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# PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK



A Ministry of Grayson Bible Baptist Church

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## Tentative GCS 2026 – 2027 School Calendar



**\*\*First Day of School: Wed., August 19, 2026\*\***  
**\*Last Day of School: Thurs., May 20, 2026\***

**1st-12th Grade Hours**

8:15 am – 3:35 pm (Mon.-Thurs.)  
8:15 am – 12:05 pm (Friday)

**K3-K5 Hours**

8:30 am – 1:30 pm (Mon.-Thurs.)  
8:30 am – 12:00 pm (Friday)

### August 2026

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**Holidays**

Labor Day - Sept. 7  
Thanksgiving Break - Nov. 23-27  
Christmas Holidays - Dec. 15-Jan. 4  
Spring Break - Mar. 15-19  
Easter Break - Mar. 26-29  
Memorial Day - May 31

**Staff Development/Holidays**

Aug. 10-18- Staff Development  
Oct. 12 - No School - Staff Development  
Nov. 13 - No School - Staff Development  
Jan. 5 - No School - Staff Development  
Jan. 18 - No School - Staff Development  
Feb. 15 - No School - Staff Development  
Mar. 22 - No School - Staff Development

**Special Days**

Last Day of Summer Program - Fri., Aug. 7  
Parent/Teacher Orientation - Mon., Aug. 17  
K3-4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm  
First Day of Classes - Wed., Aug. 19  
1st-12th Christmas Program - Mon., Dec. 14 @ 7:00 pm  
K3-K5 Christmas Program - Thurs., Dec. 17 @ 10:00 am  
Early Release @ 12:00 pm - ESD until 6 pm  
1st Day Back after Christmas Break - Tues., Jan. 5  
Equip Student Conference (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) - Wed., Feb. 17  
MS & HS Arts & Academic Competition - Mar. 4 & 5  
Elem Arts & Academic Competition - Fri., Apr. 30  
1st - 12th Spring Program - Mon., May 3 @ 7:00 pm  
Last Day of School - Thurs., May 20  
Early Release @ 12:00 pm - ESD until 6:00 pm  
Summer Program Begins - Mon., May 24 (K3-6th grade)

**May 20th**

K3 Awards, K4 Graduation,  
& K Graduation @ 10:00 am  
Academic Awards Program @ 7:00 pm

**High School Graduation: May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

**Third Fridays (Grades 1st – 12th)**

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End of 1st Qtr.: 10/9/26  
End of 2nd Qtr.: 12/17/26  
End of 3rd Qtr.: 03/24/27  
End of 4th Qtr.: 05/20/27

Report Card: 10/14/26  
Report Card: 01/06/27  
Report Card: 03/24/27  
Report Card: 05/26/27

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## OUR PURPOSE

We exist to assist parents in equipping their children academically and spiritually to contend for the faith and engage culturally in a life of service for the Lord Jesus Christ.

## OUR MISSION

A true Christian education is an education that will prepare a child to find his place in the will of God, no matter where that may lead him. Such an education is not meant to isolate the student from the world but to equip him to boldly engage the world for the cause of Jesus Christ.

Our emphasis is on maintaining excellence in character, academics, athletics, and fine arts through biblical training. At Grayson Christian School, your child can receive the advantage of training that reinforces the values of a Christian home. The Scriptures plainly teach that parents are not just to be involved but are responsible for the education of their children. The administration, faculty, and staff of Grayson Christian School are eager to assist you in faithfully discharging that responsibility.

*In the unlikely event that Grayson Christian School closes, Grayson Bible Baptist Church Office will serve as the official custodian of student records. All student transcripts, health records, and other educational documents will be securely maintained and accessible to parents, students, and future schools as required by law.*

*Contact information for the custodian will be provided through the school office and the school website if needed.*

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## Grayson Christian School

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### SCHOOL HOURS

#### **K3, K4, K5 Hours:**

8:30 - 1:30 Monday - Thursday

8:30 - 12:00 Friday

#### **1st - 12th Grades Hours:**

8:15 - 3:35 Monday - Thursday

8:15 - 12:05 Friday

\***Extended School Day (ESD)** is available before school as early as 7:00 a.m. and as late as 6:00 p.m. after school.

The primary objective and purpose of Grayson Christian School is to train the student in the knowledge of God and the Christian way of life and to give the student an excellent education. We believe in fulfilling Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Training for life must include teaching for eternity. Grayson Christian School realizes the solemn responsibility before God in molding the life and character of each child's future. The well-qualified administration and faculty demonstrate a caring concern for each child in their care. Grayson Christian School is an extension of the Christian home in training young people for time and eternity in a Christian environment. The Grayson Christian School staff work closely with parents to train the whole child. Our objective is to work along side of the parent, not replace the parent. Grayson Christian School stands without apology for their high standards of morality and Christian behavior. Grayson Christian School operates not for profit.

### **Parent/Teacher Orientation**

Annual Parent/Teacher Orientation is held each year on the Monday evening before the first day of school. Parents, children, and friends are invited to come and visit the classrooms and meet the teachers at this time after a brief assembly with the principal.

There is a uniform swap at this orientation in which students may turn in gently used uniforms to others who may be able to use them. P.E. uniforms may also be purchased at this time.

***Important:*** It is vital that each family attend the Parent/Teacher Orientation. The principal uses this time to share important information with each parent and student about the coming school year. Please make arrangements to attend this orientation.

### **BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW CONFERENCE (Jr/Sr High only)**

A Biblical Worldview Conference is held once a year in the spring semester that each student in the 7th-12th grade will be **required** to attend.

Information will be sent out at the beginning of the second semester with complete details as far as time and topics. Cost will be added to their FACTs account.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Each class begins promptly at 8:15 a.m. (1st-12th) & 8:30 a.m. (K3-K5) respectively. Please note that it is very important for your student to be in their classroom 5 minutes before the start of class for morning exercises. We begin each day with the pledges to our flags, recite scripture verses, have prayer, and give announcements. All students are required to stand if physically able to do so. The school doors in the main building will be locked at 8:05 A.M. & at 8:30 A.M. in the K3-K5 building. If you arrive late to school, you will need to come to the school office to receive a tardy slip and then your student will be escorted to their classroom.

We encourage parents to pick up students promptly after school activities are over. Parents of K3, K4, and K5 students should come inside the school buildings to pick up your student at the end of each day. Students in 1st -12th grades may exit the school buildings at the end of the day on their own. Students will not be allowed to linger or “hang out” outside of the school buildings. They will be asked to sit inside the main school building until their ride arrives. Students who are habitually picked up after 30 minutes of class being dismissed will be charged the after school rate on their school bill. Extended school day is provided for students in K3 - 6th grades who need supervision until 6:00 P.M. for an additional fee. You must be signed up for this program with the school office.

### **STATEMENTS OF FAITH continued:**

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Grayson Christian School, and to provide a biblical role model to the Grayson Christian School families and the community, it is imperative that all students and families whom attend and persons employed by Grayson Christian School in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22.)

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11.)

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Grayson Christian School. Persons who are found to be out of harmony with the scriptural principles and values of GCS may be dismissed.

Grayson Christian School admits students of any race, color, or national and ethnic origin, and this admission will afford to them 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 administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, athletic and other school-administered programs.

## STATEMENTS OF FAITH

At Grayson Christian School, we believe that all truth is God's truth, whether it be found in the pages of Scripture or not. We believe that the Word of God is the only sure foundation upon which to build your child's life. That is why we make no apology for taking a strong Biblical stand, seeking to help you ensure that the Word of God is the reliable guide your child will hold to all the days of his life. We believe the Bible is clear in its teaching on many vital subjects. We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration and authority of the Scriptures. We believe that the Bible reveals God, the fall of man, the way of salvation, and God's plan and purpose for the ages. We believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We believe in the deity, virgin birth, and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. We believe that salvation is "by grace"; plus nothing and minus nothing. The conditions to salvation are repentance and faith. 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. Justification is an eternal relationship that can never be broken. We believe in the visible, personal, and pre-millennial return of Jesus Christ. We believe in the everlasting conscious blessedness of the saved and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27.) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25.) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4.) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior or identification, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10.)

## ABSENCES and TARDIES

In case of absence, on the day the student returns, the parent should send a dated note to the teacher explaining the reason for the absence.

There are no excused absences except for student illness, death in the immediate family, or doctor and dentist appointments.

Any student who has more than **10** absences in one school year will be put on academic probation for a 30 day period. At the end of 30 days, the principal will decide if the student can remain at Grayson Christian School.

Students who are habitually late or have excessive absences may be asked to withdraw from Grayson Christian School.

A student who must leave school with less than 2 hours in attendance will be counted absent for the entire school day. Students who remain at school for at least 2 hours but leave before the regular dismissal time will be counted present for one-half of the day.

All students are required to attend the 2 major concert programs of the school year in December and April and the End of School Awards Program unless prior permission is obtained from the principal.

A student must attend school the day of any activity (athletic event, concert, etc.) in order to participate in that particular event unless given prior approval from the principal.

Tardies are disruptive to the classroom and also have an adverse effect on your child's educational progress. Three tardies will equal one unexcused absence.

In case of tardiness, please follow the proper procedure as stated above, and do not enter the classroom until opening exercises have been completed.

## AUTOMOBILE POLICIES

Please drop students off in front of the main school building with your vehicle entering on the west side and then proceed to exit in the east direction. All students arriving to school before 7:45 A.M. should enter the front doors of the Family Life Center (gymnasium). Please protect our students by driving cautiously in our parking lot, and please only drive in the direction of the arrows on the pavement.

**AUTOMOBILE POLICIES continued:**

1. Please park around the flag poles when parking to come inside the school buildings. Do not park in front of the main school building.
2. Each driver should be an example of courteous, careful driving habits. Follow the directions of traffic. Use turn signals. Drive extremely slow as students may be entering or exiting the school facilities.
3. Cars are not to be occupied during school hours. No students are permitted to sit in parked cars while waiting for school to begin or after school dismisses.
4. Student parking is on the back parking lot of the gym.
5. No students will be allowed to leave the school campus for any reason during school hours without parent permission.

**VISITORS**

Parents are required to come to the school office if they need to leave something for the student or teacher, or if they have to pick up their student. Please do not go directly to the classroom as this interrupts the teaching.

**BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS**

In the event of bad weather, school closing announcements will be made on Parent Alert, Facebook, and K-TEN and KXII television stations as soon as possible. If school is in session and we must close school early, we will call you and ask you to come pick up your student as soon as possible. Please keep your phone handy if inclement weather is possible. We normally adhere to the same closing schedule as the public schools in our area, but please always look for communications from the school before assuming we are closed or have resumed school.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

There is a \$100 application fee which must be paid when application is submitted and is nonrefundable and nontransferable. Once accepted to Grayson Christian School, there is a \$275 registration fee. The registration fee secures a position in a class. No places will be held unless registration has been paid.

Due to the limited scope of our school ministry and the needs of young people with serious behavior problems, this policy is in effect year-round, on and off the school campus. The following violations will result in discipline at the discretion of the Administrator, ranging from immediate detention to legal action:

Bullying/Intimidation/Harassment

Pornography

Immoral acts and/or statements

Use of tobacco in any form (including e-cigarettes)

Possession of firearms or other weapons on campus

Criminal activity

Violent or destructive behavior

Sexual harassment

Gross vulgarity

Impersonating name/image/likeness of school and/or personnel of any fashion.

Actively participating in vandalism, destruction of school property or destroying computer file.

## Disciplinary Action

Demerits will accumulate throughout the semester, and will result in the following disciplinary action:

- 10 demerits—first detention
- 15 demerits—conference between student and Administrator
- 20 demerits—second detention
- 30 demerits—third detention
- 40 demerits—one day of in-school suspension and meeting with parents, student, and Administrator
- 45 demerits—fourth detention
- 55 demerits—fifth detention and meeting with parents, student, and Administrator
- 60 demerits—three day in-school suspension and meeting with parents, student, and Administrator
- 70 demerits—Administrator reviews for possible expulsion

### Registration Fees (Non-refundable)

- Per New Student** \$100 Application/Testing Fee (due upon submission)  
\$275 Registration Fee (due within 10 days of acceptance)
- Per Returning Student** \$175 Re-enrollment (**before April 10, 2026**)  
\$275 (**after April 10, 2026**)

### Tuition and Student Fees (Paid in 10 monthly payments from July-April through FACTS Tuition Management)

- K3-K5 per student** \$5,950 year (includes tuition, activity fee, and lab fee)  
\$595.00 per payment
- 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> per student** \$7,350 year (includes tuition, activity fee, and lab fee)  
\$735.00 per payment
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> per student** \$7,950 year (includes tuition, activity, and lab fees)  
\$795.00 per payment

(This **does not** include notebooks, pencils, paper, or specific classroom supplies)

- K3-2<sup>nd</sup> Curriculum Fee (Non-refundable)** \$600 per year (\$500 if paid by June 5<sup>th</sup>) or may be broken down into 10 monthly payments with tuition (July-April) through FACTS

(This includes books, academic awards, curriculum aids, science and school supplies.)

- 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Fee (Non-refundable)** \$700 per year (\$600 if paid by June 5<sup>th</sup>) or may be broken down into 10 monthly payments with tuition (July-April) through FACTS

### Extended School Day Fee Open from 7am-8:30am and 1:30pm-6pm

K3 - K5 \$1500/yr. (\$150 per payment)

1st - 6th grades \$750/yr. (\$75 per payment)

\*Students left past 6:00 P.M. will be assessed an additional fee of \$1.00 per minute.

### **ADDITIONAL TUITION INFO**

The tuition and FACTS fees have been divided into 10 equal payments. Each payment covers one-tenth of the total number of school days. Grayson Christian School uses FACTS tuition and management system for tuition payments. Each family must be registered with FACTS before completing the registration process. School payments can be made at any time in the office during office hours and will be credited to your FACTS account. The office can accept checks, cash, and debit or credit cards for school payments. A fee of 3% will be added to debit or credit card transactions. Tuition is due on the 5th or 15th of each month starting in July and ending in April. There is a \$45.00 late fee after the 15th. Students will not be admitted to class and no schoolwork will be given if payments are one month in arrears.

There is a \$30.00 charge for all checks returned to us by the bank for any reason.

No school records, including health records or graduation diploma, will be released for any student when there is a balance owed on the student's account. **No student will be allowed to participate in the graduation program if his account has not been paid in full.**

Grayson Christian School endeavors to keep low tuition rates for the benefit of each parent. For this reason, we conduct annual fundraising programs. We anticipate each student and/or parent's participation in helping raise additional funds needed for the designated school projects.

Incidental fees may be added to your FACTS account with your permission for athletic fees, lunch program, P.E. uniforms and apparel, and other misc. items.

### **Lunch Fees**

A variety of daily lunch specials including sides are offered. Parents may order lunches through the Ren Web lunch program weekly or monthly. Lunch fees may be paid through the use of your FACTS account. If your child does not have an order in by 9:30am they will be given PB&J. Ordering privileges will be suspended for any student with an account balance of -\$100 or greater.

### **Athletic Fees**

Students in 5th - 12th grades who desire to play on athletic teams will pay an athletic fee for each individual sport. This fee includes a team t-shirt for that particular sport. The fee is to be paid before the first scheduled game and is non-refundable once the player has been put on a team roster.

### **RE-ENROLLMENT**

During the month of February, re-enrollments for the fall term for present students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. No places will be held for former students for the following year unless a re-enrollment fee has been paid. Once re-enrollment is completed, open enrollment will begin. Existing students that did not complete re-enrollment will be subject to the regular enrollment fees.

### **WITHDRAWALS**

All withdrawals from school must go through the school office. Students having attended one day or more will owe a pro-rated tuition. There is a \$100 fee for students who withdraw before the end of the school year plus remainder of the curriculum fee.

### *Class 3 Demerits*

- These are demerits given to correct a behavior that is directly disobedient or disrespectful to the faculty, staff or handbook policies.
- Class 3 demerits have a value of 5 demerits or more depending on the severity of the infraction. If more than 5 demerits are to be given for any individual infraction, the Administrator will be involved in the decision.
- Examples of Class 3 demerits may include, but are not limited to, talking back to a teacher, body language that shows disrespect, cursing/foul language, bullying or demeaning another person, display of affection, misconduct on special trips, cheating/plagiarism (which will also result in a loss of grade), destruction/defacing of school or church property, stealing, etc.

Details of each assigned demerit will be sent to parents via email.

### **Detention**

Any student of Grayson Christian School in 1st thru 12th grades may receive a detention. Detention for 5th—12th grades is usually held on Fridays starting at 7:30 a.m. in a specified room, but it may be held on a different day/time at the discretion of the GCS staff.

When a student does not report for a scheduled detention, a lunch detention will be assigned. Lunch detention will be in an assigned room during the student's lunch period where the student will eat his lunch in silence and be given a writing assignment.

## **Elementary (1st—4th Grades)**

### Honorable Character

When misconduct occurs, corrective measure will be used to help the student change behavior and attitude. Elementary discipline may require an after-school detention, a parent/teacher or parent/administrator conference, suspension, or other action as deemed necessary.

## **Secondary (5th—12th Grades)**

### The Demerit System

A demerit system is used for discipline. Demerits are accrued on a semester basis and are a part of the student's permanent file. The following actions will cause a student to earn demerits:

#### *Class 1 Demerits*

- These demerits are given for violations of the Student Handbook that have not caused a disruption in the classroom
- These are simple infractions in which no disrespect or disobedience to the faculty or staff has occurred.
- Class 1 demerits have a value of 1 demerit.
- Examples of Class 1 demerits may include, but are not limited to, having food or drink in class without permission, gum, dress code violations, tardiness, being unprepared for class, working on unrelated materials in class, in building/room without an adult present, entering building by means other than an unlocked door, littering (including trash left in lunch area), etc.

#### *Class 2 Demerits*

- These are demerits that are given to correct a behavior that has caused or is causing a disruption in the classroom.
- Class 2 demerits have a value of 2 to 4 demerits based on the severity of the infraction.
- Examples of Class 2 demerits may include, but are not limited to, talking in class, making noises, distracting other students, passing notes, hall violations, disorderly conduct (horseplay, goofing off), throwing objects, unauthorized use of communication device, etc.

## **MEDICATION**

An Authorization form must be on file in the office if a student is to take any medication while at school. Prescription medication must have a physician's signature; non-prescription medication may be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Medicine must be properly labeled as to how it should be administered and in its original container. For the safety of all students, personal possession of medication is not allowed .

## **ILLNESS**

For the welfare of your child and others in the school, all students who are sick must be kept at home. When the child is well enough to participate in a normal school day, and they have been symptom free for 24 hours, they may return to school. Any student requiring prescription medication must have a signed authorization form from a doctor. Medication must be properly labeled and in its original container. Parents must send a signed authorization form for non prescription medication. Parents must fill out a consent form at the time of enrollment for Grayson Christian School staff or administrators to issue pain medication to any student at any time.

We want your student to feel their best each day. If your student is not able to participate in the normal school day activities due to illness, the staff or administration will contact you to come and pick up your child.

If your child has a doctor or dentist appointment, they must bring in a note showing they were there. That note should be turned in to their teacher for the teacher's student file.

## **COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

Grayson Christian School desires to maintain a healthy school environment by instituting controls designed to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. The term communicable disease shall mean an illness which arises as a result of a specific infectious agent which may be transmitted either directly or indirectly by a susceptible host, infected person, or animal to other persons.

## **Immunizations**

All students must have an up-to-date immunization record or an Exemption Affidavit on file with the school office. Exemption Affidavit's are only good

**These are some signs/symptoms that warrant your child must be kept at home, or if already at school, they will be sent home:**

- Has vomiting or diarrhea
- Becomes short of breath or is wheezing
- Has a cough that disrupts normal activity
- Seems very tired and needs bed rest (This is common with the flu.)
- Distracting pain from earache, headache, sore throat, or recent injury
- Has yellow or green drainage from eye(s)
- Breaks out in a rash; not all rashes require that a child stay home from school. Check with your child's doctor.
- A temperature above 100F
- Any Contagious Disease

Your child must stay home from school if he has a contagious disease. A contagious disease is one that can be spread by close contact with a person or object. Examples are: lice or nits, flu, vomiting, diarrhea, colds, strep throat, chickenpox, and "pinkeye." A disease may be contagious before the child shows signs of illness. It is very hard to prevent the spread of some germs, especially in a school classroom. Good hand washing will help prevent the spread of germs.

If a child is found to have lice or nits, they will be sent home. They must be treated and be nit free for 24 hours before they will be allowed to return to school. Your child's clothing, coat, hat, and gloves must be washed and dried on high heat before they return. If in ESD, your child's blanket and stuffed animal must also be washed.

If your child has chickenpox or strep throat, ask your doctor when he may return to school. Generally, children who have active chickenpox should not return to school until all the lesions are dried and crusted. Children with strep throat should be on antibiotics for 24 hours and feeling well enough to concentrate.

Any student or employee with a communicable disease for which immunization is required by law or is available shall be temporarily excluded from school while ill and during recognized periods of communicability.

Students and employees with communicable diseases for which immunization is not available shall be excluded from school while ill.

If the nature of the disease and circumstances warrant, Grayson Christian School may require an independent physician's examination of the student or employee to verify the diagnosis of communicable disease. Grayson Christian School reserves the right to make all final decisions necessary to enforce its communicable disease policy and to take all necessary action to control the spread of communicable diseases within the school.

## **DISCIPLINE**

The goal of Grayson Christian School is to provide the best possible learning environment in a Christian atmosphere. Believing that discipline is necessary for the welfare of the student as well as the entire school, each teacher is given the responsibility of enforcing classroom regulations in the manner which he/she feels is in accordance with school policy and in light of Christian principles of discipline as set forth in the Scriptures. Since the teacher is responsible to maintain appropriate classroom behavior, it becomes necessary to correct any behavior that hinders the teacher or students in the classroom. Students are expected to abide by the Biblical principle in Luke 6:31 "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."

A sense of need for spiritual growth in the light of Biblical principles has led Grayson Christian School to adopt a code of conduct which is believed to be conducive to the environment that will best promote the spiritual welfare of the student. Students are expected to abide by this code of conduct throughout their enrollment whether at home, school, or elsewhere. Keeping a code of conduct is necessary to remain a student of GCS.

Grayson Christian School is above all else a Christian institution in both philosophy and practice. We firmly believe there is no place at Grayson Christian School for worldly practices or divisions so common among other institutions. GCS has the reputation of having a student body with an excellent spirit with every student treated equally and fairly regardless of nationality, race, or background.

Therefore, any student or parent(s) who promote division or a divisive spirit through social media, secret clubs, symbols, pictures, writings, flags, banners, slogans, or any divisive activism is out of harmony with the standards and Christian philosophy of Grayson Christian School. The student may be withdrawn or refused re-enrollment at the discretion of the administration.

Attendance at Grayson Christian School is a privilege and not a right. Students forfeit this privilege if they do not conform to the standards and ideals of work and life of Grayson Christian School.

**Sample College Preparatory - Honors Course of Study**

Minimum 3.5 GPA Required

| <b>Subject</b>   |   | <b>Minimum Credits Required</b> |
|--|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Bible</b>   |   | 4                               |
|  | Biblical Worldview (Req.)                           |                                 |
|  | Triumph of Christ (Req.)                            |                                 |
|  | Bible Doctrines (Req.)                              |                                 |
|  | Ethics (Req.)                                       |                                 |
| <b>English</b>   |   | 4                               |
|  | Elements of Lit.: Structure & Language (Req.)       |                                 |
|  | Literary Genres: Effective Writing (Req.)           |                                 |
|  | American Lit.: Research & Reports (Req.)            |                                 |
|  | British Lit.: Structure of Language & Poetry (Req.) |                                 |
| <b>Math</b>  |   | 4                               |
|  | Algebra I (Req.)                                    |                                 |
|  | Geometry (Req.)                                     |                                 |
|  | Algebra II (Req.)                                   |                                 |
|  | Pre-Calculus (Req.)                                 |                                 |
| <b>History and Geography</b>   |   | 4                               |
|  | World Geography (Req.)                              |                                 |
|  | World History (Req.)                                |                                 |
|  | U.S. History (Req.)                                 |                                 |
|  | Government and Economics (Req.)                     |                                 |
|  | State History (Opt.) (1/2 Credit)                   |                                 |
| (Students will need to take state history if they have not previously completed it.) |   |                                 |
| <b>Science</b>   |   | 4                               |
|  | Physical Science (Req.)                             |                                 |
|  | Biology (Req.)                                      |                                 |
|  | Chemistry (Req.)                                    |                                 |
|  | Advanced Biology (Req.)                             |                                 |
| <b>Foreign Language</b>  | (Req.)  | 1 - 2                           |
| <b>Physical Education</b>  | (Req.)  | 4                               |
| <b>Electives</b>   |   | 3                               |

**Minimum Total Credits 27**

**Communicable Diseases List :**

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)        | Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning |
| Aids Related Complex (ARC)                        | Pertussis                     |
| Amebiasis   | Pesticide Poisoning           |
| Animal Bite of Humans by potentially rabid animal | Pink Eye                      |
| Anthrax   | Plague                        |
| Botulism  | Poliomyelitis                 |
| Brucellosis                                       | Psittacosis                   |
| Campylobacteriosis                                | Rabies                        |
| Chancroid   | Relapsing Fever               |
| Chickenpox  | Ringworm                      |
| Corona  | Rocky Mt. Spotted Fever       |
| Dengue  | Rubella including congenital  |
| Diphtheria  | Salmonellosis                 |
| Encephalitis                                      | Scabies                       |
| Giardiasis  | Schistosomiasis               |
| Gonorrhea   | Shigellosis                   |
| Granuloma Inguinale                               | Smallpox                      |
| Hansen's Disease (Leprosy)                        | Syphilis                      |
| Hemorrhagic Fevers                                | Tetanus                       |
| Hepatitis   | Toxoplasmosis acute           |
| Histoplasmosis                                    | Trichinosis                   |
| Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)                | Tuberculosis                  |
| Legionnaires' Disease                             | Tularemia                     |
| Leptospirosis                                     | Typhoid Fever                 |
| Lice or Nits                                      | Typhus                        |
| Lymphogranuloma Venereum                          | Vibrio Cholera                |
| Malaria   | Vibrio Infectious             |
| Measles (Rubeola)                                 | Yellow Fever                  |
| Meningitis  |                               |
| Meningococcal Disease                             |                               |
| Mumps   |                               |

A teacher or administrative official who reasonably suspects that a student or employee has a communicable disease shall immediately notify the principal.

## DRESS CODE REGULATIONS

Uniforms are worn daily to and from school. Students are not allowed to change clothes after school unless they have special permission. Uniforms should be purchased from French Toast Uniforms (unless in Pre-K3 or Pre-K4 classes). P.E. uniforms may be purchased in the school office. All outerwear worn in class must be school issued or a solid color with a school logo, i.e. hoodies, pullovers, or jackets. Branded logos must be less than 2 inches. Students are expected to abide by dress regulations at all school functions. We appreciate parents abiding by school dress regulations as well when coming on campus or attending school functions. The school frowns upon extreme fads of any nature. The school administration reserves the right to initiate policies on new fads and changes in style throughout the school year. Tattoos and body piercings are not permitted.

**BOYS** must wear khaki uniform pants, belt (if pants have belt loops), and a black, white, or royal blue polo shirt with the school logo sewn on. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times. Dress shoes, casual shoes, boots, or tennis shoes are acceptable. No opened toed shoes or sandals are allowed. K3 - K5 may wear tennis shoes but please only use Velcro. **Knee length khaki shorts are only allowed for Pre-K3 through Kindergarten students.** 9th - 12th grade students may wear spirit shirts on Thursdays, and K3 - 8th grade students may wear spirit shirts on Fridays unless otherwise specified. Boys must maintain a neat and groomed haircut that includes hair tapered around the sides and back, or off the ears, collar, and above the eyebrow along with a clean shave. Hair must be natural color, not braided or have designs cut into it. Boys are not to wear earrings or other piercings. Your fullest cooperation in seeing that your son keeps these standards is expected.

**GIRLS** must wear a khaki uniform jumper, skirt, or pants and a black, white, or royal blue polo shirt with the school logo sewn on. Skirts or jumpers should be long enough to cover the knee when standing or sitting. (Skirts are required to be worn on Wednesdays for Chapel). Shorts are recommended to be worn under all skirts. School colored tights or leggings may be worn under skirts. **Knee length khaki shorts are only allowed for Pre-K3 through Kindergarten students.** 9th - 12th grade students may wear spirit shirts on Thursdays, and K3 - 8th grade students may wear spirit shirts on Fridays unless otherwise specified. Dress shoes, casual shoes, boots, or tennis shoes are acceptable. No opened toed shoes or sandals are allowed. K3 - K5 may wear tennis shoes but please only use Velcro. Hair color and highlights should be in natural tones. No more than two sets of earrings may be worn and should be worn in ear lobes only. Girls are expected to maintain a standard of modesty in all attire.

*[\\*All students K5 - 12th grade are required to order uniforms from French Toast.](#)*

*[\(A link may be found on our school web-site.\)](#)*

## Sample College Preparatory Course of Study

This course of study is adequate to prepare most students for college studies.

Required (Req.), Optional (Opt.)

| Subject  |  | Minimum Credits Required |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Bible</b>   | Biblical Worldview                           | (Req.)                   |
|  | Triumph of Christ                            | (Req.)                   |
|  | Bible Doctrines                              | (Req.)                   |
|  | Ethics                                       | (Req.)                   |
| <b>English</b>   | Elements of Lit.: Structure & Language       | (Req.)                   |
|  | Literary Genres: Effective Writing           | (Req.)                   |
|  | American Lit.: Research & Reports            | (Req.)                   |
|  | British Lit.: Structure of Language & Poetry | (Req.)                   |
| <b>Math</b>  | Algebra I                                    | (Req.)                   |
|  | Consumer Math                                | (Req.)                   |
|  | Geometry                                     | (Req.)                   |
|  | Algebra II                                   | (Req.)                   |
| <b>History and Geography</b>   | World Geography                              | (Req.)                   |
|  | World History                                | (Req.)                   |
|  | U.S. History                                 | (Req.)                   |
|  | Government and Economics                     | (Req.)                   |
|  | State History                                | (Opt.) (1/2 Credit)      |
| (Students will need to take state history if they have not previously completed it.) |  |                          |
| <b>Science</b>   | Physical Science                             | (Req.)                   |
|  | Biology                                      | (Req.)                   |
|  | Chemistry                                    | (Req.)                   |
|  | Advanced Biology                             | (Opt.)                   |
| <b>Foreign Language</b>  | (Req.)                                       | 1 - 2                    |
| <b>Physical Education</b>  | (Req.)                                       | 4                        |
| <b>Electives</b>   |  | 2                        |

**Minimum Total Credits 25**

## Sample General Course of Study

Required (Req.), Optional (Opt.)

### Minimum Credits Required

| Subject                         |  | Minimum Credits<br>Required |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>Bible</b>                    |  | 4                           |
|                                 | Biblical Worldview (Req.)  |                             |
|                                 | Triumph of Christ (Req.)   |                             |
|                                 | Bible Doctrines (Req.)   |                             |
|                                 | Ethics (Req.)  |                             |
| <b>English</b>                  |  | 4                           |
|                                 | Elements of Lit.: Structure & Language (Req.)  |                             |
|                                 | Literary Genres: Effective Writing (Req.)  |                             |
|                                 | American Lit.: Research & Reports (Req.)   |                             |
|                                 | British Lit.: Structure of Language & Poetry (Req.)                                  |                             |
| <b>Math</b>                     |  | 3                           |
|                                 | Algebra I (Req.)   |                             |
|                                 | Consumer Math (Req.)   |                             |
|                                 | Geometry   |                             |
|                                 | Algebra II   |                             |
|                                 | (Students may choose between Geometry or Algebra II for their 3rd Math credit.)      |                             |
| <b>History and Geography</b>    |  | 4                           |
|                                 | World Geography (Req.)   |                             |
|                                 | World History (Req.)   |                             |
|                                 | U.S. History (Req.)  |                             |
|                                 | Government and Economics (Req.)  |                             |
|                                 | State History (Opt.) (1/2 Credit)  |                             |
|                                 | (Students will need to take state history if they have not previously completed it.) |                             |
| <b>Science</b>                  |  | 2                           |
|                                 | Physical Science (Req.)  |                             |
|                                 | Biology (Req.)   |                             |
| <b>Physical Education</b>       | (Req.)   | 4                           |
| <b>Electives</b>                |  | 4                           |
| <b>Minimum Total Credits 24</b> |  |                             |

## SPECIAL EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES

School shirts are required for all school events, i.e. athletic events, field trips. Clothing other than regular uniforms or school shirts may be allowed for field trips or special events and will be announced from administration on an individual event basis. Please adhere to these standards in those instances: no low cut, spaghetti strap, or sleeveless tops; all skirts or dresses must be below the knee; no t-shirts with pictures, rock bands, or inappropriate messages; all shorts must be worn at the top of the knee or longer; jeans and pants must be loose fitting with no holes and approved for the occasion. Ladies may not wear pants or jeans to school programs such as Christmas or Spring Programs, etc. Gentlemen may be required to wear slacks or dress pants for performances. Parents are asked to follow these guidelines for events, as well as for picking up and dropping off students.

## ELECTRONIC DEVICES/TOYS

Students are allowed to bring digital/electronic games (No violent games), tablets, cell phones, etc. to school but are only allowed to be in use before 8:00 a.m. and after school hours. All personal devices must be labeled with your child's name. No devices are allowed to be used in the classrooms. Devices used during school hours without permission will be confiscated, and there will be a 30 day holding period or a fine of \$30 that must be paid in order to regain device. Devices can and will be confiscated for misuse. Inappropriate games, movies, etc. will not be tolerated. Students may not watch any videos including cartoons, YouTube, etc. No personal toys are allowed at school.

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Students who are transferring from other schools will be expected to take an entrance examination. Should the student's accomplishments (as shown by the test) be on the grade level to which he has been promoted, then he will be admitted to that grade. However, should the student's accomplishments (as shown by the test) be on a lower level, then he will be placed in the grade best suited for his achievement. It is the policy of Grayson Christian School not to accept transfer students whose accomplishments have not been up to acceptable standards.

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION continued:**

Academic transcripts must be submitted upon enrollment. Transcripts must include all academic coursework along with grades and earned credits. It is the responsibility of the student’s family to have foreign transcripts translated into a standard format using an official credentialing service. Students whose work is not satisfactory may be asked to transfer out.

**REPORT CARDS**

Report cards will be sent home at the end of every nine weeks. Report cards, grades, or transcripts will not be released at the end of the year if there is a balance owed. Parent-teacher meetings will be set up periodically to discuss progress or any concerns regarding student’s education.

**HOMEWORK**

The responsibility for scholastic achievement is placed on students at Grayson Christian School. We believe that homework is an integral part of the school program. Each teacher is at liberty to give homework to aid each student in advancing in his studies. We do request parents’ full cooperation in seeing that the assignments are completed. Failure to complete homework will affect the student’s daily grade.

**DUAL CREDITS**

GCS offers dual enrollment opportunities during a student’s senior year through McMurray College. Any other school requires approval through the administration. Only English and Math will be considered for dual credits with the following prerequisites:

English—English I, English II and English III completed;

Math—Algebra I and II and Geometry completed.

**HIGH SCHOOL HONORS COURSE CRITERIA**

Juniors and Seniors have a number of Honors Courses available for consideration. Criteria for entry to an honors course include the completion of the prerequisite course with a 90 and above OR a grade of 85 and above accompanied by a recommendation from the course instructor.

**GRADING SCALE**

|           |               |            |
|-----------|---------------|------------|
| <b>A</b>  | <b>94-100</b> | <b>4.0</b> |
| <b>A-</b> | <b>90-93</b>  | <b>3.5</b> |
| <b>B+</b> | <b>87-89</b>  | <b>3.2</b> |
| <b>B</b>  | <b>84-86</b>  | <b>3.0</b> |
| <b>B-</b> | <b>80-83</b>  | <b>2.7</b> |
| <b>C</b>  | <b>75-79</b>  | <b>2.0</b> |
| <b>D</b>  | <b>70-74</b>  | <b>1.0</b> |
| <b>F</b>  | <b>69-0</b>   | <b>0</b>   |