



## **HANDBOOK AGREEMENT**

*Submit one form for each family*

I/We hereby acknowledge by our signature that we have received, read and agree to all the policies set forth in the Student Handbook.

### **STATEMENT OF COOPERATION**

1. I have read and understand the school's philosophy of Christian education and its statement of faith and am in agreement with the purpose and philosophy of Gideon Academy as written in the Parent/Student Handbook.
2. I have read Gideon's status on non-accreditation and the option I have, as a parent, to enroll my child with Lighthouse Christian Academy's dual enrollment program. LCA is accredited with Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CESS) and Accreditation International (Ai). If I choose to transfer my child to a school that is not using ACE curriculum I understand it is the new school's choice to accept the credits earned at Gideon, especially if the student is a high school student. I must check with the new school for credit acceptance.
3. I have read and understand how classroom supervisors are not state certified teachers, but are able to help my child learn the subjects in their learning center.
4. It is understood that my child's attendance is a privilege and not a right, and that if at any time his/her conduct, academic progress, or cooperation with the school's authorities is not in keeping with the school's requirements, the school reserves the right to terminate my child's enrollment at its discretion.
5. I will support the school by involvement in parent/teacher conferences, parent meetings and other school-sponsored meetings and activities.
6. I agree to actively participate in the fundraisers of Gideon Academy as stated in the Parent/Student Handbook.
7. I give my permission for my child to take part in all school activities including school-sponsored trips away from the school premises. I absolve the school from liability to me or my child because of any injury to my child at school or during any school activity, with the understanding that insurance will be maintained on my child during the school year.
8. I understand the standards of Gideon Academy in that they will not tolerate profanity, obscenity in word or action, dishonor to the Word of God, or disrespect to the personnel or students of the school.

9. I herewith agree to authorize this school to employ such discipline as it deems wise and expedient for my child; I both understand and agree with their policies in this area. (Proverbs 13:24, Proverbs 22:6; Proverbs 22:15)
  
10. Realizing that my attitude toward the supervisors/teachers and policies of Gideon Academy affects the emotional and academic stability of my child, I will support and uphold the ideals of the school in every way and will abide by the discipline and regulations of this administration. (1 Thessalonians 5:13)
  
11. At no time will I participate in destructive criticism of the staff or the school to my child or others, but instead, if a problem arises, regarding our child, I agree that I will adhere to the policy of 1) discussing the issue with the child's teacher, 2) if not resolved, discussing the issue with the administrator and teacher, and 3) if the issue remains unresolved, to contact the President of the Board to set up a private meeting to discuss the issue with the School Board as indicated in Matthew 18:15. I understand that in certain circumstances, depending on the nature of the parental concern, it may be appropriate to omit the first and second steps. These steps will be addressed privately and confidentially.
  
12. In making application for my child, I fully understand that Gideon Academy does not accept children on a month-to-month basis, nor on a one semester basis. Upon enrolling my child, I affirm that I am morally and financially obligated to maintain enrollment for the complete school year. It is my understanding that the school's policy is to make no refund on registration fees. (2 Corinthians 8:21)
  
13. I pledge to pay tuition and fees in a timely manner. In the case of unexpected financial hardship, it is my responsibility to contact the school office to arrange a meeting with the Administrator.
  
14. A spot for the upcoming year will not be held for a student if any tuition or fees are past due by 30 days or more. A student may not begin school in the fall until all amounts due for the prior year are paid in full by May 31.
  
15. I understand that there will be no reduction in tuition for time missed by our child due to illness or other reasons.
  
16. I support and agree with the school's effort to train my child to be Christ-like, in accordance with God's word, and will encourage my child in this and in all other phases of instruction.

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 Printed Name of Father/Guardian      Signature of Father/Guardian      Date

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 Printed Name of Mother/Guardian      Signature of Mother/Guardian      Date