

# Riverdale Christian Academy

## Parent Agreement and Code of Conduct

Riverdale Christian School is fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Our parents recognize that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents and the school community. As a partnership, our parents will understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons, we continue to welcome and encourage parents/guardians to participate fully in the life of our school.

The purpose of this agreement is to provide a reminder to all parents and visitors to our school about the expected conduct and policies. This is so we can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

### Guidance:

#### We expect parents, guardians, caregivers and visitors to:

- Respect the school.
- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- Demonstrate that **all** members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behavior.
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
- Correct own child's behavior especially when it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behavior or unsafe behavior.
- Approach the school, not other parents, to help resolve any issues of concern.
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behavior.

#### ***Romans 13:1-7***

*Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.*

#### **In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school cannot tolerate parents, guardians, caregivers and visitors exhibiting the following:**

- Disruptive behavior which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office, office area or any other area of the school grounds including sporting events.
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper outside of Christian character.
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent or pupil regardless of whether or not the behavior constitutes a criminal offence.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication to any Riverdale employee.

- Gossiping with other parents, teachers, staff or guests regarding the school, teachers, processes, policies or otherwise.
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parent/staff, at the school on Facebook or other social sites. Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher or the Principal, so the matter can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child. (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences).
- Smoking (cigarettes or vapors) and consumption of alcohol or other drugs while on school property.

Should **any** of the above behaviors occur, the school may feel it is necessary to remove the offending family from Riverdale Christian Academy and contact the appropriate authorities if necessary. The Board of Directors will determine the appropriate action.

***Proverbs 19:20***

*Listen to advice and accept **discipline**, and at the end you will be counted among the wise.*

**Policies:**

**Tuition Payment**

Since the school has a financial obligation to its employees, students are considered enrolled for the entire school year. Tuition is calculated on the basis of the entire school year; therefore, no reductions can be made for vacations or school holidays. If a student enters after the school year has begun, charges are pro-rated according to actual number of days enrolled. No deductions will be made for tuition during the school year, regardless of the cause of such absence. All accounts must be paid in full by the first of each month.

**Discipline**

I understand that sending my children to Riverdale is a privilege and not a right. The goals of the school are not to reform, but to train Christian youth in the highest principles of Christian leadership, self-discipline, individual responsibility, personal integrity and good citizenship. I also believe that discipline is necessary for the welfare of each student, as well as for the entire school. I give permission for my child's teacher and/or other agent of the school to make and enforce classroom regulations and school policies in a manner consistent with Christian principles on discipline as set forth in the Scriptures.

***Proverbs 15:32***

*Those who disregard **discipline** despise themselves, but the one who heeds correction gains understanding.*

**Withdrawal Notice**

I agree to give a 30-day notice before withdrawing my student. I understand that I am responsible for the year's tuition unless special arrangements are made with the school board.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Early Pick-Up**

I understand that picking up my child(ren) from school before dismissal time causes classroom disruption, so I will limit early pick up to instances where my child(ren) has a scheduled medical/dental appointment and will bring in a doctor's note to excuse the early pick-up. Like a tardy, student's miss important schoolwork—to this end, early pick up will carry the same consequence as a tardy where three tardies equal one unexcused absence. Three early pick-ups will equal one unexcused absence.

**Proverbs 9:9**

*Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.*

**Student Bins**

I understand that the student bins are property of the school and that the school has a right to open and search student bins. The school is not responsible for items/articles lost or stolen.

**Liability**

I further agree to hold the school and its agents harmless for any liability to my child or any guardian or parent thereof because of any claims on behalf of my child against the school or any agent thereof because of any injury or alleged injury to my child. Should legal action for any reason be taken against the school or any employee or agent thereof on my child's behalf and the school or its legal agent not be found at fault, I agree to pay any attorney fees, court fees, damages or other costs that the school or its agent should incur to defend itself against such action.

**1 Corinthians 6:1**

*If any of you has a dispute with another, do you dare to take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the Lord's people?*

We trust that parents and caregivers will assist our school with the implementation of these policy and we thank you for your continuing support of Riverdale Christian School.

This Parental Agreement and Code of Conduct will be in effect for as long as my children listed below or others to be enrolled attend Riverdale Christian School.

I understand that should my marital status change, it is my responsibility to have a corrected Parental Agreement and Code of Conduct Statement signed, updated, and sent to Riverdale Christian Academy.

I realize that the Christian school is an extension of me, the parent, and I pledge my prayerful support to the school administration and faculty. I will make every effort to work with the school personnel to insure the best possible learning experience for my child.

I have read and so understand the above information and request that my child be accepted to attend Riverdale.

**Name of Child (Oldest to Youngest):**

**Grade:**

**Name of Child:**

**Grade:**

**Name of Child:**

**Grade:**

**Name of Child:**

**Grade:**

**Name of Child:**

**Grade:**

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Father's (Guardian's) Signature

Date

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Mother's (Guardian's) Signature

Date