

Young Americans Christian School



Parent / Student Handbook 2023-2024

MISSION STATEMENT

Young Americans Christian School is a college preparatory school working hand in hand with the family to cultivate students who will be academically successful and will grow to be a light in the world for Christ.

This Handbook is for informational purposes only. This Handbook serves as policies, procedures, and information for parents and students at Young Americans Christian School. The Administration reserves the right to change, amend, or modify any policy or procedure at its sole discretion to enhance educational best practice. This Handbook is available on the school's website. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the parent and student to review it regularly.

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

Dear Parents and Students,

On behalf of the school administration and staff, welcome to Young Americans Christian School. Young Americans Christian School, the largest private school in Rockdale and Newton counties, has been providing quality Christian education for over 35 years and remains committed to educational excellence founded upon a Christian worldview. In 2020, the school was voted “Best High School,” “Best Christian School,” and “Best Preschool” by Readers Choice Award for Rockdale and Newton counties. In 2022, the school was voted “Best of the Best” by Readers Choice Award for Rockdale and Newton counties. Our desire is to make Christian education an exciting and fulfilling experience for your child. The school is committed to partnering with the family and the school community to cultivate an educational environment that will promote and enhance sound spiritual, academic, and social growth through quality academics, fine arts, and athletic opportunities for each student.

The school is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Cognia and offers both a college preparatory and a college preparatory with distinction diploma. The school is a member of the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA). Young Americans Christian School students have matriculated into over 65 colleges and universities, both public and private.

Again, thank you for allowing Young Americans Christian School to be an integral part of your child’s educational experience.

Sincerely,

Angie Haynes, MS Ed.
Head of School

HISTORY OF YOUNG AMERICANS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Young Americans Christian School was founded in 1988 by families who desired a comprehensive quality Christian education for their children. The school began with twenty-four preschool students who met in a local church facility. With overwhelming support from the school community, additional grade levels were soon added. In keeping with the founders' desire to provide exceptional education within a Christian framework, the school became a member of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) in 1991.

In 1998 the school and Old Salem Christian Church partnered together to build a new facility that provided church facilities for Old Salem Christian Church and elementary and middle school facilities for Young Americans Christian School. Though the school and church are independent, both entities utilized the facility. The school soon outgrew the facility and by God's blessing received a substantial donation to purchase nineteen acres of property; in 2001 the school completed a facility that would include an educational building, a gymnasium, and athletic fields. In 2010 the school purchased seven additional acres and completed a 500-seat fine arts center and football/soccer complex in 2012. The 26-acre campus supports an educational facility for grades K4-12, gymnasium, fine arts center, and baseball, football, and soccer fields.

Presently the school accommodates students K4 through 12th grade. Through God's blessing, the school has grown from twenty-four students to over 450 students, making Young Americans Christian School the largest private school in Rockdale and Newton counties. In 2020, the school was voted "Best High School," "Best Christian School," and "Best Preschool" by Readers Choice Award for Rockdale and Newton counties. In 2022, the school was voted "Best of the Best" by Readers Choice Award for Rockdale and Newton counties. Young Americans Christian School remains a non-denominational, non-profit, independent Christian school providing educational excellence within a Christian worldview.

ACCREDITATION

Young Americans Christian School is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Cognia and offers both a college preparatory and a college preparatory with distinction diploma.

"The 'accredited' seal denotes a school that has met institutional standards of quality and that verifies a commitment to strategic improvement and ongoing accountability. The process of accreditation involves three significant elements:

1. Intensive, institution-wide self-appraisal, analysis, and improvement planning
2. External consultation, review, validation, and insights from a visiting peer group
3. Ongoing accountability for improvement through annual reporting and renewal"
(<https://www.acsi.org/interest/international/accreditation>, 2019)

NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

Young Americans Christian School admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarship programs, athletic, or other school administered programs.

SCHOOL STATEMENT OF FAITH

Although parents, students, and family members may have differing Biblical perspectives, we adhere to the following non-negotiable statement of faith:

We believe in the Divine verbal inspiration, infallibility, integrity, finality, and sole sufficiency of the Bible as the Word of God. (II Timothy 3:16, Heb. 1:1, 2 Peter 1:20)

We believe in the Holy Trinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - three persons co-equal in substance, power, and eternity in the unity of the Godhead. (Matthew 28:19, John 15:26, II Cor.13:14)

We believe that Salvation and Justification of sinners is a gift of grace through faith in the finished work of Christ. (Romans 3:24, John 6:40, Phil. 3:9)

We believe in the Sanctification of believers: First, having been sanctified by the offering of the body of Christ once for all; second, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit and the Word; third, to be sanctified and glorified at the coming of Christ. (Romans 15:16, I Corinthians 1:2, I Peter 1:2)

We believe that those who come to God through faith in Christ, repentance of sin, confession of Christ as the Son of God, and baptism are given eternal life and shall not perish, as is the promise of His Word. (John 3:16, John 14:6, Acts 2:37-38)

We believe in New Testament Baptism of believers by immersion, which is the sign God's people receive in the New Testament pointing to the atoning work of Jesus Christ showing forth the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and our identification with Him. (Romans 6:1-7, Matt. 3:13, John 3:23, Acts 8:36)

We believe in the Resurrection of the Body, both just and the unjust: the just at the coming of our Lord, and the unjust at the final judgment and eternal punishment of the same. (I Corinthians 15, John 3:15, Matt. 25:46)

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Young Americans Christian School is a college preparatory school working hand in hand with the family to cultivate students who will be academically successful and will grow to be a light in the world for Christ.

VISION STATEMENT

Young Americans Christian School desires for all students to come to a saving relationship with Christ and for that relationship to be genuine and vibrant. The school seeks to teach students to serve God with a whole heart and to be a light to an unsaved world. Young Americans Christian School embraces the opportunity for the family and school to come together in shaping each student spiritually, academically, emotionally, and morally.

CORE VALUES

Young Americans Christian School seeks:

To create a sound educational environment, based on Biblical principles, where students can freely become everything God has designed them to be: Luke 2:52: “And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.”

To encourage, promote, and practice the principles stated in the Great Commission within the school community and among the school’s constituency: Matthew 28:19-20: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

To instill principles of servitude to others for the sake of Christ: Matthew 7:12: “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

To partner with parents in laying a spiritual foundation, including morals and ethics that result in a sound Biblical worldview: Proverbs 22:6: “Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNANCE

Young Americans Christian School is a private religious 501(C) 3, non-denominational, non-profit, independent Christian School. Young Americans Christian School does not receive any local, state, or federal funding. The school is governed by a School Board which consists of seven members.

The role of Young Americans Christian School Board is to provide Christian oversight, direction, guidance, instruction, counsel, and wisdom to school Administration in promoting and enhancing the school’s mission, vision, and philosophy of Christian education. The School Board’s sole connection to the operational organization, its constituency, and educational practice is through a titled school administrator only.

OPEN DOOR POLICY

Young Americans Christian School values its commitment to an open-door policy as another way of improving its communication and operation with all members of the school community. The school welcomes and encourages parents to make suggestions regarding opportunities for school improvement. Suggestions may be made verbally or in writing to the Administration.

EXPECTED STUDENT OUTCOMES

The Expected Student Outcomes of Young Americans Christian School are to cultivate students who will grow spiritually, academically, and socially.

Spiritually to

1. have a personal and lasting relationship with Jesus Christ
2. have and sustain a Christian worldview
3. filter morality through the Word of God to instill a biblical framework of right and wrong
4. live out the Great Commission locally and globally
5. be proficient in the disciplines of prayer, biblical study, memorization of scripture, and remain connected to a fellowship of believers

Academically to

1. be academically prepared for the challenges of college and careers
2. have a desire for lifelong learning
3. be critical thinkers that will impact our society
4. articulate their thoughts in both written and verbal formats
5. know how to responsibly obtain resources to acquire, analyze, and synthesize information to make informed decisions

Socially to

1. value and embrace their Christian principles and their American inheritance
2. understand that all people are created in the image of God and should be treated with respect and dignity
3. be a servant leader within their communities
4. develop and foster a healthy self-image based upon Biblical principles
5. live in harmony within an ever-changing society in accordance with Biblical standards

PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

At Young Americans Christian School, we believe that a Christian education begins in the home and is the primary responsibility of the family. The school is to assist the parent (Deuteronomy 6:6-7) in providing our students with educational and spiritual opportunities that develop the whole person (Luke 2:52) and lead them to be what God has truly intended. We want our students to grow spiritually, academically, and socially, through serving mankind (Ephesians 2:10) while reflecting the character of God and impacting society with His truth. Students are encouraged to deepen their understanding of God's Word and how it relates to every aspect of their lives (II Timothy 2:15).

At Young Americans Christian School, we believe in providing an educational environment where students are encouraged to do what is right. It is a place where students realize what a valuable creation they are to God. It is a place where students grow spiritually, academically, and socially while being encouraged to always strive to do their best for the glory of God (Colossians 3:23). The educational philosophy of Young Americans Christian School is based on the infallible word of God, which is the final authority in everything we do (I Timothy 3:16-17).

At Young Americans Christian School, we believe the mind and the spirit must continually interact to affirm the glory of God. Educators must instill the knowledge that there is one God over all and in all (Ephesians 4:6). It is through God that our mind and spirit come together. Mankind can only be free to reach its greatest potential when we understand that God is the means for our existence, and that our life has a higher purpose. Our happiness in life and our eternal security is the end result.

CHAPEL

Young Americans Christian School strongly emphasizes students' spiritual growth. The weekly chapel service is an integral and vital part of this spiritual growth process. Chapel is presented in an enthusiastic manner and is designed to be a joyful upbeat experience for all students. Parents are always invited and encouraged to attend weekly chapel services. Chapels are designed and presented for grade level appropriateness.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Young Americans Christian School was founded on Christian beliefs and promotes citizenship and patriotism within the school community and among the school's constituency. Therefore, as a private religious Christian school, Young Americans Christian School requires that all students and staff stand for the Pledge of Allegiance in honor and respect of the country.

UNITY STATEMENT

The administration of Young Americans Christian School and staff stand in solidarity in rejecting social injustice, racism, discrimination, and any form of violence. The school was founded and remains committed to a Christian worldview that rejects such practices. (2 Chronicles 7:14.)

BIBLICAL LIFESTYLE STATEMENT

Young Americans Christian School is a private religious, non-profit Christian school, representing Jesus Christ by partnering with parents to prepare their children spiritually, academically, physically, and socially to become His disciples. The biblical and philosophical goal of YACS is to work with families who desire their children to develop into mature, Christ-like individuals who will be able to exhibit a Christ-like life. Young Americans Christian School urges parents to recognize their scriptural responsibility (Deuteronomy 6:1–9, Psalm 78:5, 6, Proverbs 22:6) to provide their children with a Christian education and to understand that the primary responsibility for this task rests with the parents (Ephesians 6:4). Young Americans Christian School was founded and continues to operate upon biblical values and Christian beliefs with the desire and commitment for Bible-believing Christian parents to enroll their children in an intentionally Christian environment.

Young Americans Christian School stands firmly upon the historical truth claims and moral foundations of Christianity. This includes, but is not limited to, the biblical definition of marriage between one man and one woman, the attendant boundaries of sexuality and moral conduct, and the clear biblical teaching that gender is both sacred and established by God's design. Parents or legal guardians who choose to enroll their children at Young Americans Christian School are agreeing to support these and other biblical values derived from historical Christianity and the relevant Christian positions embraced by Young Americans Christian School. Parents understand and agree that Young Americans Christian School will teach these principles and biblical values.

Young Americans Christian School will accept students contingent upon parental willingness to support the school's philosophy of Christian education, student conduct requirements, student entrance criteria, school's stated positions, and whose parent(s) are willing to allow their children to be educated and influenced in an intentionally Christian environment. Continued enrollment at YACS is conditional upon this same understanding and support by both the student and parent(s). The school's statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of the school's beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Young Americans Christian School's statement of faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, the School Board is YACS's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application. Even though parents may personally believe differently, students enrolled at Young Americans Christian School are expected to exhibit the qualities of a Christ-like life adopted and taught by the school and to refrain from certain improper, immoral, or illegal activities or behavior, in or away from school.

Thus, Young Americans Christian School retains the right to refuse enrollment to or to expel any student who engages in sexual immorality, including any student who professes to be homosexual/bisexual or is a practicing homosexual/bisexual, as well as any student who condones, supports, or otherwise promotes such practices on or off the school campus (Leviticus 20:13, Romans 1:27, Matthew 19:4-6).

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Young Americans Christian School adheres to the Matthew 18 principle regarding conflict resolution. In the event a person has a concern involving another party or a school policy, all efforts must be made to resolve the issue with the individual privately. If the issue is not properly resolved, then the person with the concern should go to those in the correct line of authority. No one should make his/her disagreement with either another party or school policy a matter of general or disruptive discussion including through social media, nor should he/she seek to polarize others around his/her position. Under no circumstance should a parent directly contact a student regarding a conflict or disagreement involving or concerning school personnel or any school-related activity. The parent must direct his/her concern to the appropriate school faculty, staff, or administration member. Failure to adhere to this mandate may result in the student's dismissal from the school. Audio or video recording of meeting(s) or conversations with school personnel is strictly prohibited and may result in student dismissal.

A student whose parent(s) or legal guardian demonstrates a continuous or disruptive attitude or adverse demeanor with the school, school administration, school faculty, or staff, and/or a history of disagreement or disparity with the school's Philosophy of Education, Biblical Lifestyle Statement, or Mission Statement may be refused re-enrollment/or may be dismissed from the school at the administration's discretion. This includes, but is not limited to, verbal, written, or social media communications.

FINAL AUTHORITY FOR MATTERS OF BELIEF AND CONDUCT

The School Board of Young Americans Christian School is the school's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application. The school's Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Young Americans Christian School's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, the School Board is Young Americans Christian School's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Young Americans Christian School is a private institution, and attendance is a privilege. Admittance to the school is competitive and is based on academic, citizenship, conduct, academic testing, teacher recommendations, overall positive impact the student and family can bring to the school, and other entrance criteria deemed appropriate by the school. It is the policy of Young Americans Christian School to admit students only after established requirements and entrance criteria have been fully met, including student testing. The school considers those students and parents that are in accord with the school's purpose, mission, values, philosophy of education, and Biblical Lifestyle Statement.

Young Americans Christian School admits students of any race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate because of race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarship programs, athletic, or other school administered programs.

Young Americans Christian School reserves the right to deny entrance to any student if, in the opinion of the Administration, it is in the best interest of the school and/or student. The school reserves the right to deny admission to any student who is evaluated by the School Administration as ineligible. Young Americans Christian School does not accept students that have been previously expelled from another school or have a history of discipline issues or concerns.

Requirements for Kindergarten Admissions:

- Application submitted with the application fee (non-refundable)
- Letter of Commitment and Philosophical Goals Form
- Copy of student's birth certificate and Social Security Card
- Necessary medical forms submitted
- Certificate of Immunization (GA Form 3231 or 3032)
- Certificate of Eye, Ear, and Dental exam (GA Form 3300)
- An interview with the school administration may be required
- Academic testing may be required.

All students seeking admissions to Kindergarten must reach age 5 by September 1st.

Requirements for grades 1st – 5th:

- Application submitted with the following:
 - Application Fee (non-refundable)
 - Current year's report card plus last two full years' report cards
 - Two most recent achievement test results
 - One letter of recommendation from a current teacher
 - Letter of Commitment and Philosophical Goals Form
 - Copy of student's birth certificate and Social Security Card
 - Necessary medical forms
 - Certificate of Immunization (GA Form 3231 or 3032)
 - Certificate of Eye, Ear, and Dental exam (GA Form 3300)
 - An interview with the school administration.
 - Academic testing is required.

All students seeking admission to 1st Grade must reach age 6 by September 1st.

Requirements for grades 6th – 12th:

- Application submitted with the following:
 - Application Fee (non-refundable)
 - Current year's report card plus last two full years' report cards
 - Two most recent achievement test results
 - Disciplinary records from last school
 - Two letters of recommendation from current teachers
 - Letter of Commitment and Philosophical Goals Form
 - An interview with the school administration.
 - Copy of student's birth certificate and Social Security Card
 - Necessary medical forms
 - Certificate of Immunization (GA Form 3231 or 3032)
 - Certificate of Eye, Ear, and Dental exam (GA Form 3300)
 - Records of transcripts received
 - Academic testing is required

TRANSFERS

Students transferring to Young Americans Christian School during the school year must meet all admission policy requirements and entrance criteria including student testing.

WITHDRAWAL

The school's staffing, budget, and tuition are determined based upon student enrollment for the entire school year. Therefore, if a student is withdrawn from school for any reason the remaining month's tuition plus an additional month's tuition will apply as an early withdrawal fee (per Tuition Agreement). No school records, including report cards, transcripts, teacher recommendations, or diplomas will be released to the family or to another school until the student's financial account is paid in full. By signing the Student Handbook Agreement, Application for Enrollment, or Application for Reenrollment you are authorizing the school to withhold report cards and all other records until tuition and other fees have been paid in full. There will be no refund of the Application Fee, Registration Fee, or Matriculation Fee.

The school reserves the right to prohibit a student who has been expelled, or has been voluntarily or involuntarily withdrawn from the school for disciplinary reasons or causes, from the school campus or at school functions for 12 months.

FINANCIAL POLICY

Young Americans Christian School is a private religious nonprofit independent Christian school which does not receive any church, federal, state, or local government assistance. Prompt payment of tuition and activity fees is vital to the operation of Young Americans Christian School. A parent/guardian's account is a binding financial obligation. Enrollment at Young Americans Christian School is a privilege; therefore, delinquent accounts may constitute a student being asked to withdraw from Young Americans Christian School until the account is paid in full. The school reserves the right to suspend educational services, the administering of tests or exams, the issuing of grades or report cards, or release of any student's records for delinquent accounts. Delinquent accounts may be turned over to collections.

Young Americans Christian School utilizes FACTS, a leading tuition management service, for tuition payments. FACTS allows multiple payment options, including automatic pre-scheduled bank payment from a checking or savings account or by credit card. Any account that becomes 30 days delinquent will result in that student being automatically withdrawn. The total balance of the account will be due at that time. Delinquent accounts may be turned over to collections.

A student that is financially withdrawn may be allowed to return to school only if there is a space available and the account is paid in full. Accounts must be paid in full before a student can graduate or be considered for re-enrollment for the next school year. Young Americans Christian School does not accept cash payments for tuition. Payment for athletic participation fees and other fees will be invoiced at the time of student participation. Students participating in athletic programs or extracurricular programs may forfeit their privilege to participate if their financial account becomes delinquent. By signing the Student Handbook Agreement, Application for Enrollment, or Application for Re-enrollment, you are authorizing the School to withhold report cards and all other records until tuition and other fees have been paid in full.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

The primary responsibility for financing the student's education is with the student's family. Young Americans Christian School does not award athletic or academic scholarships. Funds for temporary tuition assistance are limited and vary from year to year; therefore, tuition assistance must be carefully distributed and must serve as a temporary source of funding only. Tuition assistance will be distributed to applicants based on available funding, demonstrated temporary financial need, number of children attending YACS, and the following guidelines:

Tuition assistance is allocated in the form of a tuition discount, and the discount is for tuition only. All other fees must be paid in full by the financially responsible party. A family's financial account must be current to be considered for tuition assistance. Since tuition assistance serves as a temporary source of funding, students must have attended the school for a minimum of three years to be considered for tuition assistance, and priority will be given to middle and high school students that have demonstrated the desire to attend YACS.

Students granted tuition assistance are expected to maintain acceptable grades, exhibit appropriate behavior and conduct, and maintain regular school attendance. Students that are placed on academic or behavioral probation may forfeit their tuition assistance. Parents that fail to adhere to school policies or procedures may forfeit their tuition assistance. Families granted tuition assistance that fail to make tuition payments in a timely manner will lose tuition assistance. Tuition assistance cannot exceed a one-year school cycle. For additional information, contact the school office.

GASSO/ SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION

The school participates in GASSO (Georgia Student Scholarship Organization) and the Special Needs Scholarship Program through the Georgia Department of Education. Please contact the school for further details.

FUNDRAISERS

Young Americans Christian School is a private religious non-profit independent school and receives no Church support or federal, state, or local funding. Young Americans Christian School participates in limited fundraising events each year. This limited fundraising events help offset expenses not covered by tuition; therefore, the school strongly encourages each family to be supportive of the fundraising events.

SOLICITATION ON CAMPUS

Solicitation of any kind or distribution of any printed materials is strictly prohibited at the school, on the school campus, or at school sanctioned events without the expressed approval of the administration. In addition, students and parents are prohibited from selling items on school property unless in conjunction with a school sponsored event or fundraiser. The distribution of political, religious, or petition materials is strictly prohibited.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Young Americans Christian School will administer the following nationally normed assessments:

Assessment	Grades Administered	Description
Iowa Assessment	K5-7	The Iowa Assessments are evidence-based, psychometrically sound assessments that measure student achievement and growth against next generation learning standards for grades K–12. (2019, ACSI)
Pre-ACT	8-10	A system of assessments directly connected to the most used college entrance exam, the ACT test. The 1st longitudinal assessment to fully connect student performance with ACT Readiness Benchmarks. Accurately predicts students' future scores on the ACT. (2017, ACT)
PSAT	9-11	Produced by the College Board and administered each October. The PSAT measures verbal, mathematics, and written abilities, and is a practice for the SAT
SAT & ACT	11 & 12	One of these two tests is required by over 90% of all colleges in the United States. Each of these tests is administered approximately five times each year, usually on a Saturday. Published testing dates are available from the academic advisor. Most students will want to take both assessments more than once to get their best score to be submitted for college acceptance. Students are responsible for registering and taking these college entrance examinations at their own expense. These tests may be offered at Young Americans Christian School and may be taken at other testing sites in the area.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT/DUAL ENROLLMENT

Young Americans Christian School strives to provide advanced study opportunities for students; therefore, Advanced Placement (AP) classes will be offered for students entering 10th-12th grades, and Dual Enrollment classes will be offered for 11th and 12th grades. Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment classes will be offered provided adequate student participation is available. Subject classes may vary based upon student participation and availability of AP instructors/college instructors. Class selection may be limited or discontinued at the discretion of the administration.

Since Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment classes are taught on a college level and students receive high school credits and may qualify for college credits, students and parents must fully understand the following:

1. The course is taught at a college level and may require daily and extensive work.
2. High school credit will be given to the student who successfully passes the AP or Dual Enrollment course.
3. Students not successfully passing the AP/Dual Enrollment course do not receive high school credit.
4. Additional cost may be associated with AP/ Dual Enrollment course work.
5. It is at the discretion of each college or university in evaluating the credit of a student's National AP Exam score.

STEM

STEM is incorporated into the curriculum at every grade level. STEM is the integration of science, technology, engineering, and math that incorporates the skills of inquiry, logical reasoning, and collaboration.

<i>ADVANCED STUDIES</i>			
Dual Enroll Composition I	Dual Enroll Statistics	AP Calculus AB	Honors Algebra II
Dual Enroll Composition II	Dual Enroll Macro-Economics	AP World History Modern	Honors Geometry
Dual Enroll US Government	Dual Enroll Psychology	AP Pre-Calculus	Honors Spanish I Honors Spanish II
Dual Enroll US History	Dual Enroll Sociology	Honors World Literature	Honors Conceptual Physics
Dual Enroll Humanities	Administration Approved Online*	Honors U.S. Literature	Honors Biology
Dual Enroll College Algebra		Honors Literature/ Composition	Honors Chemistry

*Online course must not be available at YACS and must be germane

COURSE SEQUENCE

6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade	9 th Grade
Bible	Bible	Bible	Bible
Literature	Literature	Literature	Honors Lit./Comp. or Lit./Comp.
Grammar/ Composition	Grammar/ Composition	Grammar/ Composition	Honors Spanish I or Spanish I
Mathematics	Pre-Algebra or Algebra Fundamentals	Algebra I or Intro to Algebra	Honors Geometry or Geometry or Algebra I
Earth Science	Life Science	Physical Science	Honors Biology or Biology
Geography	Geography	Georgia Studies	Health/Physical Education
Art, Band, Logic/Games, Robotics, Drama Life Skills		STEM/PE or Band	Elective

10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Bible	Bible	Bible
Honors World Lit/Comp. or World Lit/Comp.	Honors U.S. Lit/Comp or U.S. Lit/Comp	British Lit/Comp or Dual Enroll Composition
Honors Algebra II or Algebra II or Geometry	AP Pre-Calculus or College Readiness in Math or Algebra II	AP Calculus or Dual Enroll College Algebra/Statistics or College Readiness in Math
Honors Conceptual Physics or Conceptual Physics	Honors Chemistry or Chemistry	Science Electives: Physics, Forensics, Anatomy, Marine Biology, Public Health
Honors Spanish II or Spanish II	Dual Enroll U.S. History and Dual Enroll Psychology or U.S. History	Dual Enroll Government/ Dual Enroll Macroeconomics or Civics/Economics
Honors or AP World History or World History	SAT Prep/Dual Enrollment Sociology or Humanities	Senior Seminar/Life Skills
Elective	Elective	Elective

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

College Prep with Distinction	
Bible	4 credits
English	4 credits
Foreign Language	2 credits
History	3 credits
Math	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Health	.5 credits
Physical Education	.5 credits
Fine Art Electives	1 credit
Other electives	<u>2 credits</u>
Total Credits	25
Minimum Unweighted GPA of 3.25	
3 AP or DE credits 8 Honors credit	

College Prep	
Bible	4 credits
English	4 credits
Foreign Language	2 credits
History	3 credits
Math	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Health	.5 credits
Physical Education	.5 credits
Fine Art Electives	1 credit
Other electives	<u>2 credits</u>
Total Credits	25
Minimum of passing average for all credits	

COLLEGE VISITS

Since Young Americans Christian School is a college preparatory school, the school recommends and encourages all 11th and 12th grade students to visit potential colleges and universities they have an interest in attending. Therefore, 11th and 12th grade students are allowed two days, as excused absences, for the purpose of visiting potential colleges or universities. Please ensure the visit(s) do not conflict with scheduled exams. A pre-planned absence form is required.

BIBLE REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to take Bible class each year they attend Young Americans Christian School. Students transferring to Young Americans Christian School must complete at least two units of Bible to meet graduation requirements. Students transferring from most Christian schools will have their Bible credits accepted. Students transferring to Young Americans Christian School as a sophomore (10th grade) will be allowed to use one earned elective credit in lieu of one Bible unit. Students transferring to Young Americans Christian School as a junior (11th grade) will be allowed to use two earned elective credits in lieu of two Bible units. Exceptions to this policy are made at the discretion of the School Administration.

GRADUATION HONORS

The Valedictorian will be the student who has achieved the highest weighted GPA within the college prep distinction track. The Salutatorian will be the student who has achieved the second highest weighted GPA within the college prep distinction track.

The Star Student will be the student who has achieved the highest numerical SAT score on one single examination and is in the top ten percent of the academic class. To be eligible for the honor of Valedictorian and Salutatorian, the student must have attended a minimum of 3 high school years at Young Americans Christian School. Any senior student receiving more than one failing grade will be prohibited from participating in graduation ceremonies.

GRADE REPORTING/ GRADE SCALE

In order to keep the parent/legal guardian properly informed of his/her student's academic progress, the following grade reporting procedures will be followed:

Elementary:

Report cards will be issued every nine weeks.

Progress reports are issued every four and a half weeks for K5 & 1st grade.

The following grading scale is used to measure student progress for grades 2nd – 5th:

Numerical Grades	Letter Grade	
100-90	A	Excellent
89-80	B	Above Average
79-70	C	Average
69 and below	F	Failing
Incomplete	I	Incomplete

Students receiving an Incomplete (I) must complete subject work within two weeks.

Middle/High School:

Report cards will be issued every eighteen weeks. (Semester)

Progress reports will be issued every six weeks.

Numerical Grades	Letter Grade	GPA: Regular	Honors*	College (Dual/AP) *
100-90	A	4.0	4.5	5.0
89-80	B	3.0	3.5	4.0
79-70	C	2.0	2.5	3.0
69 and below	F			
Incomplete	I			

*Unweighted and Weighted GPA on Transcript beginning with the freshman class of 2019. Prior high school Dual Enrollment/AP classes added weight of .5.

Students receiving an Incomplete (I) must complete subject work within two weeks.

RETENTION/COURSE RECOVERY POLICY

High School: A student that fails a semester course must complete the course through a school approved course of study. (Georgia Virtual School)

Middle: A student who fails two or more academic courses for the year will not be promoted to the next grade unless the academic courses are completed during the current summer period.

Elementary: A 2nd-5th grade student who receives a failing grade in two subjects for two quarters will not be promoted to the next grade until a course recovery plan is completed.

K5-1st grade students will not be promoted when deemed unready by both the grade level teacher and elementary principal.

RENWEB

Renweb is an electronic communications enhancement for parents, students, faculty, and staff. Renweb should be utilized for class assignments, homework assignments, and student grade postings. Parents are strongly encouraged to view Renweb daily to be knowledgeable and informed of the students' progress.

HOMEWORK

K – 1st Grades:

Receive a completion grade for homework

2nd – 5th Grades:

Homework:

Two graces will be allowed per semester with a written excuse from the parent/legal guardian, provided it is given on the day the homework is due, and the work is still due the following day. There will be a fifteen-point deduction for late assignments after the first day, and a zero will be given after the second day.

6th - 8th Grades: (Middle School)

Homework:

Each homework assignment counts as a daily grade.

Two graces will be allowed per semester with a written excuse from the parent/legal guardian, provided it is given on the day the homework is due, and the work is still due the following day. There will be a twenty-five-point deduction for late assignments after the first day, and a zero will be given after the second day. Students are not permitted to print assignments at school. One warning will be provided. Further violations will result in a 10-point deduction from any assignment printed at school.

9th – 12th Grades: (High School)

Homework:

Each homework assignment counts as a daily grade.

Two graces will be allowed per semester with a written excuse from the parent/legal guardian, provided it is given on the day the homework is due, and the work is still due the following day. There will be a fifty-point deduction for late assignments after the first day, and a zero will be given after the second day. Students are not permitted to print assignments at school. One warning will be provided. Further violations will result in a 10-point deduction from any assignment printed at school.

FINAL EXAMS

High school final exams are administered at the end of each semester and account for 20% of the student's final grade. High school students that have a passing grade prior to the final exam and fail the final exam causing a failed semester grade will be eligible for a re-exam with the maximum reported grade of a 70 to be reflected on the student's report card and transcript. Seniors can exempt two final exams the first semester and any exam second semester if the senior has a minimum of a 90 average and 5 or less absences (excused or unexcused) in the class. Juniors can exempt two final exams each semester if the junior has a minimum of a 90 average and 5 or less absences in the class (excused or unexcused.) Sophomores and Freshman can exempt one final exam each semester if the sophomore or freshman has a minimum of a 90 average and 5 or less absences (excused or unexcused) in the class.

HIGH SCHOOL PROMOTION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

The following credit criteria are the minimum for high school promotion:

10th Grade Entrance: 6 Credits

11th Grade Entrance: 12 Credits

12th Grade Entrance: 18 Credits

TESTS/QUIZZES

RENWEB provides the opportunity for the parent/legal guardian to stay properly informed and updated of a student's academic progress. It is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian to check RENWEB on a regular basis for individual student progress.

6th – 12th grade

A test/quiz missed due to an unexcused absence will result in a twenty-five-point test score deduction each day. If a student leaves for an excused appointment on the day of a test/quiz, it is that student's responsibility to plan with his/her teacher to take the test/quiz

before or after school. If a student knows in advance he/she will be absent on the day of a test/quiz, the student must make arrangements with the teacher to take the test/quiz before the absence or on the day of return. If a student checks in late on the day of a scheduled test/quiz, it is that student's responsibility to make up the test/quiz that day.

LONG-TERM PROJECTS

In the case of absence due to illness or extended absence, long-term projects are still due on the assigned due date. The long-term project is due at the start of class on the assigned due date. Students are not permitted to print assignments at school. One warning will be provided. Further violations will result in a 10-point deduction from any assignment printed at school.

CLASS SCHEDULES/CLASS SIZE

K4: 8:30 am-12:00 pm Monday- Friday.

To ensure optimal learning the class size should not exceed 18 students.

K5: through 5th 8:30 am-2:45 pm Monday- Friday.

To ensure optimal learning the class size should not exceed 24 students.

6th through 12th: 8:10 am-3:10 pm Monday- Friday.

To ensure optimal learning the class size should not exceed 24 students.

Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement classes may be limited or larger in size.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

At Young Americans Christian School part of our mission is to equip our students with the desire to serve others. To teach our students how to serve, the school has implemented a program called BEAT. BEAT is the school's "heartBEAT" in this community. Through BEAT students will be challenged, taught, and encouraged to serve outside of their normal arena of life. BEAT is mandatory for all 9th through 12th grade students. By making it mandatory, the school hopes students will begin to have a heart for serving by being involved in this program during their high school years. The school is excited to watch and see how students will use their God-given talents and abilities within the school community. All 9th through 12th graders are required to accumulate 8 hours of service to others in the community during the school year. These hours must be served in the community or Church, not in school, family, or foreign missions. All service hours must be completed without pay for any services rendered.

Examples include:

YMCA, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc.

Assisted living homes, Pregnancy crisis centers, hospital volunteer

Painting, yard work, housekeeping, etc. for the elderly or handicapped

Soup kitchens, food banks, shelters, Goodwill, Salvation Army, Red Cross, FISH, RYSA

Young Americans Christian School will accept documentation for community service hours accumulated over the summer. Service hours may be completed and turned in anytime throughout the year but must be documented with supervisor signatures on the BEAT form (available from the school office, or from website). All forms must be turned in to the homeroom teacher by May 1st. Homeroom teachers are required to keep up with BEAT hour totals. The end of the year report card or transcript will not be released until BEAT hour totals are completed.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The Student Government is a body of students which provides communication between the students and the Administration. The Student Government encourages student participation in the development of school activities, promotes student leadership, and encourages the spiritual growth of students. Students participating in Student Government are expected to maintain acceptable grades, exhibit appropriate behavior and conduct, and maintain regular school attendance.

FINE ARTS AND ACADEMIC TEAMS

High School fine arts and Academic Teams: Math Bowl, History Bowl, Honors Chorus, Quiz Bowl, Solo, Trio, Quartet Vocals, Piano, Drama, Essay, Instrumental, Robotics, Visual Arts, Speech, and Spring Literary

Middle School fine arts and Academic Teams: Math Bowl, History Bowl, Geography Bee, Quiz Bowl, Instrumental, Robotics, Visual Arts

BETA CLUB

Young Americans Christian School participates in the Beta Club, which recognizes outstanding students who have demonstrated the characteristics of high academics, leadership, character, and service.

LUNCHES

Students may bring a lunch to school or order a lunch from a local lunch vendor (such as Chick-fila, Papa Johns, Pippin's BBQ, etc.) which are preordered and prepaid by the parent. Students and staff have the option to participate in the lunch vendor program. Parents and Youth Ministers are welcome to have lunch with students; however, students from other schools are not permitted.

ATTENDANCE

Regular and punctual attendance is necessary for students to achieve success in their academic pursuits. Georgia's compulsory attendance law requires that all children under the age of 16 who are at least 6 years old must attend school (Ga. Code 20-2-690). All students should be punctual and regular in their attendance. Students must be present for at least four class hours of the school day to be considered as present. Any middle or high school student missing more than fifteen days of class during a semester for any reason may fail to receive credit for that semester. Any elementary student missing more than twenty days during a school year may fail to be promoted. Parents may be required to supply additional information regarding these absences.

EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent, please notify the school office by 9:00 am. Absences that are considered excused absences are for personal illness, illness or death in the immediate family, emergency medical attention, quarantine, weather or road conditions that may make travel unsafe or dangerous, or other circumstances deemed accepted by the school. A written excuse from the parent or legal guardian must accompany the student upon his return and given to the front office personnel. If a student is absent three

consecutive days or more due to illness, a physician's statement must accompany the student upon returning to school.

An unexcused absence from school can be considered truancy. Therefore, for each two unexcused absences, there will be a one-point grade deduction in each class at the end of the semester.

EXTENDED ABSENCES

Young Americans Christian School will cooperate with school families which desire to take their children from school to participate in short-term mission trips and short-term vacations. An Extended Absence Form must be submitted to the school office and approved by the school administration 3 business days in advance. All schoolwork must be completed and turned in prior to the absence or on the day of return.

MEDICAL RELEASE

If a student is absent three consecutive days or more due to illness, a physician's statement must accompany the student upon returning to school. Students needing to be excused from recess or physical education for one class period will be required to provide a written and signed excuse from the parent/legal guardian. Students needing to be excused from recess or physical education for more than one class period will be required to provide a written and signed excuse from a physician.

A student that has experienced a mental health issue or concern involving self-harm, on or off campus, must have written documentation from a physician stating the student is cleared to return to school and provide documentation that the student is not considered a threat to him/herself or others prior to returning to school.

MAKE-UP WORK

Middle/High School:

1. If absent, it is the responsibility of the student or parent/legal guardian to check RENWEB or email the teacher for missed assignments.
2. Students have one day to make up work for each day they miss.
3. Test make-ups are to be arranged with the teacher for before or after school. If a student is absent the day before a scheduled test, he is required to take the scheduled test on the day he/she returns.
4. All long-term assignments, including scheduled tests, are due on the previously assigned date. Students must make arrangements to have their work delivered to the school if they must be absent.
5. If students are absent due to a school-sponsored event, they must get assignments from their teachers before they leave school, check RENWEB, or contact a friend.

Elementary:

1. If a student is absent for only one day, the student will get the work assignments when he returns to school.
2. If a student is absent for two or more days, it is the responsibility of the student or parent/legal guardian to check RENWEB or email the teacher for missed assignments. Teachers typically check their email at the end of each day.
3. Students have one day to make up work for each day they miss.

EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED TARDIES

Teachers will be in their classrooms and expect students to be in the classroom on time. It is vital for students to be on time each day, as arriving late to class can be an interruption and a distraction. Parents must accompany their child to the School Office and sign their child in when tardy. Students tardy to school must receive a tardy slip from the School Office prior to entering the classroom. Tardies with a written excuse from a doctor will be excused. We ask that parents be diligent with this requirement of arriving to school on time.

Since being tardy to class can be an interruption and a distraction to the learning process, the first five unexcused tardies to school will result in the following: Elementary – will sit out during part of lunch to make up for their missing assignments; Middle/High School – three days of lunch isolation. Tardy violations are accumulated throughout each semester. The tenth unexcused tardy will result in In-School Suspension for Middle/High School students.

EARLY CARE / AFTER CARE

Early Care is available for students needing to arrive before 8:05 am.
K4 through 5th students arriving between 7:00 am – 8:05 am: \$3.00 a day.
6th through 12th students arriving between 7:00 am-7:40 am: \$3.00 a day
K4 through 5th grade students arriving between 7:40 am - 8:05 am *with* a middle or high school student sibling *will not* incur an Early Care charge.

Eagle Land is available for K4 students from 12:00 pm till 2:45 pm for \$12.00 per day.

After School Program is available for students immediately after school until 6:00 pm for \$12.00 per day. There is a \$1.00 per minute late fee after 6:00 pm.

K4 through 5th grade students, without a middle or high school sibling, will be sent to After School if not picked up by 3:00 pm. After School charges will apply.
All other students will be sent to After School if not picked up by 3:25 pm. After School charges will apply.

Early Release Day late pick up fees begin at \$25.00
Early Care, Eagle Land, and After School fees are invoiced monthly.

DISMISSAL

For the safety and security of all students, it is imperative that your child be picked up promptly. In the event of an emergency that requires a late pickup, you must contact the school office and your child will be sent to the After-School program.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

To ensure maximum safety for all students, traffic patterns have been established by the School Administration. These must be properly followed to provide safety and lessen traffic congestion during Drop-Off and Pick-Up times.

- Let your children out or pick them up in the drop-off/pick-up line under the covered drive-through area only. Do not do so outside of the covered drive-through as this causes students to cross in front of the moving traffic. Parents remain in your car.
- Do not park under the covered drive-through area.
- If you need to enter the building during morning drop-off or afternoon dismissal, park in a designated parking spot past the covered drop-off area, if possible, to avoid crossing the drop-off/pick-up traffic.
- Do not try to have a meeting or discussion with the teachers supervising the carline as this can become very distracting for both parties, as well as slow down the car line process.
- Failure to comply with drop off/pick up procedures will result in disciplinary action.

EARLY CHECKOUT

Young Americans Christian School has a closed-campus policy. Students must remain on the school grounds until dismissal unless prior approval has been granted by the Administration. A student needing to leave school early must have written permission from his parent/legal guardian before leaving the school. For safety and security reasons, teachers will not be permitted to release a student from the classroom without authorization.

Students checking out of school early can be disruptive and a distraction to the classroom environment. Therefore, it is strongly discouraged that students be checked out during seventh period. Any non-participant checking out for an athletic or other school-sponsored event is unexcused, except for a sibling who is checked out and accompanied by his parent.

DISCIPLINE/CONDUCT POLICY

K5 -5th Grades:

Students of all ages including students in the lower grades need certain ground rules, boundaries, and limitations that foster spiritual, social, and academic growth. In addition, students of all ages need to learn the value of boundaries and the respect for others and others' property. Students that are taught appropriate behaviors in the formative years develop better coping and behavioral skills as they develop and mature. When disciplining a student, especially in the lower grades, great care is taken in handling the student as an individual. Understanding and developing appropriate behavior skills, even in the lower grade levels, can best be developed through cooperation and communication between the parents, teachers, and the school. Therefore, the school strives to work in

collaboration with the family to foster and promote appropriate student behavior both within the classroom setting and when away from the campus.

Although students in the lower grades are often developing, maturing, and learning at different stages, all elementary teachers are required to have a classroom management system that outlines grade level inappropriate behavior(s) and consequences. In addition, the school does not tolerate students who, through teasing, intimidation, or bullying, create an unsafe environment for other students. Furthermore, when a student at any grade level commits any act of disobedience, misconduct, or participates in any behavior that causes harm, may cause harm, or threat of harm towards another student, that student's privilege to an education at Young Americans Christian School may be temporarily or permanently forfeited at the sole discretion of the administration.

6th – 12th Grades:

Middle and high school students need certain ground rules, established boundaries, and limitations that foster spiritual, social, and academic growth. Appropriate discipline is more than simply strict control. It is based on respect and high expectations for responsible behavior. Appropriate discipline can best be developed through cooperation and communication between teachers, parents, and the school. The student at Young Americans is an ambassador for Christ within the home and school.

Middle and high school teachers are required to have a classroom management system to establish behavioral expectations and boundaries. It is the policy of Young Americans Christian School not to use corporal punishment as a disciplinary measure. However, when a student commits acts of disobedience or misconduct, that student's privilege to attend Young Americans Christian School may be temporarily or permanently forfeited. Young Americans Christian School attempts to provide a safe learning environment and will not tolerate students who, through teasing, intimidation, or bullying, create an unsafe environment for other students while on or off campus.

For discipline to be fair and consistent, Young Americans Christian School uses conduct points to determine student consequences for acts of disobedience or misconduct for middle and high school students. The administration has the right and possesses the authority to conduct reasonable interviews of students in fact-finding investigations of misconduct. The administration has the right to increase the consequences when deemed necessary. Points may be doubled if infractions occur with a substitute teacher or while a student is on a field trip or participating in any school-related event.

60 points: Expulsion /Out-of-School Suspension (1-10 days) /Loss of student privileges such as trips, school dances, parties, and special events as determined by school Administration. Students that have received 60 or more points may lose the privilege to return the following semester.

45 points: Expulsion/Out-of-School Suspension (1-10 days) / In-school Suspension (1-5 days) /Loss of student privileges such as school dances, parties, and special events as determined by school Administration.

30 points: In/Out-school Suspension (1-5 days) /Loss of student privileges such as school dances, parties, and special events as determined by school Administration.

15 points: Lunch Isolation (3 days) /Loss of student privileges as determined by school Administration.

CONDUCT POINTS

60 Points

- Violation of any federal, state, or local laws on or off school property
- Possession of knives, firearms, flammable devices, or any type of weapon or dangerous paraphernalia
- Possession of any illegal drug or drug paraphernalia of any kind on or off school property, including prescription drugs
- Possession, consumption, and or being under the influence of alcohol or any illegal drug on or off school property
- Computer hacking of school computers on or off school property
- Fighting with malicious intent to inflict injury
- Committing a felony or misdemeanor on or off school property
- Threats, harassment, blatant disrespect, or intimidation of any kind towards another student, faculty member, or school employee whether verbal, written, or through any type of social media, on or off school property
- Engaging in biblically immoral sexual activity or misconduct on or off school property (Situations involving student pregnancy will lead to the dismissal of both participants)
- Terrorist threats of any nature on or off school property
- The involvement in or participation in any immoral activity that is contrary to the philosophy of Young Americans Christian School

45 Points

- Sexual harassment towards another student on or off school property
- Possession of or viewing of pornography materials
- Bullying, in any format, on or off school property
- Vandalism of school property (parents financially responsible)
- The unauthorized and inappropriate recording(s), either audible, video, or photographic, within the school classroom, school building, or school campus
- Smoking, vaping, and or possession of tobacco, vaping products including e-cigarettes or any E-cigarette, vaping paraphernalia on or off school property
- Unauthorized activation of a fire alarm

30 Points

- Cheating, stealing, lying
- Leaving campus without permission, truancy, cutting class
- Plagiarism or collusion
- Fighting
- Inappropriate use of social media/ inappropriate use of social media towards another student, faculty, or school employee on or off school property
- Profanity
- Inappropriate or deceptive use of cell phone or other electronic devices

15 points

- Inappropriate gestures/language
- Public display of affection
- Disrespect towards any faculty or staff

10 Points

- Being in an unsupervised area without permission, loitering
- Unauthorized use of school phones, school printers, school copiers, or other electronic devices
- Unauthorized/inappropriate use of computer
- Unauthorized recording(s), either audible, video, or photographic, within the school classroom, school building, or school campus
- Improper attitudes
- Wearing earbuds, air pods, or headphones during the school day.
- Cell phone violation (After the second violation the student will lose his/her cell phone privilege for the rest of the semester)

5 Points

- Disturbances in class, late to class, eating in class, failure to clean up
- Running, yelling, or horse playing in the building
- Tardy to carpool line, carline violation
- Unprepared for class, failure to get parent signature
- Head on desk, sleeping, inappropriate posture
- Dress code violations (A parent will be notified to bring a change of clothes)

This list is not all-inclusive, and the school administration has the right to deem behavior not included above as improper, inappropriate, or illegal. Young Americans Christian School will cooperate with local, state, or federal law enforcement in the investigation of any illegal activity on school property involving students, parents, or members of the school community.

PLAGIARISM/ CHEATING

Plagiarism will be defined as “when an author represents someone else's intellectual property as his or her own work. Authors are most commonly at risk of plagiarizing when they fail to adequately cite the original source material from which they took words and ideas. Plagiarism can occur in many forms and can range from a lack of citations to incorrect paraphrasing or actual direct copy and pasting of a source's phrasing into another author's own paper.” (<https://academicguides.waldenu.edu>).

Cheating will be defined as “fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment. It includes using or attempting to use materials or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.” (<https://academicguides.waldenu.edu>).

Cheating includes but is not limited to:

Having a peer, friend, family member, or anyone help give or provide answers on homework, tests, projects, or any assignment without teacher approval.

Copying or attempting to copy another person's work.

Doing another person's work for them or allowing them to copy your work.

Collaborating with another student on an exam or assignment without teacher approval.

Providing answers to another during an exam in any format.

Any access to answers during an examination such as cell phone, notes, smart watch, etc. whether utilized or not.

BULLYING

Student bullying is an ongoing educational, social, and public health phenomenon facing students, parents, and educators. Student bullying can be harmful to the student and is disruptive to the learning environment. Therefore, the school does not tolerate student bullying on or off campus. However, it is important that students and parents understand and recognize the differences between bullying behaviors and student conflict behaviors.

The school defines bullying as behaviors, physical, verbal, or psychological that:

1. Are intentionally doing harm
2. Occur repeatedly over time
3. Include an imbalance of power between students

Bullying includes but is not limited to:

Physical-hitting, kicking, pushing

Relational-gossip, rumors, exclusion

Cyber-bullying through e-mail, text messaging, Internet

Sexting-cyber bullying sexually suggestive materials

Students that feel that they are being bullied should immediately inform their teacher or a school administrator. Parents that feel their child is being bullied should immediately contact the school administration. Parents must understand that inappropriate student conflict behaviors are not tolerated by the school but may not be considered as bullying behaviors.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

Young Americans Christian School is a private entity and is private property. Authorized school personnel may conduct a reasonable search of a student or his/her locker, vehicle, and/or belongings (without notice) when there is probable cause or reason to believe or suspect that the student has an item in his/her possession which may constitute a criminal offense under the laws of the state of Georgia, pose a threat to others or self, or in possession of other items prohibited by school policy. The Administration reserves the exclusive right to conduct routine and random checks for illegal paraphernalia anywhere on campus with or without notice or consent. The administration has the right and possesses the authority to conduct reasonable interviews of students in fact-finding investigations of misconduct.

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

In order to maintain a safe, pleasant, and wholesome environment for all students and staff, public display of affection (PDA) between students will not be allowed. Public display of affection will not be allowed on school property, at school-sponsored events, or during travel to school-sponsored events. Public display of affection includes, but is not limited to, hand holding, kissing, hugging, or any physical contact deemed inappropriate by the school Administration. No married student, pregnant student, or student responsible for a pregnancy may attend Young Americans Christian School.

LUNCH ISOLATION

Students who receive points that result in lunch isolation must serve the isolation on the days that are assigned to them. Lunch isolation will consist of the student being isolated from their class during the lunch period while under teacher supervision.

SUSPENSION

Out-of-school suspension is considered an unexcused absence. (Consequences for unexcused absences apply.) Students are required to make up any missed work, including tests or quizzes, and will not be allowed to participate in or attend any extra-curricular activities. In-school suspension is considered an unexcused absence (Consequences for unexcused absences apply). Students are required to complete all assignments and must make arrangements with teachers to make up any missed test or quizzes. Students in ISS will be allowed to participate in afterschool programs and activities.

EXPULSION

Any student expelled or not invited back due to disciplinary issues is not allowed on the school campus or at school functions for 12 months. The school reserves the right to prohibit a student who has voluntarily or involuntarily withdrawn from the school not to be allowed on school campus or at school functions for 12 months.

DRESS CODE POLICY

YACS is committed to providing our students with the highest quality education framed within a Christian worldview. The school continues to seek strategies and best practices that promote higher student learning and Christian character development within a safe, orderly, and caring school environment. Student dress expectations communicate the Christ-centered focus of YACS and should be a valuable testimony in sustaining the school's reputation as a school of excellence. Failure to comply with dress code policy will result in discipline points, and a parent will be notified to bring a change of clothes. The school does not mandate a uniform but adheres to the following:

Shirts

Boys and Girls: A solid, striped, plaid, or print collared shirt or YACS apparel is required Monday through Friday. Sleeveless shirts are not allowed. Turtleneck and cowl neck shirts do not count as collared wear. Graphics or wording are not allowed on shirts for boys or girls.

YACS Apparel

YACS apparel is allowed Monday through Friday. YACS Apparel is only items purchased through YACS. YACS team apparel such as uniforms are acceptable only when organized by a coach and worn as a team.

Outerwear

Outerwear jackets, including letterman jackets do not count as your collared wear. Collared shirts are required when wearing jackets, letterman jackets, etc. There cannot be graphics on outerwear jackets.

Pants

Solid colored slacks/ denim (not blue jeans) pants or shorts (or capris for girls) are required Monday through Thursday. Any color jeans are allowed on Fridays. No holes or an appearance of a hole are allowed in pants.

Dresses

Solid or patterned dresses or skirts with collars can be worn.
Solid colored leggings or tights may be worn underneath the dress or skirt.

Shoes

Boys and girls may wear dress shoes, casual shoes, loafers, dress boots, cowboy boots, sandals, or tennis shoes. Flip flops and open-toe shoes without a back strap are not allowed.

In addition, the following dress code requirements apply for students while on campus or at school functions or events:

- No hats or headbands (boys) in the building.
- No visible body piercing for male or female students other than earrings for females.
- No visible tattoos, chains, or adornments that are considered distracting, such as spiked jewelry.
- No visible underclothing or excessive tight-fitting clothing.
- No inappropriate or inflammatory wording/pictures on shirts.
- No flip-flops, bedroom slippers, or beach shoes. Open-toe shoes must have a strap across the back.
- No distracting makeup, including fingernail polish for boys.
- The length of shorts and skirts must be no shorter than three inches above the knee.
- No abdomen or cleavage showing.
- No holes in jeans or an appearance of holes, no baggy or sagging pants.
- If leggings or tights are worn, then the length for the shorts, shirts, or skirts must be no shorter than three inches above the knee.

Though hairstyles for students are constantly changing, hairstyles that are deemed extreme or distracting will not be permitted. Extreme or distracting hairstyles include but are not limited to:

- Unnatural coloring, spiking
 - Excessive length (male students)
 - Shaved or partially shaved hair (female students)
 - Excessive facial hair, Hair etching, Mohawks
- Proper dress code applies to all school activities including extra-curricular events, field trips, etc. If a violation is addressed by a teacher or administrator during an extra-curricular event, discipline points will be assigned the next school day. If a student has to be sent to the office for a dress code violation, he/she will receive conduct points and a parent will be contacted.

Dress Code for Special Events:

- Homecoming Dance – Dressy Casual
- Junior/Senior Prom – Formal, Girls’ dresses must be approved before the dance. Guys are required to wear dress pants, a dress shirt, and tie.
- Evening Assemblies/Award Programs – School dress code applies (No jeans allowed)

STUDENT VEHICLES/CLOSED-CAMPUS

For the safety and security of students, Young Americans Christian School has a closed campus policy which does not allow students who drive to school to leave the campus for lunch or other activities. Since it is a parental choice to allow a child to drive to school, Young Americans Christian School assumes no responsibility or liability for injury or harm caused to or by a student while operating or occupying a vehicle to or from the school. Young Americans Christian School licensed student drivers are permitted to drive and possess a car on school property. Being able to drive and possess a car on the premises of Young Americans Christian School is a privilege and not a right of the student. The privilege may be revoked at the discretion of the Administration.

Young Americans Christian School licensed student drivers who drive to and/or from school must adhere to the following regulations:

1. Young Americans Christian School is a closed campus, and students are not permitted to leave the school until dismissal time without parent/guardian authorization, which must be in writing.
2. The vehicle must be registered with the School Office, and a current parking permit will be issued. There is a \$20.00 parking permit fee.
3. The vehicle must be parked in the designated numbered parking space located in the lower parking area.
4. Students may not go to the vehicle during the school day without Administration authorization.
5. Vehicles should be locked, and valuables should not be left in the vehicle. Young Americans Christian School assumes no responsibility for stolen items, nor damage or loss to vehicles driven or parked at school.
6. Young Americans Christian School reserves the right to inspect the vehicle at the discretion of the Administration.
7. If a student driver is to transport other students for any reason, the parent/legal guardian of the driver and rider(s) must provide permission for the specific individual(s) to ride with the driver.
8. Young Americans Christian School reserves the right to change, modify, add, or delete rules and regulations governing the student driving privileges.

It is the absolute responsibility of each parent/legal guardian to ensure that his/her child's safety and well-being is at hand when and if another student transports that child. Early release students must leave the school property immediately after dismissal. Students are not allowed to congregate anywhere on school premises. The school does not have, approve, promote, authorize, or sanction a senior skip day(s).

CELL PHONES/ HEADPHONES/ RECORDING DEVICES

The School Office telephones are business telephones. Before using the school telephones, students must receive office passes from their teachers. It is imperative that telephone lines be kept open for school usage. Therefore, students should use school phones for emergencies only. Young Americans Christian School allows students to bring cellular phones on campus. Cellular phones can be used in the classroom for educational purposes when approved by the classroom teacher.

Any unauthorized or unapproved cell phone usage (texting, taking pictures, recording, making calls, etc.) during the school day will result in having the student's phone confiscated until the end of the school day. In addition, the student will receive thirty points and will be assigned in-school suspension. The school administration reserves the right to examine all contents of a confiscated phone.

Headphones, earphones, air pods, or earbuds of any kind will not be allowed in the school building during normal school hours unless used for educational purposes and approved by faculty or staff.

The unauthorized recording(s), audible, video, or photographic, within the school classroom, school building or school campus by parents or students is strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary/legal action.

Middle and high students are required to keep phones in provided pockets within each classroom. Elementary students are required to keep phones in bookbags during the school day.

Multiple cell phone violations will result in a student having to turn in his device to the office during the school day.

PERSONAL SOCIAL MEDIA

The school understands the importance and availability of social media in today's culture. The school acknowledges the social media's role in helping students socialize, evangelize, encourage, and maintain friendships. Unfortunately, social media also provides students with unavoidable temptations and pressures. The purpose of this policy is to protect students and to encourage parents to take an active role in monitoring their child's involvement in social media. Students' and parents' conduct online in any fashion (i.e. email, Tiktok, Facebook, personal website, twitter, etc.) is subject to school policy. Students may face disciplinary actions if posted items are found to be contrary to Young Americans Christian School's standards, beliefs, values, reflecting negatively upon the image of the school, or are in violation of State or Federal law.

Violations include but are not limited to students or parents that:

Post inappropriate, intimidating, or threatening messages about oneself, or to another student, faculty member, or administrator.

Post misrepresenting, critical, or disparaging messages about the school or its employees in any way.

Post sexually or demeaning photographs or videos of themselves, another student, or other individual(s).

Parents and students should understand that the sending, receiving, or forwarding of sexually explicit messages, photographs, or images, primarily between mobile phones or any digital device of oneself to others (sexting) may result in criminal referral.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

Young Americans Christian School is considered as belonging to God. All students, parents, and staff are required to respect and care for the school property. All students, parents, and staff are expected to assist in keeping the buildings and campus clean. Eating and drinking are allowed only in the cafeteria or under the supervision of a teacher. This applies to before school, during school, and after school.

Willful damage or destruction of any school property will not be tolerated. Payment must be made for all damages to school property, even if accidental. If appropriate, suitable discipline will be administered. No group will be allowed the use of any part of the building or gymnasium without a teacher or designated adult to supervise the group. All school-owned equipment, such as lockers, desks, computers, are subject to random or individualized searches at any time by authorized school personnel.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

The following items are not permitted on school property by students, faculty, parents, or visitors: Concealed or open firearms, illegal items, contraband items, vaping paraphernalia, inappropriate music, inappropriate reading material, or any other items that could be detrimental or cause injury or harm to any student, faculty member, parent, or member of the school community or cause damage to the school property. For the safety and well-being of all members of the school community, dogs other than approved service dogs, are not permitted on the school campus, school grounds, or school fields.

LOCKERS

Student lockers are the property of the school and are provided as a service for students to secure their belongings. Any locker may be opened, and its contents may be searched or examined by school authorities without the permission of the student at any time when, at the sole discretion of the school authorities, they deem it necessary to do so. Students must clearly understand the following guidelines:

1. Students should not switch lockers with another student. If a student uses a locker, it must be the one to which that student was assigned. Students who violate this rule will be subject to discipline.
2. Students must not share their own locker with another student unless that student was specifically assigned as their individual locker partner.
3. Lockers must be kept clean inside and out. Students must not place anything on the lockers that cannot easily be removed without affecting the surface of the locker. Writing or painting on any part of the lockers is not allowed. Stickers of any kind are not allowed.
4. Students should not enter anyone else's locker without permission from the student who is assigned to that locker.
5. Students are responsible to pay for any locker damage they do in violation of the above rules.
6. Violation of any of the above rules can result in temporary or permanent suspension of locker privileges.
7. Any problems with a locker should be reported to the office or to a designated staff member.
8. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items belonging to students.
9. Only locks with combinations will be allowed on school lockers and the combination must be turned into the office for registration prior to being placed on a locker.

COMPUTER AND INTERNET POLICY

Young Americans Christian School has provided students with elementary mobile computer labs, Internet services and G Suite for Education email address to enhance their educational experiences. The Internet is a valuable tool for accessing information from libraries, universities, companies, and other valuable sources. Students must follow the guidelines listed below in order to have the privilege to utilize electronic devices on campus. Sixth through twelfth grade students are required to bring their own personal laptop or chromebook. The school is not responsible for any lost or damaged electronic devices.

1. Elementary Mobile Computer Labs must be utilized for school-related purposes only.
2. Students may not utilize school computers for personal communications including but not limited to checking personal emails, instant messages, etc.
3. Use of the Internet must be in support of education and research and must be consistent with the educational standards and objectives of Young Americans Christian School.
4. Students may not visit sites that violate the moral standards, philosophy of Christian education, or spiritual goals of Young Americans Christian School.
5. Students misusing or damaging hardware will be responsible for repairs or replacement and subject to disciplinary action.
6. Students utilizing the Internet must have teacher/staff supervision.
7. Students must utilize the Internet for school-related purposes only.
8. Students may not download copyrighted or licensed programs.
9. Students may not alter or manipulate software or operating systems.
10. Students may not attempt to break into restricted files or private files.
11. Students may not attempt to introduce any virus into the system.
12. Students may not attempt to log on as another student.
13. Students may not visit chat rooms and/or bulletin board sites.
14. Students may not load, launch, or play unauthorized electronic games.

LIBRARY POLICIES

The library is available for all students and has grade appropriate books and periodicals for student use.

Period: Kindergarten may check out one book for one week.

1st-5th grade may check out one book for one week. (At the request of the teacher, exceptions will be made for classroom research and book buddies.)

6th – 12th grade may check out six books for two weeks.

Fines and Fees: Damaged or lost book fee current replacement price

Students are responsible for the condition of all books or resources checked out from the library. Students with overdue fines may not check out materials until fines have been resolved. Students will be notified if they have an overdue book.

TEXTBOOKS

All hardback textbooks and elementary/middle school novels are the property of Young Americans Christian School; hardback textbooks must remain covered the entire school year. All books will be issued to students at the beginning of the school year. Students are expected to keep books in good condition. It will be the responsibility of the student to pay the replacement cost of any book.

Each student will receive a yearbook at the end of the school year, which is included in the Matriculation Fee.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

In order to ensure the safety and well-being of students, students must be supervised by an adult while on campus, including the athletic fields, playground, or in the gymnasium. Therefore, students are not allowed to be in the gymnasium, playgrounds, or athletic fields before or after school hours without permission from the Administration and without adult supervision. This also includes before, during, or after extracurricular activities. Young Americans Christian School will not be responsible for students on the athletic fields, playgrounds, or gymnasium before and after school hours or during after school extracurricular activities.

For the safety and security of students, faculty, parents, visitors, vendors, or others attending or visiting the school campus, the school utilizes video monitoring and recording equipment.

For the safety and well-being of all members of the school community, dogs other than approved service dogs, are not permitted on the school campus, school grounds, or school fields.

TRANSPORTATION

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide safe transportation to and from school. Young Americans Christian School provides transportation for students participating in field trips, athletic events, or other after school activities. Young Americans Christian School requires all students to travel by school bus to field trips, athletic events, or other after school activities, when seating permits. Students not participating in the school-sponsored event will not be allowed to travel on the bus, unless accompanied by their parent(s), seating is available, and have been pre-approved by school administration.

LOST AND FOUND

Students are responsible for their own personal property, and the school discourages students from bringing valuables to school. Students should mark all personal items brought to school with their names. Articles found on the premises will be placed in "Lost and Found." Any items not properly claimed will be disposed of at the discretion of the Administration. The school will not be responsible for any lost articles.

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

The athletic program at Young Americans Christian School is designed to develop physical skills and to teach Christ-like sportsmanship. It is the desire of Young Americans Christian School to have a sports program that is an integral part of the student's educational experience. Young Americans Christian School is a member of the Georgia Independent School Association and the Georgia Association of Private and Parochial Schools. Student-athletes must adhere to the policies of the YACS Athletic Manual, and the requirements set forth by GISA and GAPPS. Athletic participation fees must be paid in order for the student to participate in any athletic activity. Young Americans Christian School offers the following athletic programs:

Cheerleading	Mens/Womens	Middle/Varsity
Football	Mens	Middle/Varsity
Volleyball	Womens	Middle School/JV/Varsity
Basketball	Mens/Womens	Middle School/Varsity
Soccer	Mens/Womens	Varsity
Baseball	Mens	Middle School/ Varsity
Golf	Mens/Womens	Varsity
Archery	Mens/Womens	Varsity
Swimming	Mens/Womens	Middle School/Varsity
Softball	Womens	Varsity
Cross Country	Mens/Womens	Middle/Varsity

Students participating in a school athletic activity or program will be required to have a sports physical examination, and the parent/legal guardian must complete and sign a medical release form prior to any participation. A student participating in a school athletic event or program is doing so at the risk of serious injury, and the school is not responsible or liable for any injury or cost of any medical bills associated with the student's participation. The student is participating at his/her own risk. The school provides secondary (accident) insurance, which is not considered primary at any time.

Athletic policy regarding grades:

The emphasis at Young Americans is to educate our students to their fullest potential. Athletic competition is considered a privilege and must be earned with hard work. These rules are intended to ensure that no athletic activity hinders the academic development of any of our student body.

Grades:

A student will lose athletic eligibility for one entire semester if he/she falls into either one of the following categories based on the report card grades:

1. If the student's semester grade point average (GPA) is less than 2.0 in the six core subjects (Bible, foreign language, math, science, history, and literature), the student is ineligible.
2. If the student receives two or more failing grades ("F") in any subject, the student is ineligible.

Conduct:

Overall conduct may be considered by the School Administration in determining athletic eligibility. Students participating in athletic programs may forfeit their privilege to participate if financial accounts become delinquent.

VISITORS/PARENTS

Young Americans Christian School welcomes parents and prospective students to visit the school. All visitors, including parents, are required to check in at the School Office. All visitors must obtain a Raptor Technologies Visitors ID Pass before proceeding into the building. If a parent needs to leave something for a student or teacher, it should be taken to the School Office. Parents should not go directly to the classroom. Family members, alumni, and students' ministers are welcome, encouraged, and allowed to eat lunch with students. If coming to eat lunch with a student, he/she must sign in at the School Office and receive a Raptor Technologies Visitor's Pass. To maintain student safety, students may not have student visitors during school hours. The School Administration may refuse visitation to any visitor who is deemed inappropriate. In respect for the teacher's time and planning, parents must make an appointment to meet with the teacher.

For the safety and security of students, faculty, parents, visitors, vendors, or others attending or visiting the school campus, the school utilizes video monitoring and recording equipment. Parents, visitors, and guests are expected to dress appropriately and modestly while on school property.

VOLUNTEERS

Young Americans Christian School encourages volunteers to assist with certain school activities. Volunteers are a valuable resource for the school and can greatly contribute to the success of many school-related functions. Anyone interested in volunteering his time or talents to the school should notify the School Office. Any volunteers who will be working directly with students will be required to have a criminal background check performed. In addition, volunteers must adhere to the school's dress code requirements.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are useful learning experiences that can enrich a student's life. Young Americans Christian School offers numerous educational and spiritual trips throughout the year, and student participation is strongly encouraged. These trips include Huntsville, Alabama (Science focus); Georgia Aquarium (Science); Washington, DC (History/Cultural); Savannah, Georgia (History); Chattanooga, TN (History); Mexico Mission trip (Spiritual/Cultural); Panama City, FL (Spiritual/Leadership); Creation/Ark Encounter (Spiritual/History/Culture) and other educational trips.

Parents will be notified in advance of field trips, and trips will be organized in a manner that provides appropriate transportation and adequate supervision. There may be incidental fees to cover costs of tickets, lunch, or transportation. Parents are encouraged to attend most field trips and must abide by the same dress and conduct standards required of the students. For safety, security, and supervision concerns, siblings are not permitted to attend field trips.

Field trips are considered regular school days. If a student does not attend the field trip, he/she must attend school to be counted present or the student will receive a zero for the day. In the event a student does not attend a field trip (including illness), the student will be assigned make-up work. For grades 5th through 12th, a student not attending the field trip will be assigned a report due on the subject matter of the field trip. The teacher will assign the topic of the report.

HEALTH AND FIRST AID

Communicable Diseases:

It is mandatory that we protect the health and welfare of our school community from the spread of communicable diseases. In medically appropriate cases, any student whose medical condition poses a substantial threat to the health and safety of others may be removed from school until his/her attendance no longer poses such a threat.

Illness:

A student who is ill or running a fever should not be sent to school. When a student becomes ill at school, the parents will be called and expected to pick up their child as quickly as possible. If a student has been sick, he/she must be fever-free, not throwing up and diarrhea-free without medication for at least twenty-four hours before returning to school. If a student is absent three consecutive days or more due to illness, a medical doctor's statement must accompany the student upon returning to school.

Medication:

Staff employees of Young Americans Christian School may administer medication to students only with the written permission from the parent/legal guardian. The parent/legal guardian must sign an Authorization for Administration of Medication form. All prescription medication, as well as non-prescription medications, to be administered at school must be given to the office staff for dispensing. All medication must be in the original container and properly labeled with the student's name, name of medication, and directions for dispensing. No student should be in the possession of any medication during the school day.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event of inclement weather or any event, activity, or circumstance that jeopardizes the safety or security of students and staff, the school will close and implement a virtual learning strategy. Parents will be notified as soon as possible by Parent Alert text and e-mail messaging. Based upon the event, activity, or circumstance, the following remote learning strategy will be implemented:

K4: All students will be informed to take home all textbooks. Packets will be prepared for all students.

K5 through 12 grades: All students will be informed to take home all textbooks. All students and instructional staff will utilize a virtual learning strategy.

Furthermore, when the school is closed, all school activities, including athletic competition/practices, are canceled.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

During the school year there will be unannounced fire/emergency drills including lockdown drills each month as mandated by state law. Instructions for evacuation of the building are posted in each classroom. When the alarm is activated, students should exit the building quickly and quietly and follow any instructions given by the staff.

EMERGENCY RELOCATION SITE

In the event of an emergency school closing requiring student relocation, relocation will be at: Crosspoint Christian Church, 4550 South Hwy. 20 Conyers, GA 30013, Phone: 770-483-1887

MANDATED REPORTING

Georgia Code Section 19-7-5 requires mandated reporting of suspected child abuse or neglect. Therefore, in the best interest of the child's safety, security, health, welfare, and well-being, all suspected incidents will be reported to the Department of Family and Children's Services even without parent notification.

STUDENT INSURANCE

Young Americans Christian School does not provide medical insurance coverage, and medical insurance coverage is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. The school does provide catastrophic insurance only. A student participating in a school athletic event, program, field trip, or extra-curricular activity is doing so at his/her own risk, and the school is not responsible or liable for any injury or cost of any medical bills associated with the student's participation.

TRANSFER OF STUDENT RECORDS FROM PERMANENT SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of permanent school closure, all student records will be transferred, maintained, and made available to parents through the Georgia Association of Private and Parochial Schools, Fayetteville, Georgia. In the event of the school closing, parents will be notified in advance and will be given time to request records. School personnel will be available to assist with the records request.

Young Americans Christian School
Student Honor Code Acknowledgement
2023-2024

It is the desire of Young Americans Christian School to first and foremost put Christ first. Honesty, integrity, and respect for others are integral components of the Christian walk for both adults and students. “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matthew 6:33). “We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10). We are called to love God, love others, and live a life of integrity. Because YACS desires to put God first, the school takes these instructions seriously. We must respect God and others. God is our ultimate authority, and we should live our life in such a way as to honor and please Him while respecting and loving others.

Whether I am a believer or not, I agree to follow the biblical guidelines for loving others by fully embracing the fact that everyone was created in the image of God and deserves my utmost respect. Therefore, as a student, I will strive to:

Respect the authority God has put over me including my parents and all school faculty and staff.
Honor Him by doing my best in all things.
Live a life of integrity by not lying, cheating, or stealing.
Not spread gossip and lies.
Not demean others with my words or on any social media.
Not intentionally make others feel inferior.

I understand that discipline policies are put in place for the betterment of all students and are in my best interest. I pledge to follow all school policies to the best of my ability.
I fully understand that my actions and words are a true reflection of what is in my heart. I pledge to honor God by focusing on my relationship with Him and by treating everyone around me with love and respect (Matthew 12:34).

Student Signature

Date

Young Americans Christian School
Parent/Student Handbook Acknowledgement
2023-2024

I / we have read and fully understand the policies and procedures in Young Americans Christian School's Parent / Student Handbook and agree to adhere and abide by the policies and procedures as stated in the Parent/ Student Handbook.

I/ we have read, fully understand, and agree to adhere to and support the school's Statement of Faith, Philosophy of Christian Education, and Biblical Lifestyle Statement as stated in the Parent/Student Handbook.

I/ we have read, fully understand, and agree to adhere to and abide by the school's Conflict Resolution principle (Matthew 18) and agree not to make any disagreement with another party, school staff, or school policy a cause for disharmony or disruptive behavior or dialogue. This includes, but is not limited to verbal, written, or social media communications.

By signing below, I/we acknowledge receipt of Young Americans Christian School's Parent/Student Handbook (hard copy or electronically) and state that by enrolling our child(ren) also serves as an acknowledgement of receipt of the handbook.

Electronic receipt serves as my signature of acknowledgment and understanding of Young Americans Christian School's Parent/Student Handbook.

Student's Name Printed

Grade

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date