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School Information

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School Verses: II Timothy 2:3 - 4

“Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.”

School Motto: Training Soldiers for Christ

School MascotSoldier

School Colors.....Royal Blue and White

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High School Principal Robert Buchalski

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Elementary Principal Rebecca Gebhart

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Mission and Purpose

The mission and purpose of Genesee Christian School is to assist families and local churches in training young men and women in God's truth and righteousness.

Historical Background

On March 26, 1974, a group of twenty concerned parents met to discuss the need for a new Christian elementary and high school in Genesee County. After prayer and much discussion, plans to open a Christ-centered elementary and high school offering academic courses from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade was unanimously approved.

Genesee Christian School is an independent, fundamental Christian school operated by the Genesee Christian School Ministries, a Michigan Ecclesiastical Corporation. Its philosophy is built upon the fundamentals of the faith, the conservative ideals that made our nation great, character development, and personal morality.

All staff members and persons serving on committees at GCS must be in agreement, in faith and practice, with the organization's Articles of Faith.

Christian Education as a Privilege

Attendance at Genesee Christian School is made possible by tuition, gifts from Bible-believing churches, and the sacrificial gifts of the Lord's people. Students should be grateful always for those who have provided for their Christian education and realize that attendance at Genesee Christian School is a privilege and not a right.

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:9-11).

In keeping with the intent of the apostle Paul, the privilege of attending GCS may be forfeited by any student who does not conform to the standards and spirit of the school.

Statement of Faith

Without apology, Genesee Christian School holds to a fundamental Statement of Faith. The Statement of Faith in full may be secured from the school office.

We believe in the following

- ❖ the inspiration of the Bible
- ❖ the triune God;
- ❖ the creation of man by the direct act of God;
- ❖ the incarnation and virgin birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ;
- ❖ salvation by grace through faith, the free gift of God;
- ❖ the progressive work of sanctification;
- ❖ the keeping power of God;
- ❖ the prominence of the local and visible church;
- ❖ the ordinances of baptism by immersion and the Lord's supper;
- ❖ the honoring of civil government;
- ❖ the pre-tribulational rapture of the church and the resurrection of the righteous to life;
- ❖ and the personal return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to reign on earth for a thousand years, after which the wicked will be judged.

Philosophy of Education

The philosophy of education at GCS is as follows

First Premise

The World is God's Property –

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1). On this basis, it is the conviction of GCS that the school environment must be theistic; it must begin with God and never interpret data apart from God and His Word.

Second Premise

God Gave Man Responsibilities that Relate to this Earth (Genesis 1:28).

- A. "Subdue the earth" - Man is to seek to discover, study and explain earthly phenomena in the light of the Creator-God. The treasures of earth's mysteries are to be tapped for the glory of God. This is a mandate for true science.
- B. "Rule over the earth" -- Man as an intelligent being, created in God's image, is to conquer every aspect of life on this planet and utilize it for God's glory and man's good.

Third Premise

Man requires preparation to meet these responsibilities. This training is essentially the responsibility of the home (Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4). On this basis, it is the conviction of GCS that the Christian school environment should, in reality, be an extension of the Christian home. There are three basic areas of development that Christian education must provide:

- A. Character -- this is spiritual -- what the student is;
- B. Information -- this is factual -- what the student knows;
- C. Skills -- this is practical -- what the student can do.

Academic Policy

Genesee Christian School seeks to foster a curriculum which honors Christ and promotes high academic standards. While we cannot guarantee the success of each child enrolled, we do seek to provide an atmosphere which is conducive to high achievement.

Curriculum

Kindergarten

Bible
Phonics
Reading
Numbers
Music
Art
Story Time
Physical Education
Recess
Computer/Spanish

Grades 1-5

Bible
Reading
English
Math
Science
History
Spelling
Spanish
Physical Education
Music
Band (5th)
Art
Computer

Grades 6-8

Bible
English
Math/Algebra I
Science/Health
History
Spanish
Keyboarding
Physical Education
Home Economics
Band/Choir
Woodshop
Art
Study Skills (6)

Grades 9-12:

Bible 9, 10, 11, 12
English 9, 10, 11, 12; Speech; Journalism; AP Literature
Algebra I; Algebra II; Geometry; Consumer Math; Advanced Math;
Accounting; Senior Math; AP Calculus
U.S. History; World History; Government; Economics; Geography;
AP Psychology; AP U.S. History
Physical Science; Biology; Chemistry; Physics; AP Biology
Physical Education; Physical Fitness; Health; Choir; Art; Yearbook
Spanish I; Spanish II; Computer; Home Economics; Family Living
Other electives may be offered depending upon student interest.

Grading Scale

A	100 - 91	Excellent
B	90 - 81	Good
C	80 - 71	Average
D	70 - 61	Poor
F	60 - 00	Failing

This scale may be augmented in some courses at the discretion of the administration. Grade Point Averages (GPA's) are calculated on a 4.0 scale. (Advanced Placement classes are calculated using a 1.1 factor).

Grade Reporting

Report cards are sent home quarterly along with progress reports during each quarter. Report cards and progress reports are also available through ParentsWeb. Genesee Christian School operates on a semester basis so that only the semester grades go on the permanent record. The semester grade is a calculation of the two quarter grades and the semester final. The marking period grade is reflective of both daily work and measurement scores of tests and quizzes.

Honor Rolls

After each grading period, GCS will publish two Honor Roll lists. To be on the Honor Roll, a student must have a 3.0 GPA with no grade lower than a C-. To be on the "All A's" Honor Roll, a student must have all A's with no grade lower than an A-. Honor Roll lists will be published at the end of each quarter in the *Courier*.

Conferences

It is the school's desire to help parents raise their children to become strong, healthy, responsible adults. The teachers and staff members are happy to participate in conferences with the parents during scheduled parent-teacher conferences. More importantly, they are pleased to meet with parents or communicate via phone, letter, or e-mail on a more frequent basis if and when a need arises. The prayer of each staff member is that the love of God will be evident in everything said and done at GCS.

Admissions Policy

Student admission is based upon achievement levels, an admissions test, an interview with an administrator, and openings in the particular grade levels. Please note the following:

1. Students must have a genuine desire to attend Genesee Christian School.
2. An application form and all required paperwork in the application packet must be returned to the school office.
3. An interview between the administration, the student, and at least one parent will be scheduled.
4. New students may be required to take an entrance test before grade placement is finalized and acceptance determined.
5. Students entering the sixth grade and above must give a positive testimony that he/she has received Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior.
6. Upon acceptance, the registration fee must be paid in full before name(s) will be placed on class lists.
7. Students will not be allowed to remain in school if they do not cooperate with the overall purpose and program.
8. A student who has been dismissed from another educational institution will not be considered for enrollment until one calendar year has passed.
9. All new students in grades 6-12 must successfully complete a semester of general probation in order to continue as a student of GCS.
10. Students who are pregnant, students who have children, or students who have been married may not attend GCS.
11. Genesee Christian School feels strongly that attitude is of supreme importance in a person's life. Therefore, students who manifest an unchristlike attitude toward the Bible, prayer, parents, teachers, administration, etc. will not be allowed to remain in school.
12. GCS reserves the right to dismiss any student if the administration feels that his or her attendance is not an asset to the school.
13. GCS students grades 6th-12th must sign a Handbook Awareness Statement (found in the Student Handbook) at the beginning of each school year. This statement of conduct outlines that each student understands what is expected of him/her during the school year. A more thorough outline of dress code and discipline actions are outlined in the Student Handbook.

Age Limits

Preschool	Must be 2 ½ years old and potty trained
Four year old Kindergarten	Must be 4 years old by September 1
Five year old Kindergarten	Must be 5 years old by September 1

Students must graduate before their 20th birthday
*Any exceptions must be approved by administration

Arrival and Dismissal

Elementary Building

Students transported by car should arrive between 8:00-8:15 a.m. each day. Our latchkey program is available from 6:30-8:00 a.m. Latchkey information will be distributed at the annual orientation meetings. Students should be picked up between 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. each day. Students remaining after 3:15 p.m. will be placed in the latchkey program.

On days of early dismissals, students must be picked up within 15 minutes of dismissal time or they will be placed in the latchkey program.

If someone other than the parent will be picking up your child, please notify the office in advance. Your child's safety is important.

High School Building

The high school building is open by 7:30 a.m. each day. Students should stay in designated areas until school starts.

Students transported by car should be picked up between 3:05 - 3:20 p.m. each day. Parents are asked to use the north parking lot for drop-off and pick-up. All student drivers are to park in the rear area of the high school building.

If someone other than the parent will be picking up your child, please notify the office in advance. Your child's safety is important.

Athletic Program

General

Genesee Christian School maintains an interscholastic sports program competing in soccer, basketball, volleyball, baseball and other areas as deemed necessary due to enrollment. Cheerleaders help encourage our teams and promote school spirit.

GCS is a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and adheres to the association's standards of eligibility. Consequently, GCS will play both public and private schools.

All participants must be currently enrolled as a student at GCS.

The purpose of our athletic program is to:

1. Instill Christian character,
2. Develop the Christian philosophy of the true Winner's Creed based on Colossians 3:23,
3. Develop self-confidence,
4. Increase and build proper school spirit.

All athletes and cheerleaders must demonstrate attitudes and actions that are consistent with the rules and goals of Genesee Christian School and its athletic program. Students found out of harmony with standards and goals of the program will be dismissed from the squad.

Eligibility

Academic progress and conduct will be evaluated on a weekly basis by the administration. Students who participate in our athletic program are required to maintain the following standards of scholarship and conduct.

1. Student athletes must be passing all classes with a "D-" or above.
2. Student athletes must maintain a "C-" in Bible.
3. Student athletes must maintain no lower than a "C" average (2.0 gpa) for all core classes (Bible, English, science, math, and social studies).
4. Student-athletes must maintain acceptable behavior according to the student code of conduct.

Athletic Handbook

All students participating in our athletic program will receive an Athletic Handbook that contains additional information.

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential if the student is to receive full benefits of his/her educational opportunity and cultivate the valuable life skills that grow out of this practice. GCS is genuinely concerned any time a student is absent from school or late to class. It is important for everyone involved to recognize that both the school staff and parents have a shared responsibility in assisting students to develop desirable habits relative to punctuality and attendance.

If a student is not able to be in school for any reason, the parent should call the school before 9:00 a.m. that day to inform the office of the absence. Homework requests must be called in by 9:00 a.m. to allow time to gather the necessary materials. (At the high school, please use the attendance line number listed in the front of this handbook.) The student will be given one day for each day absent

with which to make up missed work. Work must be completed and turned in by the end of grade period to receive full credit. Students absent for a period of five days or longer must make up work under special arrangements with their individual teachers.

Students should not exceed twelve (12) total days of absence per semester. Exceptions will be considered by the administration in special cases, such as physical disability or extended illness.

Pre-Arranged Absences

A student who is seeking a pre-arranged absence must secure a permission form from the school office. This form must be signed by teachers, parents and administration. It must be turned in to the office at least two days prior to the day of departure. All school work must be made up at the teacher's discretion. Students must obtain proper permission from school in order to make-up work.

Tardiness

Students arriving at school, after school is in session, must report to the office for a tardy pass before going to their classroom. If a student is late for class, he will be issued an unexcused tardy. Unexcused tardiness is subject to disciplinary action. Chronic tardiness will be dealt with by the administration.

Early Dismissal

Any student leaving early must sign out through the office. The adult designated to pick-up should come to the office and the office will call for the student. The parent or guardian must sign each student out on the attendance clipboard. The school office should be contacted by 2:00 p.m. in the case of an unexpected change in a student's transportation home.

Genesee Christian School operates a closed campus. A student may not leave campus during lunch or any other time unless accompanied by his parent or authorized individual.

Bible Curriculum

Bible study and Bible memory work are fundamental requirements of all students at Genesee Christian School. Without Bible study; a student is not educated in the true sense of the word. The Bible says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7a).

We hold the Bible as our principal textbook, and we interpret other subjects in the light of the Scripture. “Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. (Psalm 128:1). “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word” (Psalm 119:9).

All students are taught a planned program of Bible study each day and attend regularly scheduled chapel programs. The Word of God is the foundation for all academic truth. A Christian school is privileged to use this most important tool in the work of character building, which is perhaps the most necessary talk of a school. It far excels all other courses offered in laying a sure foundation of moral and spiritual values. Every effort will be made to incorporate the scriptures in every subject. To provide consistency and continuity for Bible study and memorization work, the King James translation will be used by all classes.

Books and Supplies

A book fee for all textbooks is included in the cost of tuition. Students will be held responsible to replace lost or damaged books.

A supply list is distributed each year for materials that the student is responsible for, i.e. paper, pens, pencils, notebooks, etc.

For the sake of uniformity, every student is required to have a complete copy of the King James Version of the Bible at school. Bibles are available to purchase in each building’s office.

Care of School Property

Genesee Christian School is considered to be God’s property. Respect for the appearance and care of the school is a part of the Christian testimony presented by GCS. We all need to work together in keeping our campuses neat and orderly.

Students who disfigure property, break windows, or do other damage to school property or equipment will be required to pay for the damage done or replace the item in addition to being disciplined.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

Elementary

Students have access to the phones in the office for all emergency calls. No cell phones are to be used during school hours.

High School

If students bring cell phones to school, they must be kept in their lockers and not used during school hours. All calls must be made from Student Services under the supervision of our office personnel. We reserve the right to restrict cell phone usage if this privilege is abused.

Child Abuse Policy

GCS is required by law to report any evidences of parental child abuse. In cases of suspected child abuse, the principal or teacher will immediately notify the administrator.

Church Attendance

All Genesee Christian School students are expected to be faithful in local church attendance. We feel that our students should attend all Sunday and mid-week services. Services are defined as those kinds of programs and/or activities in which God's Word is either preached or taught.

Communicable Disease Policy

It is not the desire of Genesee Christian School to discriminate against any student, but it is recognized that certain life-threatening diseases can afflict children. GCS has great compassion and sympathy, yet we are faced with the challenge of providing a safe haven for those students entrusted to our care by their loving parents. Our purpose is to protect our students from exposure to mortal illnesses.

Therefore, it is the policy of Genesee Christian School to recommend a Christian education for a child with a communicable disease only through a recognized Home School Program. The concern is twofold: 1) that other students not be infected, and 2) that the ill student not become infected with other diseases transmitted by fellow students or others within the school family.

Students enrolled at GCS or children who seek to enroll at GCS who are diagnosed to be carrying any communicable or potentially lethal disease shall be accorded the opportunity to enroll in a home school program. We will be glad to provide names of schools offering such services.

Students diagnosed with such diseases will not be permitted to enroll until they have been medically diagnosed as no longer carrying the communicable disease.

This policy is to apply to diseases such as, but not limited to Acquired Immuno-Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), hepatitis C, etc.

Conferences

Parents are encouraged to attend all parent-teacher conferences during the school year. In the event of special questions or problems, the parents are requested to schedule a conference with the teacher.

The GCS faculty and administration welcomes the opportunity to meet with parents to help meet the student's individual needs.

Discipline

Foundation

Webster defines discipline as "training that corrects, molds, or perfects the mental faculties or moral character." Genesee Christian School's code of conduct is directed at making disciples (disciplined ones) of our students. Genesee Christian School is committed to the establishment of reasonable and proper standards consistent with Scripture for the purpose of training young people to think and act in a reasonable and proper manner.

The primary source of right conduct is the heart of the Christian who loves Christ and seeks to obey and submit to His Word. While the Bible clearly teaches that outward conduct does not of itself signify inward righteousness, it is also clear that a person's heart condition will show itself in that person's behavior. If the heart is right before God, it will bring forth right conduct.

The standards of the school's conduct code should not be seen as a test of spirituality. Some of the rules do have a strict Biblical basis (e.g. prohibition of alcohol and pornography); others are reasonable guidelines based on general Biblical principles (e.g. dress standards). Still others are issued in order to assist the smooth operation of the school (e.g. no talking in class).

All of these rules have a definite purpose, whether to enable the students to abstain from worldliness or to facilitate decency and order.

Goal of Discipline

The Biblical goal of discipline is repentance and restoration. The Bible gives us the mandate to do all things "decently and in order." Therefore, it is necessary to develop self-discipline in the lives of our students that they might grow and mature in their Biblical convictions of right behavior. When inappropriate behavior occurs, discipline will be used to bring a student to the point of repentance and restoration. Repentance and restoration, however, do not mean there will be no consequences. Parents will be kept informed of disciplinary proceedings.

Assertive Discipline

The teachers at GCS use “Assertive Discipline,” a positive program of behavior management, in their classrooms. Behavior expectations are clearly posted in each classroom along with the hierarchy of corrective consequences for disobedience, and positive consequences for obedience.

Means of Discipline

In dealing with violations of proper conduct, the school reserves the right to use appropriate means of discipline including warnings, lunch detentions, demerits, after-school detention, parent conferences, in-school and out-of-school suspensions, and expulsion. A complete list of discipline guidelines including consequences for specific offenses is available in the student handbook.

Code of Conduct

1. No student will be admitted to, or retained in, the school who engages in openly unscriptural, immoral or worldly practices. This includes, but is not restricted to, use of tobacco, illicit drugs, narcotics, alcoholic beverages, evil language, pornographic or lewd materials, involvement in premeditated cheating, vandalism, and social dancing (including attendance at proms, prom programs or dancing establishments).
2. Students are to show proper respect for authority. This extends to administration, faculty, staff, custodial staff, coaches, bus drivers, substitute teachers, teachers' aides, or any other person acting in an official capacity with the school. Requests made by such persons in authority are to be carried out cheerfully, quickly and responsibly.
3. In the classroom, students are expected to be prepared and on time for each class. They are not to talk or be out of their seats without permission. They are to conduct themselves in a non-disruptive manner.
4. As Christians, students are to exhibit the utmost unselfishness and kindness toward their fellow students. Courtesy and proper deportment are to be the rule rather than the exception.
5. Students are to exhibit proper conduct toward the opposite sex. Holding hands and other forms of physical contact between the sexes are not permitted.
6. Students are to demonstrate such common Christian virtues as honesty, self-control, respect, promptness, orderliness, and submission.

7. Other general rules include the following:
 - No petitions are to be circulated.
 - No running in the halls.
 - No gum chewing in school without permission
 - Students are not to be in restricted areas without permission.
8. Any student who is guilty of violating rules during the senior trip or who is sent home for those infractions will forfeit his privilege of participating in commencement.
9. All movies should be reviewed by parents for questionable content. As a guideline, movies with a PG-13 or above rating are unacceptable.
10. All students in grades 6-12 must annually sign a Handbook Awareness Statement sheet as a pre-requisite to enrollment. This sheet must be signed on a yearly school basis.
11. Serious code of conduct offenses along with discipline guidelines, are detailed in the Student Handbook.

GCS Dress Code

Genesee Christian School seeks to support the instruction of young people in such virtues as modesty and propriety. We consider dress standards to be an important means toward that end. It is our goal to teach proper dress habits for appropriate activities. These activities include school instruction, athletic contests, special events, and formal banquets.

Our dress should reflect our Christian walk and character. Our outward appearance is a reflection of our hearts and minds. It is the desire of this school to encourage all teachers and students to magnify Christ in the wearing of clothing which displays decency and modesty. GCS does not condemn styles or trends, but for the ease of enforcement, must maintain a standardized dress code.

Since styles and fashion fads change rapidly in our society, GCS reserves the right to adopt and enforce appropriate dress code standards not specified in this dress code. The building principal or administrator will have the final decision concerning any questionable clothing worn by a student. GCS reserves the right to require any student dressed unacceptably to change clothing before attending classes.

All students shall conform to the dress standards of GCS as enforced by the administration. The standards stated below should not be considered exhaustive, but are examples of the type of standards that will be upheld at the school.

General Guidelines

A modest and neat dress code should be followed by all students. As a general guideline, boys wear collar shirts and dress slacks, and girls dress in modest shirts and below the knee skirts/dresses.

1. Students are expected to dress according to the dress code from the time they arrive on school property until they leave for the day or begin practice for after school activities.
2. Students are expected to be in approved school attire for all day, evening, and weekend school activities.
3. All garments must be modest, neat and clean.
4. All garments are to have a traditional fit. Oversized or extremely tight styles are not permitted. Pants are to be worn at the waist (no sagging).
5. All shirts are to be tucked in and completely buttoned, excluding the top two buttons.
6. Girls' tops must completely cover midriff even when arms are raised.
7. Skirt lengths are to be to the bottom of the knee or longer. Slits shall be no higher than the top of the knee.
8. Designer logos on approved clothing items are permissible. Any logos, pictures, or wording must meet GCS standards.
9. Hairstyle extremes and non-traditional or unnatural hair colors are not permitted.
10. Jackets, coats, hats, sunglasses, and other outside apparel may not be worn in class.
11. Tattoos and body piercing are not allowed. Girls are allowed to have up to two piercings per ear. Violations will be reviewed by the administration and school board. Suspensions and/or expulsions may result.
12. See Student Handbook for specific dress code information.

Banquets

Girls who attend the annual junior/senior banquet must bring their apparel to school to be checked. Guidelines for dresses can be found in the Student Handbook.

Infractions

Students found out of dress code will receive an appropriate discipline write-up. Students will be requested to correct the dress code infraction before being allowed to attend classes or activities.

Emergency Closings

In the event of school closing GCS will notify parents via email and through the following radio and television stations:

Radio:	WUGN	99.7 FM
	WMPC	1230 AM
Television:	WNEM	Channel 5
	WJRT	Channel 12
	WEYI	Channel 25

Field Trips

Field trips are taken at various times during the year to places of educational interest. Students are required to maintain the same level of discipline away from school as is required at school.

If any dress code changes are warranted, announcements will be made in advance. Chaperones are expected to dress modestly and appropriate for school activities.

Graduation Requirements

To graduate from Genesee Christian School, a student must accumulate a minimum of 24 credits during the ninth through twelfth grades. To earn one credit, a student must pass both semesters of a subject area. Credits are earned on a semester average (1/2 credit per semester). Each student must be enrolled in and pass a Bible class each year.

Required Credits	Class of <u>2011</u>	Class of 2012 <u>and beyond</u>
Bible	4	4
English	4	4
Mathematics (senior year required)	2	3
Algebra I		
Algebra II		
Geometry		
Consumer Math/Accounting		
Advanced Math/Senior Math/Calculus		
Science	2	3
Physical		
Biology		
Chemistry or Physics		
Social Studies	3	3
U.S. History		
World History		
Government/Economics		
Speech	½	½
Technology		½
PE/Health	1	1
Fine Arts	1	1
Electives	6 ½	4

Commencement

To participate in the annual commencement ceremony, students must meet all of the following requirements:

1. The student must have earned a full 24 credits and successfully passed all required courses. (A student may participate if missing up to ½ credit but must complete the missing credit before a diploma will be issued.)
2. The student must have satisfied all time and financial obligations owed to GCS.
3. Attendance requirements established by GCS must be fulfilled.

Dual & Concurrent Enrollment

Students are allowed to dual enroll in college classes during the school year. Students may also concurrently attend the Genesee Area Skill Center or classes at another educational institution provided the following requirements are met:

1. Full tuition is due GCS.
2. The student cannot miss Bible class or chapel.
3. Transportation is the parent's/student's responsibility.
4. The student must be enrolled in a minimum of four (4) classes at GCS.

Any outside course work approved by GCS prior to completion will be included on the student's transcript and will count towards that student's GPA. Outside class work will reflect the grade given by that institution. No AP weight will be given unless the class is designated as an AP class by that institution.

Grading Scale: Grades 9-12

GCS uses a 4.0 grading scale. AP courses are weighted with a 1.1 factor, thus it is possible for a student to earn a grade point average above 4.0. The grade point average (GPA) is calculated after each semester. The GPA reflects the total average of all semesters completed. GCS operates on a semester basis, and semester grades are entered on each student's transcript. The following information is used to calculate GPA's.

94 – 100	A	4.00
91 – 93	A-	3.67
88 – 90	B+	3.33
84 – 87	B	3.00
81 – 83	B-	2.67
78 – 80	C+	2.33
74 – 77	C	2.00
71 – 73	C-	1.67
68 – 70	D+	1.33
64 – 67	D	1.00
61 – 63	D-	0.67
60 – 00	F	0.00

(GCS uses a 4.0 scale universal to most secondary schools. Since 4.0 is the highest earned GPA, we do not use A+ as a distinct grade since there is no numeric distinctive.)

In general, no homework assignment should take an unreasonable time for any grade level. If a child spends an excessive amount of time on homework, the parent should contact the teacher to alleviate the problem.

To encourage church attendance for both children and parents, it is the policy of GCS that our teachers will not give homework on Wednesday nights.

Office Hours

A. School Time: (August 16 – June 15)

1. All offices will be open from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
2. All offices will be closed on holidays and during vacation times.
3. The Day Care program will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Advance notice will be given when the Day Care and Latch Key programs will be closed.

B. Summer Hours: (June 16 – August 15)

1. The administrative and high school office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday. Offices will be closed on Fridays and during the first week of July.
2. The elementary office will be closed June 16 to August 15.
3. The Day Care program will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Day Care will be closed on holidays or when advance notice is given.

Probation

Probation gives a student an opportunity to correct his or her deficiencies. Students may be placed on academic, attendance, or disciplinary probation. If probation is deemed necessary, a probation contract will state the conditions for continued enrollment and will be signed by the student, parent, and administration. If the student does not improve to a satisfactory level, he or she will be asked to withdraw from GCS. The administration reserves the right to dismiss any student not in compliance with the academic, attendance, or disciplinary standards of Genesee Christian School Ministries. A continued bad attitude or negative influence upon the other students can also result in dismissal.

Re-enrollment

Present students may enroll for the fall term beginning in February of each year. The general public may enroll beginning April 1 each year. Parents are encouraged to enroll early to secure placement for their children. Space is often limited, and names are placed on class rosters once the registration card is turned in. Registration fees paid by April 1st receive a \$35 discount (\$25 for kindergarten). All registration fees are due by June 1st.

Financial Information

Application fees must be submitted with the application for enrollment. Upon acceptance, the registration fee is due. Once received, names will be placed on classroom rosters.

Parents annually receive a Tuition Payment Preference Form to indicate how they desire to pay their annual tuition payments. This form is to be returned to the Financial Director's office. Three payment options are available:

1. A single payment (less a 5% full payment discount) is due by July 15th each year. This is to be paid directly to the school.
2. A two semester payment plan: one half of the tuition is due by July 15th; the second half is due by December 15th. This is to be paid directly to the school.
3. Payments are made through the FACTS Tuition Payment Plan and may be made on a 10 month or 12 month plan. This is set up as an automatic withdrawal from a checking or savings account.

Statement of Cooperation

Families must annually sign and return a statement of cooperation.

1. We have read the School Handbook (may be found on website or school office) and will cooperate with and support the administration and the written policies therein.
2. We have read the school's Statement of Faith (may be found on website or school office) and are in agreement that these essential doctrines will be taught to our child.
3. We know that Genesee Christian School Ministries is an independent fundamental school with Baptist doctrine as its foundation for belief in teaching all academic subjects.
4. We hereby invest authority in the school to discipline our child. This would include student and/or parent conferences, demerits, detentions, suspension, or expulsion from the school, as necessary. While we understand that the primary place of discipline is the home, we authorize the school to discipline our child as an extension of our own admonition

and correction (Proverbs 13:24; 22:6; 23:13,14; Colossians 3:20; Hebrews 12:6; Galatians 4:2).

5. If for any reason our child does not respond favorably to the school, we will not try to change the school to fit his needs, but will withdraw quietly and without delay.
6. As a Christian family that believes in the teachings of the Bible, we agree not to sue Genesee Christian School Ministries (I Corinthians 6: 6,7).
7. We give permission for our child to take part in all school activities including sports and school sponsored trips away from the school premises.
8. We agree to hold the school and staff harmless in the event of any injury to our child at school or during any school activity.
9. In the case of accident or serious illness, we request that the school contact us. If the school is unable to contact us, we hereby authorize the school to take the appropriate steps with regard to our child's safety. We understand that the school will not dispense any medication, prescription or non-prescription, unless supplied by the parent to the office in original container with a doctor's or parent's note detailing specific administrative directions. Students are not to carry medications during school.
10. We will assure that our child's apparel and appearance conforms to the dress code as stated in the handbook.
11. We understand that we are financially responsible for registration fees, tuition, and any damage to school property by our child. We understand that outstanding school bills may result in student records being held by GCS.
12. We agree to uphold the high academic standards of GCS by providing a place at home for our child to study and to give our child encouragement in the completion of all assignments.
13. We understand that the administration will be making the final decision regarding placement of our child as far as room, teacher, and class assignment.
14. We will support the school's endeavor to provide an environment conducive to the spiritual growth and development of students who are not yet mature Christians in the following areas:
 - a. To refrain from swearing, indecent language, smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, the abuse of drugs, gambling, pornography, and social dancing.
 - b. To refrain from disorderly and boisterous behavior, and violation of civil laws on or off campus.
 - c. To maintain Christian standards in courtesy, kindness, morality and honesty.
 - d. To maintain Christian standards and good judgment in the types of music, reading materials, videos, movies, television programs, and computer/internet activities in which our students participate.

15. We give permission to the school to use pictures of our child in the school yearbook, activity programs, and other promotional materials for school use. We agree to provide a statement in writing if we do not want our child's picture used in any of these printed materials.

The selection of restrictions mentioned in this Statement of Cooperation may appear arbitrary to some; but while not condemning others who see differently, Genesee Christian School believes that the restrictions named are types of conduct which are detrimental to the standards established as its objective. Students are expected to abide by this Statement of Cooperation throughout their enrollment at GCS.

Statement of Policy

A. The Charismatic Movement

Definition:

The charismatic movement, or neo-pentecostalism, is a contemporary phenomenon which embraces the point of view that "sign gifts" of the New Testament era are applicable throughout this dispensation. This movement has eclipsed denominational boundaries and has become a common denominator for the ecumenical church.

Position:

It is the position of Genesee Christian School that

1. the "sign gifts" were temporary in nature and designed for the purposes of authenticating and accrediting the message of the New Testament gospel (II Corinthians 12:12; John 20:30-31).
2. the "sign gifts" ceased in their function by the time of the completion of the New Testament documents, at the very latest (I Corinthians 13:8-11).

We are unalterably opposed to this position.

A full statement of the School's position may be secured from the main office.

B. The Evangelical Movement

New evangelicalism is a movement among evangelical believers which rejects the doctrine of ecclesiastical and personal separation.

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1. Embraces the Biblical philosophy of separatism in all ecclesiastical relationships.

2. Rejects the New Evangelical philosophy of syncretism (the wedding of believers and unbelievers in spiritual enterprises) as being unscriptural.
3. Will not in any way identify with the New Evangelical movement or the ecumenical movement.

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C. Contemporary Christian Music

Genesee Christian School is opposed to music that promotes unrighteous living and rebellion against authority. We believe that this type of music has no place in a Christian's life.

We are growing increasingly concerned about certain types of contemporary Christian music that are heavily influenced by music that is opposed to Christian values. We have serious doubts as to the legitimacy of "Christian rock" music as a means of evangelism or worship; we are also sensitive to the real offense that this music represents to many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We do not believe that every form of music is a "neutral" medium of expression.

For these reasons, please note the following policy:

Religious rock music is not to be played on school property or in vehicles transporting students to or from any school activity. Failure to comply will result in loss of driving privileges.

D. Video Entertainment Services

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." (Phil 4:8)

The GCS family is implored to think on things that are true, honorable, right, pure, of good repute, excellent and worthy of praise. Genesee Christian School is unequivocally opposed to video services which are lewd or immoral in content, including public and commercial television, cable services, and video rentals. We strongly urge families to govern their viewing habits according to Psalm 101:3 and Philippians 4:8 as they consider the negative effects of the influence of this ungodliness in the home.

In view of the role of the motion picture industry in the contamination of biblical family values, we further expect families to choose only motion pictures and television programming that are in line with the standards of GCS and consistent with biblical values and Christian character. All movies should be reviewed by

parents for questionable content. As a guideline, movies with a PG-13 or above rating are unacceptable.

Students who violate the spirit of this statement of policy may be asked to withdraw from Genesee Christian School.

Student Services

Any student who will be driving to school at any time during the year must secure and complete a Driver's Permission Form. A copy of this Form will be returned to the student in the form of a permit which must be kept in the vehicle and must be visible, without exception. This permit will include a list of regular passengers who will be coming to school with the driver.

Upon arrival at school, the car is to be parked in the designated parking area, and the driver and passengers are to come immediately into the school building.

Vehicles driven to school are off limits from the time of arrival until 3:05 p.m. unless specific permission is granted by the administration.

Drivers are to exercise caution at all times. Buses and pedestrians are to be given the right-of-way. Buses, dumpsters, and vehicle traffic areas are never to be blocked by parked cars. Automobiles are to be locked.

Unsafe driving and chronic tardiness by student drivers will result in loss of driving privileges.

Telephones

Students may use the office telephone (high school and elementary school) for emergency purposes. There may be a charge for this service. School and cell phones are not to be used for social calls during school hours.

Visiting Students

Prospective students are welcome to visit GCS. Parents of prospective students should make arrangements in advance of the visit. The administration would appreciate visiting students conforming as much as possible to Genesee Christian's dress code.

Volunteers

Parents who are able to volunteer their services are greatly appreciated. There is an opportunity to help at field trips, lunch room, school parties, and other school time events. The weekly newsletter (*Courier*) is a good place to look for these opportunities. Volunteers may be asked to abide by our school dress code and are subject to background check consistent with the practices of regular school employees.

Withdrawal from School

Withdrawal from school must be made by the parent or guardian in person in the school office. A “Withdrawal Form” must be completed in full by the parent, student, and school personnel. Records will not be released until all financial obligations are paid and all textbooks/materials belonging to the school have been returned.

No refunds will be made on the registration fee. Tuition will be pro-rated according to the number of days enrolled plus two. Therefore, if a student attends 90 days, tuition will be prorated at 92/172.