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Scriptural & Organizational Foundations

Doctrinal Statement

We believe that the Bible is the inspired and inerrant Word of God.

We believe in one true God, eternally existent in three persons – Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is the Son of God and is God.

We believe that Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, was crucified, died and was buried and rose from the dead on the third day.

We believe that salvation can only be obtained by faith in Jesus Christ and by accepting His death on the cross as payment for our sins. This is a free gift of grace and cannot be earned by good works.

We believe in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit indwells believers endowing them with specific spiritual gifts as He determines.

We believe the Church is the Body of Christ and is made up of born-again believers.

We believe that when believers are born of the Spirit, they are adopted into the Kingdom of Heaven, and united together as the Body of Christ.

We believe as members of the Body of Christ, we are called to make disciples of all nations.

Mission / Vision Statement

“The mission and vision of Faith Community Christian High School is to train and equip students to impact their world for Jesus Christ. The school will strive to provide high quality Christian education and to develop integrity, character, and a desire to serve in our young men and women.

The curriculum will emphasize a Biblical worldview that translates into life changing Christian convictions. Our sports program is designed to instill a spirit of team achievement, Christian fellowship, and sportsmanship as our student athletes compete for the glory of God. It will be our goal to teach students, parents, teachers, and administrators to resolve conflict in a way that is consistent with Biblical truths. In short, the mission of Faith Community Christian High School is to prepare our students to live Godly lives and to prepare the foundation upon which the next generation of Christians can be built.”

School Board Governance

FCCHS is governed by an independent school board, which is comprised primarily of parents whose children attend the school. In order to effectively govern FCCHS, the board has organized sub committees consisting of board members and parents outside of the board to assist the School Board in a number of areas. The administrators and teachers at FCCHS are appointed by the board after careful consideration of their spiritual and academic qualifications. The teachers report to the school principal. The FCCHS administration and all sub committees report to the School Board.

Academic Program

Academic Accommodations

Academic accommodations may be considered for students with learning disabilities documented by a licensed education professional.

Advanced Placement Classes

Students may participate in Advanced Placement Classes during their junior or senior year with the principal's approval.

Drop / Add Policy

In general, students must make adjustments to their schedules during the first week of the semester (first 5 school days) if the school's schedule permits. After this time, any changes to a student's schedule will require an individual education plan (IEP) or other equivalent documentation and approval by the principal.

Grading Scale

The grading scale for all grades from 9th through 12th will be as follows:

98-100	A+	87-89	B+	77-79	C+	67-69	D+
94-97	A	84-86	B	74-76	C	64-66	D
90-93	A-	80-83	B-	70-73	C-	60-63	D-
						59 and below	F

Graduation Requirements

Bible	4 credit units*
English/Language Arts	4 credit units
Fine Arts	1 credit unit+
Foreign Language	2 credit units+
Health	.5 credit units++
History	4 credit units*
Mathematics (Algebra and higher)	4 credit units+*
Personal Finance	.5 credit units++
Physical Education	1 credit unit
Practical Art	1 credit unit+
Science (Biology or higher)	4 credit units+*

*Students must earn 1 unit for each year of attendance at FCCHS. If a student transfers in, it may be less.

+Optional electives will be offered in these categories.

++Units required for graduates beginning with the class of 2010

GPA Requirements

Students are required to maintain a 2.0 GPA or the student may be placed on academic probation at the discretion of the school principal.

Academic Probation

A student may be placed on academic probation if his/her GPA is below a 2.0 or if he/she has earned any D's or F's in the previous semester. During the probationary period, the student's grades will be closely monitored by the principal and faculty. The student's status will be evaluated at the end of the semester. If the student's GPA is a minimum of a 2.0 and he/she has no D's or F's, the probation will be lifted. If the student has made measurable progress (as determined by the principal), he/she may continue at FCCHS on academic probation. His/her status will be reevaluated at the end of the next semester. If the student has not shown sufficient progress, he/she may be asked to withdraw from FCCHS at the request of the school board. Students with diagnosed learning differences and an IEP will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

The probation contract signed by the principal, the parent, and the student will be kept in the student's file in the office. A copy will be provided for the parent.

Homework

Homework is an integral part of classroom learning, and is to be assigned within reasonable guidelines as determined by the principal.

Honor Roll

Honor Roll Distinctions: President's List – GPA of 4.0, Honor Roll – GPA of 3.5 or above, Honorable Mention – GPA of 3.0 or above. Grades will be evaluated at the end of the semester.

Honors Program

FCCHS offers the option of dual-enrollment for juniors who meet the "Honors" criteria:

- A minimum G.P.A. of 3.5.
- A teacher recommendation.
- A written request submitted to the administrator.
- These students must be enrolled as full time students at FCCHS and may replace one class at FCCHS with a college class.
- Seniors in good academic standing may enroll in up to two classes (or six credit hours) at a local college or university per semester. (See Dual Enrollment Policy)

Internet Acceptable Use Policy

The internet user is held responsible for his/her actions when using the internet. Unacceptable use of the internet will result in the suspension of internet privileges.

Math Promotion Policy

Students whose final average in a math class is a "C-" or lower must attend a minimum of 10 hours of tutoring during the subsequent summer and pass a proficiency test in order to be promoted to the next math class.

National Honor Society

FCCHS is currently pursuing membership with the National Honor Society. Students who have already been inducted into the National Honor Society are life time members of NHS.

Report Cards / Conferences

Report cards will be available electronically at the end of each quarter. The first and third quarter will end with parent / teacher conferences. Progress reports will be available at the midterm of each quarter.

Semester Exams

First semester exams will be held in December, before Christmas break, and second semester exams will be held in May. Absences should not be planned during exams.

Service Projects

Community Service Projects will be required as part of the FCCHS academic program.

Policies & Procedures

Admissions Policy

In order to be eligible to attend FCCHS, at least one parent or the student must be a born-again believer in Jesus Christ. The application must be filled out completely and a non-refundable registration fee must accompany the application. Students and parents will be asked to sign the Doctrinal Statement included in the application. Final acceptance will be based on the successful completion of the interview. Generally, student applicants for the high school must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in the previous semester prior to applying. Students with less than a 2.0 average may be admitted at the discretion of the principal (a probation period may apply).

Class Size

Due to the limitations of our current facility, class size will be limited to 12 students per class. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the principal.

Class Trips

Classes take trips to interesting and educational places as a vital part of the instructional program. Parents will be notified in advance of such trips. Parental consent forms must be signed and returned to the school before the student will be allowed to attend a class trip. Parents may be asked to chaperone or help provide transportation.

Closed Campus / Visitors

FCCHS operates a closed campus. The school will remain locked throughout the day for the safety of the students and the staff.

ALL VISITORS:

- Must sign in and out in the school office.
- Must obtain permission to visit in advance with Mrs. Vinzant.

- May visit during lunch, special services or activities with prior approval only.
- No visits during classroom hours, unless the visitor is a prospective student.
- Visitors will follow FCCHS dress code when on school campus. If a visitor is not dressed appropriately he/she will not be allowed to stay on campus.
- Parents of current students are always welcome on campus and will need to sign in and out in the school office.

Dual Enrollment Policy

Dual enrollment is open to seniors in good academic standing who may enroll in up to two classes (or six credit hours) at a local college or university per semester. Students may miss the equivalent of one class at FCCHS per college class. Juniors who meet the Honors Program criteria may enroll in one college class. Full time status at FCCHS is required for dual enrollment.

Please note: All dual enrolled students must submit the following:

- Intent to dual enroll form
- Proof of registration and schedule before the semester begins
- Official transcript at the end of the semester

If a dual enrolled student arrives before the end of the previous class, they must sign in and wait in the office.

Diploma

Full time status at FCCHS for a minimum of two years is required for a FCCHS diploma. This can be waived at the principal's discretion.

This policy is designed to maintain our academic integrity. We are responsible for the content of the classes which earn credit toward our diploma.

Part-time enrollment is open to home school students who may choose between two options. Parents may enroll their student(s) at FCCHS and continue to be responsible for maintaining the student's transcript. In that case, FCCHS will not issue a diploma. The second option is the Home School Diploma option in which parents provide documentation for the courses not taken at FCCHS so that FCCHS can maintain a transcript and issue a diploma. The student must be enrolled by his/her junior year in order to participate in the Home School Diploma option.

Conflict Resolution

If a parent or student has a grievance with a teacher, he or she should go to that teacher first to resolve the matter in keeping with Matthew 18:15. If the matter cannot be resolved, then the parent or student should bring the issue to the principal for resolution. If the issue cannot be resolved with the principal, the principal shall refer the matter to the School Board who shall make a final decision regarding the issue.

Laptop Computer Use Policy

Laptop computers are an invaluable tool in the classroom. They are also open to a wide range of misuses. Laptops may be used in the classroom for research, word processing, desktop publishing, or PowerPoint at the teacher's discretion. Students may not use laptops to surf the web, visit personal sites such as MySpace, send or receive email, or anything else not related to school work. Students may not use laptops during breaks or lunch. Any student in violation of the laptop policy may lose laptop privileges.

Lunch Program

Hot lunch provided by a catering company will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Fridays pizza by the slice will be available. Students must place lunch orders in advance one month at a time. Payments should be made by check for accounting purposes. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the students will need to bring their lunch to school.

Nondiscriminatory Policy

Faith Community Christian High School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school as long as one of the student's parents or the student is a born-again Christian. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Parental Involvement

Parents have a unique opportunity to volunteer in the following areas: Trivia Night/Auction, Homecoming / Prom, Faith in Action Day, athletic events, Faculty Appreciation Luncheon, refreshments for various events, set up and clean up for various events, Spirit Week, field trip chaperones, fundraising coordinator and support, school promotion / advertising and prayer support. Other volunteer suggestions are welcome.

Safety Procedures & Storm Policy

Several practice fire and tornado drills will be held during the school year to prepare our students and staff in case of an emergency. For the safety of our students, if severe weather would present itself at the end of the school day, we will not allow the students to leave until the storm has passed. Parents may come by or call to have their child released during the storm.

School Hours

FCCHS hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

FCCHS campus is open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All students need to be off campus by 4:00 p.m. unless participating in school functions.

School Property

Students should not damage or deface any property belonging to the school or facility. Students will be charged for repairs of damaged property resulting from their inappropriate behavior. Students will be responsible for the care and return of textbooks. Students will be charged for damage to, or replacement of, textbooks.

Search and Seizure Policy

Should probable cause exist to believe that a student is violating or attempting to violate the law or may be a danger to themselves or others, FCCHS reserves the right to search a student's outer clothing, pockets and property including backpacks, purses, lockers, and cars that are parked on school property.

Senior Lunch Policy

Seniors in good standing will be allowed the privilege of leaving campus for lunch. The following procedure applies:

- Seniors must have a permission slip, on file, signed by their parent, before they are allowed to leave for lunch.
- Seniors must sign out and back in at the office if they choose to go out for lunch.
- Seniors may not go further than one mile from FCCHS.
- Seniors must be signed back in at the office and in class by 1:30pm.

If a student is late returning, he/she will lose his/her lunch privilege for one week. If a student is late a second time, he/she will lose his/her lunch privilege. This lunch privilege may be revoked if a student goes on probation (academic, athletic or disciplinary).

Senior Outing Policy

As one of their senior privileges, each senior class at FCCHS is allowed one Senior Outing Day (previously known as a senior skip day) per semester provided the students adhere to the following guidelines. This is a senior privilege which can be revoked for some or all of the seniors if the guidelines are not followed.

- The date needs to be approved by the principal at least two weeks prior to the event.
- The students must submit an itinerary for the day to the principal for approval two weeks prior to the event.
- Every senior must participate in the scheduled events for the time he/she would normally attend FCCHS on that day.
- Failure to attend the scheduled activities will result in an unexcused absence and possibly other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the principal.
- Every senior must have a senior outing release form on file to attend the event.
- Students must dress and behave appropriately as they would for any other school sponsored event. (Students may dress casually but must dress modestly.)
- Senior pranks must be tasteful; care should be taken that no property is harmed in any way; clean up should be minimal and is the responsibility of the seniors.
- The entire senior class should be involved in the planning of this event.
- This event is open to current FCCHS Seniors only.
- Seniors are responsible for the work missed in other classes; projects and papers should be turned in in advance.

Telephone / Electronic Devices

Students are not permitted to use their cell phones during the school day. Phones will be collected by the teacher at the beginning of each class and returned to the student at the end of each class. Students may not use their cell phones as calculators, day timers, ipods, or to access the internet. Any student found in violation of the cell phone policy will be issued a detention. Subsequent offenses will be handled by the principal. MP3 players may be used with headphones during study hall at the teacher's discretion. The school office telephone is not for student use, except in the case of an emergency.

Transfer Students

Placement testing may be required for students transferring to FCCHS. In order to earn a FCCHS diploma, transfer students must complete a minimum of two years as a full time student at FCCHS. This requirement may be waived at the discretion of the principal, if the student is transferring from an established secondary school.

Travel Policy

FCCHS students must have on file the following travel policy in order to participate in school related overnight trips. Copies of the travel policy are available in the school office.

TRAVEL POLICY

I, _____, understand and will comply with the following rules set out below, in order to participate in school related overnight trips.

1. I understand that I will be assigned a chaperone.
2. I understand that there will be curfew which will be set prior to the trip.
3. I understand that I am not to be in the room of the opposite sex or have the opposite sex in my room.
4. I understand that I have to check in with my chaperone anytime I want to leave the building, including leaving for games.
5. I understand that I will respect the hotel's property as well as the property of others.
6. I understand that I will be respectful toward all adults.
7. I understand that the chaperone will have a room key and will be making random checks.

CONSEQUENCES

1. The first violation of any of the above rules, will result in me spending the remaining trip in the continual presence of my chaperone, including moving into my chaperone's room.
2. The second violation of any of the above rules, will result in my parents being called to take me home and I will not participate in any of the further games or activities during that trip and I will not be able to attend or participate in the next trip.

Date _____

Student

Parent

REMEMBER THAT THE FCCHS DISCIPLINE POLICY CONTAINED IN THE PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK WILL BE IN EFFECT DURING ALL JOPLIN TRIPS, VIOLATION OF WHICH MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL CONSEQUENCES.

ANY STUDENT ON CONDUCT PROBATION WILL NEED TO STAY IN A ROOM WITH THEIR PARENTS.

Tuition / Fees 2009-2010

Tuition

Full-Time Students: \$5,500.00

Part-Time Students: \$3,000.00 for up to 4 classes

Paid in 10 (or 11) equal payments, July 15th – April 15th (or May 15th). Due the 15th of each month. See tuition contract for terms and conditions. If parents are financially able to do so, it would be a blessing to the school to receive half or all the tuition in a lump sum.

Multi-Child Discount

Second Child 5% - applies to full-time students only.

Registration Fee (non-refundable)

Returning Students: \$125.00 - Re-enrollment opens February 2, 2009

New Students: \$150.00 - Enrollment opens March 2, 2009

All Students Late Registration: \$200.00 - Begins April 1, 2009

Resource/Activity Fee (non-refundable)

\$300.00 – Due June 15, 2009

This fee includes curriculum, classroom resources, annual fall retreat, ACT workshop, spirit week activities, PE fee, and school sponsored programs.

Special School Fees

Sports Fee - \$100.00 (per sport)

Bowling – Varies

Cheer Squad – Varies

Field Trips – Varies

AP Class - \$84.00 (per test)

Senior Year Fee - \$100.00 (Due February 1, 2010)

All senior students must pay a “senior fee” of \$100.00 which covers their cap & gown, diploma, senior luncheon, and graduation reception. This fee does not include other senior needs such as portraits, announcements, class ring, prom, senior video, class trip and senior outings.

Dual Enrollment

Possible option for Juniors and Seniors who meet the dual enrollment policy requirements.

Refer a Friend Program

Refer a new family to FCCHS, and receive a \$100.00 tuition credit if the student enrolls full time and pays their first month's tuition.

Fund Raising

Parents are required to participate in school-approved fundraising projects each year. Parents not able to participate or who do not wish to do so, may opt out of the fundraising obligation by paying a fundraising fee of \$350.00 per family.

Financial Assistance Program

Financial Assistance is available to FCCHS families of full time students. Financial aid will be awarded on the basis of need. The maximum discount allowed is 20% of tuition. Students eligible for more than one discount will receive only one discount, whichever is larger. Contact the Business Manager for an application.

Volunteer Requisition Procedures

All volunteer "heads" of any given event will need to submit a proposed budget for the event to the office for approval. The "head" volunteer will also need to submit a requisition form in advance for purchases needed over \$50.00. All receipts must be turned in for reimbursement. Turnaround time for reimbursements will be 7 to 10 days. All email communication to parents must be sent through the school office.

Withdrawal Policy

Parent(s) must provide a 30 day written advance notification to FCCHS if he/she/they intend to withdraw his/her/their child from FCCHS prior to the end of the school year. Otherwise, the parent(s) will be responsible to pay the tuition cost for the 30 day period after withdrawal.

Attendance

Absences

Excused – illness, family emergencies, doctor's appointments that cannot be scheduled before or after school, or other medical / extenuating circumstances that have been approved.

Parents must call or email the office by 9:00 a.m. for the absence to be excused.

Planned Absences

Family events or trips that cannot be scheduled other than during school hours.

College trips for juniors or seniors - three trips per year allowed.

A Planned Absence form must be turned into the office five days prior to the trip or the request may be denied.

Unexcused – any absence not covered in the excused or planned categories. Zeros will be given for all unexcused absences. The principal reserves the right to make a final determination whether an absence is excused or unexcused.

Please note:

Nine absences of any type in a semester from any class will likely result in a decrease of one letter grade (ex: A to B), in that class period. Excused absences are counted in the nine day rule. Serious medical conditions will be determined on a case by case basis.

Perfect Attendance

To qualify for perfect attendance, a student must be enrolled full time and be present for each class every day school is in session during the school year; therefore, a student cannot have more than 4 tardies (in a given class) or any early dismissals to have perfect attendance.

The only absences that do not count against perfect attendance are those for FCCHS sports events, FCCHS field trips, college visits (3 days for juniors and seniors with correct documentation), and up to 2 half days per semester for documented medical/dental appointments that could not be scheduled outside of school.

Students who have quarterly perfect attendance will receive a letter of commendation at the end of the quarter and will be recognized in the weekly newsletter. Students who maintain perfect attendance for the entire school year will receive a certificate of perfect attendance during the Awards Night ceremony. (Those award recipients will be recognized in a special edition of the newsletter.)

Early Dismissal

If a student must leave campus early due to an appointment or illness, the student must have parental permission. The student must be signed out in the school office. Parents or the specified emergency contact person must show proper I.D. for release of a student.

General Attendance Expectations

Regular and punctual attendance is essential for success as a student. Some absences are inevitable and unavoidable. When an absence occurs, the student is responsible for class work missed and must arrange with the teacher to make up assignments, tests, and quizzes.

Inclement Weather

If school is to be closed due to inclement weather, it will be announced on the following television stations: KTVI Channel 2, KMOV Channel 4, and KSDK Channel 5. School names will be announced in alphabetical order and in the same order each time they are broadcast. The snow schedule for school will have classes beginning at 9:30 a.m. If inclement weather occurs during the school day, we will not close the school in the middle of the day. Parents have the option to pick their students up early. Students must still be signed out in the school office.

Tardiness

Students arriving late for first period must get a tardy slip from the school office. Tardies are classified as excused or unexcused. Traffic is not an excused tardy except for exceptional circumstances as determined by the principal. Excessive tardiness will result in disciplinary action. In any given semester, 4 unexcused tardies count as an absence and are included in applying the 9 day rule. If a student is more than 30 minutes late for class, the student will be considered absent for that class period. After the 5th unexcused tardy, the student will be issued a discipline referral; after the 6th unexcused tardy the student will serve a morning detention; the 7th unexcused tardy results in a one-day suspension. Any subsequent tardies will require a meeting with the student, the parent, and the principal to determine whether the student will be allowed to continue at FCCHS.

Medical Information

Illness

No student shall attend school if he/she has a fever of 100 degrees or higher. A parent or guardian will be called to pick up a student who has a fever or significant illness. The student must wait 24 hours after the fever is gone before returning to school.

Immunizations

In compliance with state law, all students must have an immunization record on file and be current on all state required immunizations.

Medication

FCCHS will not administer any prescription or nonprescription medicine without the written authorization of a medical doctor. A Physician Authorization for Medication form may be obtained at the school office and must be filled out completely. Please only request authorization forms for medication that cannot be given at home.

Physical Examinations

All new students are required to have a physical examination prior to the first day of school. Physicals are also required annually for all students participating in a sport and must be turned in to the school office by the first day of practice.

Student Life & Conduct

Dress Code

In general, clothing must be modest and honor the Lord.

Boys

Pants
Shorts
Jeans (No frays, No holes, belt at waist)
T-shirts (No offensive writings or innuendos)
sweaters, cardigans, sweatshirts and hoodies
Warm up pants or shorts (no sweatpants, gym shorts, etc.)
No muscle shirts
No sagging, bagging or dragging

Girls

Pants
Walking shorts (no shorter than 3 inches above knee)
Capris
Skirts (no shorter than 3 inches above knee)
Jeans (No frays, No holes)
Warm up pants or shorts (no sweatpants, gym shorts, etc.)
No tight fitting, sheer or baby doll t-shirts, tank or halter tops, camisoles, spaghetti straps, midriffs or tube tops

Shoes

- Allowed: Athletic shoes, Clog type shoes, Birkenstocks and Sandals.
- Not Allowed: Flip-flops, slippers, soles more than 1" high and heels no more than 2" high.

Hair

- A natural hair color only, natural highlights only (no bright red, blue or anything that draws attention to self. This will be at the discretion of the administration.).
- BOYS: haircut not below eyebrows or ears, back just touching collar or above. No mohawks, no mullets, sideburns no wider than 1" and no longer than ear lobe, clean shaven face and neck, afro-style hair-no longer than 2" tall.

Jewelry

- 2 earrings in one ear allowed (GIRLS ONLY)
- No earrings for boys
- Limited jewelry

Formal Wear

- Dresses can be strapless, but should not be backless or low-cut.

- Slits in dresses or skirts can be no more than 3 inches from the top of the knee
- Each girl must bring a jacket or sweater to the event.

Miscellaneous

- Make-up light and natural
- Fingernail or toenail polish (light colors only) — No polish for boys
- No chains hanging from pants, belts, wallets etc.
- No tattoos (existing ones are to be covered at all times)
- No expanded ear holes
- No hats or bandanas
- No visible body piercing

Honor Code

I Pledge with God's help:

To open my heart to the Lord and deepen my personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

To study and apply Biblical principles to my everyday life.

To ask God to direct my education and to prepare me to serve Him and others.

That I will not use illegal drugs, drink alcoholic beverages, engage in immoral or illegal actions or engage in sexual immorality whether on or off campus.

That I will do my own academic work and that I will not cheat on tests.

That I will attend class and all required chapel services.

That I will use Biblical principles found in the Bible and particularly principles found in Matthew 18:15-17 to resolve all significant conflicts with other students, teachers and administrators.

To abide by the rules and regulations adopted by the school administration. I accept my attendance at Faith Community Christian High School as a PRIVILEGE and NOT a right. I recognize that the school reserves the right to require the withdrawal of a student at any time, if in the judgment of the School Board, such action is deemed necessary for the safety or health of FCCHS students, teachers and administrators and / or if deemed necessary to safeguard the spiritual and moral atmosphere of FCCHS as a Christian school.

I will keep the HONOR CODE carefully and prayerfully. I understand that my signature below is my acceptance of the entire HONOR CODE and completes a contract between me and Faith Community Christian High School, which is a prerequisite for enrollment and my continued association with the School and becomes a part of my permanent file.

Further, my acceptance of the HONOR CODE is a solemn vow and promise to God, that with His help, this is how I will live my life.

Discipline Guidelines

The disciplinary policy of Faith Community Christian High School serves as a guideline for restoration both academically and spiritually to bring poor choices and inappropriate student behaviors back in line with school expectations and restore unity in the body of Christ. FCCHS strives to maintain an atmosphere of respect and an

environment conducive to facilitating the education of all students which is our charge, duty and mission to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Biblical Reconciliation - To be the first course of action for conflict between all.

Inappropriate behaviors will be categorized but are not limited to the following categories or incidences at the discretion of the School Board.

LEVEL 1 Academic

Choices that impact individual education

Recommendation: Conference with student, contact parent, conference with parent and student, behavioral contract, probation

- Unprepared
- Grades falling below expected minimum GPA
- Late or incomplete work
- Failure to participate appropriately
- Tardiness (See specific discipline guidelines under attendance)

LEVEL 2 –Social

Choices that impact teaching and/or education of others

Recommendation: discipline referral, detention

- Class disruption
- Failure to adhere to rules / instruction by classroom teacher
- Disrespect to another person
- Violation of dress code
- Dishonesty
- Repeated failure to correct Level 1 actions after intervention has been attempted

LEVEL 3 –Serious

Choices that are severe due to sin and behavioral issues

Recommendation: Suspension 1-5 days

- Verbal abuse of anyone
- Cheating / Plagiarism/ Academic dishonesty
- Insubordination to school authority
- Public display of affection
- Using profanity or obscenities (language), on more than one occasion.
- Obscene behavior or gestures
- Racial and/or ethnic slurs or discriminatory behavior
- Reckless behavior (including driving)
- Repeated failure to correct Level 2 actions after intervention has been attempted.

LEVEL 4 – Intolerable

Choices that reflect sinful and/or illegal behavior

Student removed from school property as deemed appropriate by parent or law enforcement and situation referred to the School Board for recommendation of suspension or expulsion.

- Acts of violence against anyone
- Threat of violence against anyone

- Sexual harassment: verbal, physical or implied
- Theft
- Vandalism
- Refusal to participate in behavioral correction
- Violation of pre-established probation period for either academic or behavior
- Possession of weapons or other potentially dangerous items
- Possession of tobacco or alcohol products
- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- Possession of illegal drugs
- Use or under the influence of a substance not prescribed by a doctor
- Conviction or admission of guilt to a criminal offense on or off campus.

Consequences for behavior:

Discipline Referral –A discipline referral is issued by the classroom teacher and acts as a warning (see level 2).

Detention – Students who receive 3 discipline referrals in a given quarter will serve an early morning detention. Detention will be held from 7:15-7:45 on Tuesday mornings. Students must report to room 24 before 7:15 a.m. with a \$20 fine. Students may complete homework or study but they may not read, sleep, or talk. Tardiness to detention will result in the student serving an additional detention. An unexcused absence from detention will result in the student serving two detentions. After the first detention, students will earn a detention after every second discipline referral. A second detention in a given quarter will result in a conference with the parents, student, and principal. A third detention in a given quarter will result in a 1 day suspension and the student being placed on disciplinary probation. Detention may be issued at the principal's discretion.

Disciplinary Probation – Any student with significant disciplinary action in the previous or current semester may be placed on disciplinary probation by the principal for a period of time determined by the principal. If the student completes the terms of the probation without further disciplinary action, the probation may be lifted. If additional disciplinary action is warranted during the probationary period, the student's continued enrollment at FCCHS will be reviewed by the principal and school board.

Suspension – 1-5 days as determined by the principal. Student receives zeros for all work assigned or due on the days missed. If a student is suspended from school, the suspension period will include all classes and all school sponsored events (including but not limited to athletic practices, games, tournaments, musical or dramatic performances, field trips, dances, and fund raisers). Suspensions lasting longer than five days must be approved by the school board.

Expulsion – Student will be permanently removed from FCCHS at the decision of the School Board.

Athletic Policy

Conduct

Spectator's Code of Ethics - Build an atmosphere of respect for the sport, players, officials, coaches and fellow spectators. Always represent your school with pride, handling wins and losses with dignity and grace. If conflict arises, talk to the coach not about the coach. Follow Matthew 18:15-17 to resolve conflict.

Athletes' Code of Ethics - Always represent your school on and off campus with pride, handling wins and losses with dignity and grace. Athletes should be committed and respect the sport, their coaches, teammates and opponents. Follow Matthew 18:15-17 to resolve conflict.

Eligibility and Academic Requirements

Athletes must attend at least three and one half hours of the school day to be eligible to play in a game or practice. Every student-athlete must maintain a 2.0 GPA with no F's in order to be eligible to play sports at FCCHS. Student-athletes' grades will be evaluated at midterm and the end of each quarter. Any student-athlete who does not have the minimum GPA or has an F in any class for the current quarter will be declared ineligible for a period of 2 weeks.

At the end of the two weeks, the student may request current updated averages from each teacher. If he/she meets the grade requirements, his/her eligibility will be restored. If not, he/she must wait another two weeks.

The athletic director will be notified one week before the end of the grading period if any student-athletes are in danger of becoming ineligible. Students will be notified of their ineligibility on the day grades are due. The ineligibility will go into effect 24 hours after that notification.

A student who is declared academically ineligible may practice but not participate in or attend competitive events. Unusual circumstances will be reviewed by the principal. Student athletes must have a current physical on file to participate.

General Information

The athletic program at FCCHS operates under the following guidelines including those adopted in the future by the School Board. The Athletic Director and coaches will be in charge of coordinating the program in cooperation with the School Board and administration.

Sports Fee

The sports fee is \$100.00 per sport, per child (subject to change). Bowling and cheerleading fees are determined by the coach. In addition, a uniform deposit will be required. The uniform deposit is held and will be returned when the uniform is turned into the office.

Transportation

Student Drivers

Extreme caution will be used when driving in and out of the FCCHS parking lot. Drive carefully and slowly at all times and give pedestrians the right-of-way. Students violating these guidelines will be disciplined and could lose driving privileges. We operate under a closed campus policy. **Students are not allowed to leave the school building to go to their cars during the school day.** Be sure all needed items are out of the car before school starts. Seniors with lunch privileges may leave for the 30 minute lunch period only with written authorization from their parents on file.

Student Transportation

Transportation of students to school related events occurring during the school day or immediately after school may be accommodated by vehicles driven by students or adults. Parents will be required to sign a transportation release acknowledging their approval of the method of transportation.

Handbook Statement of Cooperation

Parental and Student Agreement

I/We have read the Faith Community Christian High School Parent/Student Handbook and will fully support and cooperate with the guidelines set forth by the administration of FCCHS.

Sign and return this form by August 21, 2009

DATE SIGNED _____

Student's printed name _____

Student's signature _____

Parent's signature _____

Parent's signature _____

This handbook statement of cooperation form must be signed and turned into the office by Friday, August 21st.

Please read your handbook carefully as you will find changes and additions from last year.