



# GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 2020-2021 Family Expectations Form

*The mission of Grace Christian Academy is to glorify God by equipping students with a spiritually and academically solid Christian worldview.*

*We believe that a positive partnership between Grace Christian Academy (GCA) and parents/guardians is essential to the success of each student and the fulfillment of our mission. We recognize that effective partnerships are characterized by clearly defined expectations, a shared commitment to collaboration, open communication, and mutual respect. We believe it is important for parents to understand our culture and expectations as part of the application process. A signed copy of this form must be submitted with the admissions packet.*

GCA is committed to the teachings and principles contained in the Bible and is dedicated to the glory of God. GCA has high expectations for all students, including spiritual, academic, physical, and emotional development. The school's desire is for my child(ren) to achieve their God-given potential and to impact the world for Christ.

GCA promotes a biblical worldview based on our Statement of Faith. While students are always encouraged to ask questions about beliefs of biblical faith and other faiths, it is not permitted to actively promote a worldview outside what GCA endorses through its Statement of Faith.

GCA is a community. We are not just admitting your child, but our desire is to partner with you and your family. Our expectation is for you to take an active, appropriate role in the ongoing education of your child. It is a partnership we take very seriously.

Get involved. Read information sent home, respond to teacher contacts/emails, attend school events, chapels, field trips, etc. as your schedule allows.

Attendance and punctuality are life skills which we consider a high priority. Students are expected to arrive to class on time, allowing time to arrange their belongings and be in their seat before the bell rings. Vacations during the school time are not encouraged and should be discussed with the administration.

Parents are expected to check FACTS (our school management system) and Classroom Google Sites/Websites on a frequent basis to stay aware of grades, late or missing assignments, homework, class notes, class newsletters, accounts, and other items. Contact your teacher(s) if you have any questions.

We expect our staff and parents to communicate on a regular basis and based on student needs. It is important to share information, discuss issues, and encourage one another. Parents can expect communication from teachers anytime a student's overall academic grade is below a "C."

Effort is a life skill that we expect from our students. We strive to foster a culture which encourages each student to do his/her best, encourage one another, and strive for excellence.

We expect parents to go to their child's teacher first with any questions or concerns, following the biblical principles found in Matthew 18. This is the best way for parents to ask questions, resolve concerns, and develop a spirit of unity, and it is better than going to other parents or sharing concerns on social media.

As they grow and mature, we expect you to let your student take responsibility for his/her own organization, work, and results. Students need to develop appropriate independence and self-responsibility.

In today's world, students have immediate access to information, so instruction at GCA focuses on the critical thinking and problem-solving skills students must develop and apply to complex concepts in authentic use.

Students at all grade levels are expected to complete homework as assigned and turn it in on time. Homework is graded for accuracy as well as completion. Our homework policy and consequences for late homework are explained in our Family Handbook.

Understand and support the school's technology policies, including ethical and responsible use of devices.

We expect parents to read, understand, and follow the policies and procedures outlined in our Family Handbook, as well as respect the school's responsibility to do what is best for the entire community, while recognizing the need of an individual student. Parents are expected to review policies and procedures with your child(ren) and are responsible for making sure that he/she will also follow the policies and standards in the Family Handbook. High school students will complete a Student Commitment Form which indicates their support of the school's policies, procedures, standards, and expectations.

**Both custodial parents must sign if divorced/separated or submit legal documentation.**

I have read, understand, and will comply with the items listed above as well as those in the Family Handbook which is available at the school and online at [gcaowensboro.org](http://gcaowensboro.org).

Custodial Father's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Custodial Mother's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_