



DISCIPLINE

A Culture of Excellence

The philosophies and programs of Grace Christian Academy are built upon the principles of God's Word and we strive to provide an environment that is conducive to the spiritual growth and development of all our students. One of the prerequisites for success in life is self-discipline. Christian discipline is learned by submitting to the authority of the home, church and school. Accountability is a part of growing up and a part of Christian living. GCA students should be noted for their conduct as Christians and good citizens demonstrating good manners and responsible lifestyles.

Biblical principles used by GCA for guiding children to predetermined discipline goals include 1) instruction, 2) correction, 3) exhortation, 4) rebuke and 5) suspension and expulsion. The goal of discipline is to help the student learn to be self-disciplined. Real love for children is demonstrated by firm, yet loving discipline, where the goal is to not only change the behavior but also the heart.

For discipline to be effective, both the school and the home must be supportive of the measures. The school expects parents to support the school in administering its disciplinary program in order to insure a proper academic climate and develop a sense of responsibility in students. The school and home must partner together to produce students who become happy, healthy, and productive adults.

ABSENCES

Regular attendance and promptness are required. Emergency situations are understood but vacations should be planned during normal school holidays. A student who exhibits excessive absences will be placed on Behavioral Probation. A student who is absent more than the 10% limit of allowable absences in a semester (for grades 7-12) or year (for grades K-6) will lose credit for that semester or year.

TARDIES

GCA is placing a greater emphasis on tardiness. A notification email will be sent to parents after each designated tardy. Students will be given an unexcused tardy for late morning drop off and individual class periods.

TARDY CONSEQUENCES

1-3 Tardies - Unexcused Tardy

Recorded in FACTS

4-6 Tardies - \$15 fee each time

7+ Tardies - \$50 fee - All

Students/Parent Conference

scheduled- Secondary Students

Cell Phone Policy

In compliance with House Bill 1481, students are not allowed to use their cell phones during the school day (8:00 am -3:30 pm). All students are required to keep all electronic devices off and in their backpacks for the entirety of the school day. Devices should not be in clothes pockets or visible at any time. This includes smart watches, Bluetooth-enabled headphones or accessories, tablets, and gaming devices. Students violating the cell phone policy will face disciplinary consequences of confiscation, fines, parental notification and parent pick-up only.

Dress Code Policy

Students must be appropriately dressed and groomed upon arrival for school in compliance with the published GCA Dress Code. If the student is out of uniform expectations, they will be sent to the office to call home. The student will remain in the office until the dress code infraction is corrected. Multiple infractions will result in additional consequences.

Bullying and/or Harassment

Bullying is a specific type of harassment defined as the repeated and intentional behavior purposefully done to hurt or harm another person. The harassment may be in written or verbal expression, expression through electronic methods, or physical conduct against another student on school property, at a school-sponsored or related activity, or in a school-operated vehicle. Bullying or harassment of any kind will not be tolerated at GCA

CELL PHONE CONSEQUENCES

1st Offense -

Student will have the cell phone /electronic device confiscated, \$15 fine (\$20 Credit Card), infraction recorded in FACTS Discipline Log

2nd Offense -

Device confiscated, \$25 fine (\$30 Credit Card), infraction recorded in FACTS Discipline Log

3rd Offense -

Device confiscated, parent only pick-up, \$50 fine (\$55 Credit Card), infraction recorded in FACTS Discipline Log, parent conference required.

4or more-No devices allowed on campus. Student is subject to suspension.

“Not Seen, Not Heard, Not Taken”

DRESS CODE CONSEQUENCES

1-3 Violations -

Warning, infraction recorded in FACTS Discipline Log

3rd-5th Violations -

Recorded in FACTS, Assigned After School Detention

6 or more Violations -

Recorded in FACTS, Saturday Detention, \$45 fine (\$50 Credit Card)