


Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing Orange Avenue Baptist School to meet your child's spiritual and educational needs. As we approach this school year, we pray that God will richly bless you and your child(ren) through the school ministry of Orange Avenue Baptist Church. We also pray that the Lord will continue to provide us with this wonderful opportunity to minister to your child's spiritual needs.

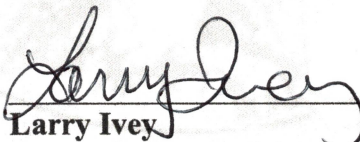
Orange Avenue Baptist School offers opportunities for spiritual, educational, social, and physical development. We encourage you to become involved in your child's development by attending all school activities and functions, participating in your child's special Learning Center events, and praying daily for the staff and administration. We trust that the Lord will enable us to provide the best education possible for your child.

As you read this handbook, please prayerfully consider the responsibilities God has given you in the complete development of your child(ren). We pray that this handbook will assist you in any questions or problems you may encounter. Again, thank you for choosing Orange Avenue Baptist Church School.


In His service,



David Hart
Senior Pastor



Larry Ivey
Church & School Administrator



Wanda Hart,
Principal

"Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Philippians 1:6

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Statement of faith

- ✝ We believe the Bible to be the only inspired, infallible authoritative Word of God.
- ✝ We believe that there is one God, eternally existent, in the persons of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who created man by a direct, immediate act.
- ✝ We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in his virgin birth, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- ✝ We believe that for the salvation of lost sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit through personal faith in Jesus Christ our Saviour on the basis of grace alone.
- ✝ We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those that are saved unto the resurrection of life and those that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- ✝ We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, who by indwelling the Christian, enables him to live a Godly life.
- ✝ We believe that Christians should grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- ✝ We believe in the eternal plan of God.
- ✝ We believe the Bible clearly condemns acts of homosexuality, lesbianism, incest, fornication, adultery, and other sexual perversions.
- ✝ We believe in the God-given command to be obedient to the Great Commission by proclaiming the Gospel to all nations.

Statement of philosophy

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 8:6

The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Psalms 24:1

But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him.

I Corinthians 8:6

For by Him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be throne or dominions, or principalities, or powers. All things were created by Him and for Him and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.

Colossians 1:16,17

And God said, Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 1: 26-28

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

II Timothy 2:15

Training for responsibilities, assimilation of facts, transfer of knowledge, growth, change in behavior, preparation for living: All mean. . . Learning how to live.

Building lives is more than an opportunity . . . it is a privilege! It is through this privilege that we want to minister to your child spiritually as well as academically. We at Orange Avenue Baptist School provide, with God's help, an academically strong Christian education. We teach that all truth is God's truth, and that Jesus Christ is central in all truth. This principle applies to the areas of history, geography, math, music, the arts, and life in the universe as well as in the Word.

Orange Avenue Baptist believes in wholesome, well-balanced, Biblical discipline. We believe that discipline must respect the individual's dignity. We strive to create positive values of right and wrong. We believe that any discipline measures which do not leave the student with a positive direction as well as a wholesome respect for the disciplinarian are futile.

We would strongly encourage that all students and parents would belong to, and attend regularly, a Bible-believing church.

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Mission Statement

Orange Avenue Baptist School was specifically organized to offer academic excellence with a Christian emphasis, and as such is an integral part of our total church ministry. A Christian school is one of the three institutions commissioned by God to nurture, develop, and prepare children for a life of Christian service.

Objective:

Teaching is training. Training for life must include training for eternity.

Our specific objectives are:

- ✚ To provide a teaching environment that will help each student to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, believing that He is the Son of God, and that his death and resurrection provide forgiveness for sin and new life through faith in Him.
- ✚ To help each student to develop a firm conviction that the Bible is the Word of God, given to men, and that it is the guide to life and living.
- ✚ To teach the principles of faith as set forth in God's Word.
- ✚ To help each student to develop good individual study habits in the Holy Scripture as well as academically.
- ✚ To assist teachers in developing a practice of Scriptural principal application in correcting students.
- ✚ To teach respect for the rules necessary to enable the students and the teaching staff to work together in a peaceful, orderly environment, that "...all things may be done decently and in order."
- ✚ To teach students to accept a given responsibility and to "walk honorably before all men."
- ✚ To provide the kind of experiences that enable students to face life with courage and understanding. To help students to experience a living faith that will make them a credit to Christ, their community, their nation, and themselves.

School history

Orange Avenue Baptist School was started in August, 1984. The members of Orange Avenue Baptist Church saw the need for quality Christian education to reach lost parents and children as well as provide an alternative for Christian parents and students. Orange Avenue Baptist School started with grades K-4 through 4th grade and used A BEKA curriculum in its classrooms. The response from families in the community was overwhelming, and demand for quality Christian education continued to grow. In 1985, 5th through 8th grades were added to the school. In 1987 grades 9-12 were added, and 7-12 grades were placed on the Accelerated Christian Education program. In 1992, Orange Avenue Baptist School transferred all grades to the Accelerated Christian Education program. Our school ministry has continued to grow and help meet the spiritual and academic needs of students in our community.

Orange Avenue Baptist School has over 78 graduates as of 2022. Our graduates have been accepted in colleges and universities across the country, served in the armed forces, and have pursued careers in many diverse fields. Our graduates have earned doctorates, masters, bachelors, and associates degrees from numerous accredited universities.

Our students have participated in State and International Student Leadership Conventions for more than 35 years. They have consistently won medals and trophies in competition at all levels.

Orange Avenue Baptist School has been consistently awarded Model Status for the last 30 years by Accelerated Christian Education Ministries, which is based in Nashville, TN.

Our goal:

“Reaching the world for Christ one child at a time.”

Educational standards

The overall curriculum of Orange Avenue Baptist School is designed to develop students spiritually, mentally, socially, and physically. Each of these areas must be developed before anyone can be educated to the fullest extent. None of these disciplines is sufficient in itself, and all must be balanced to ensure a well-rounded education. Classes & curriculum are selected that meet or exceed the guidelines which have been established by the State Department of Education as required for graduation in the State of Florida.

Staff

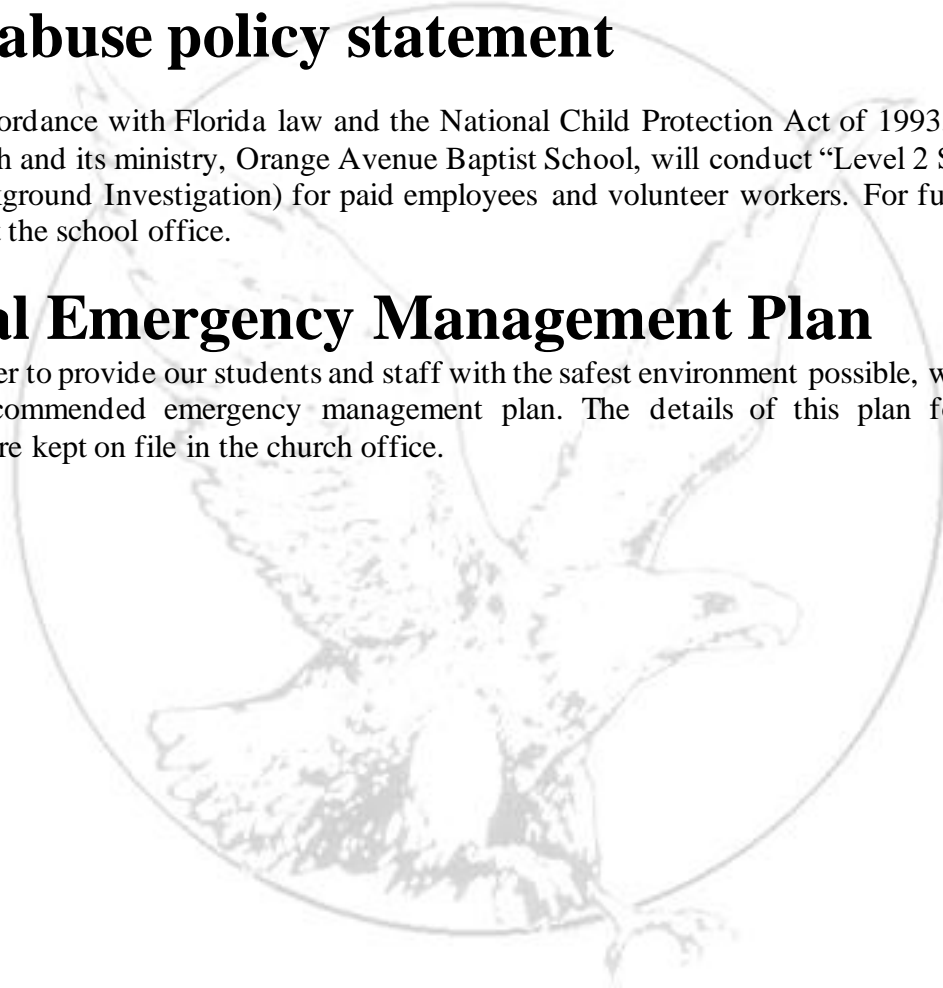
The staff of Orange Avenue Baptist School is carefully selected by the administration to ensure that qualified teachers who will display a Christian attitude both in and out of the classroom will be hired. Teachers are expected to follow all guidelines set forth by the administration. Since Orange Avenue Baptist School is a ministry of Orange Avenue Baptist Church, all paid school staff must be active members of Orange Avenue Baptist Church. All school staff are required to attend continuing education training, (including but not limited to the Fall Educators Convention and in-service workshops), to further develop leadership, educational, and technological skills.

Child-abuse policy statement

In accordance with Florida law and the National Child Protection Act of 1993, Orange Avenue Baptist Church and its ministry, Orange Avenue Baptist School, will conduct “Level 2 Screening” (a.k.a. Security Background Investigation) for paid employees and volunteer workers. For further information please contact the school office.

Federal Emergency Management Plan

In order to provide our students and staff with the safest environment possible, we have adopted a nationally recommended emergency management plan. The details of this plan for each possible contingency are kept on file in the church office.



School accreditation

Accreditation by a state government agency is an administrative mechanism designed to create uniform education for all children in secular schools. It was established as a governmental means of causing local public-school districts to provide what the state educational agencies determined as minimum academic and facility standards for all schools. Accreditation teams, therefore, investigate and approve or disapprove facilities and curriculum in educational institutions according to the criteria developed by secular educational administrators who may not be Christians.

Graduates who wish to enroll in a college or university do not have to be graduates of a state accredited school. Registrars are interested in the academic merits of individual students, not in the name of their school of graduation. Thus, they evaluate each applicant's academic aptitude through nationally standardized tests. The instructional program of this school is designed and implemented to properly train students who wish to continue their education beyond high school.

We do not seek state accreditation to avoid entanglement with or control by the state of our academic program. We are, however, accredited by Accelerated Christian Education Ministries, which has its headquarters in Nashville, TN. Orange Avenue Baptist School has consistently met all standards required, by A.C.E. ministries and has been awarded Model Status.

Orange Avenue Baptist School graduates have been accepted at the following colleges and universities:

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| ✓ Arkansas State University | ✓ Santa Fe Community College |
| ✓ Baptist College of Florida | ✓ Southeastern Seminary |
| ✓ Florida Atlantic University | ✓ Troy State University |
| ✓ Gulf Coast Community College | ✓ University of Arkansas |
| ✓ Indian River State College | ✓ University of Central Florida |
| ✓ Liberty University | ✓ University of Florida |
| ✓ Nash Community College | ✓ University of Miami |
| ✓ Nova University | ✓ Victory Baptist College |
| ✓ Palm Beach Atlantic College | ✓ Yellowstone Baptist College |

O.A.B.S. is also a member of the Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools, (SBACS).

Admission policy

Orange Avenue Baptist School is an integral and inseparable ministry of Orange Avenue Baptist Church. All admissions are subject to administrative approval.

This school admits students of any color, nationality, and ethnic origin to all the privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to the students at our school. It does not discriminate on the basis of color, or national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship programs, athletics, and other church-school administered programs.

Orange Avenue Baptist School is not a reform school. We also do not accept married or divorced students, students who have been pregnant, students who are parents, or students who openly demonstrate unbiblical sexual behavior.

Admission procedures

- ❶ Parents schedule an interview with the School Administrator.
- ❷ Parents are given a tour of the church & school and a detailed explanation of the A.C.E. program and relevant policies of the school ministry.
- ❸ Parents and student(s) read a current copy of the handbook thoroughly and are encouraged to prayerfully consider whether they and their students are willing to commit to the rules and procedures outlined within the handbook.
- ❹ Application and other necessary forms are filled out and submitted by the parents along with the registration fees. Kindergarten and all new students are required to submit a copy of their birth certificate, immunization records, and previous school records. Students are not considered officially enrolled until these required records are received.
- ❺ Parents will be notified of acceptance.

Financial Information

Because we are a Christian Ministry, we seek to be a good testimony in our financial dealings. Please help us honor the Lord by meeting your financial responsibilities on time each month.

Christian leadership training

- 📖 Devotions: Each student has a designated time daily to spend in reading of God's word, praying, and meditation upon His Word.
- 🕊 Chapel: Weekly chapel sessions are held during which the student identifies his education with the ministry of the church. Local pastors and staff members preach the Word of God.
- 👥 All students are required to attend chapel.
- 🎵 Students should participate in the singing, saying of verses when asked to, etc.
- ✝ Reverence should always be displayed during any prayer.
- 📖 Students are to sit up straight.
- ⊘ The following actions will be considered improper conduct: talking, whispering, excessive commotion, passing or writing notes, sleeping, or studying for another class.
- 🗣 All students should enter and leave chapel quietly and should sit in class section.
- 👋 Students are not to be in the sanctuary without permission.
- 📅 4th through 12th grade students may be required to keep a chapel notebook.

Chapel will be held weekly on Wednesday mornings. Parents and guests are invited to attend at any time.

Christian Americanism

Orange Avenue Baptist places emphasis upon the greatness of America's heritage and the sacrifices of its heroes. America is a republic which guarantees liberties to educate, and to preserve freedom. We, unashamedly, teach the Bible doctrine of self-discipline, respect for those in authority, obedience to the law, and love for the flag and country.

All students are required to memorize and recite the following pledges:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word.

*I will make it a lamp unto my feet, and light unto
my path. I will hide its word in my heart,
that I might not sin against God.*

Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag

*I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag,
and to the Saviour for Whose kingdom it stands,
one Saviour crucified, risen, and coming again,
with life and liberty for all who believe.*

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.*

Medical guidelines

This school does not provide any medicines, aspirin, Tylenol®, etc. to any student for headaches, fever, or other reasons. No staff member will be allowed to administer medicine to any students for headaches, fever, or any other reason **UNLESS THE STUDENT IS UNDER A DOCTOR'S CARE WITH WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE PARENT**. Over the counter medications including aspirin, must be brought from home in its original sealed container and turned in to the office **ACCOMPANIED BY A NOTE** from home with instructions as to dispersal. Prescription medication, unless required during school hours should be administered at home, otherwise it should be turned into the school office in its original container with dosage instructions.

Our staff will treat minor injuries when necessary. Generally, parents will be called in case of emergency or when their child is vomiting and/or has a fever. No student will be allowed to attend school if they have a fever, head lice, or other contagious condition or illness. Symptoms should be cleared for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Florida law requires that all children who enter a Florida public or private school or Kindergarten have immunizations for diphtheria, pertussis- (whooping cough), tetanus, poliomyelitis, and rubella- (German measles). Parents must provide this information to the school upon enrollment. The current form is HRS 680 Part A-1. Part A-2 is for the 7th grade and above.

In instances where students need emergency medical attention, an O.A.B.S. staff member will call the parents/legal guardian. If they cannot be reached, the next designated person on the student's information sheet will be called. If neither can be reached, the student will be transported to the nearest medical treatment facility, and an O.A.B.S staff member will continue trying to contact the parent/legal guardian. In the event a student has a minor medical need, the parent/legal guardian will be called to pick up the student. All student injuries, whether major or minor, should be reported to a staff member.

It is vital that the school office be able to contact parents in the event of an emergency. Therefore, if your emergency contact information changes during the school year, please notify the school office.

For the well-being of all students, please do not allow your student to come to school with a fever or other signs of any contagious disease.

Parental involvement

Because of the awesome responsibility you have entrusted to us to help you with the Christian education of your student, we ask that you PRAY for the school, students, and staff daily.

Parent orientation, Open House meetings, and Parent conferences promote a good understanding between parents or guardians and the staff of this school. Every parent is expected to participate in these informative and helpful programs. Please check the calendar, School Facebook Page, Website and special bulletins for all events.

We request that parents and/or relatives and guests refrain from smoking on our property or in our buildings.

All visitors (parents, friends, etc.) must respect the clothing standards of Orange Avenue Baptist School.

Parents and visitors should refrain from wearing shorts, sleeveless, and / or spaghetti strap tops, low cut blouses, or otherwise dressing immodestly on campus during school hours.

Display of occult, Satanic, or gang symbols are not permitted on clothing, vehicles, bookbags, purses etc. when on campus. Appropriateness and modesty are the basic principles governing all appearance and dress. The principle of showing deference should be the lifestyle of Christian leaders.











Language of parents and guests should at all times reflect the highest of Christian principles.

Parents must not post any pictures or information on internet sites of church or school staff or students without written permission of Pastor or School Administrator.




Parents should refer to the school calendar so as to keep abreast of coming events. (Up-dated calendars will be sent home as necessary.)

School Supplies




General supplies for all students:

-  Personal Bible (King James Version)
-  Blue ballpoint pen
-  Dictionary (paperback acceptable)
-  Pencils (4 are required at all times)
-  Colored pencils (assortment)
-  Standard notebook paper for reports and compositions
-  Open style file box with 3x5 cards for research notes (PACE 1037 and above)
-  Eraser, Ruler, Tissues,
-  Small cup for supplies
-  Plain P.E. bag or book bag (optional)

Elementary Learning Centers:

-  Scissors (round point)
-  Crayons
-  Glue Stick

High-School Learning Center:

-  Calculators:(only students in Math 1075-up)
-  Compass
-  Protractor

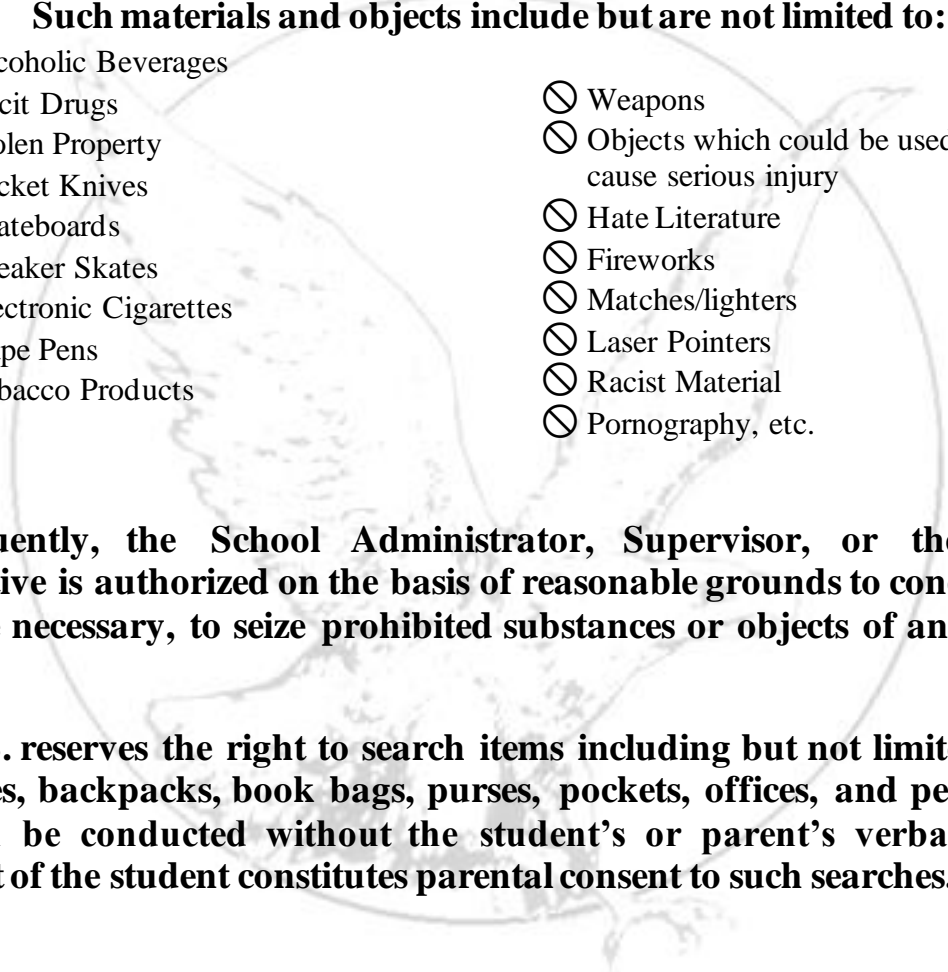
Items not allowed at school include, but are not limited to:

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|  Unapproved photographs |  Bluetooth Earbuds |
|  Perfume |  Calculator/Smart Watches |
|  Cologne |  Electronic games |
|  Scented lotions |  Playing cards |
|  Radios |  Mirrors |
|  Calculators with games |  Trading cards |
|  Comic Books |  Red/Green marking pens or pencils |
|  Unapproved secular books, magazines, tapes, CD's, etc. |  Candy or Gum |
|  MP3 players / iPods/iPads etc. |  ? Breath fresheners – CERTS®, peppermints, etc.,
(May be allowed at the discretion of the Supervisor) |
|  CD Players | |
|  Video Games | |

Searches

O.A.B.S. is a Ministry which seeks to maintain law, order, discipline, decorum, and public safety during school and school authorized activities which sometimes take place off school property. Therefore, substances and/or objects which threaten these things are prohibited!

Such materials and objects include but are not limited to:

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- ⊗ Alcoholic Beverages
 - ⊗ Illicit Drugs
 - ⊗ Stolen Property
 - ⊗ Pocket Knives
 - ⊗ Skateboards
 - ⊗ Sneaker Skates
 - ⊗ Electronic Cigarettes
 - ⊗ Vape Pens
 - ⊗ Tobacco Products
 - ⊗ Weapons
 - ⊗ Objects which could be used as weapons or cause serious injury
 - ⊗ Hate Literature
 - ⊗ Fireworks
 - ⊗ Matches/lighters
 - ⊗ Laser Pointers
 - ⊗ Racist Material
 - ⊗ Pornography, etc.

Consequently, the School Administrator, Supervisor, or the designated representative is authorized on the basis of reasonable grounds to conduct searches and, where necessary, to seize prohibited substances or objects of any students or visitor.

O.A.B.S. reserves the right to search items including but not limited to student automobiles, backpacks, book bags, purses, pockets, offices, and person. Such a search will be conducted without the student's or parent's verbal permission. Enrollment of the student constitutes parental consent to such searches.

Clothing

Regulations & personal appearance

In every area of our school, we try to maintain the **highest** of standards. This applies to spiritual and moral as well as academic standards. It is our desire to see that every boy enrolled develops into a clean-cut, well rounded young man. Likewise, our purpose is to see every girl develop into a beautiful, pure, and charming young woman.

In order to accomplish this, we have set some Bible standards for the young people who attend our school. These rules are to teach our young people respect for themselves, for each other, and for God's Word regarding appearance.

The cooperation of every parent is essential and appreciated. Appropriate clothing encourages responsible behavior.

Please read carefully as the dress code will be enforced.

Please note:

There should be no extremes in dress or hair styles which will be distracting to the learning environment. Parents have the primary responsibility of teaching our students to live by the standards of Scripture.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE IS SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL.

Please observe the dress code carefully in order to avoid embarrassment and inconvenience for you and your child. If dress and grooming standards are violated, the student will be issued a Corrective Action Notice slip and the parent may be contacted to correct the problem.

Classroom attire for boys

Shirts and pants must be loose fitting, but not baggy.

Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Pants must be worn on the waistline.

No pullover style sweatshirt or jackets.

No denim shirts or jeans of any kind or color except special school activities or dress down days.

No pictures or printed words will be allowed on shirts, jackets, or caps, except for school-authorized apparel or small designer names.

Shirts: Must be button-up polo style or oxford style shirts with sleeves and collars, worn with no more than the top button unbuttoned.

Pants: Must be solid color dress pants or casual (Docker-style) only.
Belts must be worn if the pants have belt loops.
Joggers are not allowed

Shoes: Sneakers or dress shoes.
Shoes must be completely closed in (toe and heel). No flip-flops, sandals, or platforms.
Shoes that require shoelaces are to remain properly laced and tied.
Shoes must be neat, clean, and polished.

Socks: Must be worn at all times.

Haircuts: Hair must be conservative with sides and back tapered. Hair is to be neat; off the eyebrows, ears, and collar. Crew cuts (#2) and flat tops are acceptable.
No unnatural or wildly colored hair. No distinct lines should be visible in hair.
No faddish hairstyles, bowl cuts, corn rolls, dreadlocks, man-buns, mushroom, surfer, tails, wedge, or shaved heads will be allowed.
Sideburns can be no longer than the middle of the ear. Dying or coloring the tips of hair is not allowed.
Boys must be clean shaven at all times. No beards or mustaches.

Jewelry: Necklaces, if worn, must be on at least an 18" chain. Rings for fingers only.
No other types of rings allowed. No occult jewelry. No body piercing of any type. No tattoos of any type.

P.E. & athletic attire for boys: Plain solid-colored sweatpants, or knee-length shorts, (shorts must touch the top of kneecap). School authorized P.E. shirt or plain T-shirt. Socks. Tennis shoes.

Hats: No hats or caps permitted except those provided or sold by Orange Avenue Baptist School. Hats or caps are not to be worn inside a building. Hoods are not to be worn at any time.

Classroom attire for girls

No form-fitting attire of any kind. Clothes should be loose-fitting.

Contours of the body are not to be noticeable.

No T-shirts or T-shirt material unless worn under a jumper, dress, or special school activities.

No see-through material.

No pullover style sweatshirt or jackets.

Skirts: With no slits above the knee. (Must be loose fitting)

Must completely cover the entire knee when sitting or standing (for all grades).

Blouses/Shirts: Can be a button-up polo style blouse, a button-up blouse with sleeves, or a pullover style with sleeves. No short (crop top) blouses, no V-necked, or scoop necked. All blouses must be loose fitting and stay below the waistline when arms are raised.

Dresses: Must completely cover the top of the kneecap when standing (for all grades).

No sleeveless dresses, no slits above the knee, no scoop-neck, no V-neck.

No printed words or pictures, screen-printed or painted pictures allowed on dresses, blouses, or jackets except on school approved apparel or small designer names.

Shoes: Dress shoes or sneakers.

All shoes must be completely closed in (toe and heel).

No flip-flops. Shoes that require laces are to remain properly laced and tied.

Shoes are to be kept neat, clean, and polished.

Hairstyles: Hair should be clean, neat, combed, or brushed. Long hair should be kept out of the face and eyes. No faddish hairstyles. No unnatural or wildly colored hair.

Cosmetics & make-up: If worn, make-up should not alter the natural appearance.

Jewelry: All jewelry should be reasonable and appropriate for school. Necklaces should be on at least an 18" chain. No more than 2 earrings per ear. No more than 2 rings per hand. No rings of any other kind. (Finger rings and earrings only). No occult jewelry. No tattoos of any kind. No body piercing.

P.E. & athletic attire for girls: Solid colored culottes, sweatpants, or knee-length shorts (top of knee when standing.) School authorized P.E. shirt or plain T-shirt. Socks. Tennis shoes.

Pants: Leggings are acceptable only under dresses already in compliance with school dress code. No pants or shorts in the Learning Center unless for P.E. or field trip where athletic clothing is necessary. Spandex is not acceptable.

Hats: No hats or caps permitted except those provided or sold by Orange Avenue Baptist School. Hoods are not to be worn at any time.

Dress down days

Students may be permitted to “dress down” as a fundraiser, for a special day, or as a reward on certain days. On these days, boys and girls may wear tennis shoes, slacks, jeans, Christian T-shirts, school shirts, or plain T-shirts. All must be neatly hemmed and have a professional appearance (no holes or tears). Waist bands must be worn on natural waist. (No hip huggers or jeggings.)

Lunches & snacks

Students may bring lunches from home and/or buy them at school. Students must bring money from home each day if they plan to purchase chips, soft drinks, water, or candy bars.

Hot lunches may be provided for those who wish to purchase them. **Students MUST BRING A SACK LUNCH FROM HOME ON OTHER DAYS, IF THEY PREFER NOT TO ORDER A “HOT LUNCH.”**

Please consider your child’s nutritional needs when packing lunches. A good breakfast, low in sugar, is recommended for sufficient academic achievement. Excessive sugar content and caffeine are also discouraged at lunch time, as they tend to interfere with learning progress.

Please buy plain lunch bags and boxes, book bags, notebooks; no “superheroes” or cartoon characters.

Students are not permitted to leave campus during lunch unless accompanied by a parent or an approved adult.

Students are not allowed to share lunches due to health reasons. Students are to eat at only assigned areas and times. Students are to clean off their tables and put trash in wastebaskets.

Parents are permitted to eat with students (sign in at the office) during their regularly scheduled lunchtime.

No guests are allowed on campus without administrative approval.

Academics

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth.”

II Timothy 2:15

Grades & reports

Progress reports are issued to indicate the student's progress. These are prepared at the conclusion of each nine-week period. The quality of the work performed is indicated by percentage.

Any student in 4th through 12th levels having less than an 80% average will be required to repeat the same work until he masters the material. This policy prevents learning gaps. Students in 1st through 3rd level must have a 90% average

Parent/Teacher conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences may be scheduled whenever necessary during the school year. We encourage our parents to become involved in their child's education. Please feel free to schedule with the office a conference to talk with the Supervisor when you feel it necessary. Open Houses may be held periodically during the school year, and **EVERY student and parent is expected to attend.**

Application for privileges

Privileges are incentives designed to promote learning achievement. A student may earn more privileges as he assumes more responsibilities. Students who believe they have fulfilled the responsibilities for privilege status and desire privilege status should assume responsibility for requesting an application for privilege form on the Friday preceding their desired week of privileges. They should complete the form and submit it that day. On Monday, the Supervisor will present the privilege status emblem for the student to display during the week.

Grading system

The A.C.E. grading system is as follows: (G.P.A. is calculated on a 4-point scale)

100%-94%	A
93%-88%	B
87%-80%	C
79% or below	UNACCEPTABLE

Work will be repeated until an acceptable score is achieved.

Graduation requirements

A minimum of twenty-four (24) units of credit is required for graduation. A prescribed course of study will be determined through a conference among staff, parents, and students. Transfer students (from other than an A.C.E. school) should complete at least sixty (60) PACES in this school before receiving a diploma.

Students are classified as freshman, sophomore, junior or senior based on the number of PACES remaining until graduation, not on the number of years they have been in school. Students may pass from one level to the next at any time during the year.

Grade level requirements are as follows:

Freshman:	199 or more PACES
Sophomore:	Less than 199 PACES
Junior:	Less than 132 PACES
Senior:	Less than 66 PACES

Valedictorian and Salutatorian are chosen prior to graduation. In order to qualify for the above honors, a student must complete the college preparatory course of study with a minimum of an “A” G.P.A. and must have completed at least 120 PACES at Orange Avenue Baptist School. They must have the highest (Valedictorian) and second highest (Salutatorian) PACE average of the seniors in their class which achieve the same requirements.

Student conventions

Student conventions are most exciting and rewarding for all our students. Students who are 8-12 years old are eligible to compete in the Annual Junior Student Leadership Convention. They may compete in events including academics athletics, music, arts/crafts, and platform arts. This is usually a 2-day event.

Students who reach their thirteenth birthday by December 31 of the current school year and who have not reached their twentieth birthday by the same date, are eligible to compete in the Suncoast Regional State Student Leadership Convention. They are encouraged to prepare for competition in any of 130 events including academics, athletics, music, arts/crafts, and platform arts. Those students who have attended Regional Convention are encouraged to attend International Student Leadership Convention.

Student Convention Guidelines are available to assist students in preparing for competition. Preparation begins in the Fall under supervisor control. Parents are encouraged to be involved in helping their students prepare for various events.

Field trips

Students who meet the requirements of two (2) completed PACEs and have passed the tests for those PACEs in previous week or are on Privilege level for the current week have the honor of attending the weekly field trip. This educational excursion is held at designated times to provide a regular incentive to those who meet all the minimum responsibilities for the week.

Although such off-campus trips are of real enjoyment for the students, they are designed primarily to enrich learning. Supervisors may ask students to take notes and complete tests upon returning to school.

A natural outgrowth of such trips, which are conducted under the supervision of adults on every occasion, is that students are disciplined in the art of self-control and gracious deportment in various social conditions.

On all field trips only qualified students in that learning center are allowed to attend. Students who are absent from school are not qualified to attend the field trip.

On larger field trips qualified parents, grandparents, and/or guardians may accompany students. On such trips, adults are asked to stay with the group. For adults to qualify for field trips they **MUST**:

- ✓ Agree with and live according to the doctrinal beliefs of this Ministry.
- ✓ Be willing to submit to a criminal background check.
- ✓ Comply with the dress code set for the field trip.

Homework

The responsibility for scholastic achievement is placed on students. It is believed that no student should need to take academic work home. The goals set by the student and reviewed by the Supervisor are no more than the student is capable of completing during the school day.

If a student fails to complete required goals, they may be asked, at the discretion of the Supervisor, to complete the work at home or after school in the Learning Center. Should the student have homework, a green slip giving the pages to be completed will accompany the PACE. The slip is to be signed by the parent and returned the following day. No resource books or tapes may be taken home without permission. Failure to complete assigned homework or return PACEs will result in Corrective Action Notices.

Fire drills

A practice fire drill and other emergency drills will be held occasionally during the school year. At the sound of the fire alarm, students are to stand and walk out of the building in an orderly manner to a designated place. Students must walk in a line, refraining from talking, pushing, or running. An official emergency management plan is on file in the school office.

Fire extinguishers are located in all buildings. An extensive fire alarm monitoring system with “pull stations” has been installed in all buildings.

Any student setting off these alarms as a prank will be subject to any monetary fines imposed by the fire department.

Repeat & lost PACEs

Any PACEs that are lost or must be repeated will be replaced. There will be a fee of \$4.00 per PACE for each replaced PACE.

Attendance

Absence:

All states have compulsory attendance laws and truancy laws that affect both public and private schools. In Florida, the law requires all students, ages 6-16 to be “in regular attendance” at school during the school term. Under Florida law (FL. Stat. 984.03; 984.151; and 1003.01) a truancy petition must be filed on any student that misses 5 or more school days within a calendar month without approval, or who misses 10 days without administrative approval in any 90-day period.

Therefore, parents are urged to help us instill character in their young people by minimizing needless absenteeism and tardiness.

When a student is absent two days or less, a detailed written excuse, giving a legitimate reason for absence, signed by a parent or guardian must be presented to the school office upon return. If the absence is foreseeable a note should be sent in advance. Doctor, dental, music, and other appointments are to be scheduled after school hours. Excessive absences will inhibit the student’s progress.

Absences for reasons other than for sickness and emergency will be excused only if arrangements are made in advance with the supervisor and the student is sufficiently advanced in his work.

Absences because of illness or a death in the family will be excused. In order to be excused, an excuse must be signed by a parent for days absent. Illness may be documented by a doctor’s note. Reasons other than illness, necessary appointments, funerals, etc. will be considered unexcused and the student will be marked absent for the day.

Students who qualify for field trips, but do not go and fail to come to school will be considered absent for the day. Absences due to hospitalization will receive special consideration. Students are expected to attend school until dismissal time. Please do not ask for your child to be dismissed early unless for legitimate reasons. It is disruptive to the classroom’s dismissal routine.

Transportation

O.A.B.S. does not provide transportation to and from school. Parents are responsible for securing transportation for their own children. Parents desiring information concerning carpooling possibilities may contact the Administration. Parents and/or students and guests should enter the parking area slowly and cautiously.

No loud radios/sound systems should be played in or while entering/exiting the parking lot. Students planning to ride home with another student or visitor must bring a note from home with their parent's approval prior to leaving. Before students can leave school property with another student, written parental consent must be given by both sets of parents.

Students waiting for rides must remain in the designated waiting area.

Student Drivers

Before students may drive to school, they must provide the school proof of insurance, a copy of their driver's license, and student responsibility form.

Student drivers are to park and lock their vehicles in the designated parking area only. The parking areas and student automobiles are off limits until dismissal from school.

Telephone Use

The school phone is reserved for official school business and emergencies only. Students desiring to place emergency calls will state what the emergency is and give the number and name to school staff that in turn will place the call. Parents needing to contact students may call the school office any time.

Items forgotten by students, (P.E. clothes, lunches, etc.), do not constitute an emergency.

Electronic devices, Cell Phones

Students may **NOT** have electronic devices or cellular phones at school. If required to have them by their parents, they may turn them in to their supervisor/monitor during the day and retrieve them after school. If an item is confiscated the student's parent/guardian must see the school administrator about retrieving the item. Items that are confiscated 3 or more times will be kept until the end of the school year and the school is not responsible for such property.

Internet Use

Students who participate in Social Network and Social Media sites, including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Reddit, YouTube, etc. must conduct themselves on these sites in a manner consistent with Biblical standards. The School Administrator must be given full, continual access to these sites. Parents or students must not post any pictures or information on internet sites of church or school staff or students without written permission of Pastor or School Administrator.

Leaving campus:

Students are not allowed to leave campus during the school day without written permission from parents detailing the reason for the request to leave. Students must be signed out at the school office by parent or guardian whenever picked up during the school day.

Students will not be permitted to leave campus for jobs during the school day unless they are seniors and are sufficiently advanced in their work to be able to graduate on time.

Due to the degree of difficulty of the high school academic program, we strongly suggest that high school students not work more than 20 hours per week outside the home. If a student demonstrates difficulty in academics, we advise discontinuing outside employment.

Skipping school:

If a student is suspected of being absent without permission, parents will be called. Skipping school or leaving school without permission may result in revocation of driving privileges, in-school suspension, or expulsion.

Tardies:

Students are considered tardy if they are not in the Opening Assembly at 8:00 a.m. Detention will be given during recess or after school for those who are tardy. Students who are driving will have their driving privileges revoked if they are continually tardy. Continued tardiness will necessitate a conference with parent and School Administrator, possibly leading to revocation of student privileges, suspension from school or expulsion. Continual tardiness indicates a lack of self-discipline. Parents and/or students who drive are encouraged to be prompt in arrival times as well as departing times.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather which warrants school closing, we will make efforts to contact families in a timely manner. Check local news outlets, the school's Facebook page and website.

Solicitation

Because O.A.B.S. is a Ministry of Orange Avenue Baptist Church, no flyers, advertisements, literature, posters, etc. are to be passed out unless they have been pre-approved by the school administration.

Discipline

Students are reminded that the Lord Jesus Christ expects us to be disciplined in all of life.

*“Children, obey your parents in all things:
for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.”*

Colossians 3:20

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. . .”

Romans 13:1

“Obey them that have rule over you, and submit yourselves. . .

Hebrews 13:17

*“For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light;
and reproofs of instructions are the way of life.”*

Proverbs 6:23

*“Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child;
but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.”*

Proverbs 22:15

Orange Avenue Baptist School is not a corrective institution; consequently, we ask that a child not be enrolled with the idea that we will reform him. We are here to work with the home, but not to take the place of parents who have experienced difficulty in fulfilling their roles.

When a child's attitude is not in accord with school policies, the child will be placed on probation and both parents will be called for a conference. If the administration feels the situation has not changed within a reasonable time, the parents will be asked to withdraw the child from the school.

We are dedicated to the training of children and young people in a program of study, activity, and living that is Christ-centered. Thus, an atmosphere is maintained which is firm, and tempered with love. Our faculty maintains Christian standards of behavior in the classroom through kindness, love, and genuine regard for their students.

Orange Avenue Baptist is honored that you have asked our staff to aid in training your child for Christian Leadership. Our total program is designed to develop the spiritual and academic qualities that characterize your child. We appreciate your trust in our program.

To carry out your wishes for total character development, we believe it is necessary to follow scriptural admonition to correct a child when his behavior is in violation of proper or reasonable rules and procedures.

ALL STUDENTS ARE ADMITTED ON PROBATION FOR THE FIRST 9 WEEKS. The student must at all times conduct himself in a manner becoming of a Christian. **GRIPING IS NOT TOLERATED.** If your child does come home complaining about a policy or discipline, please follow this procedure:

- ❖ Give the staff the benefit of the doubt.
- ❖ Realize that your child's reporting is emotionally biased and may not include all the information.
- ❖ Realize that the school has reasons for all rules and that they are enforced without partiality.
- ❖ Support the administration and call the school for all the facts.

Older students face suspension, community service time, or expulsion for moral violations of Biblical standards or rebellious attitudes toward those in authority. These actions will be taken only after conferences with parents and all parties involved.

Standard of Conduct

Students are expected to act in an orderly and respectful manner, maintaining Christian standards of courtesy, cheerfulness, kindness, language, cleanliness, morality, and honesty. Proper language includes not only refraining from cursing and using the Lord's name in vain, but also from vulgar and offensive slang expressions.

Students of this school are expected to refrain from talking about, or engaging in cheating, stealing, vandalism, swearing, immorality, homosexuality, gambling, smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, using illegal drugs, or any other unbiblical conduct. This list is not exclusive to or limited to school property or school functions. Students who participate in such activities are subject to suspension or expulsion. This standard of conduct also applies to conduct on any internet site.

Corrective Action Notices & Detention

Corrective Action Notices are given primarily for procedural violations. There will be increasing consequences for multiple Corrective Action Notices which reflect a problem with authority or an attitude of rebellion. Problems involving moral violations, being blatantly disrespectful, and anything which endangers the safety of students or staff will result in parents being notified immediately and the student being removed from the Learning Center. Such actions can result in suspension or expulsion of the student.

Students on Disciplinary Probation **can be** excluded from team sports, field trips, privilege breaks, student conventions, and any other extracurricular activities for a time period determined by the Administration.

The paramount rule is “do right; do not disturb.” Corrective Action Notices are given for disturbances or broken rules. Any Corrective Action Notice will result in detention time as follows:

⊗ 3 Corrective Action Notices = 15 minutes detention, every additional Corrective Action Notice = 5 minutes more.

When a student receives a detention, a “Corrective Action Notice” is sent home with the student and is to be signed by parents. The next day the slip is returned, and detention time is served. Corrective Action Notices & detention given are not a request for parents to punish the child. They are a notification that actions are being corrected in the Learning Center.

Corrective Action Notices are an indication that a student may need direction in the development of principles of character in his/her life. Conference with the Supervisor, School Administrator, and parents are sometimes necessary to assure this growth.

Corrective Action Notices & detention – *(continued...)*

One Corrective Action Notice is given for each violation unless permission is received:

- ⊗ Getting up out of chair.
- ⊗ Sharpening pencils.
- ⊗ Going to the scoring station.
- ⊗ Violation of a Learning Center's rules or its student conduct code.
- ⊗ Completing a part of a self-test or checkup without Supervisor's initials.
- ⊗ Bringing food or drink into the Learning Center.
- ⊗ Leaving the testing table.
- ⊗ Going to the restroom.
- ⊗ Talking in the Learning Center.

At the very least one Corrective Action Notice is given for each violation:

- ⊗ Leaving your chair out.
- ⊗ Turning around in your office.
- ⊗ Talking out loud to other students.
- ⊗ Leaning back in your chair.
- ⊗ Laughing out loud.

- ⊗ Taking a red pen to or having a red pen in your office.
- ⊗ Not putting red pen back in proper place.
- ⊗ Not replacing score key properly.
- ⊗ Copying answers from score key
- ⊗ Taking a pencil to the scoring station.
- ⊗ Arguing with Supervisor.
- ⊗ Improper scoring procedure.
- ⊗ Failure to obey Supervisor, Monitor, or Administrator.
- ⊗ Back talking or displaying a bad attitude.
- ⊗ Note writing or passing notes.
- ⊗ Throwing anything in the Learning Center.
- ⊗ Inappropriate language or name-calling.
- ⊗ Sleeping in class.
- ⊗ Dress code violations
- ⊗ Being disrespectful in any manner.
- ⊗ Incomplete Homework – Unsigned Slips
- ⊗ Anything which disturbs another student in the Learning Center.

Student Conduct

- Defaced property will be replaced at the offender's expense.
- Student's language should at all times reflect the highest Christian principles.
- Certain unnecessary and/or dangerous articles are not permitted on campus (tobacco, alcohol, non-prescription drugs, drugs, knives, guns, matches, laser pointers, lighters, radios, etc.)
- Other student's offices and/or desks are off limits.
- Teachers' desks and files are off limits.
- No student is allowed to leave campus during school hours without a special written permission note from parents.
- No student is allowed in the classroom without a teacher present.
- All students must keep their hands off other students. There will be absolutely **no** physical contact between students. (No handholding, embracing, etc.) "Six-inch rule"
- The school phone is reserved for official school business and emergencies only; it is not to be used by students without permission.
- The office must be notified in advance if a child is to be picked up early. Parents must sign the student out in the office before picking the student up.
- Office and copy machines are off limits to all students without special permission from the Supervisor.
- If a student is tardy, he/she must report to the office before going to the classroom.
- Nothing is to be thrown inside the classroom.
- Students are not to talk, whisper, write notes, or communicate with other students in class without the teacher's permission.
- Students should not arrive at school before 7:15 a.m. and must be off school grounds by 3:30 p.m., unless they have attained special permission through the school office. If not picked up by 3:30 p.m., they will be charged at the rate of \$10 per hour.
- Each student is required to have pencils, paper, and proper books before starting a class.
- Students are not to leave their desk without the teacher's permission.
- Students should not "play" with unnecessary objects during class. No games are to be in a classroom without the teacher's permission.
- Gum is not permitted on campus.
- Talking may be done in an orderly manner between classes and buildings and in the lunchroom.
- There will be absolutely no running in the hallways.
- Talking in upstairs and downstairs hallways will be limited to a whisper. (Inside voice)
- No running, shoving, or pushing on stairs. Students are to walk in an orderly manner at all times. (Fire drills included.)
- Do not block stairs by sitting down on them or "hanging out."
- Stairways rails are to be used properly. Hanging, sliding, or sitting on rails is not permitted.
- Students should not sit sideways or turn around in the office or tip back in his/her chair.
- Offices are assigned and changed only by the Supervisor, and they must be cared for by the student.
- Anything to be placed in the office must be approved by the Supervisor.
- PACE-work is done in pencil.
- PACEs are private property and are not to be shared among students.
- Calculators are not permitted in Learning Centers except with the Supervisor's permission.
- Christian music that has been approved by the administration and glorifies the Lord is permitted.
- Cars and bikes should be locked. All students must stay out of and off vehicles from arrival until departure.
- Only licensed drivers with proper insurance are permitted to drive automobiles to the school.
- A copy of the student's registration, license, and proof of insurance for vehicle must be on file in the school office.
- Student book bags, P.E. bags, offices, pocketbooks, or purses may be subject to a search by the administration at any time.
- Name calling, teasing, or any type of derogatory language which shows disrespect for others is not permitted.
- Fighting (even when done in "fun") is not permitted.

Playground Rules

- One person at a time on the slide. Feet first on your bottom only. No going up the slide.
- No jumping off the swings.
- No twisting (winding-up) the chains on the swings.
- No hanging on the basketball hoop.
- No throwing rocks.
- Students must stay in authorized, supervised areas.
- Students may not hang out in hallways or bathrooms during recess.