

FAITH WALK ACADEMY

STUDENT HANDBOOK



Faith Walk Academy

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FAITH WALK ACADEMY is a parochial school operating as an outreach ministry of Faith Walk Ministry, a non-denomination Christian church. It is our desire to be a blessing to all people.

This handbook is designed to thoroughly familiarize parents and students with some of the basic convictions, policies, and operation procedures of the school and to give pertinent information relative to the present term.

HISTORY

Formerly Foundation for Life Christian School, Faith Walk Academy began with a vision given to Pastor David Charlick from Full Gospel Fellowship Church. He and his wife opened the school but had to close it after several years due to unforeseen circumstances. In 1997, the school was reopened through a partnership between Full Gospel Fellowship Church and Faith Walk Ministry. After retiring in 2002, Pastor David Charlick appointed Bishop H. G. Long as school superintendent and transferred control of the school to Faith Walk Ministry. In 2010, the Faith Walk Ministry board voted and approved the school's name to be changed to Faith Walk Academy. Faith Walk Academy strives to fulfill the vision of its founder by expanding to meet the changing needs of the youth in our community.

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

It is to be thoroughly understood that this is first and foremost a Christian institution, and spiritual training is valued above all else. The Bible, God's Word, is taught daily on all grade levels. Jesus Christ is to be exalted in all school activities, and Christian principles govern the entire operation of the school. There will be a chapel service at designated times, and all students are required to attend.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to train up every child in the way that he should go. By maintaining Christ as the center, setting high standards, and providing a safe environment, our children gain self-respect, integrity, honor, and reverence.

VISION STATEMENT

Faith Walk Academy is an outreach ministry of the New Jerusalem Fellowship, a subsidiary of Faith Walk Ministry, designed to develop the total child. Our students will reestablish their God given identity and creativeness to break the cycle of generational addictive failure. Ultimately, they will fulfill their prospective roles in society and be an asset to any community.

ADMISSION POLICY

This school admits students of any race, color, religion, and national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to the students at this school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion and national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies and school administered programs.

ATTENDANCE HERE IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT, and is open to church members and non-members who submit applications approved by the administration along with their application fees.

The administration reserves the right to refuse admittance or expel from the school any student who fails to comply at all times with the policies and regulations of the school, as well as any student whose attitude or behavior is, in the opinion of the administrators, detrimental to the institution. This also applies to students whose parents manifest a harmful, critical attitude toward the school or refuse to cooperate with its policies.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

The following steps are required before being enrolled as a student at Faith Walk Academy.

1. After contacting the school, interested parties will receive a packet introducing the school and providing necessary forms.
2. Student and parents will fill out an application and sign standards of conduct contract. (*Located on the last page of this handbook.*)
3. Student and parent will collect and provide transcripts, immunization records and any Special Education documents from previous schools.
4. Parent will submit verification of income documents attached to scholarship application to determine eligibility for tuition assistance.
5. Student and parent will call and schedule an interview with the principal.
6. An initial parent/student interview will be conducted.
7. First month's tuition as well as the book fee* **must be paid prior to enrollment.**
* The book fee varies by grade level and availability of used books.

FINANCES

TUITION: The annual tuition charge may be paid annually, semi-annually, or in nine monthly payments. The first month tuition and book fee must be paid by September 1 each school year. **Monthly tuition is due by the 1st of each month. If the tuition is not paid by the 15th, the student is subject to dismissal.** If someone expects to be late with a tuition payment, it is their responsibility to make arrangements with the principal in advance. Student records will not be released nor will a student be allowed to reenroll if they have unpaid tuition.

Full Enrollment K-12th grade:

\$150 registration fee
\$200.00 per month

Pre-Kindergarten (age 3 &4)

\$100 registration fee
\$200 (half day) per month
\$300 (full day) per month

Full Enrollment Online 3rd-12th grade:

\$250 registration fee
\$200.00 per month

Partial/Dual Enrollment Online (homeschool or partner school)

\$250 registration fee
\$50 per month / per course

Tuition and fees are non-refundable.

TUITION ASSISTANCE (Scholarship): As result of generous donations from community partners, we are able to offer tuition assistance in the form of partial scholarships to low-income families. The amount of the scholarship is based on the family's income and the availability of funds. To be considered for tuition assistance, each family must do the following:

- Complete all regular enrollment paperwork
- Fill out a scholarship application form
- Submit a copy of the most recent federal income tax form or pay stubs
- Sign "Scholarship Recipient Contract"
- **The first month's tuition and book fee must be paid prior to student enrollment**
- To maintain the scholarship, verification of income must be submitted by the dates indicated in the "Scholarship Recipient Contract."

PAYMENT: Payments should be made at the school office. Checks should be made payable to FAITH WALK ACADEMY with memo indicating tuition and/or fees paid.

DONATIONS: All contributions are tax deductible when made to Faith Walk Academy.

CURRICULUM

Our primary curriculum is A Beka Book. It is a very thorough academic program that keeps Christian values central. There will be a few curriculum items from other companies, as well as some original materials written by our staff. Our curriculum includes all standard and required subjects with additional elective courses.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Students in need of special education services including diagnostic testing, therapy, and support services are eligible for referral to the Paris R-II school district. We have partnered with the Paris R-II school district's special education department and we will work with families to best meet the needs of the student. Some options include on-site therapy, transportation to receive services at a Paris R-II school, or even dual enrollment if necessary.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

1. You may engage in any behavior which does not create a problem for you or anyone else.
2. If you find yourself with a problem, you may solve it by any means which does not cause a problem for anyone else.
3. Students are welcome to utilize classrooms, hallways, seating area, and the area in front of the school. The following areas are off limits to students: nursery, offices, sanctuary (other than before school and assemblies).
4. You may engage in any behavior that does not jeopardize the safety or learning of yourself or others.
Unkind words and actions will not be tolerated.
5. Cell phones and other electronic devices are permitted **outside** of the classrooms. Anything that creates a disruption or interferes with learning will be held by the principal and returned at the end of the day or given to a parent/guardian.
6. You are responsible for your things. You may purchase a lock for your locker to protect your things, provided that you supply the front office with a duplicate key or combination.

The following choices may result in expulsion:

- **Serious threat to faculty member or student**
- Weapon possession at school or school event
- **Drug possession / known use at school or school event**
- Physical harm to a student or faculty member
- Gang activity or recruitment at school
- Selling or distributing drugs at school or to an FWA student
- Failure to take responsibility for an ongoing problem

The following choices may result in suspension:

- Fighting
- **Insubordination to a faculty member or administrator**
- **Leaving class without permission**
- Damaging school or church property
- Attending school high or drunk
- Cheating / consistent refusal to complete assignments or work in class

DISCIPLINE POLICY

Our goals as they relate to discipline are to preserve and maintain high academic standards and integrity; to protect the learning environment, and to create a safe place for students and faculty at Faith Walk Academy. If a student causes a problem, they will be asked to fix it. If a student cannot or will not fix the problem, the school will intervene and take corrective action. What the school does will depend on the unique situation.

ABSENCES and LEAVING EARLY

If your child is absent from school or needs to be dismissed early from school, a parent/guardian will need to send a written, signed notice or call the front office. The student is responsible for completing any missed assignments within the time allowed by the teacher. Consistent attendance is expected of a student enrolled at Faith Walk Academy. If a student indicates to us by his or her lack of attendance or excessive tardiness that he or she is not serious about advancing his or her education, that student will be subject to expulsion. Consistent attendance is very important and is necessary for students to be able to learn efficiently.

DRESS CODE

Faith Walk Academy has a uniform dress code consisting of a school shirt, tan/khaki pants or jeans, and a belt. All items should be in good condition, without holes, and be the appropriate size. Determination of adherence to the dress code is made by the principal.

VISITORS

Visitors are welcome at our school. We do require all visitors to stop at the front office so that one of the secretaries can assist you. This measure helps us insure the safety of our students by being aware of the people in our school at all times.