

## Parental Agreement 2023/2024

Good Shepherd Christian Academy agrees that the Bible places the ultimate responsibility for each child upon his/her own parents; and the school, therefore, recognizes the absolute right of parents/guardians to private counsel with school authorities over matters concerning their own child and even the right to withdraw a child when the parents/guardians feel that there is not substantial harmony between their own expectations and the school's policies.

Parents/Guardians must understand that the school is an entity, which must operate by its own mission and purpose statement, which reflects its convictions and standards. Furthermore, in a spirit of Christian cooperation and support, parents/guardians agree to:

1. Understand that attendance at Good Shepherd Christian Academy is a privilege and not a right. If, in the opinion of the administration, the student and/or parents are not cooperative and supportive of the school and its policies in attitude or action, the privilege may be withdrawn and the student asked to withdraw from the school;
2. Read and discuss with your child(ren), consent to and abide by the policies stated in the Student Handbook;
3. Provide help and support at home to their child(ren) so that academic goals may be achieved, which may include providing encouragement and a satisfactory time and place to study and complete homework;
4. Show a genuine interest in the progress and grade reports concerning their child(ren);
5. Cooperate with school requests, i.e., special conferences and checking or assisting with student homework assignments, etc;
6. Attend regularly scheduled school programs involving their child(ren).
7. I will support GSCA and its mission through volunteering;
8. Resolve conflict Biblically (Matthew 18:15-17). Proper procedure for any question, grievance, or offense is to go directly and privately to the one responsible for the difficulty. This action is never to be a confrontation, but rather a calm conference designed to gain an understanding of the facts and to restore a good relationship. Questions should be addressed to the teacher; however, unless it is an unusually urgent problem, teachers are not to be called at home. Rather, a time should be scheduled before or after school. If the concern is not resolved, the parties should contact the Administrator. If further resolution is needed, contact a member of the School Board to request a board review;
9. Support the disciplinary measures that may be found necessary by the school, including parent conferences, student detentions and suspensions;
10. Follow school procedure when dropping children off and picking them up as stated in the handbook;
11. Pay all tuition payments and other fees when due. No report cards will be issued with an unpaid balance; there will be no fall re-enrollment with an unpaid balance; tuition payments are due by the 10th of each month. In addition to this "Parental Agreement," a separate "Contractual Agreement" will be executed prior to admission which governs the financial obligations associated with attending Good Shepherd Christian Academy;
12. Contribute helpful and constructive ideas to teachers and administration;
13. Support and promote the school as opportunities arise;

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14. Demonstrate a consistent Christian life in harmony with Biblical principles taught at school;
15. Support the standards of dress and hair as given in the handbook;
16. Recognize that all decisions made by Good Shepherd Christian Academy School Board are final;
17. Support the Statement of Faith adopted by the Good Shepherd Christian Academy administration, which is attached hereto;
18. Greensburg First Baptist Church may contact me.
19. Parents should address concerns/complaints through official school channels rather than posting them on social networking sites.

**PERMISSION**

I hereby grant permission for my child to use all the play equipment used at Good Shepherd Christian Academy. I grant permission for my child to leave the facility for walks on campus. I will be notified of any other off campus activities. I grant permission for my child to be included in pictures connected with the program. I hereby grant permission for steps to be taken for emergency care, if need arises. These steps include attempting to contact the parent, guardian or alternate person in case of an emergency and having the child taken to the emergency room accompanied by a staff person. Any expenses for the emergency care will be the responsibility of the child's family. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Parent/Student Handbook.

**I acknowledge and support the Mission Statement and goals of the Good Shepherd Christian Academy.**

*Parent/Guardian Signature:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

*Date* \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

*Date* \_\_\_\_\_

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