

Faith Christian School (K-12)  
4100 Ronnaki Road  
Anniston, Alabama 36207

2011-2012

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank you for your interest in our school. Faith Christian School is a K4-12 non-denominational, Christian school. FCS was started in 1978 as a ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church of Anniston, AL. Its purpose is to give the youth of the church and the vicinity quality instruction in subjects usually taught in public schools, together with specific Bible instruction and Christian Standards for life. It is a board-operated school, accredited by SACS and a member of ACSI. The school participates in AHSAA and Calhoun County athletics. The pastor of FPC is Rev. Rick Searle. The Chairman of the Board is Dr. Boyce Callahan. The Headmaster of FCS is Mr. Ryan Todt.

1. **Environment** - Faith offers an environment that is both safe and conducive for learning. Our highly qualified faculty not only provides an excellent learning opportunity in their academic subjects, they also provide their wisdom and discipleship. All faculty are believers and are committed to teaching the whole person with the grace and love that God has shown to them.
2. **Academics** - Students are tested in grades 1-11 each year using the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT). This allows us to compare ourselves to other schools across the nation. Our scores indicate that our students are able to achieve high academic performance and sustain that achievement over time. Our best scores are typically achieved by students who have been here since Kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade. We offer an advanced diploma with honors and an advanced diploma; over 98% of our graduates attend college. Our school is fully-accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).
3. **Extracurricular Activities** - Faith offers many extras. There are various extracurricular activities for high school students; we take many elementary and secondary field trips. We offer sports for secondary students (7-12) through the Alabama High School Athletic Association. We offer high school foreign language, Journalism/yearbook, art and choir as academic classes. We offer drama, Student Government, and various clubs as extracurricular activities. We also participate in beta clubs on the junior high and senior high level. We encourage parents to be involved in school activities as family time. It seems there is always something going on at Faith.
4. **Bible-Based** - We give credit and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ for every good thing in our school. Our discipline, teaching and love are based on Biblical principals. The Bible is taught in all grades. We are constantly improving so we might reflect the Truth of God, as found in Scripture, in our curriculum, our policies, and our teaching. We also delight in learning about Him through His creation. We have Christian fellowship at least once a month, depending on the grade. These chapels and assemblies teach the students the unity they have in Jesus Christ.

Thank you for considering Faith as your choice for a quality, educational alternative. You may call for more information.

Phone: 256-236-4499

Fax: 256-236-4673

[www.faithchristian.info](http://www.faithchristian.info)

## Tuition Schedule 2011-2012

The following tuition structure will be in place for the school year 2011-2012. Please be aware that payment of tuition is absolutely necessary in order for the child to remain enrolled at Faith Christian School.

**The Application and Enrollment Fees must accompany the returned application.** The following items are required with the completed application: immunization record, copy of state-issued birth certificate, social security card, photo, and previous school's grades and standardized test results.

2011-2012	<b>Application Fee</b>	=	<b>\$50.00</b>	For <u>first time students only</u>
2011-2012	<b>Enrollment Fee</b>	=	<b>\$400.00</b>	For <u>Full-day Kindergarten - Grade 12</u>
			<b>\$250.00</b>	For <u>Half-day Kindergarten</u>

**THE APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE!** This guarantees that your child will attend FCS in the slot we hold for your child at Faith Christian School. If the class your child qualifies for fills up or if the student is not accepted after interview, the Enrollment Fee returned to the parent. The Application Fee (\$50.00) is not refunded for any reason. **Please read the Financial Commitment Statement carefully.**

1. **JANUARY AND FEBRUARY: Re-enrollment for current students; priority is given to current students.**  
New applicants may submit application forms which will be coded with date of application; these are held until March 1 when interviews for new parents will begin. All applications submitted by new families or after March 1<sup>st</sup> are considered in the order they were received.
2. **MARCH 1:** Enrollment opens to all. Applicants who meet school criteria will be offered available slots in the order that their application was received.
3. **TUITION SCHEDULE:**  
 Parents have two options in paying for their child's education while attending Faith. Parents may choose either a semester payment plan or a monthly payment plan. If the semester payment plan is chosen, a 2% tuition discount will apply. Both plans are outlined below:

### MONTHLY PAYMENT SCHEDULE (10 months)

Kindergarten-noon dismissal	\$ 360.00 per month
Grades K-5 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 465.00 per month
Grades 6-8	\$ 480.00 per month
Grades 9-12	\$ 550.00 per month

Monthly tuition is based on a 10 month plan of monthly payments **beginning on June 1, 2011.**  
 There is no payment due in February which allows for the re-enrollment fee payment and there is no payment in May.

### SEMESTER PAYMENT SCHEDULE (2% discount)

Fall Semester payments ( <b>June - Oct</b> ):	due by June 10 <sup>th</sup> in full
Spring Semester payments ( <b>Nov. - April</b> ):	due by November 10 <sup>th</sup> in full
Kindergarten-noon dismissal:	\$1764.00 per semester or \$3528.00 per year
Grades K-5 <sup>th</sup> :	\$2278.50 per semester or \$4557.00 per year
Grades 6-8:	\$2352.00 per semester or \$4704.00 per year
Grades 9-12:	\$2695.00 per semester or \$5390.00 per year

Science Lab Fee:	\$50.00/year (all students in grades 7-12)
Graduation Fee:	\$150.00 one time (seniors only)
Choir fee:	\$40.00/year (middle and high school choir students)
AP course fee:	\$150/year (students in these classes only)
Graphic Arts fee:	\$40.00/year (students in this class only)

Families with more than one child at Faith will receive a discount for additional children they enroll at Faith. The second oldest child receives a 10% tuition discount; a third child receives a 15% discount; a fourth child a 20% discount, etc. (**This discount does not apply to the re-enrollment fee of \$400.**) Families receiving scholarship grants do not qualify for any tuition discounts.

The school provides textbooks for grades preK-6. Parents are responsible for purchasing the majority of the textbooks for grades 7-12. More information concerning this will be mailed to parents during the summer months.

# Faith Christian School (K-12)

## Application process

1. Application is submitted to the school with all necessary forms, the application fee and the enrollment fee. The application should be as complete as possible. If a question is unclear or you would like clarification about certain questions or policies before answering, just write that you would like to “discuss that particular item in the interview.” This is better than leaving it blank.
2. Applicants who wish to have a slot guaranteed, even if the offer is for a slot in a grade other than the one for which they applied, they need to indicate this by answering “yes” to question 14 on page 8 of the application.
3. The School will contact the applicants to setup an interview time. Please notify the school as soon as possible if you will not be able to make your scheduled interview time. This is especially important during the months of March, April and May due to a large amount of applications and end-of-the-year school activities.
4. The School will follow-up the interview only after all information is received. Upon full consideration of the application information, the school will send a letter to the applicants. This letter will inform the applicants if their student has been accepted and in which grade they have been guaranteed a slot.
5. The application fee is not refundable.
6. If your student is not offered a slot or a slot is not available, the enrollment fee will be refunded.

## Admittance Policies

**The following are the minimum qualifications for a student to be accepted at Faith Christian School:**

1. All students must be able to successfully sustain average to above average accomplishment in our curriculum. Students must have evidence of scoring in at least the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile on a nationally normed achievement test such as the SAT and have average to above average ability. The Faith curriculum is a high expectation, college-prep course of study. We do not have provisions for special needs children.
2. All students must submit to authority and have evidence through previous schools that he/she can obey reasonable rules. Any student who has been suspended from a previous school will not be admitted to Faith. We expect parents to hold their children accountable for obeying school adults and submitting to reasonable authority.
3. We believe that parents are ordained of God to be responsible for the training of their children. Therefore, all students must have at least one parent who is a professing Christian and holds to the same beliefs and objectives as found in the *Statement of Faith and Objectives* of the school. Since we teach Bible daily, we want to be in concert with Christian parents so that we do not confuse the child.



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### Faith Christian School's "Mission" Statement

Under the authority of the Christian Scriptures, the mission of Faith Christian School (K-12) is to prepare students to serve God and others by instilling a Biblical world and life view, providing a quality academic education and developing the Christian social graces of love, self-control, and fellowship for the purpose of glorifying God.

# Faith Christian School

## Rationale for Financial Commitment

Faith Christian School asks for a financial commitment for those who enroll for next year. Enrollment is a commitment from the parents to pay for one semester's tuition. This commitment to the semester continues even if the child withdraws prior to the first day of the school year.

1. The School/church takes commitments very seriously. Commitments are like covenants which bind two parties together. As Christians we should honor our word just as Christ honors His word to us.
2. The School commits to the parents to provide a full year of education which requires a full year of tuition payments. The School is committed to be here for the child and plans each year's expenditures based on the enrollment numbers.
3. The School depends on tuition payments to pay expenses. Expenses for the School include salaries for teachers, administrators, secretaries, librarian, guidance counselor, library aide, computer aide, custodians, maintenance person, and coaches. Expenses also include various contracts for copiers, computer maintenance, and software updates, as well as supplies, testing, textbooks and many more items in the School budget. The School budget is based on the commitments of the parents to send their child(ren) to the School. Once contractual relationships are made, the School cannot undo these contracts.
4. Please note that the School loses one semester of tuition should a child be enrolled and then not attend because only one semester of tuition is required to be paid. The second semester tuition is lost to the School and impacts the budget.
5. Faith Presbyterian Church pays 5% of the cost to educate each child who attends FCS. The church has made a commitment to do this year after year; the parents are expected to uphold their commitment because the church upholds its commitment to underwrite the School each year. The church pays every penny of the electricity, gas, water, and telephone services as well as the lawn maintenance contract and all insurance costs including liability and workman's comp.
6. Parents should take very seriously the signature to enroll the child. If there is any question about whether the child will attend FCS, then the parents should wait to enroll until they are very sure that the child will attend.
7. Students who are offered a slot are guaranteed that slot by the school. If the child does not come the next school year, it is not a simple matter of saying that the School has plenty of time to "fill that slot". Even if another child comes in that grade, the School still loses the anticipated full year tuition income from a child who does not come. The School would never call a parent of a student we have committed to and say that the enrolled child cannot attend with the rationale that the parent has plenty of time to find another School; **a promise is a promise.**

[This form is for school use only. Please do not mark.]  
**INTERVIEW CHECKLIST FOR NEW STUDENTS**

**FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

**2011-2012**

CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

INTERVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration fee paid      Check number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Cash      Amount \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Photo attached

\_\_\_\_\_ Birth Certificate attached – copy of original accepted – must be state copy.

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Social Security Card attached

\_\_\_\_\_ Immunization form attached or included in records from previous school

\_\_\_\_\_ Application forms completed—all blanks filled in

\_\_\_\_\_ Application forms signed (*Spiritual Beliefs and Academic Expectations, Commitment Statements, FCS Dress Code, and Attendance Policy.*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Grades and test results from previous school attached—  
This is necessary for interview.

\_\_\_\_\_ Custody/parental placement documentation (if necessary)

Approval given by: Headmaster: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Board Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date school records have been **requested** from previous school

\_\_\_\_\_ Date school records have been **received** from previous school

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Attach photo of  
child here.  
[Photo Required]  
Fit this space if  
possible

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Application Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application for New Student**

**Grade applying for in the 2011-2012 school year: \_\_\_\_\_**

This application does not insure acceptance to Faith Christian School; along with the parent interview, it provides information upon which a decision will be based. Faith Christian School admits students of any race, color, or national origin and grants to them all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to eligible students of the school. Faith Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic, or national origin in the administration of its educational policies and/or admission. Demographic information (names, address and phone number) is considered directory information and will be published to all parents.

1. **Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

2. **Name goes by regularly:** \_\_\_\_\_ 3. **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

4. **Child's Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ 5. **Gender of child:** \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Ethnicity:** African-American Asian Hispanic Caucasian Other

7. **Has this child had any discipline problems at any school in the past?**  
[Spankings, suspensions, detentions, or administrative referrals]

Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Are you aware of Faith Christian School's policy of allowing spanking by teachers and that in order to be accepted at FCS you must be willing to allow this form of discipline? Yes No**  
(If you answered no to this question, your child cannot attend Faith Christian School.)

9. **Has this child repeated a grade?** Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_ If yes, give reason for repeating: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Does this child have any mental, emotional or physical handicaps which may affect his activities or academic progress, or that for some reason should be known by his teacher?

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11. Who referred you to Faith Christian School? \_\_\_\_\_

12. State why you wish your child(ren) to attend Faith Christian School:

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13. Name and address of current/previous school: \_\_\_\_\_

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14. It may happen that during the application and evaluation process, the school determines that your student does not meet the standards or requirements for the grade level requested. If this is the case, would you be willing to consider an offer for a slot in a grade other than the one for which you are applying?

Yes                      No

### Who has sole custody/placement of this student?

(1) Both parents:    Yes    No    (circle one)

(2) Divorce with joint custody:    Yes    No    (circle one)

(3) Name of parent if single custody: \_\_\_\_\_

If biological parents are divorced then the school must have a copy of the divorce decree signed by a judge of the decree pages which indicate custody placement. Please submit this with your application.

### Person responsible for payment of tuition

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If different from listed in this re-enrollment form

# Family Information

(Complete one per adult)

Relationship to student listed above:

**Father**

Living:  yes  no

Note for relationship if not Father:

\_\_\_\_\_

Living in home with child?

Yes

No

Marital Status:

Name:

Title

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Address:

Street address

City

State

Zip

Mailing address:

Street address

(if different from street address)

City

State

Zip

Email Address:

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_  
Required for ParentsWeb access

Phones for this family member: Home:

Cell:

Religious Denomination:

Church now attending:

## Employment information:

Occupation:

Place of work:

Work Phone:

ext:

Work Cell Phone:

(if different from personal cell phone)

Work address:

Street

City

State

Zip



With each of the following questions, please comment or clarify what you mean when you say you agree or disagree with a statement. We want to be sure both the parent and the school have a clear understanding of the beliefs and expectations of the other party. Disagreement with a statement does not automatically exclude your family from consideration for entrance to Faith Christian School. If you find you cannot answer the question, please indicate you would like to discuss it during the interview.

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2. Do you believe that Biblical truth is the foundation for the proper understanding of all academic subjects? Yes No. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Do you believe that God is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, of all life, and of man? Yes No. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Do you believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to earth to die for our sin? Yes No. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Do you believe in the necessity of being born again (born into the family of God by trusting in the finished work of Christ on the Cross and the power of His shed blood to pay the penalty of our sins)? Do you believe this faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is a gift of the Holy Spirit and results in a new life in Christ? Yes No. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Do you believe the Bible teaches principles that apply to every part of daily life? Yes No. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Do you intend to take full advantage of the teaching of the knowledge and skills required for future study or for occupational competence offered by the School? Yes No. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Will you hold the student accountable to apply himself to his work and to fulfill his responsibilities and support the teachers in this endeavor? Yes No. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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13. Do you want the student to learn to work independently and cooperatively and will you support the teachers in this endeavor? Yes No. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Do you want the student to learn to think and to hold his convictions under pressure and will you support the teachers in this endeavor? Yes No. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. Will you support the development in the student of an appreciation in the fine arts? Yes No. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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18. Will you support the School's value of teaching wholesome recreation? Yes No. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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19. Do you agree to the teaching of the American heritage and the current problems facing our country and the world? Yes No. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Father's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

# Family Information

(Complete one per adult)

Relationship to student listed above:

**Mother**

Living:  yes  no

Note for relationship if not Mother:

\_\_\_\_\_

Living in home with child?      Yes      No      Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title                      Last Name                      First Name                      Middle Name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address                      City                      State                      Zip

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address                      City                      State                      Zip  
(if different from street address)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_  
Required for ParentsWeb access

Phones for this family member: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_ Church now attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment information:

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of work: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ext: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

# Commitment Statements

PLEASE READ THE STATEMENTS LISTED BELOW AND SIGN THE SIGNATURE LINE IN ORDER FOR THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT TO BE VALID.

## I. Application commitment

To the best of my knowledge, all statements on this application form for enrollment are true and correct.

## II. Statement of Cooperation

I hereby make application for my child to attend Faith Christian High School (Grades K-12) [hereafter referred to as the "School"]. In making this application, I understand and agree to comply with and abide by the provisions of the School Student Handbook and the rules and standards set out therein including, but not limited to, the following:

1. The School has the right to deny enrollment or dismiss any student who does not respect the School's academic and behavioral standards or does not cooperate in the educational process.
2. The School has full discretion [including paddling] in the discipline of students while at school. Parents will be notified of discipline which involves paddling.
3. I agree to comply with the school policies and procedures. I agree to bring whatever concerns I have to the proper individual as per school policy and procedures.
4. I will ensure that my child will attend school and school related activities in compliance with the dress code. I understand I that will be held accountable for my child's adherence to that policy.
5. I agree that I and my student will publicly support the school and represent the school well. This includes behavior off-campus, in the virtual world, and during school sponsored activities such as field trips and sporting events.

## III. Statement of Financial Commitment

### Fall Semester Withdrawals

We understand that should we seek to withdraw our child(ren) from FCS after signing this enrollment form and being accepted into the next semester's enrollment, then **we are responsible for paying the full semester tuition**. The school has agreed to hold the slot for our child and the parent has agreed to pay the semester tuition. This is a mutual agreement binding on both parties.

There will be no financial charge for premature withdrawal if you move more than twenty-five miles from school during the term of this agreement. All financial charges for withdrawal will be reduced by the amount of tuition previously paid toward that semester's costs. Enrollment fees do not count against withdrawal charges.

### Spring Semester Withdrawals

All requests for withdrawal for the spring semester must be made **in November**. Withdrawal after November will result in withdrawal charge of a semester's tuition payment if a monthly or semester tuition payment has been made for second semester. **Tuition payments for the second semester begin November 1; this includes semester payments also.**

We understand that if we should seek to withdraw our child(ren) without clearing our financial indebtedness, then:

1. We have violated a moral commitment before the Lord (Matt. 5:37);
2. We have forfeited our right to ask FCS to transfer the records on our child(ren) to another school until we have cleared our indebtedness;
3. We have subjected ourselves to the legally-binding arbitration process as prescribed in the "conciliation clause" which is included in this enrollment packet.

### Tuition Payment Schedule:

**Fall payments:** June, July, August, September, October

**Spring payments:** November, December, January, March, April

- Payments are due on the first day of each month.
- Initial late fee of \$10 due after the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month; additional late fee of \$10 due after the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- **Student may not attend class after last day of calendar month if all tuition is not paid.**

1. I understand that the \$400 enrollment fee [\$250 for noon dismissal Kindergarten] is given as financial commitment to the school for the school year 2011-2012. The School insures that my child has a slot at Faith Christian School. **If my child is accepted as a student by the Headmaster and the School Board Chairman, I understand that this fee will not be refunded under any circumstance. If the child is not accepted the \$400 will be refunded.**

2. I understand that if I withdraw my child from the School prior to or during the fall semester, I will still be liable for the entire fall tuition and must make **payments beginning June 1, 2011, even though my child will not attend.** I understand that if I pay the second semester monthly tuition for November, 2011 and then withdraw my child from the School, I will be liable for the entire tuition for the spring semester even though my child will not attend. (**Note:** The semester tuition may be waived in the event that the student moves more than 25 miles from the School or extraordinary circumstances arise as determined by the Headmaster.) If the need to request a waiver of the semester's tuition occurs, I agree to meet with the Headmaster to discuss the matter. I agree to submit to the decision of the Headmaster. I understand that the reason I will be liable for the semester tuition, even though my child will not be attending, is that the School has made commitments to teachers, for resources, etc. based upon my commitment to pay the tuition requirements.

#### IV. Conciliation Clause Commitment

##### [Required for admittance to Faith Christian School]

The parties to this agreement are Christians and believe that the Bible commands them to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian church (See Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 6:1-8). Therefore, the parties agree that any claim or dispute arising from or related to this agreement/enrollment in school shall be settled by Biblically-based mediation and, if necessary, legally-binding arbitration in accordance with the *Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation* of the Institute for Christian Conciliation. [A copy of these Rules is available in the school office.] Judgment upon an arbitration decision may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. The parties understand that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this agreement and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against one another for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

**Normal communication regarding complaints and/or grievances will be handled according to the process outlined in the School Handbook under "Complaints and Grievances."**

We agree with this approach to resolve any disputes which may arise with our association with the Faith Christian School.

As parents of \_\_\_\_\_, applying for **grade** \_\_\_\_\_ in the **2011-2012** academic year, we agree and bind ourselves to obey the four commitments as outlined in this application (3 pages total). It is understood that this application is subject to acceptance by the Headmaster and School Board Chairman. Written notice of acceptance and offer of a slot at the School will be sent via US mail upon final approval.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

In order for our bookkeeper to prepare for your billing, we need to know your choice of payment schedule. The options are listed below. **Please mark one.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 1: **Monthly payments**

Monthly payments begin in June and are payable by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 2: **Semester Payments**

A semester payment receives a 2% discount for each semester payment.  
[Semester payments must be received by June 10<sup>th</sup> or November 10<sup>th</sup> in order to receive the discount.]

# FCS Mission Statement

Under the authority of the Christian Scriptures, the mission of Faith Christian High School (K-12) is to prepare students to serve God and others by instilling a Biblical world and life view, providing a quality academic education, and developing the Christian social graces of love, self-control, and fellowship for the purpose of glorifying God.

## Faith Christian High School (K-12) STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL BELIEFS

1. God is the source of all truth, and the Bible is given by Him as our supreme and final authority.
2. Because each student is created in the image of God with unique physical, social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual gifts, he/she is a valued individual within the FCS community whose primary purpose is to glorify God.
3. The student will model what he/she sees; therefore, teachers need to be Christian role models.
4. A variety of instructional strategies and learning activities should provide appropriate challenges for all enrolled students.
5. All academics, truth, aesthetics, values, civic responsibilities and community service should be taught from a Biblical world and life view.
6. The student is personally responsible and accountable for his/her behavior and personal integrity, while maintaining a balance in the areas of the spiritual disciplines, academic excellence, and extra-curricular activities.
7. Students learn most effectively in a safe, structured, healthy environment.
8. The parents have the ultimate responsibility for their children's spiritual and academic education. The School is a team member with the Christian parents and their church.
9. The commitment to continuous school improvement is imperative in order to enable students to become confident, self-directed, life-long learners.
10. Faith Christian School must emphasize the priorities of spiritual growth, academic excellence and extra-curricular activities as integral parts of a life that glorifies God.

As parents, we understand that the above Statement of Educational Beliefs will be the foundation of our child's teaching while at Faith Christian School.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Father)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mother)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Signed)

## Faith Christian School Dress Code policy and standards:

Please read the following material on our dress code policy and sign your acknowledgement and commitment to ensuring your child will meet these requirements as determined by the school.

### **Dress Code standards:**

Because of the broad range of clothing that is available for women in our culture, it is very difficult to be as specific as to what types of clothing are within dress code. If a student cannot find their item of clothing specifically addressed in the dress code description, we have devised a list of criteria that can be used to determine if an item of clothing will be in dress code. If a student's clothing is described by any one of these factors, it will probably be deemed inappropriate. The following factors will be considered when discerning if a girl is not dressed modestly.

- The neckline is so low as to see cleavage in the front or exposes the back any lower than where a bra strap would be. This includes situations where they may have to bend over.
- The shirt is see-through and there is not another garment such as a t-shirt, shirt or camisole. Any item considered to be an undergarment should not be visible.
- The student must be wearing a bra and underpants and at no time should they be visible. We discourage strapless bras and thongs.
- The shirt must cover the girl's shoulders. The collar may not be so open as to expose the bra strap or reveal that the girl has chosen to wear a strapless bra.
- The shirt may not be so tight that the impression of the undergarment is outwardly visible.
- Shirts must have arm holes or sleeves long enough that do not reveal the undergarment during normal movement in the day.
- A shirt must be long enough that when the student bends over, kneels, or sits, the student's undergarments or flesh will not be made visible.
- Neck jewelry and patterns/writing on the shirts should not draw attention to her bosom.
- Students should not wear tight pants. Pants will be considered too tight when the impression of the panty line of their briefs are visible or when an observer can see the lack of a panty line because they choose to wear a thong.
- Pants should be made of a material of thickness and color such that an observer cannot see through the material at any time.
- The guidelines on material and tightness apply also to shorts and skirts and their derivatives.
- Shorts worn on campus must have an inseam long enough to prevent underwear from being exposed, including situations in which they would bend over or sitting down.
- They must wear briefs if they wear shorts.
- All clothing must be free of tears, holes, etc. and spots that have been worn down to the point that one could part the remaining threads and see beneath.
- These guidelines apply to all school activities in which the dress code applies such as regular classes, gym, athletic practices, field trips and formals, etc.

### **Guidelines for Dress Code Outside School at School-Sponsored Events**

While dress outside school at school-sponsored events does not have to conform to the specifics of the "at school" policy as described in this handbook, the dress must reflect decent standards. Any person wearing clothing or items on their clothing judged by school personnel to be inappropriate will be asked to leave the event.

## DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS-BOYS

The following guidelines apply to ALL apparel and/or personal belongings:

- Modest and appropriately fit - not overly baggy, not tight or form fitting, not see-through material for apparel
- Neat in appearance - properly hemmed, without holes, tears or fraying, and not unduly faded
- Should not draw attention to the individual
- Writing is limited to an appropriate brand name or logo, personal monogram, or college name.
- Designs, patterns, or pictures should not be inappropriate or extreme, loud or distracting, and should be void of controversial cultural or counter-cultural fads

<b>Boys – Dress Code Grades 1-12</b>		
ITEM	STYLE	GUIDELINES
Pants	Slacks, jeans or cargo pants permitted. No camouflage or sweat pants.	Must be worn at the natural waistline; no slacking or dragging the floor.
Shorts	Walking, Bermuda or cargo shorts permitted. No athletic shorts.	Worn at the natural waistline; no slacking; must be knee length.
Belts		Required to be worn, at the natural waistline, must be an appropriate length.
Shirts (long or short sleeve)	Polo, Oxford, Turtleneck, Henley.	Must have a collar; remain tucked in all the way around without blousing; buttoned to one button from the collar (grades 1 - 3 may wear shirts un-tucked).
T-shirts	Only those purchased/approved from Faith Christian School or Faith Presbyterian Church permitted. Must be tucked in all the way around without blousing.	
Sweaters	Cardigan, v-neck, vest or crew-neck.	Must be worn over an approved shirt
Sweatshirts or Jackets	Must not be oversized and must be worn with an approved shirt	
Warm-up suit	Only those purchased through Faith Christian School Athletics	Must be worn with an approved shirt and only on days specified by the administration
Shoes	Dress, athletic, or sandals permitted. No rubber or foam rubber flip flops. No work boots.	Clean; shoes with laces must be laced and tied; <u>socks must be worn.</u>
Hair	Must not extend below the middle of the ear, over the eyes or over the top of the normal shirt collar; sideburns must be no lower than the bottom of the ear; the face is to be clean-shaven, no facial hair is to be worn by students; no extremes in hair color or style is acceptable.	
Accessories	No hats, caps, headbands, head gear, or sunglasses during school hours; no earrings, body piercings or tattoos.	

## DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS-GIRLS

The following guidelines apply to ALL apparel and/or personal belongings:

- Modest and appropriately fit - not overly baggy, not tight or form fitting, not see-through material for apparel
- Neat in appearance - properly hemmed, without holes, tears or fraying, and not unduly faded
- Should not draw attention to the individual
- Writing is limited to an appropriate brand name or logo, personal monogram, or college name
- Designs, patterns, or pictures should not be inappropriate or extreme, loud or distracting, and should be void of controversial cultural or counter-cultural fads

<b>Girls – Dress Code Grades 1-12</b>		
ITEM	STYLE	GUIDELINES
Pants	Slacks, jeans, gauchos, cropped or cargo pants permitted. No yoga, sweat or camouflage pants.	No low or ultra-low rise; no slacking or dragging the floor; no undergarments or midriff should be visible with any movement.
Shorts	Walking, Bermuda or cargo shorts permitted. No athletic shorts.	No low or ultra-low rise; no slacking; must be knee length; no undergarments or midriff should be visible with any movement.
Capris or Leggings	Because the nature of this style is form fitting, they may only be worn under a skirt, dress or jumper of approved length (no long shirts or sweaters).	
Shirts or sweaters	Long or short sleeves permitted. No sleeveless or cap sleeves.	Long enough so that no midriff shows with any movement; neckline should be no lower than 4 finger widths below the collar bone; buttoned to one button from the collar; no undergarments should be visible with any movement.
T-shirts	Only those purchased/approved from Faith Christian School or Faith Presbyterian Church permitted.	
Dresses, Skirts, Jumpers	Must be no more than 2” above the knee (the same for slits); must have sleeves or be worn over an appropriate shirt; neckline should be no lower than 4 finger widths below the collar bone; buttoned to one button from the collar; no undergarments should be visible with any movement.	
Sweatshirts or Jackets	Must fit appropriately and be worn with an approved shirt.	
Warm-up suit	Only those purchased through Faith Christian School Athletics.	Must be worn with an approved shirt and only on days specified by the administration.
Shoes	Dress, athletic, sandals or thonged sandals permitted. <b>No rubber or foam rubber flip flops.</b> No work boots.	Clean; shoes with laces must be laced and tied. Thonged sandals are dressier than simple flip flops and are acceptable if made of leather, suede, fabric, or other textiles; and have a heel or wedge heel. <b>Flip flops that are rubber or foam rubber and have a flat sole are not permitted.</b>
Hair	Well-groomed; no unnatural or extreme colors or styles.	
Accessories	No extreme styles of makeup or jewelry; maximum of 2 earrings per earlobe; no hats, caps, head gear, or sunglasses during school hours; no body piercings or tattoos.	

## Dress Code for All School Physical Activity

Modesty is the “key” for all physical activity attire at Faith Christian High School (K-12). In the areas of physical education, athletic practices, and athletic contests, all uniforms and/or practice clothing worn must be modest in nature.

Shorts should, for both boys and girls, meet school board policy requirements as to length. Shorts are not to be too short and are never to be rolled at the waist or legs. *Shorts may not have any writing or design on the seat of the shorts. This draws undue attention to this portion of the anatomy of the body.* Short shorts are not permissible for boys or girls.

Tops should cover the midriff, and in the case of young ladies, arm openings should insure modesty throughout the physical activity. Shirts are not to be looped or tied in any way. Immodest tops are not acceptable for young ladies.

The athletic coaching staff, under the direct supervision and oversight of the athletic director and the school administration, has direct responsibility and authority to interpret the appropriateness of any student’s attire. The goal of this policy is to create an environment for our students that will reflect honorably upon themselves, the school, the families represented, and our Lord.

Students are not to question the coaches when interpretations are made. Submission to authority is a requirement for participation in any extracurricular or physical education activity.

## Dress Code for Field Trips

The school dress code will prevail for all field trips unless specific permission is obtained from the Headmaster regarding a special need or special circumstances which warrant modifications to the existing dress code. In some instances the dress code will be strengthened for certain field trips where more formal dress is required. Students must adhere to the requirements of the field trip dress or lose the privilege of participating in the field trip and receive a lower class grade.

Adherence to dress the dress code is a requirement for admission and attendance at Faith Christian School. Every family agrees to work with the school in its vision, mission and purpose. The policy outlined in this handbook is what we believe will best accomplish that goal. Unwillingness to comply with the dress code is a significant break in the partnership between school and family. Because of this we do have policy to address non-compliance, however, they are meant to assist you in requiring your student to comply with the dress code. These consequences will not produce results without parental reinforcement. Because of this, the school has consequences for non-compliance, but will hold the parents responsible to make sure their children are dressed in compliance with dress code. If a child is discovered to be out of dress code, the parent will be contacted and the student will not be allowed back into class until the proper clothing is provided. In certain cases, the school can provide an approved shirt, at the cost of the family, for the student’s use. The parent will be charged the cost of the shirt (usually \$10). If the student continues to come out of dress code, or it becomes apparent that the family has no intention of supporting the school in this matter anymore, the student may be subject to the suspension policy.

“I have read the standards, policy and discipline procedures regarding the dress code of Faith Christian School. By signing, I agree that these standards are acceptable and I will ensure the school that my child will meet these standards and any judgment of the school on whether particular clothing meets those standards.”

Father/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guarding signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS

Regular attendance and achievement in school subjects are very closely related. School will be dismissed at a regular time each day, therefore, appointments with doctors, dentists, hair dresser, etc., should be made before or after school hours or on Saturdays, when possible. FCS is very careful to keep accurate attendance records. Our attendance policy will meet or exceed the requirements set forth by our accrediting association. Failure to attend school may result in one or more violations of Alabama State Law and other laws concerning compulsory school attendance.

### State Law Requirements for Schools

#### Section 16-28-8 Code of Alabama State Law

Reports required must be furnished.

*“..... The principal teacher of each public school, private school, church school and each private tutor shall keep an attendance register showing the enrollment of the school and every absence of each enrolled child from school for a half day or more during each school day of the year.”*

*(School Code 1927, §310; Code 1940, T. 52, §307; Acts 1982, No. 82-218, p. 260, §6.)*

Faith Christian School is legally considered a church school and is therefore subject to the above state law. Section 16-28-8 only requires FCS to keep a record attendance for all enrolled students. We are not required to report attendance to the state nor are we responsible to the state for explaining student absences.

### State Law Requirements for Parents

#### Code of Alabama State Law Section 16-28-15.

*“Every parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of any child required to attend public school, private school, or church school, shall as soon as practical explain the cause of any absence of the child under his control or charge which was without permission of the teacher, and a failure to furnish such explanation shall be admissible as evidence of such child being a truant with the consent and connivance of the person in control or charge of said child, unless such person can show to the reasonable satisfaction of the court that he had no knowledge of such absence and that he has been diligent in his efforts to secure the attendance of such child.”*

*(School Code 1927, §308; Code 1940, T. 52, §305; Acts 1982, No. 82-218, p. 260, §7.)*

As a parent or legal guardian, this section of the state law requires you to provide to the school an explanation for a child's absence from school. This must be furnished in a timely fashion. It is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian to account for the absences of their student to the school. The school will not contact the parent if an explanation is not provided to the school. At FCS, our policy is that you provide that note upon return to school or no later than three (3) days after the absence. All returning students must bring a note of explanation upon return to school. A note from the parent does not

automatically excuse the absence. **Failure to provide a note to the school within three days, regardless of whether it is excused or unexcused, is considered truancy by the state of Alabama.** (In the case of a headmaster approved absence, the parental request will suffice as the explanation.)

**Elementary:** A note of explanation giving the student's name, homeroom, and the date of absence, and the reason for absence should be presented by the student upon his/her return to school to the classroom teacher. The note is to be written completely and signed by the student's parent or guardian. The student absence will be marked excused or unexcused by the elementary teacher. Any absence not explained by a parent letter within one day upon return will be coded **unexcused** regardless of the reason. This is in compliance with the Code of Alabama State Law Section 16-28-15.

**Secondary:** If a secondary student will not be present at school, their parent should contact the school that morning and inform the school of the absence. Upon returning the school, the parent is to supply a note explaining why the student was absent. The secondary student will present the note from the parent to the appropriate school official. The school will determine the excused or unexcused status of the absence. The absence will be coded AU or absent unexcused until a note is received. A note does not automatically excuse an absence. Any absence not explained by a parent letter will be coded **AUT or absent unexcused truant**. A parent is required to send a note to the school explaining their student's absence regardless of the reason. This is in compliance with the Code of Alabama State Law Section 16-28-15.

**THE PARENT IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING TRACK OF THE NUMBER OF DAYS ABSENT IN REGARDS TO THE FOLLOWING POLICY. THE ONLY OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OR WARNING IS SENT WITH THE GRADE REPORTS AS EXPLAINED FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS:**

**FCS Board policy on attendance requirements**

*In order to receive credit for a high school course, the student must not have missed more than five (5) days in that course per semester. Any student who misses more than five(5) days in any course must have a doctor's written excuse for subsequent absences with a maximum of ten (10) absences in order to receive credit for the course. See method listed below to erase unexcused day by attending Saturday school. NOTE: Elementary students will repeat the grade should the child miss more than 20 total days of school.*

This policy is enforced by the school upon the final grade report. In the elementary school, the final grade report is generated at the end of the year. At this time, the absences for the year are totaled. The school will notify the parent(s) if a student will not progress due to attendance in a letter that accompanies the final grade report. The grade report will still report a letter grade, but the student will not be allowed to progress.

In the high school, the final grade reports are generated at the end of each semester. At this time, the absences for the semester are totaled. The school will notify the parent(s) of the student who will not receive credit for the course due to attendance in a letter that accompanies the final grade report. The Report card and the transcript will report a letter grade, but on the transcript will reflect a zero (0) in the credit column. Saturday school, summer school, correspondence courses, etc. are used in the high school to recover credit or lost days. However, a senior who has not met all graduation requirements by the day of graduation will not be allowed to walk with their graduating class.

**Extracurricular participation when a student is absent**

Students who do not attend school on a particular day because of illness may not participate in any extracurricular activities that day. This includes clubs, athletic events, and class events that are not required for a grade. The student must have been in attendance at least one-half of the school day in order to participate in extracurricular events after school on that day. NOTE: One-half day of school equals four periods.

Final determination as to whether a student has met the “one-half of the school day” criteria is made by the headmaster or a designated proxy.

**After reading the above section on attendance, please sign and date the following statement:**

I understand the attendance policies of Faith Christian School, the requirements of Alabama State Law of the School and the requirements of Alabama State Law of the parent. I understand that I must provide notes of explanation for any and all absences in a timely manner. I understand it is my responsibility to keep track of absences and likewise understand that the school will only notify me of excessive absences with the final grade reports as explained in the above paragraphs. Additionally, I understand that the school has no responsibility to notify me of excessive absences or truancy prior to the final grade report, even if it results in a failure of my student to progress or receive credit for a course. I also understand that if my student is absent for more than half the day as determined by the school, they may not participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activities.

Father/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for applying to Faith Christian School. If you have any questions about this application, please make a note of them and bring them to the interview.

We feel that it is important that you keep a copy of these application documents; at your request, the school secretary will be happy to provide you a copy of all forms in this application including those you signed.