



VERDE CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY

PARENT-STUDENT POLICY HANDBOOK

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR



MISSION STATEMENT



Know Christ
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Transform Communities
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We exist to educate students to:

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“Igniting Hearts, Unleashing Minds”

“But those who hope in the Lord
Will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
They will run and not grow weary,
They will walk and not be faint.”

Isaiah 40:31

WELCOME TO VERDE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

We are pleased to provide this Parent/Student Handbook for your use. As parents and students of Verde Christian Academy, it is hoped that you will thoroughly read the enclosed information. It is extremely important that each parent and student know how the school functions and what is expected.

If you have any questions regarding information in this handbook, please feel free to contact the school office. We will be happy to answer your questions.

*Please visit us on the Internet at www.myvcacademy.com

STATEMENT OF FINAL AUTHORITY

VCA reserves the right to accept, or deny enrollment. VCA has final authority to decide if a child's enrollment is in the best interest of the school, as well as the individual child. VCA may ultimately deny enrollment based on enrollment policies and/or Biblical principles embraced by the school.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Verde Christian Academy 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 of the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin and administration of its educational policies, enrollment policies, scholarship programs, athletics, other school - administered programs.

INSPECTIONS REPORTS

Preschool inspections are made once a year by a qualified person from the AZ Health Department. These can be viewed upon request. A current license is posted on the wall in lobby of the school.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

It is our belief that a student's learning experience is made much more powerful with family support and involvement. As such we ask families to commit to 15 hours of service to the school throughout the school year. This service can be through our PTF, in the classroom, or school event (class field trips are not considered as part of the 15-hour yearly commitment).

WATER

Help keep your child hydrated by drinking water as much as possible. We ask that you provide a water bottle for their classroom. We ask that it be brought to school every Monday and taken home on Thursday each week to be cleaned.

SUN PROTECTION

In our state it is recommended that children have sunscreen applied daily. It needs to be applied before school as we don't offer that at school.

BREASTFEEDING

We have a rocking chair provided in a nursing room on campus for Moms to breastfeed.

SMOKING

We are a smoke free school and encourage our families to be smoke free as well. We annually educate our families on the dangers of second and third hand smoke.

ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY

In case of injury, the parents will be contacted immediately if possible. If parents cannot be reached, or there is a life-threatening emergency, the school office will call 911 and then notify parents.

LIABILITY INSURANCE CARRIED BY:

Licensee Church Mutual Insurance Co.

PESTICIDE APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Pesticide company sends out a notice with the date of spray. Date is on a weekend or day school is not in session. The notice is posted on the outside bulletin board for parents to see.

1. Pesticide application procedures:
 - a. The notice of pesticide application is posted at least 4 hours prior to the date of application
 - b. Information on chemicals used is provided by the licensed pesticide company and is available for review in the school's office
 - c. The notice is also posted in each DHS licensed classroom
2. Inspection reports: Please add:
 - a. This facility is regulated by The AZ Department of Health services. Address: 150 N 18th Ave Suite 400, Phoenix, AZ 85007 602-364-2539
 - b. All inspection reports are available for review in the school's office.
3. Parent responsibilities/information:
 - a. Parents have access to their enrolled child at any time during the licensed program's hours of operation.

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