

Coosa Christian School



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Home of the Conquerors

“...we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.”
- Romans 8:37

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MISSION STATEMENT

CCS exists to challenge young people to know Jesus Christ as Lord, to develop a Biblical worldview of life, to love others as themselves, to become contributing citizens, and to increase knowledge and acquire academic skills necessary to serve others.

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

- Proverbs 1:7

Our Beliefs

These are the essential beliefs that we hold as absolute truths. These beliefs form the foundation on which our church and our ministries are built.

1. God

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

Genesis 1:1,26,27;3:22 | Psalm 90:2 | Matthew 28:19 | 1 Peter 1:2 | 2 Corinthians 13:14

2. Jesus Christ

We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ as fully God and fully man; as man, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin; as God, co-equal and co-existent with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus lived a sinless, human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for sin by dying on the cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 1:1-2:13 | Isaiah 9:6 | John 1:1-11;14:10-30 | Hebrews 4:14,15 | 1 Corinthians 15:3,4 | Romans 1:3,4 | Acts 1:9-11 | 1 Timothy 6:14,15 | Titus 2:13 | Philippians 2:5-11 | Colossians 1:15

3. Holy Spirit

We believe that God, the Holy Spirit, is a person who convicts sinners, who regenerates and baptizes them at the moment of their salvation into the body of Christ. We also believe that the Holy Spirit indwells and seals, until Christ returns, all who believe. We believe He fills and empowers for service those who are yielded to Him.

John 16:8-11 | Romans 8:9 | 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 12:12-14 | Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18 | Galatians 5:15 | Titus 3:5

4. Bible

We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the verbally inspired (God-breathed) Word of God, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings. It was written by human authors, under the Divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 5:18 | John 16:12-13 | 2 Timothy 3:16-17 | 2 Peter 1:20-21 | Psalm 119:105, 160; 12:6

5. Man

We believe in Man's fallen condition. Through nature, choice, and practice he is guilty before God and is righteously judged fit only for everlasting punishment.

Genesis 3:1-13 | Matthew 25:46 | Romans 3:10, 23; 5:12-21 | 1 Corinthians 15:21-22 | 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 | Revelation 20:12-15

6. Salvation

We believe Jesus Christ offered on our behalf the only acceptable sacrifice for sin and was raised in the same body from the dead according to the Scriptures. Christ has secured our redemption through the shedding of His blood, qualifying the saints for service here, a like resurrection, and a place in His divine presence for eternity.

Matthew 28 | Luke 24:39-43 | Romans 3:21-28; 6:23; 5:10-11 | 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 | 1 Timothy 2:5-6 | Hebrews 9: 11-22 | 1 Peter 1:18-20 | 1 John 2:2; 5:10-13

7. Eternal Security

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot “lose” it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security.

John 10:29 | 1 Timothy 1:12 | Hebrews 7:25; 10:10,14 | 1 Peter 1:3-5

8. Imminent Return Of Christ

We believe in the visible, personal, and imminent return of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for His Church.

John 14:3 | Acts 1:9-11 | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Revelation 20:12-15

9. Bodily Resurrection

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the saved and of the lost; the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost.

John 11:23-27 | Romans 8:11 | 2 Corinthians 5:1 | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Revelation 20:12-15

10. Spiritual Gifts

We believe that every believer is gifted from the Holy Spirit at the moment of conversion with at least one primary gift. The primary purpose for spiritual gifts, as given by the Holy Spirit, is for the edifying of the Church and the propagation of the Gospel of Christ.

Ephesians 4:7-12 | Hebrews 2:3-4

ACADEMICS

Coosa Christian School has set very high academic standards for our students. Our course of study is designed to stretch students to perform at their individual peak level. Our curriculum is based on a traditional and conservative model of education and is used by the finest Christian schools in America.

FACULTY AND STAFF

The foremost requirements for membership on the faculty or staff of our school are an unselfish dedication to Christian education, a sincere love for children, and a complete devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ. All members of our teaching staff are qualified with a degree from a recognized college or university. Coosa Christian is an accredited school under the guidelines set forth by AdvancED.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE (K3-6th Grades)

Students that must arrive before 7:30 a.m. will need to attend Before School Care located in the daycare area of campus. Cost for this service is \$5.00 per day. If the child is involved in fulltime After School Care this fee is waived. Parents should make sure the child is in the building before leaving.

Extended Day (K4 -6th Grades)

Students that stay on campus after 3:10 p.m. will need to attend extended day. Hours of operation are from 3:10 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost for this service is \$9.00 per day. Late fees of \$1 per minute accrue at 5:35 p.m.

If a student is on campus after 3:10 p.m. they must be in Extended Day. They will not be allowed to stay with high school students or older siblings. They will not be allowed to roam the campus.

STUDENT DROP-OFF

For the safety of our children we ask that parents display extreme caution when driving on our campus. All drivers must adhere to traffic signs, teacher instructions, one way streets, and driving routes. Failure to abide by these rules, or endangering a child with one's driving, may result in being banned from campus. The safety of our students is primary.

All elementary students K4-6th grades are to be dropped off under the awning in the morning from 7:30-8:00. After 8:00, students must be checked in thru the main office located in the high school. Elementary gate will be locked.

K3 parents are required to walk their child to class throughout the year. Parents must park in designated areas only. They may not stop in car line.

STUDENT PICKUP

K3 students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m. K4 (half day) students are dismissed at 11:30 p.m. All other students (K4 full day- 6th grade) are dismissed at 2:55 p.m. K3-6th grade students are to be picked up under the awning at their specified carline times.

Parents should exercise extreme caution when driving around children. Please follow teacher directions carefully.

If children are to be picked up by someone other than a parent that individual's name must be on file in the office. Grades 7-12 must be picked up by 3:20.

CLASS WORK

Students should be in class, in their seats, and prepared to work when the bell rings. They should have books, paper, pencils, and any other necessary items with them. Students are required to keep their desk and surrounding areas neat. A student that is not prepared to learn cannot learn. Students who fail to prepare for class will be subject to disciplinary action.

HOMEWORK

Teachers often find it necessary to assign homework in order to reinforce the lessons taught in class. Each student is expected to complete his or her homework on time. Parents are asked to help facilitate this by providing an appropriate atmosphere and sufficient time for homework. Parents should give proper supervision to the required homework assignment. The teacher will, at his or her discretion, grade or review the homework. Failure to complete homework will result in diminished understanding of the subject matter and will adversely affect one's grade. Frequent failure to complete homework will result in disciplinary action.

ONLINE GRADE BOOK

Teachers record grades for homework, quizzes, and tests using an online grade book, HeadMaster. Parents and students have access to grades 24 hours a day from any computer with Internet access. Additionally, some teachers choose to keep an online calendar of class events and upcoming assignments. There is also functionality that allows parents and teachers to communicate with each other. Instructions for accessing the online grade book are available in the office.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be sent home at the end of each nine-week period. A "Remind" will be sent to notify parents.

At the end of the school year, the report cards will be held for any student who has not fully paid his or her tuition and other fees. Additionally, no records will be released for graduating students or students that are transferring to another school until all tuition and other fees are paid in full.

TESTING

If a student misses a test with an excused absence, tardy, or checkout, a makeup test must be taken within 3 days upon his or her return to class. A doctor's note will be required. **If a student misses a test with an unexcused absence, tardy, or checkout, he or she may be allowed to make up the test but at the teacher's/principal's discretion.**

SEMESTER EXAMS (High School)

Semester exams will constitute 20% of each semester average. Teachers will help prepare the students for the exam by spending class time in review. Exams are scheduled to take up to 90 minutes. A schedule of exam dates and times is available in the office.

Students are expected to arrive for the exam on time. A ten minute grace period will be offered. Students that do not show up for an exam at the scheduled time will receive a zero on the exam.

When a student completes a final he or she is asked to leave the room in order that the other students are not distracted. Likewise, students are asked to leave campus when their finals are completed for the day.

Guidelines for exemptions are as follows: 90 and above average and 3 absences or 80 and above average and 2 absences.

GRADING SYSTEM

Coosa Christian uses the traditional ten-point discreet evaluation system for grading:

A—90-100

B—80-89

C—70-79

D—60-69

F—0-59

Students must pass a course with an average of 60 or above in order to receive credit for the course.

CREDITS

In 7th and 8th grade, a student's passing grade is calculated on work done for the entire year. Each year students are required to take Bible, English, Mathematics, Science, History/Social Studies, P.E., and Computer.

In 9th through 12th grade a student's passing grade is calculated on work done each semester. That is, a student gets ½ credit for passing each semester. If a student does not pass a course with a 60/D or above, they will either repeat the course or be required to attend summer school.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Students in grades ten through twelve may, with administrative approval, take college classes either in lieu of or in addition to high school classes. CCS has partnered with Gadsden State Community College and Jacksonville State University to offer courses on our campus, on their campus, and online. Additionally, we have partnered with Troy State University to offer online classes. Students interested in enrolling in any of these classes should contact the administrator.

DIPLOMAS

Coosa Christian awards two types of diplomas—Honors Diploma and Advance Honors Diploma. The Honors Diploma is given when students graduate following CCHS curriculum. In order to receive the Advanced Honors Diploma, a student must take CCHS curriculum plus 3 or more college courses.

SCHOOL HOURS

School begins at 8:00 a.m. (tardy at 8:05) and dismisses at 2:55 p.m. for elementary and 3:00 for high school. Students are to arrive no earlier than 7:30 a.m. All students are to be picked up no later than 3:20 p.m. unless they are involved in an athletic practice, game, or some other officially sanctioned extracurricular event. No student is allowed on the school property after school hours without being under the supervision of a school employee.

All high school classes are dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Requests to leave school early should be made only when absolutely necessary. Only with

parental permission approved thru the school office will the students will be allowed to leave school early. These precautions are taken for the protection of our students. No student will be released from the school to any persons not known to the school.

ABSENCES

In case of absence, the parent must write a note of explanation to the teacher **the day the student returns to school**. Excessive absences (excused and unexcused) may result in dismissal from school. No refunds on tuition are made because of absences. The following are recognized as excusable absences:

1. Sickness of the student necessitating seeing a doctor. A doctor's excuse must be brought to the school for the absence to be excused.
2. Serious illness of a member of the student's immediate family that would reasonably necessitate the absence.
3. Recent death in the immediate family may be excused for a reasonable time.
4. **Any other excused absences must be considered on its' own merits and be approved by the principal.**

When the absences are excusable, the teacher will permit the student to make up any work that was missed. **They will have 3 days to make up any missed assignments. It is the student's responsibility to get assignments missed and turned in on time.** If an absence is anticipated, the student should notify the teacher in order to secure permission and make-up work assignments.

While teachers will attempt to work with students who have been absent, this makeup work cannot replace the value of hearing the teacher teach in class. Excessive absences (high school and elementary) always results in reduced grades. Therefore, if a student misses more than 10 excused or unexcused days during any semester, the missed time must be made up during the summer to receive credit for that course.(unless otherwise pre-approved by administration) The time will be spent working on class

work for the subjects missed. There is a \$25 charge per day for summer makeup time. Additionally, students with excessive absences may be reported to local Truancy Officials or asked to withdraw from CCS. (10% withdrawal fee will be applied)

Leaving the school campus without permission, or skipping school, is unacceptable. The school feels a great responsibility for each student, and the student who leaves the campus takes himself out of our jurisdiction. Students that leave campus without permission during the school day will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

TARDY TO SCHOOL POLICY

Perfect attendance is earned by having no check-outs, tardies or absences.

Due to a significant increase in the number of students who have accumulated excessive tardies, Coosa Christian School Administration is making the following revisions in our tardy policy:

1. When the tardy bell rings, teachers will close and lock their doors.
2. Students will not be admitted into class after the tardy bell rings.
3. Students must have a tardy slip to be allowed to enter class.
4. Students who are tardy must report to a tardy station located in school office.
5. Students will be assigned consequences on the spot.
6. Tardies will count against Exam exemptions: 4 tardies = 1 absence

- 1 – 3 tardies = warning
- 4 – 9 tardies = lunch detention
- 10+ tardies = one day of in-school suspension

TARDY TO CLASS POLICY : SAME AS TARDY TO SCHOOL POLICY

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Saturday School will be announced as needed. High School Students will be required to attend an assigned Saturday School for such infractions as tardiness, discipline issues (demerits), and/or failure to follow procedures as stated in school handbook. There will be a required \$10 fee.

CHECKOUT

We realize that it is occasionally necessary for students to checkout of school. This should be kept to a minimum and should only be used for medical appointments and other similar situations. Parental approval is required for a student to checkout. The parent must come to the school or, in the case of students which drive, call the school. Excessive checkouts will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action. Four checkouts constitute one absence. **Due to our new security system, ALL students (Elementary and High) must check out thru the main office located in the High School.**

WITHDRAWALS

A withdrawal form must be completed and turned in to the school office whenever a student is withdrawn from the school. If a student withdraws anytime during the school year after August 1, **a withdrawal fee equal to 10% of tuition will be assessed. No records will be released until all paperwork is completed, all tuition and fees are paid, and all supplies and textbooks belonging to the school are returned to the school.**

ADDING OR DROPPING SUBJECTS

Adding or dropping dual enrollment course requires the permission of the principal. Permission will only be granted after discussing the matter with the student and parent.

PARENT VISITS

CCS values highly involved parents. Parents are welcome to visit school at any time and are welcome to sit in on classes. Parents must check in at the main office located in the high school when visiting. We ask that parents cooperate with us in setting a good example for our students by being dressed in compliance with our dress code. Additionally, we ask that parents refrain from smoking on school property. CCS is a tobacco free campus.

Parents are encouraged to have one-on-one meetings with teachers. We ask that parents schedule these at a time that will not disturb the teaching schedule of the teacher. These appointments should be scheduled through the office.

STUDENT LIFE

Coosa students are held to a high standard both at school and away. Students are to display Christ-likeness at all times. Therefore, they are asked to conform to the following rules:

TELEPHONE CALLS

Students will not be allowed to leave class to receive a phone call except in an emergency. Communication between parents and students should occur before or after school hours. Additionally, students will not be allowed to use the telephone to call parents except in the case of emergency. Students will not be allowed to call parents for forgotten items.

Parents are not to call, text, or email students on their cell phone during school hours.

CELL PHONES AND OTHER DIGITAL DEVICES

Digital Devices include, but are not limited to, the following: cellular phones, smart phones, laptops, tablets, e readers, mp3 players and Apple watches.

***Phones should not be visible from 8am til 3pm. If taken up, there will be a 1 day in-school suspension.**

Calculators and other educational electronic devices may only be used with teacher/administrator approval. Students will not be allowed to use the calculator feature of a cell phone as a calculator. Some calculators, due to their ability to store alphanumeric information, may be prohibited during testing.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The way a person chooses to dress says a lot about the person. Superior student image testifies to the community that Coosa Christian is unlike other schools—that we are a distinctively Christian learning environment. Just as one would dress one way for an outdoor activity and another way for church, there is an appropriate way to dress for school. A well-groomed, neat student builds self respect and promotes conscientious academic work. Our goal is to present a Christian lifestyle that glorifies God and enhances individual self-image. It is for these reasons that we have a student dress code.

Societal tradition has mandated different styles of dress for men and women. Therefore, while we have some dress code rules that apply to both sexes, we also have rules that are gender specific.

Walking shorts may be worn prior to November 1 and after March 1. Shorts should not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS— Students should exercise good judgment and modest taste in their choice of dress at all times. Students are not allowed to dress immodestly.

Pants/slacks should not be made of military fatigue material.

No sweat pants (this does not apply to elementary students) or pajama pants permitted.

Printing on t-shirts should be non-offensive.

Students may not have any visible tattoos.

Hats and caps are not to be worn by students during school hours.

Sunglasses are not to be worn.

With the exception of ear piercings, students are not allowed to have any visible piercings. Ear gauging is not allowed. (Additional rules apply for ear piercings. See the sections below).

Students are not allowed to have extreme hair styles or hair colors.

Students deemed to be in violation of the dress code:

1st Offense: warning (student must change inappropriate clothing)

2nd Offense: in-school suspension

3rd Offense: suspension from school for 1 day (points counted off)

PARENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING SELECTIONS.

GIRLS—Girls are to wear modest tops that do not show excessive skin. They are not to wear halters or belly shirts. They are not to show an excess amount of cleavage.

Skirts and dresses are to measure 4 inches from floor when on knees. Slits in skirts or dresses may not be higher than the top of the knee. They must not be formfitting. Leggings may be worn only with a dress or long, tunic-type shirt that fall at least mid-thigh. Leggings may **NOT** be worn with t-shirts or sweatshirts.

Jeans should be loose fitting and no holes above the knee will be allowed. Jeans will not be permitted on Chapel day.

Makeup is to be modest and conservative. No extreme styles or colors will be tolerated.

Jewelry should be worn in moderation. No inappropriate sayings or visuals will be allowed. Earrings are limited to two in each ear. Ears are not to be gauged or otherwise modified.

When girls participate in P.E. they should wear the gym clothes that they have been issued or approved. During athletic practices, both during school hours and after hours, they should wear appropriate modest attire.

While girls should strive to look nice everyday, we ask that particular attention be given to attire on Chapel day (usually Wednesdays). The nicest outfit of the week should be worn on Chapel day.

BOYS—Appropriate long-sleeved sweatshirts and turtlenecks are acceptable. Shirts that are designed to be tucked in pants must be tucked in with a belt.

Pants must be ankle length, neat, and in good repair. **Jeans should have no holes higher than the knee.** Pants are to be of an appropriate size. Neither excessively baggy nor excessively tight pants will be tolerated.

Hats, caps, or headbands of any type are inappropriate during school hours.

Jewelry should be worn in moderation. While it is permissible for boys to have pierced ears, it is not permissible to wear any jewelry in one's ear. Ears are not to be gauged or otherwise modified. No visible wallet or pocket chains are permitted.

Hair should be neatly trimmed and styled at all times. Hair length may be on the ears, but off the eyes and collar. Any unusual or distracting colors, haircuts, or styles are not acceptable.

Mustaches and beards are not allowed. Students should come to school clean shaven. Sideburns are allowed but they must not extend below the earlobe nor be extreme in nature.

When boys participate in P.E. they should wear the gym clothes that they have been issued or approved. During athletic practices, both during school hours and after hours, they should wear appropriate modest attire.

While boys should strive to look nice everyday, we ask that particular attention be given to attire on Chapel day (usually Wednesdays). **Jeans are not allowed on Chapel day.** Khaki pants are preferred. The nicest outfit of the week should be worn on Chapel day.

DRESS CODE CHANGES—Fads come and go. It is difficult to anticipate what the next fashion trend will be. Therefore, the dress code is subject to change throughout the year. If there is a change, parents will be notified in writing.

HALL MONITORING

When the bell rings signaling the end of a class period, it is a signal for the teacher, not the student. Students are not to leave the classroom until they are dismissed by the teacher.

The time between classes is designed for going to one's locker, getting a drink of water, or going to the restroom. Social interaction in the hall should be kept to a minimum. Horseplay will not be tolerated. By the time the second bell rings, students are expected to be in the classroom, in their seats, and ready to work. If a student feels that their trip to the restroom may prevent them from getting to class on time, they should first check in with the teacher. Failure to get to class on time will result in a tardy. (see tardy rules)

Any student who is outside of his or her designated classroom during class time must have teacher permission. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

LUNCHROOM

All students are required to eat in the lunchroom with their respective class. Food will be allowed only in the lunchroom. Parents are asked not to bring lunches to school during the day. If a student loses or forgets his or her lunch, a lunch may be charged. **Students are not allowed to leave campus during lunch.**

Students are issued a lunch card that is used with our automated Headmaster system. Money that you send for their lunch goes into their account. They will swipe their card each day for lunch and the amount of their purchase is deducted from the card. You can prepay in the high school office by a debit or credit card or you may continue to send checks or cash.

When the account gets below \$20 you will receive an email, so make sure there is a correct email address on the account. When the account reaches a negative balance of \$20 the student will no longer be allowed to charge until the account is caught up with a payment. Each day, students may choose from a hot meal, or a variety of grab & go. The grab & go choices are either a PBJ or turkey/ham wrap along with a bag of chips, snack and milk or juice.

K4 thru 12th grade lunch price is \$3.00 for small and \$4.25 for large. These prices include a milk or juice.

Extra milk or juice \$0.50

Extra entrees are \$1.25

4th thru 12th grades may purchase tea for \$0.50

A snack cart will be available every day and the prices range from \$0.50 to \$2.00.

Ice cream and/or popsicles will be available for \$1 to \$2

High School students (7th-12th) may purchase salads for a charge of \$3.

As always students may bring their lunch but microwaves are not available for elementary students to heat the lunches brought from home.

You are more than welcome to join your student for lunch. We will need to know in advance so that we can order a lunch for you. Send a note to the teacher or give us a call 256-547-3714 or 256-547-1841.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GOALS

All students in grade K3-12th will receive 30-40 minutes of physical education each day. This will include various sports and recreational activities that will motivate them to a lifetime of fitness activity.

OPERATION OF PERSONAL VEHICLES

All students must have permission to drive a car to and from school. Only students with a valid driver's license and insurance will be permitted to operate a vehicle on school property. Students are only allowed to drive their own vehicle. Students will not be allowed to go to their car during the school day. There is to be no loitering in, on, or around cars before, during, or after school. Loud or questionable music will not be tolerated on school grounds. Students are not permitted to leave school grounds in another student's car without parental permission. Students who drive must park in the designated parking areas. Parking and driving privileges may be revoked for reckless driving.

BUS RIDING RULES

While on a field trip, your child may ride on a school bus. Students must recognize the authority of the bus driver while riding the bus. After boarding the bus, students are to remain seated in their seats, facing the front until they have reached their destination. Students are expected to speak in a normal manner. Absolutely no yelling or whistling will be allowed. Nothing is to be projected outside the bus window. Students must not throw anything. Parents will be responsible for any littering fines. Eating, drinking or gum chewing is not permitted on the bus. No bottles or glass containers will be allowed on the bus unless they are properly packed in a suitable container, such as a lunch box. Students must not have pencils, pens or other sharp objects in their hands while on the bus.

MEDICATION

Students are not permitted to keep any medication in their possession at school. This includes all prescription and non-prescription drugs. If a parent wishes to have a student receive medication during the school day, such medicines must be sent to the school office with detailed

information as to frequency and dosage. Additionally, a parent must fill out and sign a medication authorization form. A designated school employee will administer the medication between classes.

Students who are feeling ill may go to the school office and receive over-the-counter medications— aspirin, ibuprofen, Pepto-Bismol, etc. Each time over the counter medications are dispensed the parent will be contacted for authorization.

ILLNESS

Please give us a call at 256-547-3714 or 256-547-1841 if your child will not be attending because of illness. You will be called to pick up your child if he/she becomes ill.

Please keep your child home if:

1. Has a fever of 100.5 or higher in the past 24 hours.
2. Has vomited in the past 24 hours.
3. Has green/yellow discharge coming from nose or coughing up mucus for 3 days. This could be a sign of infection.
4. Have symptoms of a contagious infection (strep, pink eye, etc); of infestation (lice, scabies, fleas, rash).
5. In case of a lice infestation the child will not be allowed to return until all signs are gone including all nits.

Please be aware that you will be called if any of the symptoms above are present while your child is at school.

Children may not return to school after a communicable disease until the doctor has released your child and/or all symptoms have disappeared for 24 hours without medication.

If your child is too sick to go outside please do not bring him/her to school. It is our goal that every class go outside almost everyday.

STUDENT CONDUCT

In order that Coosa students might clearly understand that certain conduct will bring reproach to the name of Christ, CCS, their parents, and themselves, we require that students refrain from certain activities. These activities should be avoided both at school and away from school.

A partial list of these prohibited activities are: profanity, offensive language, vulgarity, immoral conduct, lying, stealing, plagiarism, cheating, envy, hatred, fighting, bullying, disrespect, inappropriate dancing, illicit drugs, gambling, tobacco, alcohol, or any other activity deemed inappropriate. Any conduct of this nature is subject to disciplinary action.

RESPECT FOR TEACHERS

Students are expected to be courteous and obedient and to show proper respect for each member of the faculty at all times. Any faculty member (High School teacher, Elementary teacher, secretary, etc.) has the authority to correct any student at anytime anywhere on campus.

DISCIPLINE

One of the most important things we do at CCS is to develop character. We believe that discipline is necessary for the welfare of the student as well as for the entire school. Discipline procedures have been set forth by the school board according to the scripture. *“Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”* (Proverbs 22:6). *“Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.”* (Proverbs 22:15). Teachers are given the liberty of enforcing classroom regulations in accordance with Christian principles. Students needing discipline may receive Saturday school, extra work, corporal punishment, in/after school detention or other activities deemed appropriate by the teacher.

Classroom behavior rules include:

1. No talking without permission.
2. Follow directions the first time they are given.
3. Bring all materials and homework assignments to class.
4. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
5. Respect other students, parents, teachers, and school property.

Students who persist in their bad behavior will be sent to the office. Each time this happens the teacher will send a form to the office explaining the student’s behavior. After talking with administration, the student will be given a copy of the discipline report. The student is

responsible for getting a parental signature on the form and returning it to the school office on the next school day.

Discipline may take many forms depending on the severity of the situation and the number of times the student has previously been disciplined. In extreme cases discipline may include suspension, corporal punishment or even expulsion.

Out-of-school suspension will require class work to be done at home. When possible, we will arrange for the work to be available during the suspension. Any quizzes or tests that are missed during the suspension will need to be taken the first day a student returns to class. Three points will be deducted from each subject on the student's report card for each day the student was suspended.

DETENTION

One form of discipline that is utilized is Saturday school. Students must attend Saturday school on the day assigned. Failure to do so will result in further disciplinary actions. Disciplinary actions take priority over all extracurricular activities including athletics.

ARTICLES FORBIDDEN AT SCHOOL

Students should come to school prepared to learn. They should bring those items necessary for learning—pen, pencil, paper, etc. Conversely, in order to promote proper education and student safety there are certain items that they must not bring to school. Among these prohibited items are **GUM**, skateboards, fireworks, guns, knives, weapons of any kind, toys that look like weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, non-personal prescription drugs, pornographic material, tobacco, stolen merchandise, etc. Any student that brings such items will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

In order to ensure the safety of our students, the school reserves the right to search student lockers, purses, book bags, backpacks, and all vehicles which are on school property.

STUDENT PARTIES

The school asks that parents closely chaperone parties they host in their homes, or elsewhere, that include CCS students. The testimony of the Lord and school is always at stake when our students are involved.

Parental supervision will help ensure an alcohol-free, tobacco-free, drug-free environment.

SCHOOL DANCES

Coosa Christian School will, from time to time, sponsor dances and proms. The administration reserves the right to control venue, music, refreshments, chaperones, attendees, dress code, and duration. Administration may, at its sole discretion cancel any dance or prom. If this becomes necessary, any unspent money that was provided by students will be refunded on a prorated basis.

DRUG TESTING

Periodically, students will be randomly selected for drug tests. Additionally, students may be selected due to suspicion or other factors. Test results will be disclosed to the parent.

Testing positive will prompt a follow-up test with a school approved testing center. If drug use is confirmed a student will be dismissed.

MORALITY

Students are expected to exemplify Christ at all times. Amongst other things, this means that students should refrain from immoral behavior. Therefore, we limit contact between students while on campus and strongly encourage parents to monitor their children. Should a female student become pregnant or a male student get someone pregnant, the student will not be allowed to continue attending classes. Every attempt will be made to encourage the student to carry the child to term. Likewise, any student who marries will not be allowed to continue attending classes.

ATHLETICS

CCS is a member of the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA). We participate in football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, softball, golf, cross-country and cheerleading. To be eligible to participate in sports AHSAA has certain rules. Additionally, CCS has rules. In order for a student to participate in any sport the student must:

1. Maintain an aggregate average of 75 or above (Math, English, Science, History and Bible). These calculations will take place every 3 weeks. If the proper average is not

maintained, the student will be subject to probation until the required averages are reached.

2. Attend practice.
3. Be current on all tuition and other payments to CCS.
4. Be in compliance with all CCS rules and regulations.
5. Attend class on game day.

A student must attend at least half of the school day to be allowed to practice or participate in a game that is scheduled on that day. NO EXCEPTIONS. (AHSAA rule)

BOOSTER CLUB

The Booster Club works in conjunction with the school sports program in fund-raising in order to help support our athletic program. Parents of athletes are expected to participate. Each family must pay a \$400 participation fee at the beginning of each school year. If this fee is not paid, the student will not be able to participate. Families of 2 or more only pay \$500.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROCEDURES

In case of injury on school grounds the following procedures will be followed:

1. Attempt to notify parents immediately.
2. If necessary, an injured student will be transferred to Riverview Regional Medical Center or Gadsden Regional Medical Center.

If a student needs special medical handling for any known condition, please advise the office in writing at the beginning of the school year. Coosa Christian is absolved from liability resulting from any injury to our student during school or any school activities.

ELEMENTARY WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the last day of the week, an announcement sheet will be sent home with each student. It will contain vital information and parents are

encouraged to read it thoroughly. Also, you may find important information on our Facebook page as well as our school website: www.coosachristian.com. For other important announcements and dates, we use Remind.

ELEMENTARY ROOM MOM/DAD

Teachers will often need help with special days, celebrations, field trips, etc. Parents are encouraged to volunteer to be a room mom or room dad. Please sign up in the classroom.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CCS endeavors to keep tuition rates low and monthly payments reasonable for the benefit of parents. The following options are available to make tuition payments:

1. Payment in full for the up-coming school year paid by August 1st, will receive a 5% discount.
2. Semester payments paid by August 1 and January 15 will receive a 2% discount.
3. Pay by automated bank draft in 10 or 12 monthly payments beginning in August.
4. A student whose tuition is not paid will not receive a report card. CCS will not forward student records to another institution until all indebtedness is cleared.

Any student withdrawing during the school year must pay the remaining balance on that semester. Transcripts will not be released until all accounts are paid in full. Any unpaid accounts will be turned over to a collection agency.

Pre-paid tuition will be refunded on a prorated basis. Withdrawal of a student will not cancel any accrued indebtedness.

Returned checks are subject to a \$30.00 fee.

REGISTRATION FEES

A non-refundable registration fee is due each year when an application is submitted. The fee is \$300.00.

BOOK FEES

Most of the student textbooks which we use are designed to be written in by the student. Therefore students must purchase new books each year. The fee for these books varies from grade to grade. Contact the school office to find the fee for each grade. This fee is due the first day of school.

LOCKER FEE

Lockers may be rented on a first-come-first-served basis. An annual rental fee will be charged. The fee is \$10.00 for 7th-12th grades. **Failure to leave locker the way received them at beginning of school year will result in a \$20.00 fine and you will not receive report card till paid.**

GRADUATION

Candidates for graduation must have financial accounts cleared before being approved for graduation.

DAMAGES

Parents will be billed for damage to equipment and/or books owned by the school. Lost books will be charged to parents at the full price. Report cards will be held until damage fees have been paid.

Coosa Christian School

STATEMENT OF COOPERATION and WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I recognize that attendance at Coosa Christian School is a privilege and not a right. Parents are expected to cooperate with and support the School and its teachers in the education and discipline of their child(ren) both in the classroom and during other related school activities. I believe that discipline is necessary for the welfare of each student, as well as for the entire School. I give permission for my child's teacher and/or other agent of the School to make and enforce classroom regulations in a manner consistent with Christian principles. Students shall forfeit the privilege of attending the School if they do not conform to the standards and way of life at Coosa. The School reserves the right to withdraw a student at any time that the student, in the opinion of and at the sole discretion of the School, does not conform to the spirit of the School.

In the event that a Coosa Christian photographer or videographer takes a picture with my child in it, either individual or in a group, I give permission for my child's picture to be used in future brochures, videotapes, DVDs or other publications of Coosa Christian School.

I give permission for my child, whose name is set forth below, to take part in all activities, including without limitation, recreational activities on playground and in gymnasium, bus trips, sports activities on the premises of Coosa Christian School and sponsored trips away from the School premises. I indemnify and save Coosa Christian School, its affiliates, employees, and agents harmless from and against any claims, demands, causes of action, liability, medical payments, costs and attorneys' fees resulting from or arising out of the participation by my child in the above- mentioned activities. I understand that Coosa Christian School does not provide medical insurance coverage for my child and that I will be solely and fully responsible for any medical expenses or other liabilities incurred.

I understand that should my marital status change, it is my responsibility to have a corrected Statement of Cooperation and Waiver of Liability signed and updated and delivered to Coosa Christian School.

This Statement of Cooperation and Waiver of Liability shall remain in effect for as long as my child listed attends Coosa Christian School, whether it be in the nursery, elementary, junior-senior high, or Summer school. Any reference herein to "child" shall include and refer to all of the children listed.

I have read the handbook/code of conduct and I agree with and will support the policies set forth in it.

List children's names and grades:

Signature of **both** parents:

Mother Date

Father Date

Sole Guardian Date

