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Introduction

Central Baptist School was founded as a ministry of the Central Baptist Church in 1962 by Dr. C. R. Williams. The school is dedicated to the training of boys and girls spiritually as well as academically to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. All school policies are determined and supervised by the Central Baptist Church.

SCHOOL VERSE

...he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.—II Timothy 2:21

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Central Baptist School is to equip students so that they may become more like our Savior and vessels fit for His use. Our motives are to win lost students to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, to teach saved students convictions and standards found in God's Word, and to offer an excellent academic program upon which students may build for the rest of their lives.

CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Central Baptist School holds that the Bible is the infallible, divine Word of God and that salvation by faith in Christ is the initial step in the Christian life. The Bible clearly states that spiritual growth into the image of Christ (Romans 8:29) is the work of the Holy Spirit (II Corinthians 3:18). This growth begins with the initial act of saving faith and continues throughout life. The Holy Spirit makes the Christian conscious of Biblical instruction for a holy life which fulfills both God's moral law and high law of love (Matthew 22:37-39; Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:14). The result is a life consecrated unto God and separated from the world.

It is therefore the spiritual objective of Central Baptist School to provide an environment conducive to the spiritual growth and development of young people who are not yet mature Christians. All of the activities of the Christian must be subordinated to the glory of God who indwells us (I Corinthians



8:9,12,13; 10:32). The Christian will endeavor to avoid practices which cause the loss of sensitivity to the spiritual needs of the world and loss of the Christian's physical, mental, or spiritual well-being (I Corinthians 9:27). A standard of conduct based on the following Biblical imperatives is necessary to provide such an environment.

To accomplish our objective, Central Baptist School will seek:

1. To teach the Bible as God's inspired Word and to foster attitudes of love and respect toward it.
To teach the basic doctrines of the Bible.
2. To lead the pupil to a decision of confessing Christ as Savior and Lord.
3. To foster a desire to know and obey the will of God as revealed in the Scriptures.
4. To equip the student to carry out the will of God daily.
5. To impart an understanding of each Christian's place in the church and his obligation to obey the Great Commission in spreading the Gospel of Christ.
6. To develop the mind of Christ toward Godliness and sin and to teach the student how to have victory over sin.
7. To encourage the development of self-discipline and responsibility in the student based on respect for and submission to God and all other authority.
8. To help the student develop for himself a Christian world view by integrating life and studies with the Bible.

A sense of the need for spiritual growth in light of our objective has led Central Baptist School to adopt the following standards which we believe are conducive to the environment that will best promote the spiritual welfare of the student. **The school therefore expects each student, whether at school, home, or elsewhere, to:**

1. Maintain Christian standards in courtesies, kindness, morality, and honesty.
2. Refrain from swearing, indecent language, smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, drug abuse, gambling, dancing, viewing R-rated or X-rated movies, listening to rock, country, or so called "Christian" rock music, and immodest dress.

The preceding list is by no means exhaustive. Central Baptist School believes, however, that these activities are forms of conduct which are detrimental to the standards established as its objective.



Students are expected to abide by these standards throughout their enrollment at Central Baptist School.

In this atmosphere of definite and positive Christian standards of conduct, good scholastic planning, and intimate, personal interest between faculty and student, there is a fine opportunity for development of strong Christian character.

CHURCH AFFILIATION

Students and parents are encouraged to belong to and attend regularly a Bible-believing church. Secondary students are required to be faithful members of Central Baptist Church. In the event that an exception is made to this rule, it will be made at the discretion of the Central Baptist staff and will be based on both behavioral and academic recommendations. Central Baptist School teaches the beliefs and convictions of the Central Baptist Church.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Without apology, Central Baptist School holds to the statement of faith and belief of the Central Baptist Church of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. (The King James Version 1611 is the only accepted Bible in Central Baptist School.)

WE BELIEVE in the verbal, plenary inspiration and authority of the Scriptures (II Timothy 3:16).

WE BELIEVE that the Bible reveals God, the fall of man, the way of salvation, and God's plan and purpose for the ages (Romans 5:6-12).

WE BELIEVE in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

WE BELIEVE in the deity and the virgin birth of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:20-21).

WE BELIEVE that salvation is by grace plus nothing and minus nothing. The conditions of salvation are repentance and faith (Ephesians 2:8-9).

WE BELIEVE that men are justified by faith alone and are accounted righteous before God only through the merit of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ. Justification establishes an eternal relationship that can never be broken (Romans 5:1-2).



WE BELIEVE in the visible, personal, and pre-millennial return of Jesus Christ (I Thessalonians 4:14-18; II Thessalonians 2:1-5).

WE BELIEVE the rapture of the church will be before the Tribulation Period.

WE BELIEVE in a literal Heaven and a literal Hell (I Thessalonians 4:14-18).

WE BELIEVE that prayer is vitally important to undergird the oneness we have in Christ as a Central Baptist School family.

WE BELIEVE parents are the primary educators of their children, spiritually, academically, physically, and socially.

WE BELIEVE that the Bible and religious training are a part of every aspect of the Christian school program.

Academics

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Valedictorian—highest grade point average

Salutatorian—2nd highest grade point average

GUIDELINES FOR THESE AWARDS:

1. Two years in attendance at CBS
2. Based on grade point average (4 point scale) (must have 3.0 or better)
3. Semester grades averaged from grades 9 through 12



ACCREDITATION

Accreditation by a state governmental agency is an administrative mechanism designed as an attempt to attain uniform education for all children in governmental schools. It was established as a governmental means of causing local public school districts to meet what the state educational agencies determined to be minimum academic and facility standards for government schools. Accreditation teams therefore investigate and approve or disapprove according to the criteria developed by secular educational administrators who may not be Christian.

Accreditation of a private Christian school is not necessary for a graduate of the school to enroll in a college or university. Registrars of such institutions are interested in the academic merits of individual students, not in the name of their school of graduation. Thus, they evaluate each applicant's aptitude through nationally standardized tests.

Each student is encouraged to take the ACT throughout 10th-12th grades. All seniors will be required to take the ACT.

GRADES

A+	98-100	B+	88-89	C+	78-79	D+	65-69	F	0-64
A	93-97	B	83-87	C	73-77				
A-	90-92	B-	80-82	C-	70-72				

Progress reports are sent out every three weeks through each quarter. Report cards will be issued after each nine weeks.

All grades will be updated on Facts Family.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

BIBLE	4 Credits
ENGLISH	4 Credits
SOCIAL STUDIES	3 Credits
MATHEMATICS	4 Credits
SCIENCE	3 Credits
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	1 Credit
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2 Credits
PERSONAL FINANCE	.5 Credit
ELECTIVES	2.5 Credits
	24 Credits (for incoming freshmen)

Even though a student may have 24 credits, he may have to repeat his senior year if all the requirements for the core curriculum have not been met.

The high school grade level is determined by the number of credits a student has earned. The following is a chart showing the high school grade placement:

<u>Placement</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Freshman	0-6
Sophomore	7-12
Junior	13-18
Senior	19-24



HOMEWORK

Homework is an integral part of a child's school program. Therefore, it is expected that each child complete homework assignments on time. Homework is given for several reasons:

1. For reinforcement—We believe that most students require adequate review to master material essential to their educational process.
2. For practice—Following classroom explanation, illustration, and review of new work, homework is given so that the material will be mastered.
3. For remedial activity—As instruction progresses, various weak points in a student's grasp of a subject become evident. Homework following instruction is given to overcome such difficulties.
4. For special projects—Book reports, compositions, special research assignments, and projects are some of the activities that are frequently the subject of homework attention.

Students can expect some homework in each grade level. Most students will find that they will be given sufficient time at school to complete some of their assignments; however, if a student is not diligent at completing his required assignments, he may find his homework load quite heavy. **7th-12th grade homework is averaged weekly for a homework grade.**

If incomplete homework is a continual problem, the student may receive detention or other corrective measures. If a parent has questions about homework or some other problem, he should contact the teacher or the school office.

We ask cooperation of parents to ensure that students are given adequate time and a conducive study environment. Students should be allotted approximately 90 minutes per weeknight for homework completion.

HONOR ROLL

Each 9 weeks an honor roll is posted. The following determine the different honor rolls:

A honor roll — All A's

B honor roll — All A's and B's



RETENTION — All Grades

Our school policy for retention is as follows:

An F in any two core subjects (Bible, language, math, reading, science, history) will result in retention at the present grade level.

TESTS AND EXAMS

Semester and final exams will be given in most classes. These exams may be cumulative and make up an important part of the student's grade. Semester exam schedules will be given to the students in advance.

Secondary students who have achieved an A average and have less than 15 absences for the year will not be required to take the final exam at the end of the year.

Dress Code

A part of Christian training is learning to dress appropriately for specific occasions. When attending church, recitals, special programs, or other activities, a Christian should be properly dressed. Central Baptist School wants students who are concerned about their modesty and neatness, both at school and away from school, and expects its students to dress accordingly at all times.

Students must wear the CBS uniform at all times during school hours, unless permission is given by the principal. The dress code is also in effect on school property and at any after-school activity, including ball games played at home or way. The administration reserves the right to be the final judge of what is appropriate for any school activity.



UNIFORMS

All uniforms must be purchased at our online web-store from French Toast Schoolbox. Our school code is QS5YEPA

Girls

- Shirts - French Toast Schoolbox polos
- Skirts - French Toast Schoolbox or Academy Sports Austin Trading Co. Girls' Side Pleated Uniform Scooter
 - Hemlines must be to the bottom of the knee.
 - Skirts must touch the ground in a kneeling position.
 - Skirts must be without designs, embroidery, etc. on the fabric.
- Shoes and Hosiery
 - **Tights or Leggings must be a solid navy blue, white, or black. (no leg warmers, no jeggings)**
 - **Shoes should be neat, clean, and match uniform. Tennis shoes are allowed as long as they match the uniform and soles do not exceed 1.5 inches. (Platform soles are not permitted)**
 - **Socks must be no-show solid color and must match uniform. (no knee or ankle socks)**
 - **Crocs, flip-flops, sandals, boots, open-toed shoes, heelys, or excessively-decorated shoes are not permitted.**
- Hair
 - **Hair must be neat and clean. Fad hairdos, cuts, colors, or unnatural extensions are not permitted. Extreme designs, mullets, mohawks, partially shaved patches, or completely shaved heads are not permitted.**
- Other



- Only the top button of the shirt may be unbuttoned.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Only one earring in each ear is permitted and the earring must be on the ear lobe.
- Earrings must be nickel-size or smaller.
- Make-up must be in good taste.
- Hair may not be dyed to an unnatural color.
- **Nails must be short and neat and no longer than 3/4 inch past the fingertip and nail polish must be conservative. (no black or dark nail polish)**
- Only white undershirts may be seen at the front collar. Colored undershirts are not permitted to be seen. Undershirts are not permitted to hang out from below the uniform shirt.
- **Hoodies, pullovers, sweatshirts, and bright, gaudy jackets are not permitted.**
- **Jackets worn to school must be either French Toast issued or solid navy blue, black, or gray (no other colors are allowed). Only Central sweatshirts ordered through the school will be permitted.**
- Long sleeve shirts under the short sleeve uniform shirts are not permitted. Long sleeve uniform shirts may be purchased from French Toast Schoolbox.

Boys

- Shirts - French Toast Schoolbox polos
- Khaki, Navy Blue, or Gray Pants - French Toast Schoolbox or Academy Sports (Austin Brand)
- Socks, Belts, and Shoes
 - Belts and socks must be worn every day. Exception: pants without belt loops (kindergarten only)
 - Socks, belts, and shoes should match the student's outfit. Socks must be one solid color.
 - **Shoes should be neat, clean, and match uniform. Tennis shoes are allowed as long as they match the uniform and soles do not exceed 1.5 inches. (Platform soles are not permitted)**
 - **Crocs, flip-flops, sandals, boots, heelys, light-ups, or character shoes are not permitted.**



- Hair

- Boys' hair must be clean and neatly cut. The hair should not be shaggy or bushy, may not touch the eyebrows in the front, nor the collar of the shirt in the back, nor the ears. Tails, "punk" or "faddish" **haircuts are not permitted. Line cuts in the hair, shaved portions, "bowl cuts," mohawks, mullets, or hair dyed with peroxide, or any other radical styles or fashions are not permitted.**
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Only the top button of the shirt may be unbuttoned.
- Earrings, necklaces, or bracelets are not permitted.
- **Hoodies, pullovers, sweatshirts, and bright, gaudy jackets are not permitted.**
- **Jackets worn to school must be either French Toast issued or solid navy blue, black, or gray (no other colors are allowed). Only Central sweatshirts ordered through the school will be permitted.**
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS

All students and homeschoolers should only wear P.E. uniforms for P.E. ordered through the school by July 15th. Shorts need to be tried on before ordering to know which length they will need. Please call office for details.

GENERAL

There are times in the school year when our uniforms will not be practical. For these times, certain standards should still be followed. No student should dress out of dress code without the principal's permission. The following apply to non-uniform apparel:

1. Dresses or skirts with slits above the bottom of the knee are not permitted.



2. The front neckline on a top may not come lower than three fingers from the bottom of the neck. The back neckline on a top may not come lower than four fingers from the bottom of the neck.
3. Tight-fitting clothing is not permitted.
4. Tops must have some sort of sleeve. Cap sleeves are permitted.
5. Tops and skirts that show the midriff are not permitted.
6. Apparel promoting other schools is not permitted.
7. An appointed CBS faculty member must approve all banquet and formal dresses. This includes dresses of any non-CBS student who will be attending a school-sponsored event.

DRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT

A hair slip will be issued to any student violating the hair code. The student's hair violation is to be corrected within three days in order for the student to be allowed to attend classes.

Any student violating the dress code rules will be sent to the office and will be asked to call his/her parents to ask them to bring proper attire so that he may change before returning to class and any quizzes or tests missed will be zeros and cannot be made up. Each time following the first offense, all above rules apply and 10 demerits will be given.

Discipline

Our purpose in student discipline is to provide a foundation and to produce the character of Christ through the implementation of biblical principles of correction. **Standards of discipline will help a student maintain the conviction of his parents' hearts. If the parent does not share the convictions of the school regarding separation from ungodly conduct, he would be wise not to enroll the child(ren) in the school because such a parent cannot help support standards related to issues for which he has no personal conviction.**

Central Baptist School's discipline policies can best be described in two applications: behavioral discipline and character development.



- Behavioral discipline provides lessons for students both now and for the future. Lessons of behavioral discipline include:
 1. Teaching the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 1:5-7)
 2. Teaching students to make right decisions and to stand alone for righteousness (Proverbs 1:10-19, 29-33)
 3. Teaching God's laws of cause and effect (Galatians 6:7-8; Deuteronomy 11:26-28)
 4. Teaching restitution for offenses (Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15)
- Character development is necessary for a student to achieve spiritual leadership ability. One of our chief goals at CBS is to develop Christian character within each student. This will be evidenced largely by a child's outward behavior whether he be at home, school, or elsewhere. An undisciplined life is largely an unproductive life. Each student will be challenged to accept responsibility for his assignments, and each student will be expected to accomplish his work promptly and efficiently. This expectation prepares him for a life of stewardship and discernment. Students are reminded that, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." (I Corinthians 10:31)

When a child's attitude is not in accord with school policies or principles, the child will be placed on probation and parents will be called for a conference. If the administration feels the situation has not changed within two weeks, parents will be asked to withdraw the child.

When a teacher thinks a problem warrants more drastic action than he or she is allowed to administer, the child will then be referred to the principal. The principal has, among other options, the authority to give detentions, suspend, or expel. Students and parents should note that attending CBS is a privilege, not a right.

This school is dedicated to the training of children in programs of study, activity, and living that is Christ-centered. Our staff maintains standards of behavior through kindness, love, and genuine regard for the students. However, when disciplinary action becomes necessary, it is firmly carried out, tempered by good judgment and understanding.

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers..." - Romans 13:1

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves..." - Hebrews 13:17

*"For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light, and reproofs of instruction are the way of life."
- Proverbs 10:17*

"He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction, but he that refuseth reproof erreth." - Proverbs 10:19



"Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying." - Proverbs 19:18

"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him."
- Proverbs 22:15

DEMERITS

The demerit system is designed to give the student and parents an objective picture of the student's general behavior. Demerits are accrued on a semester basis. An accumulation of 100 demerits before the final ten school days of a semester will result in automatic expulsion and loss of credit. If the 100th demerit is earned within the final 10 school days of a semester, the student is not expelled but begins the next semester with 50 demerits. Parents will be notified about demerit accumulation as follows:

10 demerits	Letter sent home
20 demerits	Letter sent home, after school detention
25 demerits	Letter sent home, loss of athletic privileges for (at least) 1 game
35 demerits	Letter sent home, loss of athletic privileges for (at least) 1 game
50 demerits	Letter sent home, one-day suspension, loss of athletic privileges for (at least) 2 weeks
75 demerits	Letter sent home, two-days suspension, complete loss of athletic privileges
100 demerits	Letter sent home, expulsion

Absences accumulated during suspension will be considered unexcused, also resulting in zeros on missed quizzes and tests. Any student who accumulates 75 demerits will have 20 demerits removed if he receives no demerits for a three-week period after earning the 75th demerit.

DETENTION

Detention will be held after school on a designated day from 3:05 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. If scheduled for detention, a student may miss practice, interscholastic games, or any other scheduled school activity.

A student who chooses to misbehave during detention will be required to serve again on the next scheduled detention day.



SUSPENSIONS

Serious infractions of school regulations or repeated offenses may result in suspension. The length of suspension will depend upon the offense. Students on suspension may not attend or participate in any extra-curricular activities (including athletic practices and events) during the time of suspension except by permission from the administrator.

Offenses that can result in immediate suspension are listed below. This list is not meant to be all-inclusive but contains examples of behavior that may result in suspension. Ultimately, the principal decides which offenses will result in suspension.

- fighting
- theft
- cheating
- lying
- destroying school property
- excessive absences
- frequent failure to complete assignments
- disobedience
- insubordination
- open rebellion
- disrespect to a teacher

When a student is to be suspended, the school office will notify the parents stating the reason for suspension and a record of the suspension will be kept in the student's file. The principal may require a conference with the student and his parents before allowing the student to re-enter school.

In school suspension (ISS) may also become necessary. Students serving ISS may not talk, communicate, or associate with other students.

Continuous misconduct that results in more than one suspension may result in expulsion. Three suspensions will warrant consideration for expulsion.



EXPULSION

The removal of any student from the school is a serious matter. Situations that bring great discredit upon the school warrant expulsion. Some examples of offenses which may result in expulsion are listed below. This list is not meant to be all-inclusive.

- fighting
- stealing
- use or possession of tobacco, illegal drugs, or alcohol
- bringing weapons to school
- continuous misconduct resulting in several suspensions
- any female student found to be pregnant
- any male student found to have fathered a child
- any student found to be sexually active
- any student who marries
- any conviction of criminal activity

A student who has been expelled may not re-enroll for the current school year but may request enrollment for the following year by submitting a letter to the principal explaining why he should be admitted. (A student and/or parent may submit this letter.)

Any student demonstrating behavior or an attitude unbecoming of a Central Baptist School student may be subject to disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion. Disciplinary measures may still be taken even if a student has not broken an explicit rule in the handbook.



CODE OF CONDUCT—DEMERIT SYSTEM

Category 1: 5-15 Demerits and/or Detention

1. Messy desk/locker	9. Working on unrelated material	17. Throwing objects
2. Talking in class/Disrupting (10)	10. Unapproved literature or paraphernalia on campus (books, magazines, card games, etc.)	18. Worldly conversation
3. Writing/Passing notes	11. Littering	19. Teasing
4. Shoving or scuffling (15)	12. Unprepared for class	20. In off limits areas
5. Chewing gum	13. Out of seat without permission	21. Running in hallways
6. Negativity/Gripping (15)	14. Eating without permission	22. Bringing improper things to school
7. Rudeness/Sarcasm (15)	15. Dress code violations (15)	23. Tardiness
8. Failure to return demerit slips, report cards, etc. when due	16. Using cell phones (15)	24. Habitual incomplete homework (every 3rd time, demerits may be issued)
25. Use of school phone without permission (10)		

Category 2: 25 Demerits and/or Detention

1. Listening to or possession of rock/worldly music materials such as digital files, CD's, pictures, videos, etc.	11. Public immodesty (tight clothing, any clothing that exposes the thigh, low-cut, see-through, mixed swimming, etc.)
2. Profanity, vulgar notes, gestures, or comments	12. Cheating or participating in a cheating scheme whether it is completed or not
3. Disrespect	13. Stealing or knowingly receiving stolen goods
4. Single dating	14. Skipping class
5. Fighting	15. Leaving campus without permission
6. Defacing property/Vandalism	16. Vulgar literature at school
7. Reckless driving	17. Alone in secluded location with the opposite sex
8. Gambling	18. Intentional and willful disobedience
9. Dancing	19. Lying or any form of withholding the truth
10. Touching the opposite sex	



Category 3: 50 Demerits to Expulsion and/or Detention

1. Possession of or viewing pornography	5. Attending an activity where alcoholic beverages or drugs are present
2. Disrespect/vulgarity directed toward a staff member or adult authority	6. Vandalism directed toward faculty or staff homes or vehicles
3. Entering building through any way other than an unlocked door	7. Attending or viewing R-rated movies
4. Possession or use of tobacco	8. Possession or use of weapons in school

Category 4: Expulsion

1. Striking or attempting to strike a staff member	4. Vandalism to school or church property
2. Use, possession, or distribution of narcotics or alcohol	5. Homosexual acts
3. Fornication	

General

AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

After-school care supervision does not apply to 7th-12th grades. Secondary students must be picked up after they are dismissed from school. This includes game days. Students who are not playing on a CBS athletic team may not wait on school property between school and a game without being under the supervision of a guardian.

ATTENDANCE

Absences

All absences are either excused or unexcused. Reasons for excused absences include illness of the student, death in the family, medical or dental appointments, and administration-approved absences. Work missed during excused absences may be made up for credit if done so within the allotted time. It is the students responsibility to arrange make-up quizzes and tests that they missed during excused absences.



Parents should contact the office the morning a student is ill.

If a student is absent for any reason other than those mentioned above, the absence is unexcused. Each day a student is suspended is an unexcused absence. A zero will be given on quizzes and missed assignments when a student receives an unexcused absence. Tests and exams will be permitted to be made up at the approval of the administration. No absences will be permitted during exams, SATs and special projects.

Unexcused absences totaling up to 15 days will cause the student to be expelled. Excused Absences totaling up to 20 days may cause the student to be expelled due to over-absence.

Exceptions involving medical emergencies may be made on a case to case basis.

Parents are encouraged to check their child out of school only if the child is sick, a family emergency occurs, or for a medical or dental appointment. Checking a student out for any other reason constitutes an unexcused absence. A full school day consists of seven hours. It is the responsibility of the students to arrange a time with their teacher to make-up quizzes or tests when they are absent. Students with excused absences will be allowed to make up missed work. Make up work must be completed within the number of days equal to the number of days absent. Students charged with an unexcused absence will receive an 0 on missed assignments, quizzes, and tests. If a test or quiz is scheduled on the day a student returns from an absence, and it was only announced during the student's absence, study time for that test or quiz will be given at the teacher's discretion.

Tardies

Tardies are disruptive to the classroom and also have an adverse effect on your child's educational progress. A student is considered tardy if he is not in his seat when school begins. An accumulation of three unexcused tardies will result in one absence on the student's record. **An unexcused tardy after 10am or check out before 12pm will be considered a full day absence. After 3 tardies in 9 weeks students will receive 5 demerits for each tardy and have to pay a \$5 fee for each tardy. This fee will be billed monthly.**

CELL PHONE POLICY

Only student drivers are allowed to bring cellphones. Cellphones must be turned into office, not left in the car and not turned in to parent if parent is staff. Game days the students/ homeschoolers must turn in cell phones upon arrival and will not receive phones until the team arrives back from the away games or until a parent picks them up on home game days.



CHILD CUSTODY

The intent of CBS is to abide by existing limitations regarding parental child custody. Parents or students of families who consistently create disharmony or disruption in the daily school routine may be asked to withdraw by the administration.

CLOSED CAMPUS POLICY

1. Students are not to leave campus at any time during school hours without permission from the office.
2. Any student who has the authorization to leave campus must sign the check-out sheet in the school office prior to leaving and again when returning.
3. No student is allowed to leave campus before, during, or after school with another student unless permission is obtained from both students' parents and the office is notified.
4. No student is to go to the church building without specific permission from a member of the school staff.
5. All visitors (prospective students, parents, alumni of Central Baptist School) are to check in at the office upon arrival.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

While it is not the desire of CBS to discriminate against any student, we are faced with the challenge of providing a safe haven for those students entrusted to our care by their parents. Our purpose is to protect our students from exposure to mortal illness.

We recognize also that CBS, with its limited finances, is not equipped to physically care for the needs of very ill students or any student with a serious continuing or chronic communicable disease. Therefore, because we are moved with deep sympathy for the sick child, and for the well child, it will be the policy



of CBS to deny admission or to require dismissal from the school any child with a serious communicable disease. (If at the time CBS has a Home Study Program, this may be considered as a possibility for retaining the student under our supervision.)

Children enrolled at CBS or those who seek to enroll at CBS who are diagnosed to be carrying any serious communicable or potentially lethal disease shall be denied admission or dismissed from the school. They will not be permitted to enroll or re-enroll in regular CBS classes 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, syphilis, gonorrhea, Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), etc. Students who test positive for antibodies of HIV (Human Immunodeficiency) or who are infected with ARC (Aids Related Complex) are included in this policy.

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of a student to inform the school of a student's infection or serious continuing communicable disease upon enrollment (of a new student) or at the time of diagnosis.

In adopting this policy, CBS recognizes that the state of medical knowledge about AIDS and other serious communicable disease is rapidly changing. The school will therefore update the policy statement in light of significant new information on such disease.

Any child found to have head lice will not be allowed to return to school without a release from the Health Department.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

In order to insure the best possible means of communication, CBS requests that parents cooperate with us in the following areas:

1. If a parent desires to see a teacher, he is to make arrangements ahead of time with the teacher.
2. In the event that a problem is not resolved to the parent's satisfaction after he has discussed the situation with the faculty/staff member directly involved, it is his right and responsibility to contact the administrator for a meeting with both the faculty/staff member and the administrator. In extreme cases, the pastor will be asked to attend the meeting as well.
- 3. Important information is sent home on Thursdays. Please make sure to ask your child if they have anything.**



DRIVING GUIDELINES

Any student desiring to drive to school must strictly adhere to the following guidelines or lose all driving privileges on campus. Any reckless driving or excessive speeding of a vehicle on school grounds will constitute immediate suspension of all driving privileges, as well as the issuance of demerits as listed earlier. As with lockers, all cars are subject to administrative checks while on campus.

All student drivers must:

1. Have a valid Mississippi driver's license
2. Have parental permission and proof of insurance
3. Not transport other CBS students without consent of one of their parents and the passenger's parents
4. Not be alone in a car at any time with the opposite gender except in the case of siblings
5. Park in the designated student parking area by football field
6. Drive carefully and cautiously on campus
7. Not leave campus during school hours unless it is for a medical or dental appointment or they have written permission from the administration or a parent.
8. **No loitering in car. When student arrives they should come straight in the school.**

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP PROCEDURES

When in car line, pick up or drop off students as quickly as possible so others can drop-off or pick-up expeditiously. There should be absolutely no speeding or erratic driving in car line.

If a student is to be picked up by someone other than the parents or someone on the pick-up list, a note must be sent to the school stating the name of the person picking up the child. Those who are picking up students should be prepared to show picture identification especially during the first few days of school. We cannot allow students to leave school with someone who is not on the pickup list unless we have express parental consent.



If parents are separated or divorced and one parent is not allowed to see or pick up the child, the school office must have a copy of the court order of final judgment.

Car Line Procedures:

1. Students should be dropped off at the back (P. D. Freeman Rd.) parking lot before 7:50 am.
2. Between 7:50 am and 3:00 pm students should be dropped off or picked up at the school office doors as the back gate and door will be closed. **No student should enter through the front door of the school before 7:50.**
3. The back (P. D. Freeman Rd.) gate will be opened at 2:30 pm in order for cars to begin lining up for car line.
4. Weather permitting, the gate will remain open until the end of after-school care at 5:30 pm. In the case of heavy rain, car line will take place at the front gym doors between the church and school building. The school will send notification of such a change.
5. During after-school care, students may need to be brought inside the building. The gate and the front door of the school office will remain open for those picking up students inside.
6. Faculty may need to check picture ID during the first few weeks of school to verify who is picking up the student.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and carries certain responsibilities.
2. The student is a representative of the school and therefore his attitude and actions should be glorifying to the Lord.
3. A member of a team or club has an obligation to that group and is to be present at all meetings, practices, etc. unless ill or excused by the administrator, coach, or sponsor.
4. In order to prevent misunderstanding, each member of a team or club may be required to sign an agreement defining his/her rights, responsibilities, and obligations. This agreement will also be signed by the parents.



5. All participating members of a team or group are to ride in school transportation to and from school activities. They may ride with their parents or relatives only with permission from the sponsor.
6. School rules of dress and conduct apply to any school activity.
7. It is not the responsibility of faculty and staff to provide transportation from school to a student's home after an activity. Parents are to arrange for the students to be picked up promptly when the activity is over.
8. Participation in extracurricular activities will involve additional expense for out-of-town trips, meals and, at times, special attire.
9. A student must attend school the day of any activity (athletic event, trip, concert, etc.) in order to participate in that particular activity. Exceptions may only be made by the administration.

Athletics

Athletes must not have a grade below a 70 in any core subject for a nine-week grading period. Athletes whose nine-week grade is below 69 in any core class will be ineligible to play for the following nine weeks. **Those with a grade of 69 or lower will be put on academic probation for the following 9 week quarter.** Athletes on probation will be ineligible to play for the first three weeks. Grades will be reevaluated every three weeks. On probation, reinstatement may only be granted on a three-week basis if the grade is 70 or higher.

Students with major disciplinary violations will be suspended from the team for two games or more. Suspension lengths are subject to the discretion of the administration. During such times, athletes may practice but may not participate in the games or travel with the team. Students with continual disciplinary violations will be suspended from these activities for the year.

Athletes may be responsible for purchasing team uniforms. Varsity basketball jerseys are paid for and remain the property of the school. When an athlete accepts the jersey, he is responsible to return it in the same condition at the end of the season. Jerseys are to be worn only for school-related functions.

Athletes have to miss several classes during the course of the season. They must make up all work that is missed. An away game may require that the student return to school late in the evening; therefore, allowances must be made for shortened study time. If it is found that practices and schedules hurt a student's grades, it is recommended that the extracurricular sports be given up. **If a student misses a**



day of school and has a game that week or is late on game day they will not be able to start. If a student is not present at school on game day they cannot play in the game that night.

Any homeschooler participating in Central Baptist School athletics must turn in grades every 3 weeks to be sure they are eligible and must be an active faithful member (attending at least 2 services a week) of Central Baptist Church.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

A more detailed description of financial obligations can be found in the CBS Admissions Packet. The following are general financial guidelines of CBS:

1. Graduation fees will be determined by the cost of the cap and gown at the time of graduation.
2. Mandatory school fundraisers may be necessary throughout the year. If fundraising is deemed necessary, the administration will communicate details in advance.
3. A 10% discount will be given if total yearly tuition is paid in advance.
4. All charges are due on or before the first of the month. A \$50 late fee will be charged on all accounts not paid by the 10th of each month.
5. A \$40 fee will be charged on all returned checks as well as the \$50 late fee.
6. If an account becomes more than thirty days late, the student will not be allowed to attend classes unless arrangements are agreed to in writing and signed by the parents and the administrator.
7. All lunches and snack items will be billed to the student's account and will be added to the monthly statement. **Any same day add-ons will be charged and extra \$2.00 fee.**
8. The school will not release records or transcripts of any student whose account is in arrears.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Normal Class Schedule: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Doors Open: 7:30 AM



ILLNESSES

For the welfare of your child and others in the school, all children who are sick must be kept at home. Students will not be allowed in school if they have a fever of 100° or more and/or symptoms of illness, especially a contagious illness.

First aid will be administered by teachers or staff members only. We do not give any kind of internal medicine (including aspirin or Tylenol) to any student without written permission from parents. A student taking prescription medicine is to leave the medication with the school secretary.

Any student who is ill must check in with the school office before his parents are contacted. The office will contact the student's parents if it is necessary for him to go home.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please pay attention to local media and CBS social media for information on school closures. As a general rule, if Hattiesburg public schools and Forrest County schools are closed due to inclement weather, Central Baptist School will also be closed. The school will also communicate closures by phone, Parent Alert texts, or email.

LOCKERS

Each student in the junior and senior high will be assigned locker and storage space upstairs in the halls and downstairs in the bathrooms. **Students in 5th & 6th grades playing sports will be assigned lockers in locker rooms.** Lockers are to be kept clean at all times and may be periodically inspected. No decor is allowed on the outside of the lockers. Demerits may be issued for disorderly lockers, inappropriate items, or marked locker faces or locks. Combination locks are assigned before school, and combinations should not be shared to insure privacy. No student is to open another's locker.



LOST AND FOUND

All students should see the school secretary to retrieve lost items at a cost of \$1 per item. At the end of each quarter, all unclaimed articles will be discarded at the discretion of the administration. All personal belongings should be labeled and clearly marked with the child's full name, whenever possible.

LUNCH ROOM

Students may bring their lunches or may purchase food from the school kitchen. Students may not use school microwaves to heat lunches brought from home. No monies will be collected from those purchasing lunch items or snack items. Lunches cost \$5.00. Students may bring cash to purchase a drink from the drink machine. Water is provided for purchased school lunches. A **\$2.00** late fee will be charged for a lunch that is ordered on the day it is served.

OFFICE

No student is to be in the school office except for school business. Students are not to wait in the office after school. The telephone in the school office is for official school business only. **Students may use the phone with permission, only if it is absolutely necessary.**

SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

Students' social networking accounts (i.e., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) must be accessible to church and school staff members who are allowed to monitor throughout the year. This safeguard is to discourage students from posting or saying things that would be contradictory to the standard of discipline in conduct and attitude of CBS as described in the handbook. Anything posted by CBS students (conversations, pictures, music, etc.) that does not conform to the standards of conduct and attitude for CBS students will result in disciplinary action. As listed in the "Christian Philosophy of Education" section of the handbook, the school expects each student, whether at school, home, or elsewhere (online), to live up to the standard of conduct of our school. The administration reserves the right to suspend or close a student's social networking activity and/or site(s). **Parents are strongly encouraged to monitor their student's online activity very closely.**



SENIOR TRIP POLICY

The senior trip is a school sponsored trip for seniors. The trip location is chosen by the school administrator with the help of the seniors. They will be chaperoned by staff members chosen by the school administrator. The seniors will have an opportunity to raise funds to help pay for their trip. All fundraising will be done through CBS. In the event, there is not enough money raised, the student will be responsible to pay the difference for their trip. All money raised is for CBS Senior trips. A meeting will be held in the beginning of the school year to discuss the senior trip.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Students may have to make-up a class or classes during the summer for remedial instruction or to avoid retention in their previous grade. A summer school fee will be communicated in advance and applied to the student's billing account.

TELEPHONE MESSAGES

Students are discouraged from making phone calls to home unless there is an emergency (sudden illness or injury), forgotten lunch, or a schedule change. It is requested that parents leave phone messages for their children only if an emergency arises. Classrooms will not be disturbed to notify a student regarding a forgotten lunch or other items. Every attempt will be made to contact the student between class times or at lunch. Items to be delivered to a student should be brought to the school office rather than taken directly to the classroom, as this interrupts the start of the school day or teaching that is in progress. Students should check in the office for any items that parents may drop off for them.

TOYS AT SCHOOL

Students are not to bring toys or games, including card games, to school without permission of the staff/faculty. Any toys having the effect or appearance of a weapon are prohibited.



WITHDRAWALS

All withdrawals must go through the school office. Parents are to fill out a withdrawal form stating the reason for withdrawal. All school fees must be paid before the release of school records.

**This handbook is used as a guide and not the letter of the law. The Word of God is the only thing that never changes; therefore, this handbook is not finished or all inclusive. As the school year progresses, it may be necessary to change some rules or add new ones. If a rule is changed, the administration will make every effort possible to inform the parents as well as the students of the change.*