

Horizon Christian School

Elementary Parent/Student Handbook 2021-2022

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Nehemiah 2:18

And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this good work.

A Ministry of Horizon Christian Fellowship

This handbook belongs to:

Name: _____

Grade: _____

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Mission Statement

Horizon Christian School exists to glorify God and prepare our students for an abundant life through knowing and serving God. Our curriculum emphasizes a Biblical worldview, and our school promotes an atmosphere of Christ's love. This is designed to encourage our students to obey God's Word and trust fully in God's sovereignty. It is the goal of Horizon Christian School to provide an educational framework which equips our students with the skills necessary to pursue God's calling in their lives.

Who We Are

Horizon Christian School is a ministry of Horizon Christian Fellowship. We are a non-denominational, Biblically based Christian school striving for academic excellence through our talented and God-centered teachers, while developing in students a Christian perspective of the world by encouraging a lifetime of service to Jesus Christ. We believe that the message of the gospel is the cross of Christ: His death, burial and resurrection, and that Christ is the fullness of the Godhead bodily and has preeminence over all things. All teaching falls in subjection to the Word of God and the person of Christ.

Core Values

- Salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- Proclaim the Bible as the inerrant and final authority in all matters (2 Tim 3:16)
- Christ-centered staff and Biblically-integrated curriculum (Col 3:17)
- Academic excellence in a loving and safe environment (Proverbs 22:6)
- Nurture our children beyond Biblical knowledge towards a Biblical lifestyle (2 Tim 2:15)
- Proclaim the Bible as the inerrant and final authority in all matters (2 Tim 3:16)
- Equip students to impact the world with the salvation message of Jesus Christ (Col 4:5,6)
- Partner with the family, church and community to train up our children (Deut 6:6-9)
- Educate the whole person (Luke 2:52)

Philosophy of Christian Education

A Christian school which possesses a true Biblical worldview is a place where each decision, individually or collectively, is based upon the following principles:

1. The Bible is inerrant and God-inspired (1 Timothy 3:16,17), the basis of all truth and knowledge. As such, The Scriptures hold all ultimate authority and are at the heart of curriculum in Christian education.
2. The overriding purpose of education should be to glorify God and to know Him, in addition to teaching all subjects with academic excellence. This means acquiring a love for the Lord that encompasses the heart, mind, and soul. It also means being able to share the gospel with others, and equipping each person to serve God effectively. We are to do our work, whatever it may be, as unto the Lord, and to view each relationship as an opportunity to share the character of God and the gospel of grace with others.
3. This world was created and has a God-ordained order; it did not evolve. Humans, as opposed to all other creatures, were uniquely and distinctly created to have a relationship with the Creator God. Some of the qualities that differentiate us from the animals are: morality, reason, creativity, and self-worth.
4. The God of the Bible is the center of history and He alone will determine its ultimate outcome.
5. The Christian must derive his/her value system from that which is eternal: the Word of God, rather than that which is temporal. Therefore, a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ is valued above all things.

Horizon Christian School Spiritual Formation Plan: *Win, Disciple,*

Matthew 28:19, 20

'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all I have commanded you.'

Our goal at Horizon is for every student to have the opportunity to begin or strengthen a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to be disciplined and grow in his or her relationship with Christ, and to have the opportunity to share their faith in a way that draws others to Christ. (**Win, Disciple, and Send**).

- **Win**

Our goal is to give every student multiple opportunities throughout the year to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior, or to rededicate their lives to Him. We will accomplish this by periodically giving an invitation for students to receive Christ during the times listed below.

1. Weekly Academic Bible classes
2. Weekly Chapel Services
3. Teacher-lead small groups.
4. One on one or group counseling with faculty or administration.

- **Disciple**

It is our desire that all students will have the opportunity to strengthen and grow in their relationship with Christ while at Horizon. We believe it is important to teach the whole counsel of God in a way that encourages students not only to grow deeper in their faith but to act upon it. All students will receive solid Biblical discipleship in the ways listed below.

1. Weekly Academic Bible classes
2. Weekly Chapel Services
3. Daily Morning Devotion Time

- **Send**

Our final goal in the spiritual development of our students is to give each of them the opportunity to act upon their faith by reaching out to others with service and mission opportunities. Although we do not require our student to complete service hours, we love to see our students living out their faith by serving in their church, community and school, and are happy to list these service projects on their transcript if requested.

Philosophy of Rules & Discipline

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him. For whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and chastises every son whom He receives.” (Hebrews 12:5)

- God’s discipline is always administered in love, and it is designed to be restorative in its application. The Admin Team strives to model this as we administer discipline here at HCS. This will occasionally consist of “tough love”, allowing students to feel and experience the consequence of their disobedience.
- Our desire is to always move the student towards Christ and toward God’s righteousness.
- This handbook contains information, rules, regulations, and standards of courtesy that help us achieve our mission as a Christian school. We believe that Biblical principles give three good reasons for rules.

1. God’s Commands

Some rules are based on commands found in God’s Word. Proverbs 7:1,2b -“My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. Keep my commands and you will live.”

2. Wise Cautions

Some rules are not given in the Bible, but are made to protect us from violating biblical rules. Proverbs 1:8 – “Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching.”

3. Greater Community Good

Some rules are not necessarily moral laws but are guidelines for the good of society.

- Romans 13:1-6 – gives authority to institutions to make such rules.
- Proverbs 8:15 - “By me (wisdom) kings reign and rulers make laws that are just.”

Two (2) Final Thoughts on the basis for HSC Rules:

1. **God has structured the Christian environment to live under and within His overarching Principle of Authority.** God has authorized HCS, as a true Christian School, to operate under a basic authority structure. As such, students, teachers, and administrators are all called to live under and be accountable to this authority structure.
2. **Some rules here at HCS are subjective, meaning that they are subject to the best judgment of the HCS Admin Team.** These types of rules typically do not have a Biblical mandate, but are based upon practical assessments and rules which work best toward fulfilling the mission of Horizon Christian School. These generally relate to procedural issues which benefit the greater majority of students and families.

HCS Dress Code Expectations

Philosophy

We desire to allow for the expression of wholesome individuality, balanced by sensitivity to the convictions and preferences of others. We recognize that adhering to these guidelines may involve temporarily setting aside personal preference for the sake of the larger community. The school administration reserves the right to make policy changes based upon current trends and to make value judgments concerning student appearance. In an effort to provide guidance in relation to modesty and appropriateness of dress, Horizon has provided the following guidelines for appearance.

Clothing must meet the following guidelines:

At the discretion of a teacher or admin staff, students may be considered out of dress code.

1. General Guidelines

- a. All clothing should be clean and neat - without holes, tears, and in good repair. (No exposed skin)
- b. All clothing must be modest and fit properly.
 - i. Shirts that reveal undergarments, whether due to the transparency, length, or lack of coverage of the shirt, are not permitted.
 - ii. Pants must be worn at the waist and completely cover the buttocks area. Pants may not be worn in such a way as to expose undergarments or skin around the midsection.
 - iii. Pants should not be skin tight.

2. Shirts and Overwear

- a. Students will wear a polo style shirt of any color or pattern.
- b. Acceptable outerwear must be hoodless and consists of cardigans, crew neck sweaters or sweatshirts, and quarter zips.
- c. Hooded sweatshirts may be worn on Fridays only.
- d. All outerwear (except cardigan sweaters) must bear the Horizon school logo.
- e. Horizon Gear may be purchased here:
<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/indiana/indianapolis/horizon-christian-school>

Acceptable Tops:



3. Pants

- a. Students will wear jeans or khaki style pants in any color.
- b. Denim or khaki style shorts may be worn - hemlines should be no more than 2 inches above the knee
 - i. Skorts: Elementary girls may wear skorts, which should be no shorter than the students fingertips. Skorts should be basic, cotton/khaki material and can be in any color or print.

Acceptable Examples:



Unacceptable Examples:



4. Shoes

- a. Students are to wear shoes at all times.
- b. Closed toe shoes are recommended for elementary students.
- c. Students may not wear flip flops, slides, slippers, or heels higher than 1 inch.
- d. Sandals must have a strap around the heel.

5. Hair, Jewelry, and other decoration

- a. All hair must be a natural color.
- b. Hairstyles including mohawks, words or symbols cut into hair are not allowed.
- c. Piercings
 - i. All students may have ears pierced.
 1. Boys may wear studs only
 - ii. Body Glitter and body art of any kind (tattoos, sharpie writing, etc) is not allowed.

Dress code violation consequences:

1. The first offense -
 - a. Warning
 - b. The infraction will be documented in Ren Web without a penalty.
2. The second offense
 - a. The student will be sent to the Dean's office.
 - b. The student will receive a clip down on the BRAVO chart.
 - c. If in 6th grade, a demerit will be issued
 - d. The student may be asked to change or correct the clothing.
3. Further offences
 - a. The student will be sent to the Dean's office.
 - b. If in 6th grade, the protocol for the demerit system will be followed.

6th Grade Demerit System: How it works:

The parent or guardian will be notified of every demerit via email. An email or phone call from the Dean will also be received following each demerit. The demerit system and discipline are as follows:

- 1st demerit = Talk with Dean
- 2nd = Lunch Detention
- 3rd = Lunch Detention
- 4th = Lunch Detention
- 5th = After school detention
- 6th = After school detention
- 7th = Saturday School
- 8th = Out of school suspension
- 9th = Any or all of the above
- 10 = Potential expulsion

Demerits given for:

- Disrespectful attitude or actions
- Fighting
- Dress code violation
- Cheating
- In appropriate language or behavior
- Drug use/possession
- Inappropriate touching
- Vandalism
- Theft
- Inappropriate language

Demerits NOT given for:

- Missing assignments
- Bad grades
- Tardies

Lunch Detention (LD)

Lunch detentions will be served during the student's lunch and recess time. They will sit in a predetermined location and will not be allowed to talk or socialize. They may read or do school work, and may also be required to clean the lunch room or perform custodial duties during this time.

After School Detention (AD)

After school detentions will be served on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:40-4:30. The student's account will be charged \$5.00 for every AD. They will not be allowed on devices and cannot sleep. They can work on school work or read and must remain quiet throughout the detention. If the student fails to show up or is a disruption in detention they will be assigned a Saturday school and still charged the \$5.00.

Saturday School

Saturday school will be from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM on the Saturday assigned, and the student's account will be charged \$20. Students will not be allowed to sleep and must remain quiet throughout the Saturday School. Students will not be allowed to be on devices and will be given work if they have none. Students may also be required to perform custodial duties around the school campus during this time. Failure to show up or being disruptive in Saturday school will result in a two day out of school suspension.

Out of School Suspension

Suspensions will be given on the 8th demerit and for extreme behavioral issues. The administration reserves the right to determine the number of days of the suspension on a case by case basis. The student suspended will receive a "0" for the day in every class and will not be allowed to make up any work.

- ***The Administration reserves the right to enforce any disciplinary action (LD, AD, OSS or Expulsion) for extreme behavioral issues no matter the total demerits of the student at that time.***

Important Reminders & Encouragements:

- ***Demerit numbers will reset to zero (o) after each semester.***
- ***MERITS for good behavior may also be given by teachers and Admin. These Merits may be applied to offset Demerits at the discretion of Admin.***

PreK- 5th Grade Elementary Discipline

Elementary teachers use the BRAVO behavior management system. BRAVO stands for Building Relationships Around Valuing Others. Please refer to each individual teacher's classroom handbook for detailed explanations of how this works in each classroom.

Horizon Policy on Bullying

According to the Office of Code Revision Indiana Legislative Services Agency, "bullying" is defined as "overt, repeated acts or gestures", including:

(1) Verbal or written communications transmitted; (2) physical acts committed; or (3) any other behaviors committed; by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the other student."

(<http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title20/ar33/ch8.html>)

In accordance with Indiana Code IC 20-33-8-13.5, Horizon Christian School prohibits bullying in any form by or towards any of its students. Students will be accountable for their actions including:

1. On school grounds immediately before or during school hours, immediately after school hours, or at any other time when the school is being used by a school group
2. Off school grounds at a school sponsored activity or event
3. Traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event
4. Using property or equipment provided by the school

Horizon Christian incorporates the use of several approaches, including classroom presentations, anti-bullying curriculums, and special speakers, to prevent and reduce bullying by or towards students. Parents will be notified by email or letter when their child or child's class has participated in anti-bullying efforts, and are asked to partner with the school by continuing conversations with their child(ren) about peer relationships, behaviors, and bullying. Parents who are concerned about potential bullying should contact the school Admin immediately.

HORIZON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

General

Education consists of academic goals as well as development of a self-disciplined, consistent life. Self-discipline produces dependability in the student's character. Attendance and punctuality are essential in developing successful class work and good character. In order for each student to receive a well-rounded education, it is essential that he/she be in regular attendance.

Elementary classes begin at 8:15am.

- Unless students are attending morning care, they will not be able to enter the building until 7:45. Between 7:45 and 8:00, elementary students will wait in the cafeteria until released to go to class. Students are not allowed to roam the building or wait in other areas. By 8:15, students should be in their seats with his/her materials ready to begin.

For Elementary students the school day ends at 3:10.

- Elementary students may stay after school to meet with teachers, participate in sports activities, or report to aftercare.
- Students will wait to be picked up in carline under the supervision of a teacher.
- Elementary students who have older, secondary siblings will remain under the supervision of a teacher until their older sibling picks them up and escorts them to their car.
- By 3:45, any elementary student still at school will be checked into aftercare.. There will be a charge for attending the aftercare program.
- Elementary students staying after school for sporting activities must report to the area(s) determined by the Athletic Director.

TARDIES

If a student is late to school and or class and has a valid reason (based on the list below) he/she must sign into the office upon arrival to obtain a pass. Tardies will be marked in the student's record as either excused or unexcused (based on the list below).

- **Excused Tardies:** doctor's appointments, family emergency, severe road & weather conditions, illness, or stopped and held by another teacher.
- **Unexcused Tardies:** trains, oversleeping, forgetting something at home, traffic, failure to plan ahead (ran out of gas, scraping icy windows) , parents running late, etc.

Each Student's late record will be reset at the start of each new semester.

ABSENCES

Attendance records are kept as part of the student's permanent record.

Excessive absences due to special circumstances will be evaluated individually.

According to the Indiana Department of Education

Habitual Absence Under IC 20-33-2-25, the "Superintendent or an attendance officer having jurisdiction shall report a child who is habitually absent from school in violation of this chapter to an intake officer of the juvenile court or the department of child services. The intake officer or the department of child services shall proceed in accord with IC 31-30- through IC 31-40."

Additionally, under IC 20-33-2-14, the "governing body of each school corporation shall have a policy outlining the conditions for excused and unexcused absences. The policy must include the grounds for excused absences required by Sections 15 through 17.5 of this chapter or another law. Any absence that results in a person not attending at least one hundred eighty (180) days in a school year must be in accordance with the governing body's policy to qualify as an excused absence." Recently IC 20-20-8-8 was amended to define habitual truancy to include students absent ten (10) days or more from school within a school year without being excused or without being absent under a parental request filed with the school. Chronic absenteeism includes students absent from school for ten percent (10 percent) or more of a school year for any reason.

Excused Absences

Excused absences are defined as absences that the school corporation regards as legitimate reasons for being out of school, as included in the school policy. These could include:

- Illness verified by note from parent/guardian
- Illness verified by note from Physician • Family funeral
- Maternity
- Military Connected Families (e.g. absences related to deployment and return)

Unexcused Absences

An unexcused absence is any absence not covered under the definition of excused or exempt.

Make-up assignments

Students are allowed to make up work missed during an excused absence. **Work Assigned Prior to Absence:**

- Classwork and homework assigned prior to absence is due to the classroom teacher immediately upon the student's return to school.
- If the absence is unexcused the student will receive a zero on the assignment.

Work Assigned During an Absence:

- **Excused Absences:** Students must be given an additional day per day absent to make up missed assignments. If the absence exceeds 1 week, additional time may be added at teacher's discretion.
- **Unexcused Absences:** No additional work time will be given for assignments given during an unexcused absence.

Test, Quizzes, and Presentations:

- Absences on a day of review for tests does not excuse students from taking the test upon their return.
- Students must be prepared to complete any missed quizzes, tests, or presentations at the start of the next class they attend. Teachers may choose to schedule the make-up item for a time outside of class.
- Students should schedule their test, quiz or presentation to be taken within 2 days of their return. A zero will be given if the deadline is not met. Teachers may postpone tests, quizzes and presentations at their discretion.
- Students returning from an unexcused absence will be allowed to make up tests, quizzes, and projects for a 20% penalty.

School WiFi and E-mail Addresses

Elementary students who participate in computer class will be given a school email address and unique wifi login. Both of these are given to the student with the understanding that Horizon Christian School owns and can manage both at any time. Both email and web activity will be monitored by school administration regularly. Email use is limited to school necessary activities and not for personal use.

- **Sharing of passwords is not allowed.** If any misuse of email or on the web by a student's account occurs, that student will be held responsible.
- **No personal WiFi hotspots allowed on campus.**

Academics

The grade a student receives in class is primarily determined by his/her ability to demonstrate proficiency and basic understanding in a particular subject. Each classroom teacher will compute grades using the following parameters.

Grading Scale

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| | | |
| A+ | 100 | 4.33 |
| A | 93 | 4.00 |
| A- | 90 | 3.67 |
| B+ | 87 | 3.33 |
| B | 83 | 3.00 |
| B- | 80 | 2.67 |
| C+ | 77 | 2.33 |
| C | 73 | 2.00 |
| C- | 70 | 1.67 |
| D+ | 67 | 1.33 |
| D | 63 | 1.00 |
| D- | 60 | .67 |
| F | 59 and below | 0 |

Extra credit requests

Students or their parents often request extra credit work to improve grades. Teachers may, at their discretion, offer extra credit upon request from a student. Extra credit will only be assigned if all other assigned work has been completed.

Reporting of grades

Quarterly grades will not be reported until all financial commitments for the quarter have been satisfied. If library materials or a textbook is damaged or lost, the cost of replacement is added to the financial commitment for the student.

Exit Policy

We understand that sometimes situations may arise which would require you to leave HCS. In these instances, we ask that you give Admin two weeks' notice of your intent to leave and complete our exit form.

STUDENT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

General

Horizon Christian School provides multiple opportunities for students to participate in extracurricular activities. These activities include several sports teams, cheerleading, academic teams, music programs, and other activities. It is the experience of this school that when students are well-engaged in a variety of activities, their overall attitude and performance is enhanced. Given this observation, all students are encouraged to participate in as many extra-curricular activities as time will allow. All these programs hold exceptional value for the student, but are of secondary importance when weighed against a student's academic and behavior performance.

HEALTH POLICY

Medications

- We can administer medication to students only if guidelines are followed as directed by Indiana law and HCS policy. All medication needed while at school must be brought to the School Office to be dispensed. Please try to schedule medication outside of school hours, if possible.
 - A non-prescription medication must be sent in the original container with written permission from the student's parent or guardian (including name of medication, dosage and frequency to be given, reason for giving, and student's name and date). If you would like your child to receive Tylenol, Advil or Tums, please bring them to the office.
 - A prescription drug must be accompanied by a written order of the physician (a current pharmacy label on the medication is sufficient) AND a note from the parent giving permission. Please send only the amount needed in school; pharmacists will provide an extra labeled bottle for this purpose. Medication is kept in a locked cabinet. Students are allowed to carry inhalers if a) a parental permission note is on file, b) the inhaler is labeled, and c) a copy of the prescription is on file in the office. Students receiving ADD medication must be responsible to come to the office daily to receive their medication. A medication form must be on file in the office.

Hearing and Eye Exams

The Marion County Health Department comes to our school once a year for hearing screenings on the following grades, 1st, 4th, and 7th grade. Vision screenings are done for the following grades, 1st, 3rd, and 8th, for special education students. Parents and teachers may request either hearing or vision for those students not in the grades above.

Immunizations

Indiana law requires verification of a second MMR, as well as at least three DTPs and four OPVs from a physician or health clinic for entry into high school. **This information must be in the school office no later than 20 days from the start of school or the student will not be able to attend school unless you have a religious or medical exemption on file annually.** Immunizations: Preschool and kindergarten students must now have 2 appropriately documented varicella vaccines separated by at least 3 months, a physician documentation of disease history, or laboratory evidence of immunity.

Grades 6-12 must have appropriate documentation of the following vaccinations. Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis vaccine (TDAP); meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4); 2 varicella vaccinations appropriately spaced per CDC guidelines, or documentation of disease history, or laboratory evidence of immunity.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lost and Found

Most “misplaced” items will end up in the lost and found rack that is located in the cafeteria. These items are kept until the end of the month. Unclaimed items are then taken to the nearest Goodwill store as a donation. Items in lost and found are only to be taken out of lost and found by their original owners. Items of greater value such as jewelry, eye glasses, electronics, etc., will be kept in the office until the end of the school year.

Inclement Weather

The decision to cancel school or delay because of bad weather, or other emergency situation, will be made by the head of school. That decision will be based upon safety of student travel and the ability of staff to reach the school. If appropriate, the school may choose to delay opening for 2 hours to allow time for travel conditions to improve.

In the event of a closing or delay, the school will notify the local television stations. Students and parents should watch WRTV-6, WISH-8, WTHR-13, or Fox 59 for notification of school cancellation or delay. A parent alert text will also be sent out.

Please remember that parents can choose not to send their students if they believe driving conditions are unsafe. Please remember to notify the office when choosing to do this.

Food & Drink Policy

Food and drinks are to be consumed in the cafeteria during your assigned lunch time. Students arriving before 8:00 a.m may eat in the cafeteria. **No food, candy or drinks should be in classrooms unless it is part of a legitimate classroom activity or designated snack time.** Water is allowed outside of the cafeteria. Elementary students should not have soda as a part of their snack or lunch.

Technological Devices

- **Cell phones**
 - Elementary students may have cell phones at school, however, they must remain in backpacks during school hours. Students who are caught using a cell phone during school hours will have their cell phone confiscated for the remainder of the day.

- **Chrome books and or personal computers**
 - Sixth grade students will be permitted to use their personal chrome book or computer, in class only, as directed by their classroom teacher. If a 6th grade student is caught using their computer or chrome book in a way that was not directed by the teacher, they will follow normal discipline policy.
 - All other elementary students will be permitted to use school owned chrome books, in class only, as directed by the classroom teacher. If an elementary student is caught using a school chrome book in a way that was not directed by the teacher, they will follow normal discipline policy.

- **Headphones(including wireless headphones)**
 - Headphones can only be used in the classroom and ONLY at the teacher's permission.

- **Smart Watches**
 - Smart Watches are allowed but **must not** be used to text or communicate during class or passing periods. Anyone using a smart watch in a way a teacher or admin deems distracting or inappropriate will have their watch confiscated for the day and will follow normal discipline policy.

- **Office Phones**
 - Students may use the office phone to call home in an emergency or when there has been a change in school-sponsored events such as games, practices, etc. Students must obtain permission from a classroom teacher to use the office phone.

Visitors

For the safety of our students, we ask that all visitors sign in to the front office to receive a visitor badge and to sign out before leaving.

Lunch

- Students may bring a lunch
 - Microwaves are available for student use in grades 3rd-6th only.
- Hot lunches, catered from various restaurants, are available 5 days a week. **Hot lunches must be ordered in advance through the parent portal.**
 - Lunch order reminders will be sent out weekly
- **Students are not allowed to order lunch to be delivered to campus.**

Leaving Campus

Students must remain on campus, during school hours, unless parents have notified the office that the student may leave.

Authorizations to leave the campus MAY be granted for:

- Pre-scheduled appointments
- Illness (after first visiting the office)
- Family emergency
- Family events
- Lunch with parent or guardian, who picks up the student (**students cannot leave with siblings or friends who are under 18 years of age**)

Volunteer/Chaperone Policy

We welcome parents to volunteer in our school.

- Volunteer opportunities include:
 - Participation on the PTF
 - Chaperone a Field Trip
 - Help in an elementary classroom
 - And other various opportunities that arise
- All volunteers must submit to background checks with our school office. No exceptions.

Elevator Use

The elevator is not to be used by students with few exceptions. A student may use the elevator in the case of an injury or physical condition that prohibits him/her from using the stairs. He/she must obtain permission from the principal before riding the elevator. A student who is helping a teacher or other staff member move materials may also use the elevator, as long as he or she has a pass

Horizon Christian School Lifestyle and School Handbook Agreement

Horizon Christian School is a religious, nonprofit organization representing Jesus Christ throughout the local community. As such, HCS expects its students to conduct their lifestyle in a way which reflects a clear Biblical perspective regarding personal integrity, family, relationships and moral behavior. To this goal, we as students voluntarily commit ourselves, to the best of our ability, to comply with the policies within the school handbook, as well the Biblical Lifestyle Activities listed below. Failure to uphold the HCS Student handbook and Lifestyle agreement may result in discipline, suspension, or dismissal from HCS.

1. **Relationships**- Jesus taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves. This is one of Jesus' greatest commandments, right alongside loving God (**Matthew 22:36-39**). We express our love in building up one another, making allowance for each, caring for another, forgiving one another, and praying for another. We do not intimidate, bully, embarrass, or physically hurt one another. When we have disagreements, we obey the Biblical teaching to approach in love for the purpose of understanding and reconciliation. (**Matthew 18:15; Galatians 6:1**)
2. **Speech**- Our school is strengthened when our words minister life to one another. We are called to speak in a way that doesn't harm others. Verbal put downs, mocking, gossip, lying, profanity, vulgarity, and destructive words hurt people, grieve the Lord. (**Ephesians 4:29**)
3. **Morality**- God designed the covenant of marriage to be between a man and a woman for life. It is the complete and only context for the fulfillment of sexual relations. The Bible defines premarital sex, adultery, homosexuality, involvement with pornography, and other forms of sexuality that is contrary to the scripture as morally wrong and destructive to a person's life. (**Romans 1:21-27; 1st Corinthians 6:9-20**)
4. **Substance Abuse**- HCS students should refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages during any and all school functions on or off campus. The possession, use, or distribution of illegal substances and the abuse of legal substances is prohibited. (**Romans 12:1, 1st Corinthians 3:16-17**)
5. **Entertainment and Technology**- The school appeals to its families to use Biblical discretion in their choices of entertainment and technology, including, but not limited to mass media, internet use, online social media, video games, music, and cell phones. (**Philippians 4:8**)

Parent Signature:

Date:

Student Name: