

Tabernacle Christian School



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Welcome

Welcome to the Tabernacle Christian School family of students, parents, staff, alumni and friends. We are happy that you and your family have decided to be a part of our school family. Since its establishment in 1972 as a ministry of Bible Baptist Tabernacle, Tabernacle Christian School has offered Christian families an affordable Christian alternative to the public education system.

Realizing that it is the Christian home to which God has given authority and power to train up successful Christian young people, it is the goal of Tabernacle Christian School to assist the home in the training process. This school is dedicated to reaching children for Christ, grounding them in the faith and sending them out as well-trained Christian leaders of tomorrow.

The purpose of Tabernacle Christian School is to provide quality academic training with a Christ-centered curriculum in a Christian environment. By instilling in our young people the proper Christian philosophy of life, we endeavor to prepare them for living.

We believe “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge” and that all subjects should be taught in the light of the Scriptures. We use the A Beka curriculum in the kindergarten and elementary school. We use a combination of A Beka and Bob Jones University Press textbooks in the junior and senior high schools.

We request your daily prayers for Tabernacle Christian School and its staff as we work to attain these goals. Without divine leadership and wisdom, it would not be possible to attain them.

The school consists of the day care, preschool, kindergarten, elementary, junior and senior high levels. This handbook contains general information pertaining to all students and policies pertaining to students in the five-year-old kindergarten, elementary and high school. A separate day care and pre-school handbook is available in the school office.

School Verse:

“Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

School Motto:

“Training to serve.”

School History:

Tabernacle Christian School was established in 1972 by Pastor Bobby Leonard as a ministry of Bible Baptist Tabernacle. Kindergarten classes were first held in 1972; the lower elementary grades were added in 1974; and the upper elementary grades were added in 1975. The seventh through twelfth grades were added in 1977. In 1997, our school celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary.

Campus:

The campus of Tabernacle Christian School is located two miles north of Highway 74 (Roosevelt Boulevard) on Walkup Avenue. The 15.28 acre campus includes the auditorium of Bible Baptist Tabernacle, a three-wing office/classroom complex housing the Jerry Sumner Elementary wing, Thomas Barbee wing, the George Kiker Day Care wing, and the David C. Deskins Gymnasium building. The baseball and soccer fields are situated at the rear of the campus.

School Colors:

Navy Blue, Silver, Gold, Burgundy

Team Name and Mascot:

Rams

Tabernacle Christian School’s Winner’s Creed

**A true winner always does his best,
never to the glory of self but always to the glory of God.
With God’s help, I will be a true winner today.**

Statement of Faith

Tabernacle Christian School holds without apology to the statement of faith of Bible Baptist Tabernacle of Monroe, North Carolina.

1. We believe in the verbal inspiration and authority of the Scriptures.
2. We believe that the Bible reveals God, the fall of man, the way of salvation, and God's plan and purpose in the ages.
3. We believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
4. We believe in the Deity and virgin birth of Jesus Christ.
5. We believe that salvation is "by grace" plus nothing and minus nothing. The conditions to salvation are repentance and faith.
6. We believe that men are justified by faith alone and are accounted righteous before God only through the merit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
7. We believe in the visible, personal and pre-millennial return of Jesus Christ.
8. We believe in the everlasting conscious blessedness of the saved and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.

Philosophy of Education

Tabernacle Christian School desires to provide conditions whereby boys and girls can receive the Truth. Jesus instructed His disciples in John 8:32, "*And ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free.*" Not only is our objective to teach the Truth but also teach our students how to apply the Truth wisely to their own lives. In John 16:13 we are promised that "*...when He, the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all truth.*"

Our Christian School desires to provide the best Christian education possible. A biblical viewpoint in the vital areas of life—spiritual growth, education, personal self-discipline and patriotism—must be strongly stressed to each student during his years of training.

We desire to minister to the needs of the whole child and to promote his spiritual and moral growth, academic and intellectual progress, and physical and social development.

Additionally, our Christian school is to be an extension of the Christian home and church and thus provide a continuity of training for Christian young people.

We, as Christian educators, desire to train each student to accept individual responsibility to God for his actions and challenge him to glorify God in every facet of his life.

The Objectives of Tabernacle Christian School

SPIRITUAL

1. To lead students to acknowledge Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.
2. To teach that growth in the Christian life depends upon fellowship with God through reading the Bible, prayer and active Christian service.
3. To teach the Word of God and help students learn and apply Christian principles in their everyday lives.
4. To help students realize that all their endeavors should be to the honor and glory of God.
5. To help students know the will of God and help them prepare for active Christian service.

INTELLECTUAL

1. To create an interest in and a working knowledge of the basic academic skills.
2. To help students master the tools of learning and communications.
3. To provide academic instruction as to meet individual needs in order for each student to learn to his maximum capacity.
4. To help students develop independent study skills.
5. To teach knowledge in light of the truth as revealed in God's Word.

PHYSICAL

1. To provide opportunity for physical activities that will meet the needs of individual students.
2. To help students develop good health habits, principles of dress and appearance, and an attitude of good sportsmanship.
3. To help develop a desire for wholesome physical recreation.

4. To provide opportunity for instruction and development of skills in controlling emotion through physical activities.
5. To provide instruction in a well-balanced physical activity program that will help each student know he can excel in some type of physical activity.

SOCIAL

1. To help students develop good wholesome attitudes.
2. To help students develop good Christian manners in order to be able to apply them in their everyday routines.
3. To help students be aware of the needs of other people.
4. To help students develop an understanding of and the ability to meet the responsibilities of a Christian to the community, state and national government.
5. To teach students to get along with Christians and non-Christians who hold differing views.

The Affiliations of Tabernacle Christian School

Tabernacle Christian School is a member of the North Carolina Christian School Association (NCCSA). The school is also a member of the American Association of Christian Schools (AACCS).

It is by these associations that we are able to further teacher development and remain abreast of current methods and materials. Our students also benefit by enhanced and varied opportunities to compete and cooperate with students from other Christian schools.

Financial Operations of Tabernacle Christian School

Tabernacle Christian School is a private, non-profit ministry of Bible Baptist Tabernacle. The school does not receive any state or federal funds. Income from tuition does not fully cover the cost of operating the school. Interested individuals are invited to contribute to the operation of the school via tax-deductible gifts. If you would like to provide a scholarship for deserving students who would otherwise be unable to afford a Christian education, please earmark your gift accordingly.

General Information

Academic Programs Available

Kindergarten.....	4 -5 years old
Elementary.....	Grades 1 - 6
Junior and Senior High.....	Grades 7 – 12

Admission Information

Parents wishing to enroll their children in Tabernacle Christian School should call (704)283-4395 for an interview and tour to find out about the school and its educational program.

The primary purpose of the school is to teach the Bible. Bible is taught each day in our school and every student is required to study, memorize and apply it to his everyday life.

We ask that at least one parent come in with the student for the interview. The parent should complete application and be prepared to pay the registration fee. We do NOT accept any students who do not want to attend our school.

Students may be tested before grade placement is determined. Our academic standards are higher than many schools and we do not want to place undue strain on students who possibly would find it difficult to work in a grade above their ability level.

Admission Policies

1. A child must be five years of age before **November 15** in order to enter kindergarten; four years old before **November 15** to enter four-year-old kindergarten.
2. A child must be six-years of age before **November 15** in order to enter first grade. In cases of late birthdays, a readiness test may be administered. If passed, the applicant may be accepted (other things being in order) for entrance into the first grade.
3. First graders are only accepted after taking a readiness test. This will be administered to all kindergarten students in the spring. Prior consideration

- will be given to the children from our own kindergarten. Those who have not attended our kindergarten program must take the readiness test at another time.
4. A birth certificate and a copy of the child's social security card must be presented at the time of registration for students entering the four and five-year-old kindergarten and first grade.
 5. A completed health certificate with updated immunization records of kindergarten and first grade students must be in the school office **before the first day of school.**
 6. Although we sympathize with the situation, Tabernacle Christian School is not equipped to handle handicapped children, problem children or learning disabled children in need of special education.
 7. Parents are expected to uphold the objectives, rules and standards of the school.
 8. Tabernacle Christian School admits students of any race, color , national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, athletic programs and other school-administered programs.
 9. A student is admitted to Tabernacle Christian School on the basis of his former record or entrance and placement tests. Each student's record is reviewed and the student is admitted on the basis of specific criteria for admission. A "C" average on grade level is the acceptable academic average.
 10. Tabernacle Christian School, as a private institution, reserves the privilege of setting and maintaining its own standards for student conduct, dress, cleanliness and scholarship. The school maintains the right to refuse admittance to anyone it so chooses and to suspend or expel any student who violates the standards set down in the Standard of Conduct, Parent-Student Handbook or other rules or conduct as defined by the administration.
 11. Tabernacle Christian School does not admit students who have been expelled or suspended from other public, private or Christian schools. The administration may grant exceptions to this policy.
 12. Tabernacle Christian School cannot accept new students during the fourth quarter of the school year. The administration may grant exception to this policy for students who have recently moved into the Monroe area.

Business Procedures

Payment options: Yearly, semesterly or monthly.

1. Yearly payment for the entire year's tuition and fees are due by August 1st. If payment is not received by the first, tuition will automatically be set up on a monthly payment plan.
2. Although yearly payments are preferred, parents may choose to make semesterly or monthly payments. Semester payments are due by August 01 and January 01 respectively. Monthly payments are due the first of each month, beginning with August 01 and ending with May 01. If paid by the first of each month you will be allowed a \$ 20.00 early pay discount.
3. Statements are mailed out at least one week before payment is due. If payment is not received by the 10th of each month, a reminder notice will be sent. Should two payments be missed, the student will be asked to withdraw from Tabernacle Christian School until the account is current.
4. Tuition discounts are offered to families enrolling more than one child in the school. Discounts do not apply to registration, textbooks and athletic fees.

Two children: Deduct 10% from tuition

Three children: Deduct 20% from tuition

Four children: Deduct 30% from tuition

5. Textbooks must be purchased from the school before the school year begins. Prices will vary according to grade and subject. The yearly textbook sale is usually held during the month of August. Please check the school calendar for exact dates and times.
6. A \$ 25.00 yearly fee will be included with book fees for keyboarding, computer, physical science, biology and physics classes.
7. A \$ 25.00 athletic fee will be charged for any student involved in team sports and/or cheerleading.
8. Please make your check payable to Tabernacle Christian School or TCS.
9. In the event of withdrawal, transfer or expulsion, the parents are responsible for full payment of tuition and other fees. Full payment of tuition and other fees must be made through the end of the calendar month for grades K5 – 12. The school reserves the right to withhold report cards and student records until tuition and other fees are paid in full.
10. No deduction is made from tuition payments for a student's absences.
11. Participation in graduation exercises and special programs is a special privilege. No student will be permitted to participate in graduation exercises

unless his school bill is paid in full for the year prior to the date of graduation.

12. Tabernacle Christian School charges a \$ 30.00 fee for any returned checks.
13. A copy of the financial policy of TCS stating all fees and charges is available in the school office.
14. The office is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and is closed only for holidays.

Absences

Regular attendance is essential to successful class work. Absences are excused only for the following reasons:

1. Illness or injury
2. Death in immediate family
3. Medical or dental appointment
4. Court or administrative proceedings
5. Religious observances
6. Educational opportunity with proper advance notice
7. Inclement weather conditions agreed upon by administrator
8. Pre-approved family trip

When a student returns from an unplanned absence, a note stating the reason for his absence must accompany him/her or the absence will be classified as unexcused. Any other absences, unless approved by the administration prior to absence, will be considered unexcused. An unexcused absence means a student may not make up missed work or tests.

Any student missing more than **20** days of school or who is absent from a high school class more than **20** times will be in jeopardy of failing his grade at the end of the school year. Parents will receive a letter from the school office when a student has reached his tenth and fifteenth absences.

It is the student's responsibility to talk with his teacher regarding making up work when he/she is absent with an excuse. In the lower elementary grades we ask parents to work with the teacher. A student will be given a total number of days to turn in his work equal to the number of days absent plus one.

Daily Schedule

Five-Year Old Kindergarten	8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Grades 1 – 12	8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Tardiness

Students arriving to class after 8:30 a.m. are considered tardy. Repeated tardiness is a serious matter and will not be tolerated. A student with 15 tardies will be in danger of failing the class for which he was late. A student with three unexcused tardies will not be considered for perfect attendance.

Students arriving after 8:30 a.m. must report to the school office. Failure to report to the office when arriving late may result in the student being marked absent, consequently not receiving credit for the school day. Unexcused tardies will result in demerits for students in grades 7 – 12 and possible suspension of driving privileges for student drivers.

For students in grades 7 – 12, tardiness to class is defined as late to class. For every third unexcused late-to-class notice, students must serve a one-hour after school detention.

******Important for grades 7 – 12 ****Chapel services begin at 8:45 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning for grades 7 – 12. If a student is late for chapel or misses chapel, that student will be dealt with accordingly.**

Chapel

Chapel has become one of our students' favorite times of the school week. Lower elementary (K-5 – 4th) chapel is held on Friday mornings at 8:45 a.m. Upper elementary (5 – 6) and high school chapel (7 – 12) is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:45 a.m. Students are required to have their Bibles for chapel services.

We feel it is vital for the spiritual welfare of our school that we have 100% participation in our chapel services. Parents are invited to attend chapel services.

Early Dismissals

Students needing early dismissal from school because of medical or dental appointments should bring a note from their parents. Notes should be turned into the school office before 9:00 a.m. Early dismissals for any reason must be approved in advance. Students are never to leave campus without written or verbal permission from parents.

School Closings

In case of inclement weather that would necessitate the closing of school, students and parents should listen for announcements of school closings on television stations WSOC-Channel 9, WBTV-Channel 03 or cable NEWS 14 or radio stations WBT AM 1110, WSOC FM 103.7 or WIXIE AM 1190. Due to the number of Tabernacle Christian Schools in the immediate area, TCS will be listed as Tabernacle Christian – Monroe.

Sickness

It is better not only for your child, but for everyone else in the class that he remain at home if he appears to be ill or taking a cold, etc. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to class. Parents will be called to pick up any children whom the teacher feels are too sick to do his work or who are a health hazard to others in the class. If the child has a communicable disease, the school should be notified immediately.

Medications

All prescriptions and non-prescription medications must be left at the office to be administered to the student at specific times. A note from the parent authorizing the dispensing of the medication is required. The school office can dispense the following medications with a signed student medical form on file in the office: Tylenol, Pepto-Bismol.

Insurance

School insurance is required on each child enrolled in our facilities. The insurance policy covers the student on campus or away from campus on school-sponsored activities. This cost is included in registration fee for K-5 – 12.

Immunizations

The following immunizations ***are required*** by the *State of North Carolina* for enrollment into the five-year old kindergarten or first grade.

DTP	5 doses
POLIO	4 doses
MMR	2 doses
HIB	1 dose

The State of North Carolina also strongly encourages all sixth-grade students to receive a Hepatitis B vaccination to prevent liver damage from this highly contagious disease which affects one out of twenty Americans. If you have any questions, please contact the county health department or your family physician.

Office Procedures

Parents are welcome to visit the school. When visiting a classroom for any reason, parents should first check in at the school office. Lunches, homework, books, etc. may be left in the office to be delivered to appropriate classrooms. The office cannot be responsible for delivering messages to students after 2:30 p.m. Parents wishing to speak with teachers should do so after school so that vital classroom time is not interrupted.

Telephones

Students are to ask permission from their teacher and secure a written pass before going to the office to use the phone. Students may use the office phones only in case of emergencies. Phone calls should be limited to three minutes. Students will not be called out of class for a phone call unless it is an emergency.

Lunches

Tabernacle Christian School due to a lack of participation no longer offers a hot lunch program

Students may also bring their own lunches and purchase milk in the cafeteria. Soda and snack machines are available to all students during the lunch period.

If a student forgets his lunch, he will be allowed to use the office phone to call his parent to bring lunch for him.

Visitors

Visitors may be brought to school only if they are prospective students. Students who desire to bring visitors to school must secure permission from the principal with at least one day advance notice. The administration reserves the right to reject visitors at any time.

Students who have been dismissed from Tabernacle Christian School may not return to the campus before, during, or after school without the administration's advance permission.

Lost and Found

All articles found at the school are sent to the lost and found centers located in the designated elementary and high school locations. Articles may be reclaimed before or after school. Periodically students will be notified when found articles will be on display to be claimed. Any article remaining afterwards will be discarded or donated to Good Will. Students are encouraged to mark all personal items and clothing brought to school.

Student Drivers

1. Students who have permission from their parents to drive to school will be assigned a parking area near the James Russell Auditorium. Cars must be parked within the lines and should not take up two spaces.
2. Students must register all vehicles driven on campus.

3. Students will not be allowed to return to their cars during the school day without the permission of the office.
4. Any reckless driving on the TCS campus will result in the loss of the student driving privilege. The pedestrian will always have the right-of-way. Students should remember that many children are in the parking lot before and after school and should use extreme caution while driving on school grounds.
5. Students are not allowed to sit in cars before or after school, during the school day or at any school function.
6. Males and females, unless family members, are not allowed to be in the same car or leave campus together.
7. Any student drivers leaving campus during the school day for doctor's appointments, etc. must have advance written permission from parents.
8. The playing of loud music, whether Christian or secular, will not be tolerated on the TCS campus and will result in the loss of the student driving privilege.
9. Excessive tardiness on the part of the student drivers will result in the suspension of the driving privilege for four weeks. Excessive tardiness will be defined as five or more tardies in one grading period.

Cellular phones and beepers

Students will be allowed to carry beepers and cellular phones for parental contact **only** during after-school activities and away sporting events. **Abuse of this privilege will result in immediate and permanent revocation of privilege.**

Traffic Patterns on Campus

Parents may use two convenient driveways on campus to drop off and pick up students and other passengers.

1. The half-circle driveway at the end of the Jerry Sumner Elementary Wing may be used for dropping off and picking up students. Traffic moves one way on this driveway. Since the driveway has only two lanes, parents should not park their cars on this driveway before, during or after school. We have a limited numbers of parking spaces to the right of the half-moon driveway for parking cars.
2. Parents who wish to walk their children to class may use the parking lot adjacent to the George Kiker Day Care wing. Parents should be careful not to block traffic flow through the parking lot. **Please do NOT park**

under the awning. Drivers should always remember that pedestrians always have the right-of-way. Since many young people are in the parking lots before and after school, drivers should always use extreme caution while driving on the school grounds.

School Buildings and Grounds

Tabernacle Christian School utilizes the facilities of Bible Baptist Tabernacle. As such, we follow the rules and regulations of the church concerning the buildings and grounds. They are:

1. School buildings are open from 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on all weekdays except prayer meeting night and during special services.
2. The Church Auditorium is off-limits to all students except when accompanied by TCS or BBT staff members. When the auditorium is used for chapel or assemblies, students should enter in a quiet and orderly manner.
3. Groups practicing special music for chapel should receive permission from the principal and use the designated practice location.
4. Willful or negligent destruction to school or church property will not be tolerated. Students will be held monetarily responsible for any intentional damage to the property.

Trips and Special Occasions

Field Trips

Each elementary class will take at least two field trips during the school year. At least one field trip will be educational in nature; the other will be recreational. Parents are invited to accompany classes on these field trips. Accompanying parents should contact the teacher in advance for details of the trip. All parents must follow the school dress code while on field trips. Permission slips detailing the nature of the trip and any costs will be sent home at least two days prior to the trip. These slips must be signed by a parent and returned to the student's teacher before the scheduled trip.

Special Occasions and Activities

All programs, outings, parties, skits, and other activities not scheduled in the official school calendar are to be approved by the administration at least one day in advance.

1. Music at activities: Musical selections should be consistent with the standards of Bible Baptist Tabernacle. The administrator or a representative of the church's music staff may approve music.
2. Parties should be limited to the cafeteria/gymnasium. Exceptions may be made with advance permission.

Junior/Senior Trip

During the spring, the juniors and seniors take a week long class trip. With the help of their class sponsor, these classes make plans for the trip throughout the year and hold various fund-raisers to help finance the trip. Students who do not go on the trip will be counted absent each day while the class is on the trip. Any junior not going on the trip will be required to come to school each day.

Parent Relations

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Since classroom teaching time is so vital to the educational process, we request that parents schedule conferences with teachers after school. Teachers are usually available for conferences after school until 4:00 p.m. We also request that parents do not prevent teachers from arriving in their classrooms in a timely manner to begin class. Parents may contact the school office to make appointments with teachers.

When Problems Arise

At some time during the school year a problem may arise with your child. Usually, this problem can be solved with a simple phone call. We suggest parents follow this procedure in handling problems that might surface:

1. First, contact the teacher or person directly involved. In a concise and accurate manner, state the problem as you know it to exist.
2. If the problem cannot be resolved by both parties involved, contact the principal to seek a solution.

Withdrawals

We ask when first considering withdrawal from school the parent contact a member of the administration before a final decision is reached. When the final decision is made to withdraw, a “Withdrawal Form” will need to be signed by the parent and dated. All school-owned books must be returned before a student is considered officially withdrawn. It is the policy of TCS to withhold student records until all accounts are current.

Dismissals

A student may be dismissed from school at any time he is found to be out of harmony with the rules and policies of the school. Decisions in these matters are the full responsibility of the administration.

Academics

Classifications

Classifications of Students for Academic Purposes

1. **Elementary Grades 1 – 6:** Students are evaluated yearly with regard to their academic development, social skills and personal maturity. Appropriate recommendations are then for promotion or retention. Elementary students must pass Arithmetic and Language at each grade level in order to be promoted. If two or more subjects which include Arithmetic and/or Language are not passed at any grade level, the student will not be promoted and will have to repeat the grade.
2. **Junior High Grades 7 – 8:** Before a 7th or 8th grade student can advance to a higher grade, the following guidelines must be followed. All five major subjects (Bible, English, Math, Science and History) must be passed during the school year or made up during summer school. If a

student does not pass three or more subjects, he will not be promoted and will have to repeat the grade.

3. **Senior High Grades 9 – 12:** Before a senior high student can advance to a higher classification, each course must be passed or made up in summer school. Otherwise, the student may advance to the sophomore class with at least five units, the junior class with eleven units and the senior class with at least seventeen units.

School Curriculums

In accordance with our objectives as a Christian school, TCS uses Christian curriculums and textbooks to teach all classes from a Biblical perspective.

1. **Kindergarten and elementary** classes uses the A Beka curriculum developed by Pensacola Christian College. A Beka has a strong emphasis upon phonics.
2. **Junior-Senior High** classes use Bob Jones University Press and A Beka textbooks.

Bible

Bible is a required subject at Tabernacle Christian School. It enhances the study of other subjects such as English, History and especially Social Studies. No other book can enrich the mind and heart and can prepare one for an effective life as this “Best Seller” of all times. A Christian school is privileged to use this most important tool in the work of character building, which is perhaps the most necessary task of a school. It far excels all other courses offered in this school in laying a sure foundation of moral and spiritual values in a day of moral decay and spiritual apostasy. Without a working knowledge of the Bible, a student can hardly be considered educated in the truest sense. All Bible coursework and memory work uses the King James Version.

Patriotism

Patriotism is the love and loyal support of a person for his country. This includes attachment to a country’s land and people, admiration for its customs and tradition and a devotion to its well-being. The term “patriotism” implies a feeling of oneness and membership in the nation. Outstanding literary works praise loyalty to country

and willingness to suffer even unto death in defense of a country's freedom and good name. Our school endeavors to develop patriotism in order to create an appreciation for the common memories, hopes and traditions for our country.

Homework

We believe homework is an integral part of the school program and each teacher is at liberty to give homework to aid each student to advance in his studies. Each student is expected to complete homework assignments. Homework is given for several reasons:

1. For drill – We believe that most students require drilling to master material essential to their educational progress.
2. For practice – Following classroom explanation, illustrations and drill on new work, homework is given so that the material will be mastered.
3. For a remedial activity -- As instruction progresses, various weak points in a student's grasp of subject material become evident. Homework following instruction is given to overcome such difficulties.
4. For special projects -- book reports, compositions, special assignments and projects are some of the activities that are frequently the subject of homework attention.

Homework for kindergarten and lower elementary (1 – 3) students is limited to 30-40 minutes each evening. For upper elementary (4 – 6) students, homework is generally limited to 1 ½ hours each evening. For junior high (7 – 8) students, homework is generally limited to 2 hours. If homework consistently exceeds these limits, parents should contact their children's teachers to determine the cause.

Homework is usually not given on Wednesday nights to encourage our students and their families to attend mid-week services at their churches.

Progress Folders

Weekly progress folders are sent home with students in grades K-5 – 6 each Monday. These folders contain graded tests, class work, quizzes, homework and other school correspondence for the week. Parents should review the work with their children. The folders should be signed and returned to teachers each Tuesday. Papers may be kept unless otherwise indicated by the teacher.

Progress Reports

Interim progress reports are sent home every three weeks for students in grades K-5 – 12. Distribution dates are indicated on the school calendar. Progress reports are an excellent means of keeping parents up to date on the student's academic progress. Progress reports must be signed by parents and returned to homeroom teachers the next school day.

Grading Scale

The following grading scales are used in preparing report cards for TCS students:

Grading Scale for Grades K-5 – 12

A+	99 – 100	B+	90 – 92	C+	82 – 84
A	95 - 98	B	87 – 89	C	79 – 81
A-	93 - 94	B-	85 – 86	C-	77 – 78
D+	75 - 76	E	0 – 69		
D	72 - 74				
D-	70 - 71				

Grading Scale for Character and Effort in Grades 1 – 6:

S	Satisfactory
U	Unsatisfactory
I	Has improved but still needs more improvement

Report Cards

1. **Kindergarten:** Report cards will be distributed at the close of each six weeks. Teachers are always ready to meet with parents by appointment to discuss student progress. Students receive letter grades for all subjects.
2. **Elementary;** Report cards will be distributed at the close of each six weeks. Students in Grades 1 – 2 receive letter grades for Bible, Phonics, Oral reading, Spelling, Penmanship, Arithmetic and Conduct. Students in Grades 3 – 6 receive letter grades for Bible, Reading, (Oral and Comprehension), Spelling, English, Penmanship, Arithmetic, History, Health, Science and Conduct.

3. **Junior-Senior High:** Report cards will be distributed to students at the close of each nine weeks. Distribution days are indicated on the school calendar. Students receive numerical averages for each course.

Exams

Nine-week and semester exams for junior-senior high students are given in each subject. Students are required to take an exam on the scheduled date and time for each exam.

Standardized Testing

Tabernacle Christian School maintains a thorough testing program to measure student's abilities and progress. Results of tests are used to help the administration and faculty to work more effectively with each student and to make continual improvements to the curriculum.

1. Each spring, all students in K-5 – 12 will take the Stanford Achievement Test. Individual student reports are distributed to parents in May.
2. In addition to the Stanford Achievement Test, senior high students are required to take the following college entrance tests:
 - a. Sophomores are required to take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) and the PLAN (Practice test for the ACT). Both tests are administered at the school.
 - b. Juniors are required to take the PSAT (Practice test for the SAT). This test is also administered at the school.
 - c. Seniors are required to take the ACT or SAT. These tests are administered at area schools. Testing dates and locations will be available in Junior/Senior testing packets which are distributed at the beginning of each school year.

Sports Academic Requirements

A student will be on sports probation if he does not maintain a 70 average (D grade) or above in Bible class.

A student will be on sports probation if he does not maintain a 76.5 grade point average.

Sports Academic Probation

If a student is placed on sports probation, the student may not participate in the games for three weeks. When on sports probation, athletes may participate in practices but may neither travel nor play in the games.

If the grade point average is raised to 76.5 after the three-week probationary period, the athlete may resume playing with the sports team.

******Sports probation begins the date that progress reports and report cards are given to the student body.**

Graduation Requirements

Each of the following stipulations must be met for high school graduation:

1. Credit toward high school graduation will not be given for classes taken in grades 7 and 8.
2. A student must earn 21 credits in grades 9 – 12 plus a ½ credit in Bible for each of the four years in Tabernacle Christian School.
3. The 23 credit requirement must include the following:

	General	College Prep.
Bible (1/2 credit per year	2 credits	2 credits
English	4 credits	4 credits
History	4 credits	4 credits
Biology	1 credit	1 credit
Science other than Biology	1 credit	2 credits
Algebra 1	1 credit	1 credit
Math other than Algebra 1	2 credits	3 credits
Physical Education	1 credit	1 credit
Speech	1 credit	1 credit
Foreign Language		2 credits
Keyboarding		1 credit
Electives	6 credits	2 credit

4. Transcript evaluation committee determines transfer of credit.
5. Grades earned from all subjects plus Bible in grades 9 – 11 and the first semester of the 12th grade are used to compute the student's rank in class and grade point average.

6. It is recommended that students have no more than one study hall.
7. Although the passing grade is 70 (D-), the college recommended grade is C.
8. Students may complete some courses in summer school; however, a full year's credit for one class is all that is accepted in one summer with a maximum of three such units counting for graduation. Some courses must be taken at TCS.
9. Graduating seniors are required to take the SAT or ACT. Taking both tests is strongly recommended during a student's junior year.
10. Graduating seniors must also demonstrate competency on the Stanford Achievement Test given each spring. North Carolina Law (S-383) requires a student to pass a competency test before graduation. The law allows each school to choose the test and to set the minimum score.

Graduation Commencements

The administration of TCS schedules, organizes and presents two graduation services. Both graduations are held in the auditorium of Bible Baptist Tabernacle.

1. **Kindergarten:** A graduation ceremony will be held for these students completing our five-year-old kindergarten program. Kindergarten students will present a program demonstrating their various abilities. Graduation diplomas will be presented at the conclusion of the graduation program.
2. **High School:** The seniors graduate each year on the last day of school. The Friday evening commencement is open to all friends of TCS. All students in grades 9 – 12 are required to attend.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian Selection

Selection is made on the basis of cumulative grade point average (GPA on a 4.0 scale) beginning in the 9th grade and ending with the third quarter of the 12th grades. The senior with the highest cumulative GPA is the Valedictorian and the senior with the second highest GPA is Salutatorian of the graduating class.

Home schools

Recent years have brought an increase of parents nationwide who choose to home school their children. Students whose families are members of Bible Baptist

Tabernacle may have a portion of one of BBT's regularly scheduled services to celebrate their senior's graduation from home school. Home schoolers, however, may not participate in the graduation services of Tabernacle Christian School since allowing them to do so may take away from the accomplishments of the senior class of TCS. Only TCS graduates will be able to participate in the graduation commencement services of Tabernacle Christian School as all the focus and emphasis on graduation night is to be put on the accomplishments of the senior class of TCS.

Dress

Dress Standards

Tabernacle Christian School has a responsibility, based upon Bible principles, to establish modest dress guidelines. These guidelines take on added significance since the school shares the campus with Bible Baptist Tabernacle. The word "modesty" and the phrase "be thou an example of the believer" are keys to determining the appropriateness of dress (1 Peter 3:3-4, 1 Timothy 4:12). Because the Bible stresses modesty in dress, admonishes us to abstain from all appearances of evil and encourages us to present our bodies as living sacrifices unto God, it is necessary for the school to establish dress guidelines.

Dress Code Enforcement

Teachers and staff are asked to monitor student dress. The junior and senior high have a discipline system using "demerits". Demerits are given for the wearing of clothing to school and/or school functions that is not appropriate. If student dress is immodest, the administration reserves the right to require more modest clothing before the student returns to class or to send the repeating offender home. In summary, these are the steps for enforcing dress guidelines.

1. The dress infraction is explained to the student.
2. Demerits are given.
3. If necessary, a change of dress is required. The parent will be called to bring a change of clothes or work out a satisfactory solution to the dress problem. If the dress offense is not flagrant, the student may simply be told not to wear the clothing to school again.

4. If a student continually chooses to dress inappropriately, the administration reserves the right to send the student home. At this point, an uncooperative student may lose the privilege of attending TCS.

Dress Guidelines and Parental Responsibility

Cooperation between the home and school regarding the matter of dress guidelines is vital. Anytime a parent does not understand a dress infraction, he should feel comfortable talking with the teacher involved.

Standards of Dress

Kindergarten and Elementary Girls:

1. Girls are required to wear uniforms which are no shorter than the top of the knee.
2. Girls are not to wear shorts or slacks of any kind.
3. Girls will be permitted to wear modest culottes in the classroom. Modest length culottes are acceptable wear for P. E. classes.
4. Leotards are acceptable in cold weather but must be worn under a skirt of dress.
5. Girls must wear socks.

Kindergarten and Elementary Boys

1. Hair should be neatly tapered and trimmed around the ears. Hair should be off the collar, off the ears, and above the eyebrows. No shaved, sculptured, chopped or bowl cuts are acceptable.
2. All shirts must be tucked in.
3. Socks should be worn with shoes.
4. All clothing should be clean, neat and free of patches and frayed ends.
5. Boys are not to wear necklaces or other effeminate jewelry.

High School Girls

1. Uniforms are to be feminine, appropriate and modest in length, fit and neckline.
2. Hosiery or socks are required while attending classes.
3. Canvas shoes are allowed provided they are neat, clean and feminine.

4. Shorts, split skirts, slacks, jeans and culottes are not permitted as classroom dress.
5. Girls may wear uniforms no shorter than the bottom of the knee. Uniforms are **not** to conform to body lines.
6. Slits in uniforms should come no higher than the bottom of the knee. Slits should be properly sewn to adhere to this standard. Pinning of uniform slits is discouraged.
7. Front button blouses should be buttoned except for the top collar button. Tight-fitting tops or sweaters and see-through blouses are **not** permitted.
8. Appropriate dress for field trips is regular school dress unless otherwise specified.
9. Culottes are appropriate for participating in athletic activities and physical education.
10. Shirts with writing other than Tabernacle Christian School may not be worn.
11. Appropriate hairstyles should be worn with special attention to cleanliness and neatness. Girls will not be permitted to wear short cut hairstyles.
12. No more than two sets of earrings will be allowed. Also, the girls will not be allowed to wear earrings on the top of or sides of the ears. Earrings are only to be worn in the earlobes.
13. Slips are to be worn under uniforms.

High School Boys

1. No blue jeans or blue denim jackets are permitted as classroom dress except when given permission for certain activities.
2. Collared uniform shirts with buttons are to be worn in class. No jerseys, tee-shirts, sweatshirts or sport shirts with prints or writing other than Tabernacle Christian School will be allowed.
3. Necklaces, earrings and other effeminate jewelry are not allowed.
4. Shirrtails must be tucked in at all times during the school day. Sweaters may be worn outside of slacks.
5. Belts must be worn with all slacks.
6. Socks must be worn and shoes must be neat and appropriate for the clothing. Athletic shoes may be worn only in P. E. class. Sandals are not appropriate.
7. No baggy clothes and pants will be permitted.
8. Hair is to be neatly cut and combed. Beards and mustaches are **not** allowed.

Adults

Adults should observe the appropriate dress guidelines when coming on church grounds. It is important to set good examples for our students.

1. Anyone picking up students or visiting our school facilities is asked not to wear shorts, bermuda shorts or miniskirts. Should you be dressed in this type of attire, please remain in your car.
2. Slacks or jeans are allowed only when parents are dropping off or picking up children as they go to or return from their places of employment where such attire is required.
3. We request that school parents and guests wear modest dresses or skirts to school functions and athletic events. We wish to avoid setting a double standard for students and adults.

We consider this opportunity to serve you as a responsibility unto God to provide your child a “Christian home away from home”. It is our goal to help parents “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

After-School Activities

The TCS dress code policy will be enforced for all students-related activities, including ball games. Any student violating dress code policies will be subject to disciplinary measures.

Hair Regulations for Male Students

While we realize that the Bible does not specifically tell us how men should have their hair cut, it does give us some principles to follow. In light of these principles, we must set an institutional standard for our school. Our intention is not to say that a Christian who fails to meet our standard is sinning, but only that our students must meet this standard in order for us to be consistent in our enforcement.

Hair Standards for Boys

1. Hair should conform to the natural shape of the head and should be trimmed around the ears.

2. Hair should be tapered in keeping with the natural hairline. Shaved, sculptured, chopped and bowl cuts are not acceptable.
3. Sideburns are not to extend further down than the middle of the ear and are to be trimmed neatly.
4. Curly hair that does not lie flat must be cut within one inch of the contour of the head.
5. Hair should be off the collar, off the ears and off the eyebrows.
6. All boys should be clean-shaven at all times. Beards and mustaches are not allowed.
7. Haircut fads are not acceptable.
8. Boys ARE NOT to have their hair colored.

Boys should never have to be told to get a haircut. It is the student's responsibility to be well-groomed at all times. If a student or parent has any question about the acceptability of a hair cut or style, he should contact the administration. In cases of flagrant violation of the hair regulations, the administration reserves the right to send the offender home until the proper hair standard is met.

Student Conduct and Discipline

Tabernacle Christian School holds that the Bible is the infallible, divine Word of God and that salvation by faith in Christ is the initial step in the Christian life. There is adequate Biblical basis for the idea of spiritual growth into the image of Christ (Romans 8:29), which is the work of the Holy Spirit (II Corinthians 3:18). This growth begins with the initial act of saving faith and continues through life. The Holy Spirit makes the Christian conscious of the Biblical demands for a holy life fulfilling both God's moral law and high law of love (Matthew 22:37-39; Romans 13:8-10; and Galatians 5:14). The result is a life consecrated unto God and separated from the world.

Tabernacle Christian School must, therefore, provide an environment conducive to the spiritual growth and development of young people who are not yet mature Christians. A standard of conduct based on the following Biblical imperatives is necessary to provide such an environment that will best promote the spiritual welfare of the student. The school requests each student, whether at home, school or elsewhere, to demonstrate:

1. Proper respect to the administration, faculty and all other staff members.
2. Proper speech. Vulgarities, profanity, slang and lying shall have no place in the school.

3. Proper respect for the properties of Bible Baptist Tabernacle and Tabernacle Christian School.
4. Proper conduct. Christian kindness and unselfishness should characterize all dealings with the faculty and fellow students.
5. Proper relationships with parents, faculty, fellow students and friends.
6. Proper attitude. An attitude which is destructive, critical or cynical grieves the Holy Spirit and is destructive to Christian growth and fellowship.

Based upon these standards of conduct, we request each student to refrain from swearing, indecent language, immoral behavior, smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, the use of drugs, gambling, dancing and involvement in rock and roll or so-called Christian rock.

Students are expected to abide by these standards throughout their enrollment whether at home, school or elsewhere. Students found to be out of harmony with the TCS ideals of work and life may be invited to withdraw whenever the general welfare demands it, even though there may be no special breach of conduct.

Discipline

Discipline is a major area of concern in the Christian home, the Christian school and the Christian life. Without proper discipline a Christian will never achieve God's will in his life. Imposed discipline (outer discipline) helps to build self-discipline (inner discipline).

Discipline in the Christian school is often misunderstood. Christian schools are often accused of being "too strict", of not showing love and of not being compassionate. Consider what the Scripture says: "*Blessed is the man whom thou chasteneth...*" (Psalm 94:12).

Discipline of students is a joint responsibility of parents, teachers, administrators and students. Parents who cannot support the discipline standards of Tabernacle Christian School should find a school whose standards more nearly reflect their own. This will prevent the child from being placed in a position of conflict between the parent and the school. We welcome your questions, comments and suggestions but any changes in policy must reflect spiritual principles and the best interests of the school.

Tabernacle Christian School cannot effectively solve all behavior problems; therefore, the home must contribute and assist the school in solving some student

behavior problems. One of the purposes of Tabernacle Christian School is to be an extension of the Christian home in providing a consistent standard of discipline to the standard of discipline in the home. Our teachers in their ministry of teaching will love, care and correct students, hopefully, as the parents do in the home.

Kindergarten Discipline Procedures

Various methods of training and correction are used in our kindergarten classes. A “swatting” with a paddle can be administered as a last resort for major behavioral offenses such as willful disobedience, lying, fighting, etc. If a “swatting” occurs, it is always administered in private, witnessed by another teacher or staff member, and a written discipline report is filled out for the school office. In order to fulfill the partnership of home and school, open communication between both parties is essential. When discipline problems or concerns arise, parents will be notified at the discretion of the teacher and/or administration.

Elementary Discipline Procedures

Various methods of training and correction are used in elementary classes. Elementary teachers use a form of the “tally” system, which is a record of the student’s behavior. Teachers will notify parents of any recurrent behavior problems in the classroom. Students may lose privileges until the behavior is corrected. Consistent problems will be brought to the attention of the administration. At the discretion of the teacher or administration, parents will be called to come to school to assist with major behavioral offenses such as willful disobedience, lying, stealing, cheating, etc.

Teachers in grades 1 – 6 are permitted to paddle students for major behavioral offenses. If a “paddling” occurs, it will always be administered in private, be witnessed by another teacher, and a written discipline note will be sent home with the student for the parents. Discipline notices must be signed by a parent and returned to the teacher the next day.

Junior/Senior High Discipline Procedures

The classroom teacher will handle minor student offenses and demerits may be given. If these offenses are repeated, then additional disciplinary actions may be required which includes demerits and after-school detention.

1. NO gum, drinks or food in classrooms without teacher's permission. (Teacher will assign work for students after school or issue demerit.)
2. Defacing school property (Work detail after school plus restitution.)
3. Failure to do homework (Academic penalty)
4. Copying homework (A '0' grade will be given.)
5. Chapel misconduct (Letter of apology and appointment with principal.)
6. Failure to clean up area at lunch or in classroom. (Student will clean room or gym area after school.)
7. Talking without permission (Teacher gives demerit or assigns work for student after school.)
8. Unprepared for class (Teacher assigns extra work for student.)

Teachers in grades 7 – 12 are permitted to paddle students for major behavioral offenses such as willful disobedience, lying, cheating, stealing, etc. If a paddling occurs, it will always be administered in private, be witnessed by another teacher, and a written discipline note will be sent home with the student for the parents. Parents are to sign the discipline notice and return it to the student's teacher.

Demerit Program

Tabernacle Christian School's demerit program is intended to serve as a guide for discipline, to give consistency to disciplinary procedures and to serve as a record of a student's behavior. The demerits in themselves are not a form of punishment. The demerit is calling attention to an undisciplined area in the life of the student. Hopefully, this will cause the student to be introspective and, out of a desire to be all he can be for the Lord, discipline himself to overcome the problem.

Teachers may recommend demerits for various student offenses. The demerit slip is checked by the principal and then processed.

In grades 7 – 8, a one-hour after-school detention will be assigned each time a student accumulates 10 demerits. In grades 9 – 12, a one-hour after-school detention will be assigned each time a student accumulates 5 demerits. Failure to serve a detention on the date assigned will result in additional detention.

A student with fewer than 10 demerits at the end of the semester will have them dropped.

Demerits will be assigned for the following infractions:

Category I Infractions: These infractions are generally minor in nature; however, repeated offenses in these areas will constitute a need for further disciplinary measures. These offenses are generally assigned 1 demerit per offense.

- 1.0 Unexcused Tardiness (3 excused = 1 unexcused)
 - 1.1 Tardiness to school
 - 1.2 Tardiness to class
 - 1.3 Tardiness to study hall
 - 1.4 Tardiness to chapel

- 2.0 Classroom Misbehavior
 - 2.1 Chewing gum/eating in class
 - 2.2 Talking without permission
 - 2.3 Leaving seat without permission
 - 2.4 Passing and/or writing notes in class
 - 2.5 Failure to follow instructions
 - 2.6 Mischief (Spitballs/playing, etc.)
 - 2.7 Use of cell phones during school hours. * This offense carries up to 5 demerits.

- 3.0 Dress Code Violation
 - 3.1 Improper dress
 - 3.2 Lack of P. E. uniform

- 4.0 Improper Peer Relationships (2 demerits)
 - 4.1 Name calling/belittlement of others
 - 4.2 Unnecessary physical conduct
 - 4.3 Horseplay

- 5.0 General Misconduct
 - 5.1 Littering (1 demerit)
 - 5.2 Misconduct on bus (2 demerits)
 - 5.3 Loitering in halls/gym (1 demerit)
 - 5.4 Chapel misconduct (2 demerits)
 - 5.5 Sitting on tables or desks (1 demerit)
 - 5.6 Misuse of school property (1 demerit)

- 6.0 Lack of responsibility (1 demerit)
 - 6.1 Failure to return signed discipline notice
 - 6.2 Failure to return signed progress reports

6.3 Failure to complete homework

Category II Infractions: These infractions are more serious in nature and most often require counseling. Students who repeat offenses in this category or who does not show willingness to correct their behavior and/or attitude will receive further disciplinary action. These offenses may be assigned up to 5 demerits per offense.

- 7.1 Direct disobedience
- 7.2 Disrespect to authority
- 7.3 Involvement in improper activities
- 7.4 Cheating
- 7.5 Fighting
- 7.6 Forging a name
- 7.7 Stealing
- 7.8 Skipping class
- 7.9 Lying
- 7.10 Profanity
- 7.11 Suggestive language

Category III Infractions: These infractions are quite serious in nature and may result in suspension or expulsion. Assignment of punishment is at the discretion of the administration.

- 8.1 Unchristian-like conduct on/off school grounds or during summer.
- 8.2 Skipping school

Accumulated Demerits and Actions

One of more of the following disciplinary actions may be necessary when a student repeats offenses in Category I or commits offenses in Category II or III:

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| Counseling | In-School Suspension |
| After-school detention | Off-Campus Suspension |
| Corporal Punishment | Expulsion |

Unless otherwise indicated by the administration, the following actions will be taken when a high school student accumulates a certain number of demerits:

1. Upon the accumulation of 10 demerits, the student will serve a one-hour Saturday detention.
2. Upon the accumulation of 20 demerits, the student will serve a two-hour

Saturday detention.

3. At the next level of 25 demerits, the student will be placed on disciplinary probation and may lose all extra-curricular participation privileges including cheerleading, team sports, yearbook and class office for the remainder of the year.
4. For every 5 demerits accumulated over 25, the student will be required to serve one day of Saturday detention. At this level a conference with the student, parents and the school administration will be required.

After 35 demerits, a meeting with the student, parents, school and church administration will be required.

Off-Campus Suspension

Serious discipline problems may result in students being assigned off-campus suspension. Students under off-campus suspension are not allowed to be on campus without advance permission of the administration. All missed class work must be made up. A daily grade of zero will be given for each class missed due to suspension.

Expulsion

A student who violates the following regulation(s) may not be retained at Tabernacle Christian School:

1. Listens consistently to rock music.
2. Attends a rock concert or questionable establishment.
3. Brings firearms to school.
4. Actively participates in the vandalism or destruction of school or private property.
5. Has in possession any alcoholic beverages on or off campus.
6. Commits immoral conduct.
7. Uses, has in possession, or makes pretense of using or encouraging others to use illegal narcotics at anytime on or off campus.
8. Use of tobacco on or off campus.

Items Not to be Brought to School

The following items should not be brought to school.

1. Knives
2. Matches or lighters
3. Radios
4. Music tapes or discs
5. Electronic games
6. Worldly magazines
7. Guns
8. Beepers