

FAMILY/SCHOOL COVENANT

According to the Bible, parents are responsible for the training of their children (Deut. 6:1-7; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:1-4). Cherokee Christian Schools serves as partners with parents in providing a Christ-centered, excellent education consistent with Biblical truth. Harmony between home and school provides the best environment for godly education and training to take place. We seek to establish a covenant with you in the nurturing development of the following essential character traits and knowledge of Biblical truth in your student.

OBEDIENCE AND SUBMISSION – We are to obey God and all those He has placed over us in our lives. Parents, teachers, employers, governmental authority and church leaders have been placed in our lives by God. God gave us a biblical command to honor them for our own good. When we obey, we show our love and respect for God and the authorities He has ordained. Our lives then will be long and fruitful as He has promised (John 14:21; Eph. 6:1-4; Rom. 13:1-7; Prov.6:23; Rom.13:1-7; Heb.13:7; 1 Peter 2:13-21; 1 Thess. 5:12-13).

SELF-DISCIPLINE – Controlling one's thoughts and actions. The goal is to have a life under control, self-disciplined by the Spirit of God (Gal. 5:22-26; Job 5:17; Prov. 16:32, 25:28; Tim. 4:7, 8).

GODLY LIVING – Exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit and fleeing from the acts of our sinful nature. Our standards are found in God's Word and our desire must be one with God and His holiness (Gal.5:16-26; 2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Peter 1:13-16, 2:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Prov.23:29-35; Phil.4:8; Rom.8:6-8; Titus 1:8; Job 27:5; Prov. 11:3, 20:11; I Kings 9:4;).

WISDOM – Understanding what is true from God's perspective, and doing what is right. Wisdom comes from God and our respect for Him. It is developed in our lives by our proper response to correction. If we do not respond to correction with a teachable spirit, the Bible calls us fools and unable to attain wisdom (Prov. 1:7, 20-23; Prov. 2:1-22; Prov.4:7).

RESPONSIBILITY – Being dependable and accountable in all relationships and tasks. We are accountable to each other to love, encourage, confront, comfort and forgive. Furthermore, initiative, intellectual integrity and excellence should be the marks of all tasks we attempt (1 Cor.13; Matt. 18:15-17; Gal. 6:1-5; Eph. 5:29-32, Eccl.9:10).

THANKFULNESS – Developing an attitude of gratefulness. We are to be thankful for everything God brings into our lives. Knowing that God's dealings in our lives are intended for our good will help create an attitude of gratefulness for the things others do for us (Phil. 4:6, 7; 1 Thess. 5:18; Col. 2:7; Eph.5:20).

GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE FAMILY – God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood or adoption. Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church, and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel for sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race. The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation. Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents (Genesis 2:18-25; Proverbs 18:22; Matthew 19:3-6; Ephesians. 5:32; Genesis 1:28, 2:25; Proverbs: 5:18-19; Hebrews 13:4; Genesis 1:26-27; 2:21-22; Ephesians 5:22-23; Ephesians 5:25; Ephesians 5:33; 1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 5:22-23; I Peter 3:1; Genesis 2:23-24; 1 Corinthians 7:3-4; 1 Peter 3:8-9; Psalms 128:3; Proverbs 31:10-31; Titus 2:3-5; Psalms 139:13-16; Psalms 127:3-5; Colossians 3:18-21; Proverbs 6:20-23; Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Psalms 78:1-8; Exodus 20:12; Colossians 3:20; Ephesians 6:1-3).

SERVICE – Focusing on the needs of others. Christ is our example in living a life that is not self-centered, but rather seeking ways to serve not rule (Eph. 5:21. Phil. 2:3-11; James 4:6, 10).

ETERNAL VALUES – Only what is done for eternity counts (James 4:14; Matt. 6:33; Matt. 6:19-21).

COVENANT RESPONSE FROM THE PARENT

We have read Cherokee Christian Schools' (CCS) Statement of Faith, Doctrinal Statement, and Family/School Covenant, and are in support of CCS' educational philosophy, objectives, standards of conduct (as written in the School Handbook), theology, and principles therein. We are evidencing that support and willingness to cooperate with the teachers and administration in a spirit of partnership by the signing of this Family/School Covenant.

If at any time during the training of our child, we can no longer work together in a spirit of unity, and all reasonable avenues of communication are exhausted (including the instructions of Matthew 18:15-20), we will withdraw our child from Cherokee Christian School.

We understand that willful disobedience by our child to these principles and guidelines may result in dismissal from Cherokee Christian Schools.

Print Name	Fathers Signature (or Legal Guardian)	Date
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Print Name	Mothers Signature (or Legal Guardian)	Date
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COVENANT RESPONSE FROM THE STUDENT (Grades 7-12)

I have read Cherokee Christian Schools' (CCS) Statement of Faith, Doctrinal Statement, and Family/School Covenant, and am in support of CCS' educational philosophy, objectives, standards of conduct (as written in the School Handbook), theology, and principles therein. I am evidencing that support and willingness to cooperate with the teachers and administration in a spirit of partnership by the signing of this Family/School Covenant.

I desire to attend Cherokee Christian School, or am willing to be under the authority of my parents in submitting and deferring to their wishes concerning enrollment. I understand that Christian teachers are in partnership with my parents. I will strive to obey them also as they seek to train me according to God's Word. I will seek to live a Godly life in and out of school in order that Jesus Christ be glorified. I understand that willful disobedience to these principles may result in my dismissal from Cherokee Christian Schools.

Print Name	Student Signature	Date
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COVENANT RESPONSE FROM THE SCHOOL

The faculty and staff of Cherokee Christian School pledge by God's grace to uphold the principles of this covenant as we together educate and train your child(ren).

Headmaster Signature	Date
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