

A Prayer Away Christian Academy

Student & Family Handbook (Grades K-8)

Welcome

Welcome to **A Prayer Away Christian Academy (APACA)**. We are honored that you are considering partnering with us in the education and discipleship of your child. Our school exists to come alongside families in forming scholars who are rooted in Christ, growing in wisdom, and equipped for real life.

This handbook is designed to clearly communicate our philosophy, expectations, and policies so that families and staff can walk together with unity, clarity, and mutual trust.

Our Mission

To raise scholars in prayer, purpose, and practical wisdom through Christ-centered education.

We partner with families to disciple scholars academically, spiritually, and relationally—preparing them to follow Christ faithfully in every area of life.

Our Vision

We envision a prayer-saturated learning community where scholars: - Know who they are in Christ - Take ownership of their learning - Develop character, confidence, and competence - Are prepared for life, leadership, and service

Statement of Faith

A Prayer Away Christian Academy is a ministry of A Prayer Away Church and holds to historic Christian beliefs, including: - The Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God and the final authority for faith and life - There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man; through His life, death, and resurrection, salvation is offered to all who believe - Salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone - The Holy Spirit empowers believers to live godly lives - God created humanity in His image, male and female - Marriage is a sacred covenant between one man and one woman

Our Educational Philosophy

APACA embraces a **student-centered, multi-age learning model** that prioritizes: - Ownership of learning - Small-group and individualized instruction - Hands-on, game-based, and project-based learning - Integration of faith and academics

Teachers serve as **Learning Guides**, facilitating growth rather than relying solely on traditional lecture-based instruction.

Family Partnership

We believe parents are the primary educators of their children. Enrollment at APACA represents a shared commitment between home and school.

Families are expected to: - Support the school's mission, values, and biblical worldview - Communicate respectfully and follow Matthew 18 principles - Partner in discipleship and discipline - Maintain timely attendance and financial responsibility - Speak positively about the school in front of children

Admissions & Enrollment

Enrollment is based on alignment with our mission and the school's ability to serve each scholar well.

Admission steps typically include: 1. Educational Consultation 2. Family conversation and discernment 3. Application and review

Enrollment may be declined or discontinued if the partnership becomes misaligned with the school's mission or expectations.

Attendance

Consistent attendance is vital to a scholar's academic and spiritual growth.

Families are expected to: - Notify the school of absences in advance when possible - Schedule appointments outside of school hours when feasible - Understand that excessive absences may impact enrollment

Academics & Assessment

APACA emphasizes mastery, growth, and application over rote performance.

Assessment may include: - Demonstrations of learning - Projects and presentations - Skill checks and observations - Limited traditional testing when appropriate

Grades reflect growth, effort, and demonstrated understanding.

Discipleship & Spiritual Life

Discipleship is woven into the daily life of our school.

Practices include: - Daily prayer and Scripture engagement - Biblical worldview integration across subjects - Corporate worship and teaching gatherings - Mentorship and character development

Our goal is not behavior modification, but **heart transformation**.

Student Conduct & Discipline

APACA uses a **restorative, discipleship-based approach** to discipline.

Expectations include: - Respect for God, others, and self - Honesty and integrity - Responsibility for actions

When misbehavior occurs, staff will: 1. Address the behavior directly 2. Seek understanding and restoration 3. Partner with families when needed

Severe or repeated behavior may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

Safety & Supervision

The safety of our scholars is a top priority.

Measures include: - Controlled access to facilities - Adult supervision at all times - Emergency procedures and drills

Families must ensure accurate emergency contact information is always on file.

Health & Wellness

Parents should keep scholars home when sick.

Medication must be administered according to school guidelines and communicated clearly with staff.

Technology & Devices

Technology is used as a learning tool, not a distraction.

Expectations include: - School-approved use only - Respectful and responsible behavior - Consequences for misuse

Personal devices may be restricted based on instructional needs.

Communication

Clear communication strengthens partnership.

Families should: - Read school communications regularly - Address concerns directly with the appropriate staff member - Avoid public or social media criticism of the school

Conflict Resolution

We follow biblical principles for resolving conflict: 1. Direct conversation 2. Mediated conversation if needed 3. Leadership involvement when appropriate

Non-Discrimination Policy

A Prayer Away Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

Handbook Acknowledgment

This handbook is a living document and may be updated as needed.

Enrollment at APACA signifies agreement to abide by the policies and expectations outlined herein.

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