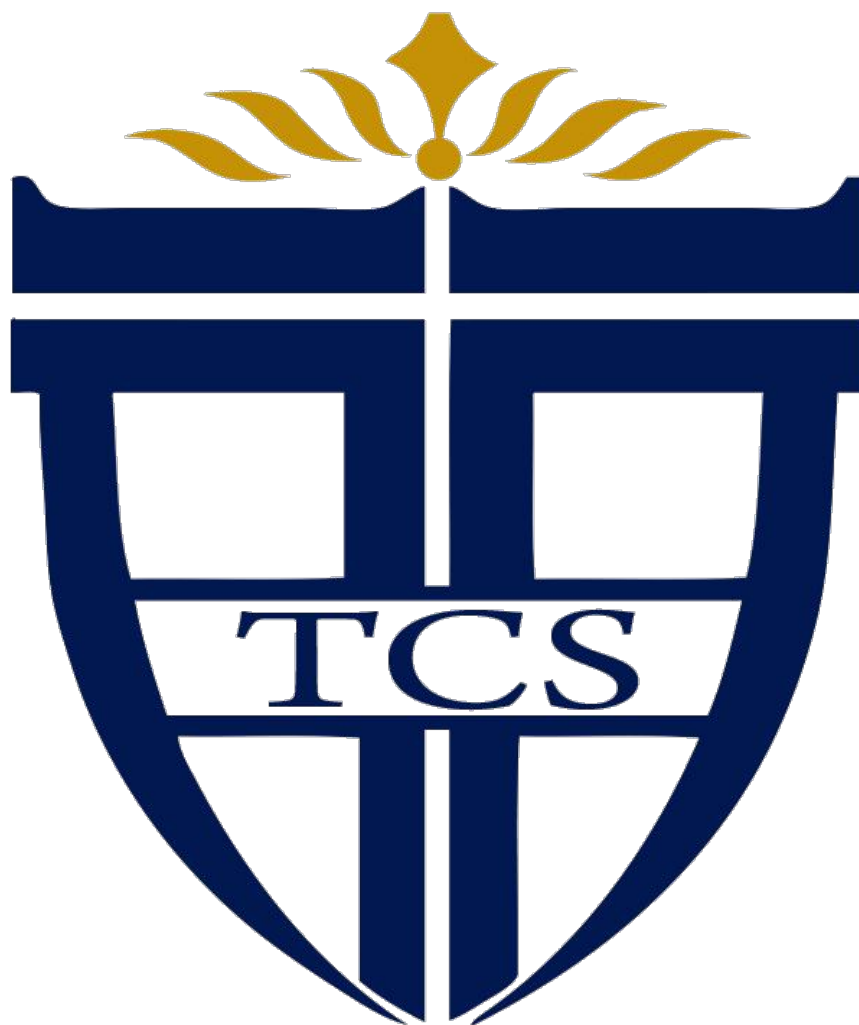


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Welcome

Welcome to the Tabernacle Christian School family of students, parents, staff, alumni and friends. We are happy that you and your family have decided to be a part of our school family. Since its establishment in 1972 as a ministry of Bible Baptist Tabernacle, Tabernacle Christian School has offered Christian families an affordable Christian alternative to the public education system.

Realizing that it is the Christian home to which God has given authority and power to train up successful Christian young people, it is the goal of Tabernacle Christian School to assist the home in the training process. This school is dedicated to reaching children for Christ, grounding them in the faith and sending them out as well-trained Christian leaders of tomorrow.

The purpose of Tabernacle Christian School is to provide quality academic training with a Christ-centered curriculum in a Christian environment. By instilling in our young people the proper Christian philosophy of life, we endeavor to prepare them for living.

We believe “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge” and that all subjects should be taught in the light of the Scriptures. We use the A Beka curriculum in the kindergarten and elementary school. We use primarily a combination of A Beka and Bob Jones University Press textbooks in the junior and senior high schools.

We request your daily prayers for Tabernacle Christian School and its staff as we work to attain these goals. Without divine leadership and wisdom, it would not be possible to attain them.

The school consists of the day care, preschool, kindergarten, elementary, middle and senior high levels. This handbook contains general information pertaining to all students and policies pertaining to students in the five-year-old kindergarten, elementary and high school. A separate day care and pre-school handbook is available in the school office.

School Website

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School Verse

“Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

School Motto

“Training to serve.”

School History

Tabernacle Christian School was established in 1972 by Pastor Bobby Leonard as a ministry of Bible Baptist Tabernacle. Kindergarten classes were first held in 1972; the lower elementary grades were added in 1974; and the upper elementary grades were added in 1975. The seventh through twelfth grades were added in 1977.

Campus

The campus of Tabernacle Christian School is located two miles north of Highway 74 (Roosevelt Boulevard) on Walkup Avenue. The 15.28 acre campus includes the auditorium of Bible Baptist Tabernacle, a three-wing office/classroom complex housing the Jerry Sumner wing, Thomas Barbee wing, and the George Kiker wing, the David C. Deskins Gymnasium, and an Elementary School building (new in 2025) located behind the gymnasium. The baseball and soccer fields are situated at the rear of the campus.

School Colors

Navy blue, Silver, Gold, and White

Team Name and Mascot

Rams

Tabernacle Christian School's Winner's Creed

**A true winner always does his best,
never to the glory of self but always to the glory of God.
With God's help, I will be a true winner today.**

Statement of Faith

Tabernacle Christian School holds without apology to the statement of faith of Bible Baptist Tabernacle of Monroe, North Carolina.

1. We believe in the verbal inspiration and authority of the Scriptures.
2. We believe that the Bible reveals God, the fall of man, the way of salvation, and God's plan and purpose in the ages.
3. We believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
4. We believe in the Deity and virgin birth of Jesus Christ.
5. We believe that salvation is "by grace" plus nothing and minus nothing. The conditions to salvation are repentance and faith.
6. 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.
7. We believe in the visible, personal, and pre-millennial return of Jesus Christ.
8. We believe in the everlasting conscious blessedness of the saved and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.

Philosophy of Education

Tabernacle Christian School desires to provide conditions whereby boys and girls can receive the Truth. Jesus instructed His disciples in John 8:32, "*And ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free.*" Not only is our objective to teach the Truth, but also to teach our students how to apply the Truth wisely to their own lives. In John 16:13 we are promised that "*...when He, the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all truth.*"

Our Christian School desires to provide the best Christian education possible. A biblical viewpoint in the vital areas of life—spiritual growth, education, personal self-discipline, and patriotism—must be strongly stressed to each student during his years of training.

We desire to minister to the needs of the whole child and to promote his spiritual and moral growth, academic and intellectual progress, and physical and social development.

Additionally, our Christian school is to be an extension of the Christian home and church and thus provide a continuity of training for Christian young people. Tabernacle Christian School considers itself a partner with the parents of students. We believe the home is the most important institution that God initiated. Children are to honor and obey their father and mother (Eph. 6:1). We firmly hold that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between one naturally-born man and one naturally-born woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5, 13; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1: 26-29; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4). We believe that the only Scriptural marriage is the joining of one naturally-born

man and one naturally-born woman for life (Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; 1 Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23). The purpose of the marriage union is to raise godly children to serve God (Malachi 2:15).

We, as Christian educators, desire to train each student to accept individual responsibility to God for his actions and challenge him to glorify God in every facet of his life.

The Objectives of Tabernacle Christian School

SPIRITUAL

1. To lead students to acknowledge Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.
2. To teach that growth in the Christian life depends upon fellowship with God through reading the Bible, prayer and active Christian service.
3. To teach the Word of God and help students learn and apply Christian principles in their everyday lives.
4. To help students realize that all their endeavors should be to the honor and glory of God.
5. To help students know the will of God and help them prepare for active Christian service.

INTELLECTUAL

1. To create an interest in and a working knowledge of the basic academic skills.
2. To help students master the tools of learning and communication.
3. To provide academic instruction to meet individual needs for each student to learn to his maximum capacity.
4. To help students develop independent study skills.
5. To teach knowledge in light of the truth as revealed in God's Word.

PHYSICAL

1. To provide opportunities for physical activities that will meet the needs of individual students.
2. To help students develop good health habits, principles of dress and appearance, and an attitude of good sportsmanship.
3. To help develop a desire for wholesome physical recreation.
4. To provide opportunities for instruction and development of skills in controlling emotion through physical activities.
5. To provide instruction in a well-balanced physical activity program that will help each student know he can excel in some type of physical activity.

SOCIAL

1. To help students develop good, wholesome attitudes.
2. To help students develop good Christian manners in order to be able to apply them in their everyday routines.
3. To help students be aware of the needs of other people.
4. To help students develop an understanding of and the ability to meet the responsibilities of a Christian to the community, state and national government.
5. To teach students to get along with Christians and non-Christians who hold differing views.

The Affiliations of Tabernacle Christian School

Tabernacle Christian School is a member of the North Carolina Christian School Association (NCCSA). The school is also a member of the American Association of Christian Schools (AACS).

It is by these associations that we are able to further teacher development and remain abreast of current methods and materials. Our students also benefit by enhanced and varied opportunities to compete and cooperate with students from other Christian schools.

Financial Operations of Tabernacle Christian School

Tabernacle Christian School is a private, non-profit ministry of Bible Baptist Tabernacle. The school does not receive federal funds. Income from tuition does not fully cover the cost of operating the school. Interested individuals are invited to contribute to the operation of the school via tax-deductible gifts. If you would like to provide a scholarship for deserving students who would otherwise be unable to afford a Christian education, please earmark your gift accordingly.

General Information

Academic Programs Available

Pre-School.....	2-4 years old
Kindergarten.....	5 years old
Elementary.....	Grades 1 – 5
Middle and Senior High.....	Grades 6 – 12

Admission Information

Parents wishing to enroll their children in Tabernacle Christian School should call (704) 283-4395 for an interview and tour to find out about the school and its educational program.

At least one parent must accompany the student to the interview. The parent will need to complete the application and be prepared to pay the registration fee. **We do NOT accept any students who do not want to attend our school.**

Students will be tested before grade placement is determined. Our academic standards are higher than many schools, and we do not want to place undue strain on students who possibly would find it difficult to work in a grade above their ability level.

Admission Policies

1. A child must be five years of age before **November 15** in order to enter kindergarten; four years old before **November 15** to enter four-year-old kindergarten.
2. A child must be six years of age by **November 15** to enter first grade. In cases of late birthdays, a readiness test may be administered. If passed, the applicant may be accepted (other things being in order) for entrance into the first grade.
3. First graders who have not attended our kindergarten program must take the readiness test at another time.
4. A birth certificate and a copy of the child's Social Security card are to be presented at the time of registration for students entering the four and five-year-old kindergarten and first grade.
5. A completed health certificate with updated immunization records of kindergarten and first-grade students must be in the school office **before the first day of school**.
6. Parents are expected to uphold the objectives, rules, and standards of the school.
7. Tabernacle Christian School admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, athletic programs, and other school-administered programs.
8. A student is admitted to Tabernacle Christian School on the basis of his former record and placement tests. Each student's record is reviewed, and the student is admitted on the basis of specific criteria for admission. A "C" average on grade level is the acceptable academic average.
9. Tabernacle Christian School, as a private institution, reserves the privilege of setting and maintaining its own standards for student conduct, dress, and scholarship. The school maintains the right to refuse admittance to anyone it so chooses and to suspend or expel any student who

- violates the standards set down in the Parent-Student Handbook or other rules of conduct as defined by the administration in writing.
10. As a religious entity, Tabernacle Christian School is legally permitted to make admission decisions based upon religious criteria, including doctrinal and lifestyle issues.
 11. Tabernacle Christian School does not admit students who have been expelled or suspended from any other school. An appeal may be submitted to the TCS board for review to request a rare exception to this policy.
 12. Tabernacle Christian School cannot accept new students during the fourth quarter of the school year. The administration may grant exception to this policy for students who have recently moved into the Monroe area.

Business Procedures

All payment options are handled through tuition management services and are as follows: Yearly, semesterly or monthly (10 or 12 pay).

1. Yearly payment for the entire year's tuition and fees is due by August 1st. If payment is not received by the first, tuition will automatically be set up on a monthly payment plan.
2. Semester payments are due by August 01 and January 01, respectively.
3. Monthly payments are on the preselected day of the month chosen by the person responsible for the bill.
4. Statements are sent via email approximately 20 days before payment is due. A \$40 late fee is charged to all accounts that are late unless the responsible party calls the school office prior to the due date, notifying the school office that the payment will be late and also stating exactly when the payment will be made.
5. Should two payments be missed, the student may be asked to withdraw from Tabernacle Christian School until the account is current.
6. Discounts are not offered to families enrolling more than one child in the school. The cost of educating a child is enormous; therefore, TCS cannot issue discounted tuition.
7. TCS offers limited financial aid assistance to families who desire to have their children in a Christian school and meet the necessary conditions for financial assistance. TCS has applications available for families interested in applying for financial aid.
8. A textbook fee is charged yearly to all students.
9. An athletic fee **PER SPORT** will be charged for any student involved in team sports and/or cheerleading.
10. In the event of withdrawal, transfer, or expulsion, parents are responsible for full payment of tuition and all other applicable fees. Full payment of tuition and other fees must be made through the end of the calendar month for grades K5 – 12. **Report cards and student records will be held until tuition and other fees are paid in full.**
11. No deduction is made from tuition payments for a student's absences.
12. Students enrolling in TCS during any part of a semester will be charged for the entire amount of the tuition, registration, and books for that semester.
13. Participation in graduation exercises and special programs is a special privilege. **No student will be permitted to participate in graduation exercises unless the student's school bill is paid in full.**
14. Tabernacle Christian School charges a \$ 35.00 fee for any returned checks.
15. A copy of the financial policy of TCS stating all fees and charges is available in the school office.
16. The office is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and is closed only for holidays.

Absences

Regular attendance is essential to successful class work. Absences are **excused** **ONLY** for the following reasons:

1. Illness or injury
2. Death in the immediate family

3. Medical or dental appointment
4. Court or administrative proceedings
5. Religious observances
6. Educational opportunity with proper advance notice
7. Inclement weather conditions agreed upon by the administration
8. Planned activities that are **pre-approved** by the administration that are non-school related

When a student returns from an unplanned absence, a note stating the reason for his absence must accompany him/her or the absence will be classified as unexcused. Any other absences, unless approved by the administration prior to absence, will be considered unexcused. An unexcused absence means a student may not make up missed work or tests.

Students must be in school until 11:30 to be counted present for a **half day**.

Students must be in school until 2:00 to be counted present for a **whole day**.

Any student missing more than **20** days of school or who is absent from a high school class more than **20** times will be in jeopardy of failing his grade at the end of the school year. **Students missing more than 20 days of school will be required to make up those days in our summer school program (contact the school office for rates).**

It is the student's responsibility to talk with his teacher regarding making up work when he/she is absent. In the lower elementary grades, we ask parents to work with the teacher. A student will be given a total number of days to turn in his work.

Absences after Sporting Events

Sports are important extracurricular activities that are beneficial to the holistic development of students who participate; however, when extracurricular activities cause disruptions in the learning process or environment, we must take measures to protect the academic integrity of our school. Due to the nature of the distance of some games, there may be occasions when athletes arrive home late. While this is an understood hardship, the absences of multiple students create an enormous disruption in the learning process and environment.

If an athlete is absent from school on the day following a game with an UNEXCUSED absence, the athlete will be unable to participate in the next consecutive game.

Daily Schedule

School starts at 8:20 a.m. and students are dismissed from class at 3:15 p.m.

Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:30 (unless enrolled in before-school care). Students will not be allowed to be on the campus unsupervised.

Students MAY NOT be dropped off at the elementary building which is behind the gymnasium on Broome St. The City of Monroe has explicitly stated that students may not be dropped off. The small parking lot at the elementary building is exclusively for our elementary principal and state mandated handicap parking ONLY.

Tardiness

Students arriving to school after 8:20 a.m. are considered tardy. Repeated tardiness is a serious matter and will not be tolerated. A student with 3 unexcused tardies will not be considered for perfect attendance.

Every THREE unexcused tardies for school (8:20 a.m.) is considered ONE absent day (refer to absence policy).

Students arriving after 8:20 a.m. must report to the school office. Failure to report to the office upon late arrival will result in the student being marked absent and, consequently, not receiving credit for the school day. Unexcused tardies will result in demerits for students in grades 6–12 and may lead to the suspension of driving privileges for student drivers.

Chapel

Chapel has become one of our students' favorite times of the school week. Lower elementary (K5 – 5th) chapel is held on Friday mornings at 8:35 a.m. Middle (6 – 8) and high school chapel (9 – 12) is held Tuesday at 11:10 a.m. Students are required to have their Bibles for chapel services.

We feel it is vital for the spiritual welfare of our school that we have 100% participation in our chapel services. Parents are invited to attend chapel services.

Early Dismissals

Students needing early dismissal from school because of medical or dental appointments should bring a note from their parents. Notes should be turned in to the teacher upon arrival. Early dismissals for any reason must be approved in advance. Students are never to leave campus without **written** permission from parents. The permission must be given to the principal or office.

School Closings

In the event of inclement weather that requires school closure, we will **ALWAYS follow the guidance of Union County Public Schools for weather-related closings during the FIRST TWO DAYS ONLY**. If Union County Public Schools remain closed **DUE TO WEATHER** after two consecutive days, we will consult with other advisors and evaluate local conditions to determine whether our school should continue to remain closed.

We will send a message to all families confirming any school closing, delay, or reopening decision. (Please refer to our "School Delays" policy below.) The safety of our students, families, and staff is always of utmost importance.

School Delays

TCS **DOES NOT** follow Union County Public Schools' delayed-opening schedules. Public school delays are often necessary because school buses begin transporting students very early in the morning, sometimes before 5:30 a.m., and may carry as many as 72 students at a time. These transportation concerns are not as prevalent in a private school setting such as TCS, which does not provide transportation to and from school. Therefore, **TCS will not automatically follow Union County Public Schools' delays.**

SPECIAL NOTE: If parents determine that road conditions in their area are too hazardous to safely bring their children to school on time, they should provide a written note explaining that unsafe road conditions caused the delay. **When accompanied by a UCPS delay advisory**, the note will be accepted, and the student will not be marked tardy.

Sickness

It is better, not only for your child, but for everyone else in the class, that he remain at home if he appears to be ill. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to class. Parents will be called to pick up any child whom the teacher feels is too sick to do his work or who is a health hazard to others in the class. If the child has a communicable disease, the school should be notified immediately.

Medications

All prescriptions and non-prescription medications of any type must be left at the office to be administered to the student at specific times. A note from the **DOCTOR** authorizing the dispensing of the medication is required.

Immunizations

The following immunizations **are required** by the *State of North Carolina* for enrollment into the five-year old kindergarten or first grade.

DTP	5 doses (DTA / DT)
POLIO (IPV)	4 doses
MMR	2 doses
HIB	1 dose
Hepatitis B	3 doses

The State of North Carolina also requires all twelve year-old children in private school to receive a dose of Tdap vaccine before attending school if five or more years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine . If you have any questions, please contact the county health department or your family physician.

Office Procedures

Parents are welcome to visit the school. When visiting a classroom for any reason, parents must first check in at the school office. Lunches, homework, books, etc., may be left in the office to be delivered to the appropriate classrooms. The office cannot be responsible for delivering messages to students after 2:30 p.m. **Parents wishing to speak with teachers must do so after school so that vital classroom time is not interrupted.**

Lunches

Students must bring their own lunches. Microwaves are available to heat food. Soda and snack machines are available to all students during the lunch period.

Visitors

Visitors may be brought to school only if they are prospective students. Students who desire to bring visitors to school must secure permission from the principal with at least one day's advance notice. The administration reserves the right to reject visitors at any time.

Students who have been dismissed from Tabernacle Christian School may not return to the campus before, during, or after school without the administration's advance permission.

Lost and Found

All articles found at the school are sent to the lost and found center located in the gymnasium. Articles may be reclaimed before or after school. Students will be notified when found articles will be on display to be claimed. Any article remaining afterwards will be discarded or donated to Goodwill or another charitable thrift store. Students are encouraged to mark all personal items and clothing brought to school.

Student Drivers

1. Students who have permission from their parents to drive to school will be assigned a parking area near the James Russell Auditorium. Cars must be parked within the lines and should not take up two spaces.
2. Students must provide a copy of their driver's license to be kept on file.
3. Students must register all vehicles driven on campus.

4. Students will not be allowed to return to their cars during the school day without the permission of the teacher or office.
5. Any reckless driving on the TCS campus will result in the loss of the student's driving privilege. The pedestrian will always have the right-of-way. Students should remember that many children are in the parking lot before and after school and should use extreme caution while driving on school grounds.
6. Students are not allowed to sit in cars before or after school, during the school day or at any school function.
7. Males and females, unless family members, are not allowed to be in the same car or leave campus together.
8. Any student drivers leaving campus during the school day for any reason (doctor's appointments, etc.) must have advance written permission from parents.
9. The playing of loud music, whether Christian or secular, will not be tolerated on the TCS campus and will result in the loss of the student driving privilege.
10. Excessive tardiness on the part of the student drivers will result in the suspension of the driving privilege for four weeks. Excessive tardiness will be defined as five or more tardies in one grading period.

Cellular Phones and Devices

Having cell phones or any other internet-accessible device (including smartwatches) on campus is a privilege, not a right. Rampant abuse of this privilege has necessitated a revision of the cell phone policy. Middle and high school students are allowed to bring cell phones and devices on campus, provided they are placed in the designated cell phone/device pockets in each homeroom upon arrival each morning. Students may collect their phones when they leave campus. **Unauthorized use of cell phones will result in the confiscation of the phone and the issuance of a disciplinary referral. Repeat offenders will lose all cell phone privileges.**

Traffic Patterns on Campus

Parents who wish to walk their children to class must park their vehicle in a parking space. Parents should be careful not to block traffic flow through the parking lot. **No one is allowed to park under the awning.** Drivers should always remember that pedestrians always have the right-of-way. Since many young people are in the parking lots before and after school, drivers should always use extreme caution while driving on the school grounds.

School Buildings and Grounds

Tabernacle Christian School utilizes the facilities of Bible Baptist Tabernacle. As such, we follow the rules and regulations of the church concerning the buildings and grounds. They are:

1. School buildings are open from 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on all weekdays.
2. The church auditorium is off-limits to all students except when accompanied by TCS or BBT staff members. When the auditorium is used for chapel or assemblies, students should enter in a quiet and orderly manner.
3. Groups practicing special music for chapel should receive permission from the principal and use the designated practice location.
4. Willful or negligent destruction to school or church property will not be tolerated. Students will be held monetarily responsible for any intentional damage to the property.

Trips and Special Occasions

Field Trips

Each class will take two field trips per year—one educational and one recreational. Parents are welcome to attend, but must contact the teacher in advance and follow the school dress code. Permission slips will be

sent home at least one week before each trip and must be signed and returned to the teacher. Students who do not attend a trip will be counted absent.

Special Occasions and Activities

All birthday parties or celebrations for special occasions must be coordinated with your child's teacher or principal.

Junior/Senior Trip

The juniors and seniors take a week-long class trip each year. Juniors and seniors will be allowed to use a portion of the funds they personally raise during our school-wide fundraisers to help subsidize their trip.

Parent Relations

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Since classroom teaching time is so vital to the educational process, we require that parents schedule conferences with teachers after school. Teachers are usually available for conferences **after school** until 4:00 p.m. Because teachers are required to actively supervise students, parents must not prevent teachers from arriving in their classrooms on time. Parents may contact the teacher or the school office to make appointments with teachers.

When Problems Arise

At some time during the school year, a problem may arise with your child. Usually, this problem can be solved with a simple phone call or e-mail. We suggest parents follow this procedure in handling problems that might surface according to the Matthew 18:15-17:

1. First, contact the teacher or person directly involved. In a concise and accurate manner, state the problem as you know it to exist. If you are utilizing e-mail, please leave the best time to call you.
2. If the problem cannot be resolved by both parties involved, contact the principal or head of school to seek a solution.

Christian Conflict Management

If a problem arises, it is essential to remember that we are a Christian school operating on Christian principles and values. We understand that things can get emotionally charged at times; however, parents and guardians must follow the same behavioral rules that are required of our students. There will be **no tolerance** for the use of offensive or derogatory language towards our staff, students or parents of other students. There will be **no tolerance** for the use of profanity or obscenities towards our staff, students, or parents of other students. **If a parent or adult persists in behaving in an uncontrolled manner and resorts to derogatory, obscene, profane, offensive, or threatening language, they will be permanently banned from the premises of Tabernacle Christian School.**

Withdrawals

When first considering withdrawal from school, we ask the parent to contact a member of the administration before a final decision is reached. All school-owned books must be returned before a student is considered officially withdrawn. **It is the policy of TCS to withhold student records until all accounts are current.**

Dismissals

A student may be dismissed from school at any time he is found to be out of harmony with the rules and policies of the school. Decisions in these matters are the full responsibility of the administration.

Academics

Classifications

1. **Elementary Grades 1 – 5** Students are evaluated yearly with regard to their academic development, social skills and personal maturity. Appropriate recommendations are then made for promotion or retention. Elementary students must pass Arithmetic and Language at each grade level in order to be promoted. If a student fails two or more subjects, including Arithmetic and/or Language, at any grade level, they will not be promoted and must repeat the grade unless they successfully recover the subjects during summer school.
2. **Middle Grades 6 – 8** Before a 6th - 8th grade student can advance to a higher grade, the following guidelines must be followed. All five major subjects (Bible, English, Math, Science, and History) must be passed during the school year or made up during summer school. If a student does not pass three or more subjects, he will not be promoted and will have to repeat the grade.
3. **Senior High Grades 9 – 12** Before a senior high student can advance to a higher classification, each course must be passed or made up in summer school. Otherwise, the student may advance to the sophomore class with at least five units, the junior class with eleven units, and the senior class with at least seventeen units.

School Curricula

In accordance with our objectives as a Christian school, TCS uses Christian curricula and textbooks to teach all classes from a Biblical perspective.

1. **Kindergarten and elementary** classes uses the A Beka curriculum developed by Pensacola Christian College. A Beka has a strong emphasis upon phonics.
2. **Middle-Senior High** classes use Edgenuity, Apologia, Bob Jones University Press and A Beka textbooks.

Bible

Bible is a required subject at Tabernacle Christian School. It enhances the study of other subjects such as English, history and especially social studies. No other book can enrich the mind and heart and can prepare one for an effective life as this “Best Seller” of all times. A Christian school is privileged to use this most important tool in the work of character building, which is perhaps the most necessary task of a school. It far excels all other courses offered in this school in laying a sure foundation of moral and spiritual values in a day of moral decay and spiritual apostasy. Without a working knowledge of the Bible, a student can hardly be considered educated in the truest sense. All Bible coursework and memory work uses the **King James Version**.

Patriotism

Patriotism is the love and loyal support of a person for his country. This includes attachment to a country’s land and people, admiration for its customs and tradition and a devotion to its well-being. The term “patriotism” implies a feeling of oneness and membership in the nation. Outstanding literary works praise loyalty to country and willingness to suffer even unto death in defense of a country’s freedom and good name. Our school endeavors to develop patriotism in order to create an appreciation for the common memories, hopes and traditions for our country.

Homework

Homework is an integral part of the school program and each teacher is at liberty to give homework to aid each student to advance in his studies. Each student is expected to complete homework assignments.

Homework is given for several reasons:

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

Homework for kindergarten and lower elementary (1 – 3) students is limited to a total of 30-45 minutes each evening. For upper elementary (4–5) students, homework is generally limited to a total of 1.5 hours each evening. For middle and high school students (6-12), homework is generally limited to a total of 2 hours. If homework consistently exceeds these limits, parents should contact their child's teachers to determine the cause.

Homework is not given on Wednesday nights to encourage our students and their families to attend mid-week services at their churches.

Progress Folders

Weekly progress folders are sent home with students in grades K5 – 5 each Monday. These folders contain graded tests, class work, quizzes, and other school correspondence for the week. Parents should review the work with their children. The folders should be signed and returned to teachers each Tuesday. Papers may be kept unless otherwise indicated by the teacher.

Sycamore Leaf SIS

Parents have access to their children's grades, assignments, upcoming tests and quizzes, projects, attendance records, and disciplinary referrals through the family's Sycamore Education account. Since students in grades 6-12 do not receive weekly folders, middle/high school teachers are **REQUIRED** to update Sycamore **TWICE** each week. Parents should **REGULARLY** check Sycamore to see the progress of their student(s).

Grading Scale

The following grading scales are used in preparing report cards for TCS students:

A+	99 – 100	B+	90 – 92	C+	82 – 84
A	95 - 98	B	87 – 89	C	79 – 81
A-	93 - 94	B-	85 – 86	C-	77 – 78
D+	75 - 76	E	0 – 69		
D	72 - 74				
D-	70 - 71				

Report Cards

Report cards will be distributed to students at the close of each nine weeks. Distribution days are indicated on the school calendar. Students receive numerical and letter averages for each course. Past report cards are always accessible to parents in Sycamore Leaf SIS.

Exams

Nine-week and semester exams for middle and senior high students are given in each subject. Students are required to take an exam on the scheduled date and time for each exam.

Standardized Testing

Tabernacle Christian School maintains a thorough testing program to measure students' abilities and progress. Results of tests are used to help the administration and faculty work more effectively with each student and to make continual improvements to the curriculum.

1. Each spring, all students in K5–12 will take the ITBS (IOWA Test of Basic Skills). Individual student reports are distributed to parents in May.
2. In addition to the ITBS, senior high school students are required to take the following college entrance tests:
 - a. Juniors are required to take the PSAT. This test is administered at the school. This test is open to any interested sophomores.
 - b. Seniors are required to take the SAT during the SAT school day at TCS. Additionally, both the SAT and ACT tests are administered at area schools.

Sports Academic Requirements

A student will be on sports probation if they do not maintain a 70% average (D grade) or above in Bible class.

A student will be placed on sports probation if they do not maintain an overall average of 76.5.

A student will be placed on sports probation if they are failing any of the four core subjects: math, science, English, or history.

Probation

If a student is placed on sports probation, they may not participate in games for three weeks. When on sports probation, athletes may be able to participate in practices but are not allowed to travel or play in games.

If the grade point average is raised to 76.5 after the three-week probationary period, the athlete may resume playing with the sports team.

******Sports probation begins the date that progress reports and report cards are given to the student body.**

Absences after Sporting Events

If an athlete is absent from school on the day following a game with an UNEXCUSED absence, the athlete will be unable to participate in the next consecutive game.

Graduation Requirements

Each of the following stipulations must be met for high school graduation:

1. Credit toward high school graduation will not be given for classes taken in grades 6 - 8.
2. A student must earn 21 credits in grades 9 – 12 plus a ½ credit in Bible for each of the four years in Tabernacle Christian School.
3. The 23 credit requirement must include the following:

English

4 Credits

I, II, III, IV

Math	4 Credits Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II. Fourth math course to be aligned with student's post high school plans.
Science	4 Credits Physical Science, Biology, and two other science courses: Earth/Environmental Science, Chemistry, Physics, Marine Biology, Human Anatomy
Social Studies	4 Credits American Government/World Geography, US History, World History, Economics
Foreign Language	2 Credits (in the same language)
Health and Physical Education	1 Credit
Electives or other requirements	4 Elective Credits Keyboarding, Introduction to Computers, Speech, Family Living, Arts Education
Bible Electives	2 Elective Credits 1/2 credit required each year student is in attendance
<u>Total Required Credits</u>	<u>23 Credits plus Bible requirements</u>

1. Transcript evaluation committee determines transfer of credit.
2. Grades earned from all subjects plus Bible in grades 9 – 11 and the first semester of the 12th grade are used to compute the student's rank in class and grade point average.
3. Although the passing grade is 70 (D-), the college recommended grade is C.
4. Students may complete some courses in summer school. **ALL summer** courses must be taken at TCS.
5. Graduating seniors are required to take the SAT or ACT. Taking both tests is strongly recommended during a student's junior year. Graduating seniors must also demonstrate competency on the ITBS given each spring. North Carolina Law (S-383) requires a student to pass a competency test before graduation. The law allows each school to choose the test and to set the minimum score.

Graduation

The administration of TCS schedules, organizes and presents two graduation services. Both graduations are held in the auditorium of Bible Baptist Tabernacle.

1. **Kindergarten** A graduation ceremony will be held for those students completing our five-year-old kindergarten program. Kindergarten students will present a program demonstrating their various abilities. Graduation diplomas will be presented at the conclusion of the graduation program.
2. **High School** The seniors graduate each year on the last day of school. The Friday evening commencement is open to all friends of TCS.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian Selection

Selection is made on the basis of cumulative grade point averages (GPA on a 4.0 scale) beginning in the 9th grade and ending with the third quarter of the 12th grade. The senior with the highest cumulative GPA is the Valedictorian and the senior with the second highest GPA is Salutatorian of the graduating class.

Homeschools

Students whose families are members of Bible Baptist Tabernacle may have a portion of one of BBT's regularly scheduled services to celebrate their senior's graduation from homeschool. Homeschoolers, however, may not participate in the graduation services of Tabernacle Christian School, as allowing them to do so may detract from the accomplishments of the senior class of TCS. Only TCS graduates will be able to participate in the graduation commencement services.

Dress

Dress Standards

Tabernacle Christian School has a responsibility, based upon Bible principles, to establish modest dress guidelines. These guidelines take on added significance since the school shares the campus with Bible Baptist Tabernacle. The word "modesty" and the phrase "be thou an example of the believer" are keys to determining the appropriateness of dress (1 Peter 3:3-4, 1 Timothy 4:12). Because the Bible stresses modesty in dress, admonishes us to abstain from all appearances of evil and encourages us to present our bodies as living sacrifices unto God, it is necessary for the school to establish dress guidelines.

Dress Code Enforcement

Teachers and staff are responsible for monitoring student dress. The junior and senior high schools have a discipline system that uses "demerits." If the student's dress is deemed immodest, the administration will require the student to wear more modest clothing before returning to school. In summary, these are the steps for enforcing dress guidelines.

1. The dress infraction is explained to the student.
2. Demerits are given.
3. If necessary, a change of dress is required. The parent will be called to bring a change of clothes or work out a satisfactory solution to the dress problem. If the dress offense is not flagrant, the student may simply be told not to wear the clothing to school again.
4. If a student consistently chooses to dress inappropriately, they will be sent home.

Dress Guidelines and Parental Responsibility

Cooperation between the home and school regarding the matter of dress guidelines is vital. Anytime a parent does not understand a dress infraction, he should feel comfortable talking with the teacher involved.

Standards of Dress

Elementary (K5-5) Girls

1. Skirts or dresses must be below the knee.
2. Any color or style of sleeved shirt, provided it does not contain writing or graphics. The only exceptions are TCS spirit wear shirts or clothing that displays a small company logo or insignia. Logos may not include additional graphics, images, or designs beyond the logo itself.
3. Shorts or leggings may be worn under skirts.
4. Socks are recommended due to outdoor play.

Elementary (K5-5)Boys

1. Hair should be neatly tapered and trimmed around the ears.
2. Hair should be off the collar, off the ears, and above the eyebrows.
3. Students may wear any color or style of sleeved shirt, provided it does not contain writing or graphics. The only exceptions are TCS spirit wear shirts or clothing that displays a small company logo or insignia. Logos may not include additional graphics, images, or designs beyond the logo itself.
4. Tennis shoes are allowed. Socks must be worn with shoes. No flip-flops or slides are allowed.
5. Navy/Khaki/Black long pants. Jeans may be worn, but must be neat with no holes. **No sweat pants.**
6. Boys are not to wear any kind of jewelry.

All students are encouraged to wear their TCS spirit t-shirts every day.

Middle and High (6-12) Dress Code

To maintain a respectful, orderly, and Christ-centered learning environment, all students are expected to follow a conservative and professional dress code that reflects traditional Christian values.

General Expectations

All clothing must be clean, neat, and free from excessive wear or tearing. The administration reserves the right to determine whether a student's attire or appearance is appropriate.

Middle and High (6-12) Boys' Dress Code

Pants: Neat jeans, slacks, or khaki-style pants.

Shirts: Collared shirts only, except for TCS Spirit Shirts. No other writing or graphics are allowed except the brand logo or insignia. Logos may not include additional graphics, images, or designs beyond the logo itself.

Hair: Should be clean, well-kept, and above the eyebrows and ears. (*Curly hair should not exceed two inches in height.*) Fad-style haircuts are not allowed, such as but not limited to bowl cuts, mullets, cornrows, or dreadlocks. Any questionable cuts/styles will be left to the discretion of the administration. Hair coloring is not permitted.

Facial Hair: Boys must be clean-shaven at all times.

Jewelry: Boys are not allowed to wear jewelry.

Shoes: Any type of shoe may be worn except flip flops or slides.

Piercings: No piercings are allowed.

Hats: No hats are allowed to be worn during SCHOOL HOURS.

Middle and High (6-12) Girls' Dress Code

Skirts and Dresses:

Only skirts or dresses are permitted, and they must reach the bottom of the knee or longer, including any slits.

Tops: Necklines must be no lower than three closed fingers from the collarbone. Any color or style of sleeved shirt, provided it does not contain writing or graphics. The only exceptions are TCS spirit wear shirts or shirts displaying the manufacturer's logo or insignia. Logos may not include additional graphics, images, or designs beyond the logo itself.

Shoes: Any type of shoe may be worn except flip flops.

Piercings: Girls may have pierced ears only.

Middle and High school students are encouraged to wear their TCS spirit t-shirts every day. Special dress-down days will be scheduled throughout the school year.

Adults

Adults are asked to observe the appropriate dress guidelines when coming on school grounds. It is important to set good examples for our students.

1. Anyone picking up students or visiting our school facilities is asked not to wear shorts, Bermuda shorts, or miniskirts. Should you be dressed in this type of attire, please remain in your car.
2. Slacks or jeans are allowed only when ladies are dropping off or picking up children, as they go to or return from their places of employment, where such attire is required.
3. We request that school parents and guests wear modest dresses or skirts to school functions and athletic events. We wish to avoid setting a double standard for students and adults.

After-School Activities

The TCS dress code policy will be enforced for all student-related activities, including ball games. Any student violating dress code policies will be subject to disciplinary measures.

Student Conduct and Discipline

Tabernacle Christian 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. There is adequate Biblical basis for the idea of spiritual growth into the image of Christ (Romans 8:29), which is the work of the Holy Spirit (II Corinthians 3:18). This growth begins with the initial act of saving faith and continues through life. The Holy Spirit makes the Christian conscious of the Biblical demands for a holy life fulfilling both God's moral law and high law of love (Matthew 22:37-39; Romans 13:8-10; and Galatians 5:14). The result is a life consecrated unto God and separated from the world.

Tabernacle Christian School must, therefore, provide an environment conducive to the spiritual growth and development of young people who are not yet mature Christians. A standard of conduct based on the following Biblical imperatives is necessary to provide such an environment that will best promote the spiritual welfare of the student. The school requests each student, whether at home, school or elsewhere, to demonstrate:

1. Proper respect is due to the administration, faculty, and all other staff members.
2. Proper speech: Vulgar, profanity, slang, and lying shall have no place in the school.
3. Proper respect for the properties of Bible Baptist Tabernacle and Tabernacle Christian School.
4. Proper conduct: Christian kindness and unselfishness should characterize all dealings with the faculty and fellow students.
5. Proper relationships with parents, faculty, fellow students, and friends.
6. Proper attitude: An attitude that is destructive, critical, or cynical grieves the Holy Spirit and is destructive to Christian growth and fellowship.

Based upon these standards of conduct, each student must refrain from swearing, indecent language, immoral behavior, smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, the use of drugs, gambling, dancing and involvement in rock and roll or so-called Christian rock.

Discipline

Discipline is a major area of concern in the Christian home, the Christian school, and the Christian life. Without proper discipline, a Christian will never achieve God's will in his life. Imposed discipline (outer discipline) helps to build self-discipline (inner discipline).

Discipline in the Christian school is often misunderstood. Christian schools are often accused of being "too strict", of not showing love and of not being compassionate. Consider what the Scripture says: "*Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest...*" (Psalm 94:12).

Discipline of students is a joint responsibility of parents, teachers, and administrators. Parents who cannot support the discipline standards of Tabernacle Christian School should find a school whose standards more nearly reflect their own. This will prevent the child from being placed in a position of conflict between the parent and the school. We welcome your questions, comments and suggestions but any changes in policy must reflect spiritual principles and the best interests of the school.

Tabernacle Christian School cannot effectively solve all behavior problems; therefore, the home must contribute and assist the school in solving some student behavior problems. One of the purposes of Tabernacle Christian School is to be an extension of the Christian home in providing a consistent standard of discipline to the standard of discipline in the home. Our teachers in their ministry of teaching will love, care and correct students, hopefully, as the parents do in the home.

Elementary Discipline Procedures

Various methods of training and correction are used in elementary classes. Teachers will notify parents of any recurrent behavior problems in the classroom. Students may lose privileges until the behavior is corrected. Consistent problems will be brought to the attention of the administration. At the discretion of the teacher or administration, parents will be called to come to school to assist with major behavioral offenses such as willful disobedience, lying, stealing, cheating, etc.

Junior/Senior High Discipline Procedures

The classroom teacher will handle minor student offenses, and demerits may be given. If these offenses are repeated, then additional disciplinary actions may be required which includes demerits and after-school detention.

1. NO gum **AT ALL**. No drinks or food in classrooms without the teacher's permission.
2. Defacing school property (Work detail after school, plus restitution).
3. Failure to do homework (Academic penalty)
4. Copying homework (A '0' grade will be given.)
5. Chapel misconduct (Letter of apology and appointment with the principal.)
6. Failure to clean up the area at lunch or in the classroom. (Student will clean the room or gym area after school.)
7. Talking without permission (The teacher gives a demerit or assigns work for the student after school.)
8. Unprepared for class (Teacher assigns extra work for the student.)

Demerit Program

Tabernacle Christian School's demerit program is intended to serve as a guide for discipline, to give consistency to disciplinary procedures and to serve as a record of a student's behavior. The demerits in themselves are not a form of punishment. The demerit is drawing attention to an undisciplined area in the student's life. Hopefully, this will cause the student to be introspective and, out of a desire to be all he can be for the Lord, discipline himself to overcome the problem.

Teachers may recommend demerits for various student offenses. The demerit slip is checked by the principal and then processed. Demerits are viewable on Sycamore, and parents will receive a pass-a-note on Sycamore letting them know their child has received a demerit

In grades 6 – 12, after-school detention will be assigned each time a student accumulates 10 demerits. Failure to serve a detention on the date assigned will result in additional detention.

Demerits will be assigned for the following infractions:

Category I Infractions These infractions are generally minor in nature; however, repeated offenses in these areas will constitute a need for further disciplinary measures. These offenses are assigned demerits per offense.

- 1.0 Unexcused Tardiness (3 excused = 1 unexcused)
 - 1.1 Tardiness to school
 - 1.2 Tardiness to class
 - 1.3 Tardiness to study hall
 - 1.4 Tardiness to chapel
- 2.0 Classroom Misbehavior
 - 2.1 Chewing gum/eating in class
 - 2.2 Talking without permission
 - 2.3 Leaving seat without permission
 - 2.4 Passing and/or writing notes in class
 - 2.5 Failure to follow instructions
 - 2.6 Mischief (Spitballs/playing, etc.)
 - 2.7 Use of cell phones during school hours.
- 3.0 Dress Code Violation
 - 3.1 Improper dress
 - 3.2 Lack of P. E. uniform
- 4.0 Improper Peer Relationships
 - 4.1 Name calling/belittlement of others
 - 4.2 Unnecessary physical conduct
 - 4.3 Horseplay
- 5.0 General Misconduct
 - 5.1 Littering
 - 5.2 Misconduct on bus
 - 5.3 Loitering in halls/gym
 - 5.4 Chapel misconduct
 - 5.5 Sitting on tables or desks
 - 5.6 Misuse of school property
- 6.0 Lack of responsibility
 - 6.1 Failure to return signed discipline notice
 - 6.2 Failure to return signed progress reports
 - 6.3 Failure to complete homework

Category II Infractions These infractions are more serious in nature and most often require counseling. Students who repeat offenses in this category or who does not show willingness to correct their behavior and/or attitude will receive further disciplinary action. These offenses may be assigned up to 5 demerits per offense.

- 7.1 Direct disobedience
- 7.2 Disrespect to authority
- 7.3 Involvement in improper activities
- 7.4 Cheating
- 7.5 Fighting
- 7.6 Forging a name
- 7.7 Stealing
- 7.8 Skipping class

- 7.9 Lying
- 7.10 Profanity
- 7.11 Suggestive language

Accumulated Demerits and Actions

One of more of the following disciplinary actions may be necessary when a student repeats offenses in Category I or commits offenses in Category II:

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| Counseling | In-School Suspension |
| After-school detention | Off-Campus Suspension |
| Expulsion | |

The following actions will be taken when a high school student accumulates a certain number of demerits:

1. For every 10 demerits, the student will serve a one-hour detention.
2. At the level of 35 demerits, the student will be placed on disciplinary probation and will lose all extra-curricular participation privileges including cheerleading, team sports, yearbook and class office for the remainder of the year. After 35 demerits, a meeting with the student, parents, and school administration will be required.

Off-Campus Suspension

Serious discipline problems will result in students being assigned off-campus suspension. Students under off-campus suspension are not allowed to be on campus without advance permission of the administration. All missed classwork must be made up.

Expulsion

A student who violates the following regulation(s) may not be retained at Tabernacle Christian School:

1. Attends a rock concert or questionable establishment.
2. Actively participates in the vandalism or destruction of school or private property.
3. Has in possession any alcoholic beverages on or off campus.
4. Uses, has in possession, or makes a pretense of using or encouraging others to use illegal narcotics at any time on or off campus.
5. Use of tobacco on or off campus.

Items Not to be Brought to School

The following items CANNOT be brought to school.

1. Guns (**Any student who brings a firearm to school will be expelled and reported to law enforcement**)
2. Knives
3. Matches or lighters
4. Worldly magazines