



Expectations Handbook for Homeschoolers at FAITH

FAITH Homeschool Academy is happy to support and provide classes to homeschooling families. The Academy is founded and based on Christian principles and the inerrant Word of God. We are not affiliated with a particular denomination within the Body of Christ and do not provide instruction in doctrine. Those wishing to attend the Academy are not required to be proclaimed Christians. However, because the Academy is founded on Christian beliefs, all members must acknowledge and abide by the Academy's Statement of Faith, Code of Conduct, and Dress Code. These documents do not exist in name only, but are used to outline acceptable behavior by members of the Academy any time that they are representing FAITH. This includes, but is not limited to, classes, events, activities, and field trips.

Dress Code

Modesty is the goal for young ladies (1 Timothy 2:9) and respect is the goal for young men.

- No spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, low cut tops, bare midriffs, undergarments showing, sheer or see through materials, or short shorts/skirts (above mid thigh).
- Clothing should not be too tight.
- No clothing with inappropriate messages, slogans, or pictures will be tolerated.
- This dress code applies to parents and children alike. Please see attached pictures for examples of proper and improper dress.

Parental Responsibility: We believe it is the parent's responsibility to ensure that the student is properly dressed for participation in FAITH classes and events. Please familiarize yourself with

the dress code. When a student is observed to be in noncompliance with the dress code, the parent will be asked to take the child home to change.

Code of Conduct Parental Responsibility

We believe it is primarily the parent's responsibility to ensure that their children are following the rules and respecting the expectations laid out below. Please familiarize yourself with the expectations and rules below. When a student is observed to be in non-compliance with these, the parent may be asked to comply with the agreed upon consequences outlined below.

EXPECTATIONS:

- Students will show respect to all people – authority and their peers.
- Students are expected to immediately obey the requests of adults, use polite language at all times,
- All people will respect the building and property at all times. If a student damages property, parents may be financially responsible for the damage. Please remember that the owners of our location have graciously allowed us to use their facilities. It is incredibly important that we show them and their facility respect in all areas.
- Respect that this is a place of business with the goal of glorifying God in all we do. With that said, walk in the building, use “inside” voices, and keep your hands to yourself and your own belongings, and use only polite language at all times.
- Swearing, cussing, insulting and/or threatening others will not be tolerated.

Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policies

- The use of cell phones and all other electronic devices (including the use of Apple watches etc., earbuds and headphones) is prohibited in the classroom, unless specified by the teacher for a particular activity. Upon arrival to the classroom, students should place cell phones in the teacher designated location. Cell phones must remain off or in the silent, do not disturb mode.
- If a student chooses to disregard the “no cell phone” policy while in class, the classroom teacher will confiscate the electronic device until lunch (morning classes) or end of day (afternoon classes) and a written warning will be issued via QuickSchools on the first offense (further disciplinary action will be taken with each subsequent incident). It will be the student's responsibility to retrieve the device at the appointed time.
- Students shall not, under any circumstances, photograph or record (audio or visual) themselves, other students, or adults without their consent in or outside school grounds, for any purpose. Such activities will be immediate grounds for disciplinary action on the first offense. If a student wishes to have a photograph of something, they may ask a teacher or staff to take it to send to their parent via QuickSchools.

- If there is an emergency while your student is attending class, parents should contact the classroom teacher and/or director if they need to be in immediate contact with their child. Please see your child's teacher's classroom syllabus/information sheet for instructions on how to best contact him or her during the school day.
- Students shall not, at any time during the school day or while on school grounds, including during their free time, watch or play content on their electronic devices that does not adhere to this handbook - which includes the dress code and expectations for students. Students who are observed viewing or playing content that is deemed inappropriate for the school setting will have their devices confiscated for the remainder of the day with instructions to leave them at home.
- A record of all incidents concerning cell phones and/or electronic devices will be kept in QuickSchools and will be viewable by all FAITH teachers and the student's parents.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE:

- First offense and/or Tier 1*: Student will be encouraged to better behavior and reminded of the expectations.
- Second offense and/or Tier 2: Parent will be notified via QuickSchools.
- Third offense and/or Tier 3: Parent meeting with teachers and director will be scheduled to discuss how to help student correct disruptive behavior.
- Uncorrected disruptive behavior and/or Tier 4: Student will be suspended and/or expelled at the discretion of the director, this may include needing to be picked up from school by parent.

****Please note:** Creating and maintaining a safe and pleasant learning environment for all students and teachers is the goal. Correctional methods and consequences are designed to help students make respectful choices, and to love their neighbors as themselves.**

Classwork, Attendance, and Grading Policy

- Out of respect for our teachers and other students within the class, we highly encourage you to be on time to class each day.
- If a student is absent from class, they will turn in all missing assignments, homework, and retake missed tests upon their return. We will take prolonged absences into consideration and adjust accordingly.
- In lieu of retaking a test or quiz for a better grade, teachers will drop one test or one quiz of the student's choosing if requested per semester.

A 90-100 Outstanding Progress -- Consistently demonstrates in-depth understanding of concepts, processes, and skills.

B 80-89 Above Average Progress -- Often demonstrates an understanding of major concepts, processes, and skills.

C 70-79 Average Progress -- Demonstrates a developing understanding of major concepts, processes, and skills.

D 60-69 Lowest Acceptable Progress -- Demonstrates a beginning understanding of major concepts, processes, and skills.

F 0-59 Non-completion of important components of tasks

Weighting system: Tests 40%, Quizzes 35%, Homework/Classwork 25%

*Please note that tests are not the only assignments that can be labeled in the gradebook as “tests.” This could include essays, labs, etc., (teacher’s discretion), that will account for the (example) 40% test grade.

Midterms & Report Cards: Students will receive a midterm at the five week mark within the quarter. This merely serves as an update on your student’s progress and/or a way for parents to see grades and missing assignments.

Report cards will be handed out at the end of every quarter (8 weeks). This report card is simply for the parent’s records.

* FAITH is not responsible for keeping grades/report cards on file.

Make-up Work Policies (excused and unexcused)

Excused work can be defined as work that was missed due to a student’s absence from the classroom. Students are responsible for obtaining work they miss due to absences. It is understood that the nature of some work may be impossible to complete, e.g., group activities, in class labs, etc., and will be taken into consideration based on individual teacher decisions. Students will have one day per absentee day to complete their missing assignments. For example, if a student was to miss a Tuesday, their work would be due the next Academy day, Thursday, to receive full credit. In certain circumstances where a prolonged illness or other situation is involved, an extension of this limit may be arranged individually with the teacher.

Tests and quizzes that are missed due to an absence must be made up within one week of returning to school. Missed exams must be scheduled with the teacher to be taken either before school, at lunch, or in class based on the teacher's preference. Failure to make up an exam within a one week time period will automatically result in a 0.

Please note that all teachers post every assignment on QuickSchools. If a student is absent, they will be aware of their missed assignments via the QuickSchools platform.

Unexcused work can be defined as work that was assigned while the student was present in class, but resulted in incompleteness of the assignment to be turned in on time.

Late work is work handed in after the teacher has already collected the assignment on the original due date, on which the student was present, and will not be accepted for full credit under any circumstance.

Homework or assignments where answers are gone over in class or posted to QuickSchools are unable to be made up for any credit and will automatically result in a 0.

If a student fails to turn in an assignment on time, the student will have until the next class meeting to receive a grade of up to 90%. By the following class meeting, the student will have the opportunity to receive a grade of up to 80%. Unexcused work will not be accepted after this point and will automatically result in a 0.

Academic Integrity

As homeschool parents, it is expected that we will do our very best to help our children to learn. We understand that each student is an individual and has varying needs, even within the same family. In simple terms, please do help your child according to their individual needs, but please do not do their work for them, provide answers, or allow them to use extracurricular tools or resources to complete their work, unless specified (e.g. calculator, Google, Alexa, etc).

It is expected that all students do their own work and complete their own assignments to the best of their ability. Perfection is not the goal, but learning is. It is anticipated and even desired for students to have to struggle so that learning may occur. Graded work that is turned in that appears to have been completed by someone other than the student will be investigated and followed up with an appropriate consequence as determined by the teacher and/or director and parent.

Payment Policy

School tuition can be determined using the price list (found on the website). A \$60 registration fee per class is due before school begins. This holds your student's spot in their classes, as well as helps to provide curriculum for the teachers. Tuition is the price for the entire school year. The total price for the entire school year will be divided into nine months (September-May). The helpfulness of this layout allows the school and you, as a parent, the ability to budget the same exact price every month. The price will not change monthly because you are dividing the total tuition into nine months. So, for months like December and May, where there are not as many classes, you are still paying the same exact price each month. Payments can be made via cash, check, or Zelle to allfaithpayments@gmail.com.

Inappropriate attire includes, but is not limited to:



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Other notes:

1. Hats are fine, as long as the student's face is visible and the hat does not display offensive or inappropriate language or pictures.
2. Hooded sweatshirts are acceptable as long as the hood remains down.
3. T-Shirts must not have offensive language or pictures.

Students who are dress-coded must alter their attire to meet the dress code standards to remain at the Academy. We may have some appropriate garments available to loan in the event of a dress code violation, but ultimately, it will be the parent's responsibility to ensure that their child is dressed appropriately and may need to bring a change of clothing or bring their child home to change.