Jefferson Christian School Warriors

Handbook

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A ministry of Jefferson Baptist Church

Philosophy

Philosophy is the foundation of education -- there *is* no education without presuppositions and values. For the Christian school, the first basic presupposition is that God is, and has revealed Himself and His will through creation, history, Jesus Christ, and the Scriptures.

God's Word gives us the truth about all areas of our lives, and therefore applies to all areas of the Christian school: each subject in the curriculum has a Biblical source, purpose, and end.

We are first required to bring ourselves to God through accepting Jesus Christ as our Savior and our Lord, then we obey the Bible and its principles, affecting our government, economics, and culture. Christian schooling will mature students in Christ, so that whatever their vocation, they will bring glory to God by their person and conduct. (Col. 1:28)

We believe that truth stems from God and is absolute in character; in view of this, our goal is to bring every student to:

- 1. **Discern** the truth based upon God's Word.
- 2. *Master* the truths involved.
- 3. **Apply** these truths to his/her own life circumstances.

Purpose Statement

Jefferson Christian School is a ministry of Jefferson Baptist Church. In Matthew 28:19,20 Christ commissions the church to make disciples, i.e., learners who will observe the way of the Lord. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 is God's commission to parents to teach their children to love and serve Him with their whole heart.

It is, therefore, the purpose of Jefferson Christian School as an arm of the church to assist parents in accomplishing their responsibility under God to train their children to please God.

Overall Objectives

- 1. To instruct each student so they come to an understanding of Jesus Christ as: their Savior and Lord.
- 2. To develop in each student Christian character based on the moral principles of God's Word.
- 3. To develop in each student a "God-consciousness" so that their whole life revolves around worshipping, serving, and glorifying God.
- 4. To develop in each student the attitude and skills to become a bold and effective witness for Christ.
- 5. To equip each student with the basic skills needed to become independent learners.
- 6. To develop the self-discipline which will enable the student to achieve his/her goals.
- 7. To assist each student in understanding his/her purpose and goals for life.
- 8. To develop a base of knowledge and attitudes that will lead each student to be an active participant in the life of the church and community.
- 9. To provide a quality Christian education that emphasizes God's sovereignty academically, spiritually, physically, and socially.
- 10. To provide a quality Christian education that is affordable to the families of our church and surrounding community and is financially self-supporting.

Doctrinal Statement

Jefferson Christian School was founded on and functions upon the fundamental principles of the Word of God, and it espouses the historic Christian view of life as presented in the Bible. Jefferson Christian School employees hold the following statements of faith and practice:

- We believe the Bible to be the only written, implied Word of God. As such, it is infallible and authoritative. (2 Tim. 3:16)
- We believe there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (I Cor. 8:6)
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. (Matt. 1:18-25)
- We believe that for salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential. (Eph. 2:8-9)
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. (John 14:16-17)
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in the church, which is the body of Christ. (Eph. 3:1-6)
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: those who are saved unto the resurrection of life, and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (Rev. 20:5-6)
- We believe everyone's sexual orientation/identity is designed by God to be male or female at birth. (Genesis 1:27-28; Genesis 5:2; Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6)

AFFILIATION STATEMENT: Jefferson Christian School neither supports nor endorses the World Council of Churches, National Council of Churches, or any other world, national, or regional organization which gives Christian recognition to unbelievers or which advocates multi-faith union. (Amos 3:3, II Cor, 6:14-17)

The Statement of Faith is fundamental to basic Christian tenets and contains those doctrines to which we unreservedly adhere and teach. The following areas are left primarily to the teaching of home and churches:

- 1. Church government authority, discipline
- 2. Time and mode of baptism
- 3. Security of the believer
- 4. Gifts of the Spirit (tongues, interpretation of tongues, healing, miracles)
- 5. Second work of grace baptism of the Holy Spirit
- 6. Sinless perfection
- 7. Timing of future events

In honoring this desire concerning the purpose and outreach of the school, there shall be no attempt by student, teacher, or parent to promote these denominational positions. We desire to remain united in the salvation and love of Christ, avoiding the dissension that may be caused by denominational position and distinctives.

JCS makes no distinction concerning an individual's race or ethnic background because we acknowledge that there can be no preferential treatment with God. (Romans 2:11)

Admission Policy

Students with handicaps -- mental, academic, emotional, behavioral, or physical -- will be admitted <u>if</u>, <u>in the opinion of the administration, their needs can be met by the school staff</u>.

Application Procedure for New Students

- 1. Read the handbook thoroughly.
- 2. Complete and return the following forms to the school office:

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- A. Application Form
- B. Photograph Release (signed and dated)
- C. Family Information
- D. At-school Medication Parent Authorization Form (signed and dated)
- E. Parental Commitment Form (signed and dated)
- F. Pick-up Authorization Form
- G. Request for Transfer of Records Form for 1st grade (**signed and dated**)
- H. Immunization Status (signed and dated)
- 3. Pay all Application Fees (\$60/student) with the application.
- 4. Interview with the principal for all students, 1st grade (both parents and student).
- 5. No student may attend class until all application procedures are complete and student is notified of acceptance.

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Financial Information (2024-2025)

Application (Preschool-2nd Grade):

\$60/student. Due at the time of application submission. **Non-refundable**.

NOTE: Preschool students <u>MUST</u> be 4 yrs old **before** Sept. 1 and **FULLY** potty trained.

<u>NOTE</u>: For the 2024-25 academic year, Kindergarten and 1st grade will be a <u>blended</u> class.

Tuition (Preschool): \$1,710 (full year/student)

If you plan to pay tuition in <u>monthly installments</u> **(\$190/student)**, the first tuition payment will be due 09/15/24 and each subsequent payment will be due on the 1st of each month. Tuition is billed over 9 months, due by the 15th of each month unless other arrangements are made.

Tuition (Kinder):\$2,430 (full year/student)If you plan to pay tuition in monthly installments (\$270/student), the first
tuition payment will be due 09/15/24 and each subsequent payment will be
due on the 1st of each month. Tuition is billed over 9 months, due by the
15th of each month unless other arrangements are made.

Tuition (1st gr):\$3,420 (full year/student)If you plan to pay tuition in monthly installments (\$380/student), the first
tuition payment will be due 09/15/24 and each subsequent payment will be
due on the 1st of each month. Tuition is billed over 9 months, due by the
15th of each month unless other arrangements are made.

Tuition (2nd gr):\$3,420 (full year/student)If you plan to pay tuition in monthly installments (\$380/student), the first
tuition payment will be due 09/15/24 and each subsequent payment will be
due on the 1st of each month. Tuition is billed over 9 months, due by the
15th of each month unless other arrangements are made.

Possible Other Costs:

- 1. Materials, such as Achievement Tests.
- 2. Admission, transportation, etc. for field trips
- 3. Cost for damage to school property
- 4. Late fee of \$40 (payments due on 15th)
- 5. Late Pickup fee- for each student that is picked up from school after 2:45pm, \$1/minute will be charged beginning at 2:46 pm. (Late pick-up fees for Preschool and Kinder start at 12:46)

**Remember that when you sign the tuition agreement, you are agreeing to pay the full amount. This amount will not be prorated if you choose to unenroll your student(s) or we miss school because of government regulations or weather closures.

General Information

School Hours: <u>Preschool day operates from 8:30am - 12:30pm Tuesday-Thursday.</u> (Late pick-up fees* for Preschool begin at 12:46). Teachers are not available to give adequate supervision before 8:20 am or after 12:45 pm.

<u>Kindergarten day</u> operates from **8:30am - 12:30pm Tuesday-Friday.** (Late pick-up fees* for kindergarten begin at 12:46). Teachers are not available to give adequate supervision before 8:20 am or after 12:45 pm.

<u>1st grade school day</u> operates from **8:30am - 2:30pm Tuesday-Friday**. Teachers are not available to give adequate supervision before 8:20 a.m. or after 2:45 p.m. Therefore, parents are asked to be prompt in picking up their children. 1st grade late charges at \$1/minute begin at 2:46pm.

<u>2nd grade school day</u> operates from 8:30am - 2:30pm Tuesday-Friday. Teachers are not available to give adequate supervision before 8:20 a.m. or after 2:45 p.m. Therefore, parents are asked to be prompt in picking up their children. 1st grade late charges at \$1/minute begin at 2:46pm.

After School Play Time: Play time in the gym after classes have been dismissed shall be limited to **10 minutes** to allow teachers quiet clean-up, prep time for the next day, as well as any staff meetings.

Transportation: Parents are responsible to provide transportation to and from school. We will not be using the public school buses or providing a shuttle from the public schools. *Due to liability issues, teachers are not allowed to transport students from school to their home.

Parking: Please do not park along the south fence in front of the gym entrance at all on **Thursdays**. The garbage is collected on Thursdays, at no particular time and may leave without emptying the dumpsters if there are cars in the "no parking" area. The church needs the dumpsters emptied each week.

Absences: Parents are responsible to report their student's absence to the school office by 8:30 that morning. We recognize that some absences are unavoidable due to health or other circumstances. However, we also recognize that if too much school is missed (regardless of the reason), it has a detrimental effect academically and may establish a poor habit. A child is less likely to succeed if chronically absent (20 or more days over the course of an entire school year). Unreported absences will result in a phone call by school administration. Repeated unreported absences will result in a parent/teacher conference. If a student is more than 10 consecutive days absent without notification by the parent, the student will be dropped from the attendance record. (OAR 581-023-0006 (4)(b)) Tuition already paid is non-refundable for a student who is removed for unreported absences. Should a parent/guardian wish to re-enroll a student, a conference with a school administrator and teacher will be required as well as re-committing and signing the parental agreement, and paying a non-refundable re-registration fee of the current registration fee.

Lunch: Students need to bring a ready-to-eat, healthy lunch daily, as well as snacks for break times. Microwaves are not available for use. There is no hot lunch program at the school, except on special occasions.

Medical Guidelines: No staff person is to administer any medicines to students for headaches, allergies, or other reasons without parent authorization in writing. All medicines will be kept locked in the school office and be administered only by authorized personnel. No student is allowed in school with a contagious condition, a temperature above 100°, or if they have involuntarily vomited within 24 hours.

Telephones: Students are limited to "emergency" calls only. The use of personal cell phones is prohibited by students during school hours.

Dress Policy

Our Dress Code should be consistent with the goals of JCS. The mission of JCS is discipleship and to encourage students to reach for God's highest potential in their lives, including a leadership quality which will impact others. It has been documented that dress and appearance makes a difference in behavior. All students are to be clean, neat, and modest in their dress. <u>On Chapel days</u>, girls should wear a dress (with leggings or shorts underneath) and boys should wear dress slacks with a collared shirt (polo or button down).

NO offensive language is allowed on clothing, as well as other inappropriate dress. Girls are to wear leggings or shorts under dresses. Shoes appropriate for running please – <u>no flip flops</u>.

Discipline Policy

Jefferson Christian School is not a corrective institution; consequently, we ask that a child not be enrolled as punishment or so that we will 'reform' him/her.

Since the school is working closely with parents, you will be notified of any misbehavior of your child and the corrective measures we take.

Safety Policy Jefferson Baptist Church Rules & Requirements for persons working with children & youth

- 1. All adults (18 and older) who work with children must have a criminal background check on record at Jefferson Baptist Church. Any person with prior sexual misconduct-related offenses will be permanently ineligible to volunteer.
- 2. There must be a 3-month probation period from when persons begin to attend (church, school, AWANA, etc.) to when they may work with children without the direct supervision of a non-probational person.
- 3. Every room/group in which there are children must be supervised by an adult (18 years or older).
- 4. No minor should be alone with one adult on the church's premises or in any sponsored activity unless in a counseling situation.

- 5. All adults transporting minors (except for their own children) in church or school related activities must have a DMV check on file at JBC or be on the church insurance drivers list for church van.
- 6. All adults working with children must report serious injuries incurred on church premises or in church-related activities. An incident report form is to be filled out and returned to Sherri Wilson (Children's Ministry Director). Serious injuries may be defined by anything that may require the child to visit a doctor or hospital to be checked out.
- 7. All adults working with children must report any suspected incident of child abuse or neglect by filling out an incident report form and return to Sherri Wilson. (A report is not an established fact, but rather the request for assessment into the condition of a child.)
- 8. All unsupervised doors will be locked at 8:30am each school day. Students or parents entering the school building after 8:30am are required to enter the building by the office and check in with office staff.

Academic Information

Core Curriculum: Jefferson Christian School uses a combination of faith-based curricula throughout the age groups to maximize the learning process. Learning Without Tears (preschool writing/phonics), Abeka (mathematics), Writing Road to Reading (phonics/spelling/writing), Apologia science, Beautiful Feet history and possibly others may be used to enhance the students' learning.