

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

One of our chief goals at Pines Christian Academy is to encourage Christian character within each student, which will be evidenced by his/her outward deportment whether he/she is at home, school or elsewhere. Learning requires discipline of the mind, body and will. An undisciplined life is a largely unproductive life. Emphasis at our school is on “What is my duty?” rather than “What can I get out of it?” This prepares for a life of stewardship. We remind students that “Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”

1. CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

Students are expected to respect the authority of teachers at all times. Unless otherwise instructed, students will raise their hand to be recognized before speaking. There will be no note passing in class. There will be no running in the buildings.

2. SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

Wholesome friendships are encouraged between boys and girls. Hand-holding, petting, kissing, or any other bodily contact is not permitted at any time at Pines Academy or at any of its activities.

3. PERSONAL BEHAVIOR

Students are to be honest and to exhibit kindness and respect for others. We expect our students to reply to adults courteously. They should behave as young ladies and gentlemen. Our students shall not use profanity. “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers” (Ephesians 4:29). Alcohol, drugs and tobacco shall not be possessed or used by our students.

4. DISCIPLINE

It is expected that each student will maintain a high standard of personal conduct and that only a minimum of disciplinary actions by the school will be necessary. The basic responsibility for discipline resides within the home. Parents will be informed when unusual circumstances requiring disciplinary action arise. It is expected that there will be parental follow-through should this occur. It is necessary that parents support the authority of the teachers and administration. Undermining of their position by siding with the child will engender disrespect and will defeat our goal of building Christian character. It is almost impossible to be of any real help to your child unless you are in active sympathy with the school. Proverbs 19:18 says, “Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.”

5. CLOTHING STANDARDS

Our school has a distinct Christian philosophy based on evaluating appearance by the following biblical principles, “Even in your youthfulness, be a great example of those around you in your speech, conduct, love, faith and purity,” (1 Timothy

4:12) Scripture urges us not to be conformed to the world system around us or, as the Phillips' translation says, "Don't allow the world to squeeze you into its mold" (Romans 12:2). A growing Christian will increase in his ability to resist the temptation to identify with all the trends and fads of an ungodly society (Romans 12:2).

Motives have a lot to do with what is right and wrong for the Christian. Why do you dress the way you do? Do you seek to glorify God in the way you dress? (Colossians 3:23-25; I Corinthians 10:31). God created men and women to be different and to look different from each other. He desires it to be obvious from our appearance that men are men and women are women (Deuteronomy 22:5).

The Bible teaches that it is a serious matter to do something that entices another to sin and thus become a stumbling block. We should never dress in a way that draws another person into sin (1 Corinthians 10:32). A call to personal godliness mandates humility in personal adornment and dress. Therefore a student's attire ought to portray a spirit of modesty. For example, pants, shirts or dresses that are too tight, have holes in them or that are too revealing are considered immodest and improper. Likewise, backless or strapless dresses, crop tops, short skirts and immodest swimsuits are improper.

In a practical sense, modesty includes careful grooming, neatness, and choosing appropriate dress for any given occasion or activity. Modesty is "not skin-tight"; choice of styles and material are very important. Necklines and armhole openings are to be modest.

Emphasizing the principles of modesty and appropriateness, we expect students to give attention to the selection of clothing as a purposeful choice to assist others morally and represent their Christian walk in a distinctive manner from the world. We believe that a student who is neat and properly dressed will be a positive influence in helping to create an atmosphere that is conducive to learning. We recognize the wide variety in styles of clothing, and that it is impossible to make rules that cover every situation. Thus, the administration reserves the right to constantly monitor, evaluate, make decisions, and, if necessary, to modify the rules to cover the changing styles and designs of dress. We desire that a student not seek to comply to the minimal standard, but develop the highest personal standard regarding appearance.

The above standards will be observed during the school day as well as when entering and leaving campus and at all activities such as banquets, concerts, programs, baccalaureate, and graduation.

Student Signature _____
Parent/Guardian Signature _____