

**STUDENT HANDBOOK
2006-2007**

Macedonian Christian Academy 

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Thank you for choosing Macedonian Christian Academy for your child's education. This handbook is designed to help answer any questions you might have about our school and policies. It will also contain all the forms needed to enroll your child.

OPPORTUNITY

The objective in building a private Christian school is to obey the Scriptural imperatives of

Deuteronomy 6:5-7a: "...love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children..."

and of Proverbs 22:6: to "train up a child in THE way he SHOULD go."

Teaching is training. Training for life must include training for eternity.

A Christian school is an extension of the Christian home in training young people in a Christian environment for time and eternity. The school staff works closely with parents to train the whole child.

Attendance at this school is a privilege and not a right. The goal of this school is not to reform, but to train Christian youth in every ability in the highest principles of Christian leadership, self-discipline, individual responsibility, personal integrity, and good citizenship. This school stands without apology for the old-time Gospel and the highest standards of morality and Christian behavior.

CHURCH AFFILIATION

Students and parents are expected to belong to and to attend regularly a Bible-believing church.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in ...

1. The inspiration of the Bible, equally in all parts and without error in its origin;
2. The one God, eternally existent Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Who created man by a direct immediate act;
3. The preexistence, incarnation, virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, ascension to Heaven, and the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ;
4. The fall of man, the need of regeneration by the operation of the Holy Spirit on the basis of grace alone, and the resurrection of all to life or damnation; and
5. The spiritual unity of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.
6. That the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer is revealed through the fruit of the spirit rather than through any such external manifestations such as speaking in tongues, etc.



STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Students of MCA are expected to refrain from talking about or engaging in cheating, swearing, smoking, gambling, rock music, dancing, drinking alcoholic beverages, and using narcotics. Students who participate in such activities are subject to suspension. Students are expected to act in an orderly and respectful manner, maintaining Christian standards of courtesy, cheerfulness, kindness, language, morality, and honesty. Students must agree to strive toward unquestionable character in dress, conduct, and attitude, and to sign the Standard of Conduct form.

Any student observing questionable activities or overhearing conversations which are contrary to the policies of this academy should immediately discuss the matter with a supervisor. THIS IS NOT TATTLING. It has been said, "All it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

"...to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation by a state governmental agency is an administrative mechanism designed as an attempt to attain uniform education for all children in government school. It was established as a governmental means of causing local public school districts to meet what the state educational agencies determined to be minimum academic and facility standards for all schools. Accreditation teams, therefore, investigate and approve or disapprove facilities and curriculum in educational institutions according to the criteria developed by secular educational administrators who may not be Christians.

Accreditation of a private Christian school is not necessary for a graduate of that school to enroll in a college or university. Registrars of such institutions are interested in the academic merits of individual students, not in the name of their school of graduation. This, they evaluate each applicant's academic aptitude through nationally standardized tests. This school does not seek accreditation by any outside educational institution, but does endeavor to provide the highest possible academic program.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

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

EARLY GRADUATION

Students will not be allowed to graduate early. Students must complete 12 years of school starting with Kindergarten. If a student finishes his/her schoolwork ahead of schedule they may take college courses during the school day.



PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

1. Students and at least one parent must attend Parent Teacher Fellowships.
2. Parents should strive to put their children to bed before 10:00 p.m.
 - A child who sleeps all day in class will be punished for not completing his work.
 - The blame lies on both the child and the parent if no curfew is in the home.
3. Students not completing work will be dealt with as follows:
 - Will get homework.
 - Given personal attention.
 - If not corrected, will be removed from school.
4. We encourage that parents participate in their children's academic, athletic, and spiritual activities.
5. Uniforms will be highly enforced:
 - Correct colors, correct size and no lettering.
 - Only permitted uniform will be allowed.
6. The facilities and grounds will be cared for by those who profit from it. Students will take part in upkeep of the grounds.
7. Parents must comply with school rules and regulations. The parent is not under the exact rules, but should encourage their children to comply with the rules that the school designates for Christian behavior.
8. School hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Students will be out of the school building by 3:30 p.m. unless they are staying late for a school activity. Those who stay after 3:30 must pay the appropriate fee for being watched.
9. Gripping will not be tolerated.
10. Argumentative students will be dealt with immediately.
11. Movies and video games that are not allowed for children's viewing or deemed inappropriate will be restricted on MCA campus.
12. Four unexcused absences are all that is allowed. More than four will equal expulsion. Unexcused absence is for anything not related to health or approved by the school.
13. Doctor's visits must be proven by having a written excuse from the doctor with time spent there included.
14. Six unexcused tardies and you are expelled.
15. Skipping school one day is automatic suspension. If the parents and school do not know where the child is at, this is considered skipping.
16. If a child does not show up to school, the parents will be contacted either at home or at work.
17. If child is going to be late, a phone call must be made by the parent with an acceptable excuse.
18. If there is a time where a family will be away on a trip or an activity, which causes the student to be absent, the parents must let the school know two weeks in advance and approve of the child's absence.
19. Corporal punishment will be enforced.
 - Proverbs 22:15, 13:24, 29:15, 17. All relate to discipline by means of paddling. For this Christian School not to paddle is going against God's form of discipline.
 - Parents must sign corporal punishment permissions and comply with corporal punishment laws.



DRESS CODE

- Boys:**
- Hair should be neat and conservative. No worldly fads.
 - A belt will be worn with pants and shirt will be tucked in at all times.
 - Shirts can be ordered through the school office. These will be red, navy or gold polo shirts. This fee includes the embroidery of the school letters and logo.
 - Pre-kinder thru 7th can wear jeans.
 - 8th thru 12th can wear light khaki or navy blue slacks.

- Girls:**
- Hair should be neat and conservative. No worldly fads.
 - Jumpers: Pre-Kinder-5th (navy blue or khaki and they must cover the knee)
 - Vest: Navy blue or Red
 - Blouse: White, either button up the front or polo. Blouse will need to be buttoned to the collarbone.
 - Skirt: khaki (stone) skirt at least to the mid-calf in length. The slit should be no higher than the bottom of the knee. It may be necessary for you to sew these slits to be within the guidelines.
 - No big front pockets and no jean or corduroy material.

These rules will be strictly enforced.

Wednesday dress:

Wednesday is dress up day.

Boys: will wear blue; button up the front shirts with a tie.

Girls: can wear regular uniform substituting a light blue top for the white one.

Shoes and socks:

- No flip-flops will be allowed.
- Shoestrings should match (the same color).
- Socks should match as well.
- Comfortable shoes should be worn at all times.
- Shoes will be required to be laced up for your child's safety.

Event uniform:

- Girls:**
- No slacks will be allowed at any time at any school-sponsored event.
 - A jean skirt below the knee, with a top that will pass school guidelines will be good for sports events.
 - For Parent Teacher Fellowships: we will announce the uniform for PTF.

Activity Attire:

- Girls:**
- Skirt knee length and below and below.
 - Appropriate tops.

- Boys:**
- No baggy or oversize clothing.
 - No chains or excessive jewelry.



SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED

I have read all the rules and regulations required by Macedonian Christian Academy. I, therefore, will sign my signature in agreement and support of all the procedures and regulations.

Parent signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Student signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

This page needs to be signed and returned to the school.