

Parents of upper level students are expected to provide an appropriate amount of independent study time each school night for their student(s).

Student Conduct

Student Rules

Students are expected to honor and obey authority and to respect one another at all times.

Students should:

- Think of others as more important than themselves.
- Address elders and peers with courtesy.
- Raise hands in class when wishing to speak.
- Respond when greeted.
- Take care of personal belongings and those of the school.
- Walk calmly and quietly.
- Demonstrate a respectful attitude towards adults and classmates.
- Exhibit appropriate eye contact with adults.
- Use appropriate etiquette at all times (i.e. boys holding doors and offering their chairs to girls and ladies).
- Conduct themselves on field trips with the same high level of behavior as in the classroom.
- Compete with honor and treat their opponent(s) with dignity.
- Refrain from any romantic relationship at school (dating, "boyfriends," "girlfriends," etc.). Such relationships are a distraction to the learning environment and are prohibited at Legacy Academy.

Student Discipline

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. – Hebrews 12:11 (NIV)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. - Proverbs 1:7 (BSB)

Legacy Academy upholds the Biblical understanding that all persons (even young children) were originally created in the image of God. In Adam's sin, however,

humanity was alienated from God, and it is now man's nature to be disobedient to God. The things students say and do are a reflection of the abundance of their hearts and are symptoms of the deeper human struggle against God's authority in our lives. Therefore, correction and discipline must address heart issues and must be designed to guide students toward their need for God's grace in Jesus Christ. Maintaining an orderly atmosphere in the school and the classroom is critical to the learning process, and, more importantly, it is reflective of the principles and absolutes of Scripture. As in all other areas of education at Legacy Academy, love and forgiveness are integral parts of the discipline of a student. Discipline should always be an act of redemption.

The administration determines the appropriate consequences needed for instilling discipline in school. Disciplinary measures are administered in light of the individual student's problem and attitude. All discipline is based on Biblical principles; e.g., restitution, seeking forgiveness (public and private), restoration of fellowship, no lingering attitudes, and so forth.

Disciplinary Action

There are four levels of disciplinary action at Legacy Academy:

Level One: Classroom Discipline

The vast majority of everyday discipline problems are dealt with at the classroom level. Teachers may use systems they deem appropriate for classroom discipline. Time may be subtracted from recess for each infraction. Teachers at the start of each school year give details on individual classroom discipline.

Level Two: Office Visits

A student's continued inability to adhere to the Legacy Academy standards warrants a visit to the school office. In addition, there are five basic behaviors that automatically necessitate discipline from the administration instead of from the student's teacher.

These behaviors are the following:

- Disrespect shown to any staff member. The staff member is the judge of whether or not disrespect has been shown.
- Dishonesty in any situation while at school, including lying, cheating, and stealing.
- Rebellion, i.e. outright disobedience in response to instruction or correction.
- Fighting or any physical force used with the intention to harm or intimidate another student or staff member.

- Obscene language, including taking the name of the Lord in vain.

Referrals to the office may result in the student calling his or her parent to discuss the reason for the visit and non-corporal disciplinary action (such as community service). The administration may choose to send the student home for the remainder of the day. In instances of cheating students will be required to complete the assignment for the purposes of mastery, but will be given reduced credit or a zero for the assignment.

Level Three: Parental Involvement

If the actions outlined above do not resolve the problem, the student's parent(s) are asked to come to school to handle the on-going problem that has persisted in spite of multiple school efforts. The school supports the parents' efforts to deal with the problem and to understand their student's behavior in the classroom. The administration may choose to send the student home for the remainder of the day or for a period of time not to exceed three days to give the student and parent(s) time to correct the matter.

Level Four: Suspension and Expulsion

In the unusual event that efforts to give instruction and direction to a student fail and parents are unable to correct disobedient or disruptive behavior, expulsion is considered. The steps toward expulsion are as follows:

The administration schedules a meeting with the student (when appropriate), teacher(s), and the student's parents to discuss the student's behavior and to create a behavior plan to solve the problem.

A further incident of disobedience or disruptive behavior (either outlined in the behavior plan or violating another school guideline) carries a 1-3 day suspension. The next incident results in a one week suspension.

Any further incident after a one-week suspension results in a meeting with the student's parents to formally expel the student. No tuition is refunded and the parents are not released from any tuition contract in effect.

An expelled student is not eligible to return to school until the fall of the following year. The administration and classroom teacher have complete discretion over re-admission.

Corporal Punishment

Legacy Academy does not normally administer corporal punishment. All Biblical passages calling for corporal discipline of children are directed to parents. These

passages are based on the uniqueness of the parent-child relationship. Because of this, the school does not operate in the place of the parent in corporal discipline, although we hope that parents will take every appropriate disciplinary measure in order to aid their child in maturation and development.

On a case-by-case basis, when deemed appropriate by both the parents and the administrators, Legacy Academy will use corporal punishment. This is rare and will only happen after a plan has been developed, documented, and agreed on by the administration and parent(s).

Ultimately, we understand that correction is a beautiful gift from God. It is a path to maturity. It is a key to develop a teachable and correctable heart at an early age. This will serve your child throughout life. We ask parents to help us in creating correctable children, and together we can train them to be corrected by God all of their days.

Serious Behavioral Problems

If a child's behavior presents a danger to himself or to others, or otherwise becomes a serious problem, parents will be asked to come to school during class hours to take disciplinary measures or to take the child home for the remainder of the day. When deemed that it is in the best interests of the school or the student, the administration of the school reserves the right to deny admission to, or dismiss at any time, a student whose behavior is deemed inappropriate or unacceptable. Students who continually disrupt the learning environment and/or refuse to submit to authority will not be allowed to continue in such behavior. Denial of admission or student dismissal may also be invoked because of an unsuccessful working relationship between parents and the school.

Student Dress Code

Because Legacy Academy is a Christian school founded and rooted deeply in the Christian faith and authority of scriptures, the school strives to instruct students in matters of faith aligned with the Bible. 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 (Genesis 1:36-37). Consequently, students must dress in conformance with their individual biological sex; be referred to with gender pronouns in conformance with their individual biological sex; and use restrooms, locker rooms, and changing facilities conforming with their individual biological sex.



LEGACY ACADEMY PARENTAL COMMITMENT

The administration, faculty, and staff of Legacy Academy promise to assist parents in training their children by operating the school in accordance with its vision, mission, educational philosophy, and stated school policies.

In return, in keeping with the biblical principle that parents are primarily responsible for the education of their children and recognizing that the school and parents must walk together in agreement in order for success to be the result, the administration asks parents or guardians of Legacy Academy students to make the following acknowledgments and promises concerning their children:

- I understand and acknowledge my commitment to the philosophy of education at Legacy Academy.
- I understand and promise to abide by the policies of Legacy Academy as stated in the school handbook and other Legacy literature.
- I will keep apprised of my child's academic progress and behavior by appropriately communicating on a frequent and consistent basis with their teachers.
- I acknowledge my God-given responsibility to discipline my child. I understand that Biblical discipline involves internal attitudes and external actions. I want improper attitudes in my child properly confronted. When informed by the staff of behavioral infractions, I will properly discipline my child with the goal of ensuring that the infraction does not occur again. I wish to remain the child's primary disciplinary force and thus will fulfill my role in providing an atmosphere of discipline at home.
- I will be supportive of disciplinary action the school is required to take with my child.
- If I profess Christ as my Savior, I promise to regularly pray for the school's leadership, faculty, staff, and all students of Legacy Academy.
- I will provide my child an adequate place and time to study and complete homework.
- I promise to resolve disputes by dealing directly with the person or persons involved without criticizing them or the school. When the issue at hand is a sin issue the approach will be in accordance with the biblical instruction found in Matthew 18:15-17. I will maintain confidentiality of matters between teachers and administration, not sharing these with my child or any other individual who is not a part of the problem or solution. I will consult the school administration concerning any problem we are unable to resolve.
- I promise to take an active interest in all aspects of Legacy Academy, and as God leads us, and opportunities arise, to assume volunteer duties and responsibilities.
- I promise to attend parental meetings and parent-teacher conferences.
- I promise to pay all financial obligations to the school promptly. If unable to do so, I will notify the school immediately. I will be willing to bear my fair share of practical responsibilities in order to keep costs at a minimum.
- I will keep the school calendar a priority, planning ahead so conflicts can be avoided.
- Our family will volunteer a minimum of 10 hours per school year.

I understand that by not fulfilling my contractual obligation to Legacy Academy and to my child, this will result in my child being suspended or withdrawn from Legacy Academy.

Father's (Or Guardian) Signature/Date

Mother's (Or Guardian) Signature/Date
