

Statement of Faith

Park Christian Schools is a ministry of First Baptist Church in Cody, Wyoming. The school will function as part of the educational process provided in the embodiment of our church corporation. The school will operate under the church constitution and statement of faith set forth as follows:

- We believe all of the Bible is inspired of God and is true. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- We believe in God the father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, one God existing in three persons. (Matthew 28:19)
- We believe the six days of creation was found in Genesis as literal 24-hour days, and we disavowal the theory of evolution.
- We believe that Jesus is God. (John 10:33)
- We believe that all men are, by nature, sinful, lost, and in need of salvation provided by Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:23)
- We believe that lost sinners can be saved from their sin, guilt, and judgments by faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ who died in our place. (Romans 5:8-9)
- We believe once a person has been saved by God's grace, he will never lose his salvation. (John 10:28-29)
- We believe that Christ has established local churches to preach and practice the Bible. (Acts 2:41-42, 47)
- We believe that those who have trusted in Christ as their Savior should change their behavior to conform to God's will revealed in the Bible. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- We believe that Satan is a real being in spirit form, who has power on this earth. (Job 1:6-7)
- We believe that Heaven (1 Peter 1:2-4) and Hell (1 Thessalonians 1:8-9) are literal places, and that only the saved will be in Heaven. (Matthew 25:46)
- We believe in the separation of church and state. (Matthew 22:21)
- We are an independent, autonomous church with the Bible as our only rule of faith and practice.
- We believe it's our God given responsibility to educate our children in both spiritual and practical truth. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

Philosophy

We recognize God as the sole source of all truth and life. God created all things and has revealed himself to us. Therefore, our philosophy is God-centered (Theistic) rather than man-centered (Humanistic), viewing all life and truth from God's perspective instead of man's perspective, and recognizing no separation of knowledge into sacred and secular.

The Bible reveals the total man as composed of spirit (spiritual), mind (intellect), body (physical), and emotion (social). [Luke 2:52] God's program of development (training or education) is the responsibility of the parents.

God has chosen to propagate life through the union of husband and wife, and he has given the parents the responsibility of training their children. The highest end (goal) of man is to recognize God, submit to God, glorify God, and to train his family to do the same.

Training (education) is the process of instilling the truth by precept, example, and discipline. This is best accomplished with the authoritarian structure built upon the following:

1. A traditional (teacher-centered) system rather than a progressive (student-centered) system.
2. A disciplined (controlled) atmosphere rather than a permissive (uncontrolled) atmosphere.
3. God's absolutes rather than man's reason as a standard.

A biblical worldview must permeate every subject of knowledge, and it must be understood, interpreted, and analyzed from a biblical perspective. The home and the church are the God-revealed institutions for carrying out these responsibilities.

Park Christian School has been established as an educational arm of First Baptist Church to assist Christian parents in the God-given responsibility of teaching and training their own children to live according to the principles and truths of God's Word and to encourage them to serve their Savior faithfully.

The Bible classes taught at Park Christian Schools will be based strictly on biblical teaching rather than on denominational or sectarian teachings. Our Bible classes will be taught out of the King James Bible (KJV) only. No other version will be used by teacher or student.

Attendance at Park Christian Schools is a privilege, not a right. The goal of the school is to train Christian youth to serve the Lord. Park Christian schools stand, without apology, on the doctrines and principles revealed in the Bible. The school reserves the right to demand the highest standards of morality and Christian behavior in its staff and students.

Admission Policies

Park Christian Schools recognizes that we cannot meet the educational needs of all children. We offer a high quality of Christian training. But we are not designed to be a correctional institution for children with issues beyond those usually encountered in average school children.

-As a general rule, children above the six-grade level will not be excepted if they do not personally express a desire to attend our school. Any student at this age level must sign a form stating such every year.

-All students will be considered in order of the date of receipt of applications.

-Should the administration feel it necessary, a probationary period of nine weeks may be required.

-Children who currently have the following issues will not be considered for admissions: drug use, tobacco use, alcohol use, under expulsion or suspension, law violations, runaways, and sexual immorality (including homosexuality).

-Generally, students will only be enrolled at the start of the semester.

** contact the school office for admissions packet. (307)587-3687/fbccody@yahoo.com

Academic Policies

“A Honor Roll”: Must earn an “A-“ or higher in all classes for the entire year.

“A/B Honor Roll”: Must earn a “B-“ or higher in all classes for the entire year.

Grade scale

A+ 97.6-100%

A 95.1-97.5%

A- 92.6-95%

B+ 90.1-92.5%

B 87.6-90%

B- 85.1-87.5%

C+ 82.6-85%

C 80.1-82.5%

C- 77.6-80%

D+75.1-77.5%

D 72.6-75%

D- 70-72.5%

F 0-69.9%

I Incomplete work

Report Cards

The school year is divided into four reporting periods of nine weeks. A report card will be sent home at the completion of each quarter. When report cards are issued, they should be examined by the student's parents, signed, and return to school within one week (except the last nine-week period). A parent's signature does not indicate approval or disapproval of the report, but it does indicate that the parent who signed has examined the report card.

Promotion requirements

Kindergarten-8th grade: Passing final grade in all subjects
High School (9th-12th grades):

Bible: 4 credits English: 4 credits Math: 4 credits
History: 4 credits Science: 4 credits P.E.: 2 credits
Foreign Language: 2 credits Electives: 2 credits
Total Credits to graduate: 26 credits

Credits required for class designation:

Freshman: 7
Sophomore: 14
Junior: 21
Senior: 26
Graduate: 26

Bible Memory

Bible memory work will receive top priority with each student (Psalms 119:11). Students are required to memorize verses that are assigned by the teacher on a weekly basis. Verses are to be quoted word perfect from the King James Version of the Bible. Scripture memory awards will be given at the end of the year to students who excel in this area.

Discipline

The purpose of discipline is to encourage students to develop biblical self-discipline in their lives and to aid young people in the development of Christian character. We want to help students understand their responsibilities and to aid them in accepting the consequences of their actions. Discipline of the student is the joint responsibility of parents, teachers, and administration. We believe that parents and school personnel must cooperate fully with one another; anything that tears down respect and confidence for either will harm the student.

At Park Christian Schools firm and consistent discipline is maintained and tempered with love. Teachers maintain standards of behavior in the classroom through kindness, love, and a genuine concern for their students. Likewise, misbehavior is dealt with firmly and consistently.

Each student is expected to follow the directions and instructions of their teacher. To encourage proper behavior, teachers employ a variety of positive rewards (verbal praise, notes, phone calls home for good behavior, classroom rewards, etc.). Likewise, teachers may also use a variety of methods to deter students from improper behavior. These methods will vary depending on the classroom, but their ultimate goal is to encourage students to ward right and proper Christian behavior. These disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to: loss of recess, loss of reward, verbal rebuke, notes or phone calls to parents, discussion with the principal, or detention.

Detention Policy

By discretion of the teacher, detention may be given for certain rule infractions or inappropriate behaviors. The following are examples of rule violations and behaviors that may warrant detention: tardiness, disobedience, disturbing class, dress violation, unprepared for class, disrespect, etc.

The student in violation will be given a “detention slip” that may be signed by a parent and returned to the teacher by the next school day. The “detention slip” will indicate the type of infraction and the day that the detention must be served by the student.

Detentions must be served in detention hall after regular school hours from 3:15 PM-3:45 PM (30 minutes) on the day designated.

An additional penalty detention may be given if the student fails to report to detention hall when it has been assigned or fails to return a “detention slip” signed by a parent on the next school day.

Depending on the circumstances of an infraction or misbehavior, additional consequences may be given. Repeated offenses will result in more severe consequences, such as probation or suspension.

Suspension and Expulsion

Additional intolerable offenses that would result in automatic suspension or probation include, but are not limited to, the following: stealing, cheating, forgery, fighting, vandalism, leaving campus without permission, cutting school, threats, and harassment/bullying.

Serious discipline issues that result in automatic expulsion include: immorality, possession of a weapon, and the use of illegal substances including alcohol and tobacco.

Corporal Discipline

Corporal correction is a biblical method of discipline as noted in Proverbs (13:24, 22:15, 23:13-14, 29:15). However, due to our concern for current societal/governmental pressures, school personnel have been restricted from this type of discipline procedure pertaining to our students. We do believe it to be the best method of correction in many situations. Thus, though we may recommend it to parents as the solution for the particular disciplinary need, its implementation will remain primarily the parent's responsibility. Failure in implementing this recommendation to produce the desired correction and behavior may result in suspension of the student until the requested disciplinary action is completed or a satisfactory discipline alternative is agreed upon.

If a parent has a concern or question regarding student discipline, or when some discipline-related situation occurs that is not understood, we encourage the parents to discuss it with the teacher. If the situation remains unresolved, the parent may consult the administration. We welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions.

Attendance/Punctuality

We believe that attendance and punctuality are essential to successful academic achievement and character building and, therefore, are required of every student.

Attendance

If a child is absent because of sickness, we require that a parent notify the school office as soon as possible. Students who miss school because of sickness will be required to make up the missed schoolwork upon return to school.

Prearranged absences must have prior approval by the student's teacher and the school administration. Approval for a prearranged absence must be obtained by a parent. Lack of prior approval for an absence may result in a zero or incomplete grade for all schoolwork during the absence. As a general rule, the school administration strongly discourages extended absences as this may have adverse consequences on a student's academic standing.

Punctuality

Students must be in their seat and prepared for the school day to start at 8:15 AM, or they will be considered tardy for the day. A student who is tardy three times (at any point during the year) will receive detention. Continual tardiness may require additional consequences.

Dress Code

Park Christian Schools' dress standards are based on biblical principles, appropriateness, and neatness. Clothing must be modest (I Timothy 2:9), should reflect separation from worldliness (2 Corinthians 6:17), and must not promote an identification with the ungodly philosophies in our society. Appropriateness means that the clothing must be

neither too casual nor too dressy for the school setting. Neatness means that clothing should be tidy, clean, orderly, and in tasteful simplicity. Clothing is not to be worn in an unkept or disheveled manner.

Students wearing inappropriate apparel will be sent home for a change of clothing or to the school office until appropriate dress is available before being allowed into class.

Boy's Dress Standards

Shirts:

Boys must wear shirts with a fold-down collar. Shirts with buttons must be buttoned (except for the top button). All shirts must be tucked in. A sweater, pull-over, or hoodie may be worn, but ONLY over a collard shirt. T-shirts, tank tops, and other athletic style shirts, may not be worn without a collard shirt over it.

Pants:

Jeans, "khakis", "Dockers", corduroys, or other casual slacks are permitted. Jogging pants, wind pants may only be worn for P.E. classes. Shorts may only be worn over appropriate P.E. attire. Belts must be worn to prevent sagging pants. No holes in pants.

Socks/Shoes:

Boys must wear socks to school. Dress shoes, casual shoes, or athletic shoes (tennis shoes) may be worn. Sandals and sports sandals are not allowed.

Chapel Dress:

On the designated "chapel day", boys are required to wear a button up shirt, tie, slacks, and a belt. NO JEANS. Dress shoes are preferred.

Hair/Miscellaneous:

Boys must maintain a haircut that is neatly trimmed and tapered to the hairline. Hair must be off the ears, shirt collar, and eyebrows. Hair color must be natural, not dyed, highlighted, bleached, or frosted. Facial hair must be shaved. Sideburns may not be longer than the bottom of the opening of the ear.

Boys may not wear jewelry such as necklaces, bracelets, or earrings.

Girls Dress Standards

Tops/Blouses:

Blouses or tops designed to be tucked in and buttoned must be tucked in and buttoned. Please avoid current styles that tend to be tight, revealing, sensuous, immodest, or sloppy in appearance. Designer T-shirts may be worn if they are modest, neat, and without writing or large logos. Tops or blouses should not be sleeveless, tight fitting, or low-cut and, it should cover the mid-section at all times.

Skirts/Dresses:

Girls must wear skirts or dresses to school. Skirts and dresses must come to the middle of the knee when the girl is standing. Skirts with slits in them should remain modest: the top of any slit should cover the middle of the knee. Jogging pants, loose fitting sweatpants, and windbreakers may be worn for P.E. class. No spanxs, or yoga pants should be worn with out shorts or pants over them.

Socks/Shoes:

All the girls should wear shoes that are appropriate with a dress or skirt and safe for the playground. Sport sandals are not allowed.

Make up/Miscellaneous:

Elementary girls (k-5th grade) may not wear make-up. Secondary girls (6th-12th grade) may wear modest complexion make up. Gaudy and excessive length jewelry may not be worn. Earrings must be of modest size and style (no gages, bars or chains). No other body piercings with be permitted (nose, belly button, eyebrow, etc..). Girls may color their hair if it looks natural; they should avoid faddish styles or unnatural colors.

Chapel Dress:

On the designated “chapel day” all girls must wear a dress or skirt, no denim, and dress shoes.

Activity Dress Standards

Students will be given guidelines and dress requirements for school activities and P.E. classes by the teachers and sponsors as it pertains to each activity.

Student Conduct Standards

The following exemplify the standards of Christian conduct, which will be expected from each student who attends Park Christian Schools.

-Whether at school or away from school, the Christian students goal should be to “let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16). Christians should desire to honor the Lord and to maintain a testimony of love for the Lord. Therefore, they should be alert to do those things that please the Lord (Philippians 2:12, I Thessalonians 4:1) and desire to think like Christ (Philippians 2:5).

-Students should be faithful in attendance at a local Bible-preaching church (Hebrews 10:25)

-Students should show respect for those in authority over them (Ephesians 6:5-8)

-Students should show respect for the feelings and property of others (Philippians 2:3)

-Every student should allow the Holy Spirit to rule his/her tongue. Students should not take part in gossip, backbiting, slander, cursing, vulgarity, profanity, lying, or use of slang. (Proverbs 10:18; Matthew 5:37; James 5:12).

-Stealing and cheating are condemned by God's Word and therefore should not be Accepted in the life of a Christian (Ephesians 4:28).

- Park Christian School students should refrain from activities that are not glorifying to God (I Corinthians 6:19).

-Students should follow Biblical standards of conduct toward members of the opposite sex. We strongly discourage "steady" dating among our students.

-Physical contact of a sexual nature is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action.

-No student will use, have in his/her possession, or make pretense of using, or encourage others to use, illegal drugs, tobacco, beer, or other alcoholic beverages at or away from school. Violations of this nature will result in automatic suspension or dismissal from school.

-Students should be receptive to all spiritual teaching and encouragement.

-Students should abide by all classroom rules set forth by the teacher.

Medical

School personnel will not supply internal medicine to students without written parental permission on file. We will work with parents to make sure students take medication sent from home. Please notify the school office of any medication that is to be given to your child.

An emergency contact form (including insurance information) needs to be filled out by a parent and on file in the school office for each student.

Miscellaneous

Tobacco, alcoholic beverages, narcotic drugs, knives, guns, and explosives are not to be brought to school.

Any novels or magazines brought to school need to be approved by school staff.

Cell phones, tablets, laptops, and notepads should be turned off during school hours, but may be used for academic purposes (at the discretion of the teacher). Our wifi is password protected and will not be accessible to any student.

