70's, which now included pre-school and kindergarten.

At the end of the **1981-82** school year, Dr. Robert Andrews became the school administrator. Dr. Andrews has served in this position, now known as the school Headmaster, until the present.

In **1987**, a second classroom building was completed, and additional property was acquired. A new school cafeteria was completed in **1994**, and a gymnasium/auditorium complex was finished in **1997**. In **1998** FCS purchased a 16-classroom school building with a 4 ½ acre parcel of land which directly adjoins the western boundary of the main campus. This addition increases the maximum number of students allowed by zoning regulation to 1,420 students. In the summer of **2004** lights were installed for all of our sports fields and the fall of **2005** and a new classroom/media center building was added to our facilities. Spring of '09 brought new bleachers and a remodeled baseball field area along with a sand volleyball court. With the fall of **2010** came new football/soccer bleachers and during the summer of **2011** the first phase of the remodeling of the cafeteria on the main campus was completed. During the summer of **2012**, as part of FCSMART, the technology initiative of FCS, all classrooms received Smart Boards and other technology leading to the implement of an iPad initiative. The year **2014** new playground equipment was installed on the main campus and the west campus received its required 40 year recertification including parking lot lighting. The summer 2015 we entered into a campus beautification project with a new look for our buildings and grounds. More recently all of the restrooms have been updated on both campuses along with new classroom furniture, lighting and technology.

Today, Florida Christian School is one of the leading private Christian schools in Dade County. The stability and experience of the school board and administration have proven to be a key element in the growth and development of the school. Mr. David King, the High School Principal, has been at Florida Christian for 22 years. He has served 4 years as the High School Assistant Principal and is currently in his second year as the High School Principal. The Middle School Principal, Mrs. Patricia Perez has 20 years of experience in education. This is Mrs. Perez' first year at FCS. Mrs. Christina Blanco, the Elementary Principal has been at FCS 4 years with 18 years in education.

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

WHO IS GOOD?

"As it is written there is none righteous, no not one." Romans 3:10

WHO HAS SINNED?

“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

GOD’S PAYMENT FOR SIN

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
Romans 6:23

JESUS PAID THE PENALTY FOR YOUR SINS

“Christ died for our sins . . . He was buried . . . and He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.” I Corinthians 15:3-4

JESUS WANTS TO BE YOUR SAVIOR

“Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the father, but by me.”
John 14:6

SALVATION IS A FREE GIFT

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is a gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.” Ephesians 2:8 & 9

RECEIVE CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR TODAY

“But as many as receive him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.” John 1:12

YOU HAVE EVERYTHING TO GAIN

“For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” Mark 8:36:37

Why not pray and receive Jesus as your Savior right now? Pray a prayer something like this: “Lord Jesus I am a sinner. Please forgive me of my sins. I accept Jesus’ death on the cross as the only payment for sin. I believe Jesus was buried and rose from the dead and is alive in heaven today. Come into my life and save me now. Thank you for giving me eternal life. Amen.”

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, Word of God, final in content and complete in revelation. II Timothy 3: 16

We believe that there is one God eternally existent in the persons of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I John 5:7

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ who took on human flesh, lived a sinless life, was crucified, buried and rose again, who ascended back to Heaven to make intercession for us, and who will return in power and glory. II Corinthians 5:21

We believe that all men are sinful by nature and are in need of God's salvation. Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23.

We believe man is saved by grace through faith in what Christ has done for us on the cross, not by anything we can do; it is a gift of God. Ephesians 2:8, 9

We believe that the child of God has been given a new nature at the time of salvation and is enabled to live a Godly life only by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. John 3:3-7, Galatians 5:17-26

We believe the obedient Christian has followed the Lord in believer's baptism and is actively serving in the ministry of the local church. Hebrews 10:25, Philippians 1:3-6

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. Genesis 1:26-27

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. Genesis 2:18-25