

# **KENNETT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**



**2014-2015**



# **Kennett Christian Academy**

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**Academic Excellence...**

**With A Spiritual Emphasis**



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

Proverbs 22:6

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” Proverbs 1:7

“A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel.” Proverbs 1:5

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School colors: Navy blue and gold

School mascot: Eagle





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Donald J. Sheerin, Jr.  
Senior Pastor

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Sandy Smith  
Secretary

Dear Friends:

One of your most important decisions will be, "Where will I finish my education?" In the present society there are many choices. However, the best choice is simple; getting a great education in a Christian environment, with other students who share the same values as yours, GOD-COUNTRY-FAMILY! If these are your priorities then Kennett Christian Academy is your best choice.

Founded in 1979, this private school presents Bible based curriculum. K.C.A. tests on the SAT and CAT scale for a comprehensive evaluation of the students' progress.

Kennett Christian Academy is the first private, Christian school of its type in the area. The school is governed by a distinguished board of directors, comprised of "Spirit-filled" men and women of The First United Pentecostal Church of Kennett, Missouri. Working together with the pastors of the church, it is their vision and spirituality which gives the academy its oversight.

As the Bishop of The First United Pentecostal Church, it has been my pleasure to serve as the Superintendent of this school for the past 30-plus years. My commitment is to serving the students' needs in education and helping them reach a well-rounded personality, both socially and spiritually.

I stand ready to assist you or your children in the pursuit of a quality Christian education at Kennett Christian Academy.

Sincerely,

Rev. Carroll L. McGruder  
Bishop,  
First United Pentecostal Church  
Superintendent,  
Kennett Christian Academy





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Dear Student/Parent,

Thank you so much for choosing Kennett Christian Academy. I feel honored to have you as a part of the Kennett Christian Academy Family. You will find the Academy to be a good environment for receiving a quality, Christian Education and at very affordable prices. As the Administrator/Principal of K.C.A. my pledge to you is that I will do all I can to provide you with the education you expect, need and deserve. While providing you with that education it is also my goal to develop Christian character and I will continue to strive to accomplish that goal. I personally feel that communication is the key to the success of our relationship so please don't hesitate to contact me at anytime. I look forward to a great year here at K.C.A.

Yours for Christian Education,

Donald J. Sheerin, Jr

Senior Pastor,

First United Pentecostal Church

Principal,

Kennett Christian Academy



# **KENNETT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STUDENT HANDBOOK**

## **HISTORY**

Kennett Christian Academy was established in 1979 by the body of the First United Pentecostal Church in Kennett, Missouri, under the direction of then pastor, Rev. J. D. Langford. The school is a ministry of the local church body and is supported as such.

KCA has been in continuous operation for 35 years.

### **Purpose**

Kennett Christian Academy was established with the vision and goal of providing a sound, quality, academic education to its students while reinforcing Christian and moral values.

Since attending K.C.A. is a privilege, and not a right, each student is expected to practice good Christian and moral values in his/her daily living, both in school and out of school. Regular church attendance is expected of each K.C.A. student.

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

The fundamental doctrine of the United Pentecostal Church is repentance, baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and the receiving of the gift of the Holy Ghost as evidenced by the speaking of other tongues as described in Acts 2:38. KCA embraces this doctrine. However, students of all faiths are welcome to further their education at Kennett Christian Academy.

KCA does not discriminate in regard to sex, race, color, national, or ethnic origin in its admission policies.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

The Senior Administrator of Kennett Christian Academy is the Bishop of the First United Pentecostal Church of Kennett, Missouri. The Bishop is Rev. Carroll L. McGruder. The active Principal/Administrator of K.C.A. is the Senior Pastor of the First United Pentecostal Church. The Senior Pastor is Rev. Donald Sheerin.

Kennett Christian Academy is governed in its daily activities by the Principal/Administrator, the Assistant Principal and Teachers of each level of learning. Policies are adopted by a school board composed of a select group of members of the local congregation.

Any matter of concern should be presented to the Principal for resolution of the matter. If no resolution is forthcoming then an appeal may be made to the school board for a hearing of all parties concerned. Any decision made by the school board will be considered final.

Policies of Kennett Christian Academy are adopted by the school board at its regular monthly meetings and implemented by the principal and staff of the school. These meetings are closed to the public unless a hearing has been scheduled in advance for the purpose of resolving a particular issue.

Members serving on the school board for the 2014-2015 school year:

Donald Sheerin, President  
Jim Butler, Secretary  
Johnie Masterson  
Dennis Thompson  
Lesia Willett

## ADMISSIONS

Kindergarten—Any child wanting to attend Kindergarten must be five years of age by September 1 of the starting year. However, if a student’s birthday is close to September 1, an exception can be made to this rule with the approval of the principal. Kindergarten classes are only half-day sessions and are currently held in the morning. A copy of the birth certificate and shot records should be furnished at the time of enrollment.

Special Needs—All children with “special needs” will be evaluated on an individual basis and admission will be determined by the academy’s ability to meet the child’s needs.

Transfers—Any student transferring from another school must complete a diagnostic test in mathematics and language arts and must submit a transcript from their former school for evaluation. A combination of these results will be considered to determine the student’s grade placement. A copy of the birth certificate and social security card are to be submitted at the time of admission.

Immunization—All students attending school in the state of Missouri must comply with requirements for immunization. Verification of immunization must be in the student’s cumulative folder before the student enters school.

Communicable Diseases—To protect other students from contagious illnesses, students infected with contagious diseases are not allowed to attend school while contagious. Parents of a student with communicable or contagious disease should phone the principal so that other students who might have been exposed to the disease can be alerted. Call (573) 888-2520.

## WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Any student may withdraw from K.C.A. for any reason. However, the account must be in good standing for a transcript to be sent to another school.

## GENERAL POLICIES

School will convene at 8:30 a. m. and will dismiss at 3:30 p. m. Monday through Thursday, excepting weeks with Monday holidays.

Attendance—Regular attendance is expected at K.C.A. and enforcement by the parents is to be provided. A written excuse, signed by the parent, must be presented to the teacher upon returning to the school after an absence.

All doctor/dental appointments should be scheduled after school hours or on Friday or Saturday, if at all possible.

A student who accumulates four (4) unexcused absences in one quarter will, along with his/her parents, have a meeting with the Principal to discuss the problem at hand. If the problem is not resolved after six (6) absences, a three (3) day suspension will result. If the problem is not solved after nine (9) absences, the student will be subject to expulsion.

A call from the parent will be considered an excused absence for the first day. Any additional days will require a doctor's excuse in order to be excused.

Tardiness—The Tardy Policy for Kennett Christian Academy is as follows: One (1) tardy per week is accepted without penalty. Each additional tardy that week would constitute twenty (20) minutes of detention time.

Scripture Memorization—Each student must complete (quote) the scripture memory assignment. Failure to do so will result in twenty (20) minutes of detention time for each school day that follows and it remains incomplete.

Lunch—Each student is responsible for bringing his/her own lunch each day and given to the teacher for safekeeping and refrigeration, if needed. A microwave oven will be available for the students' use but only teachers are allowed to operate the microwave. Older students may operate the microwave under the supervision of the teacher.

Emergency School Closing Information—In case of an emergency school closing, the following radio/television stations will be notified:

KBOA radio—Kennett: 1540 AM & 105.5 FM  
KAIT television—Jonesboro: Channel 8

Drills: Fire, Tornado and other emergencies—From time to time students and teachers will participate in drills of emergency procedures. When the alarm is sounded, or stated, students should follow the direction of teachers quickly, quietly, and in an orderly manner.

Leaving School Early—Leaving school early for any reason is discouraged but, if necessary, a written request must be presented to the principal or teacher. No student will be permitted to leave without this request.

Dress Code—Students of Kennett Christian Academy are required to wear a

specified uniform as chosen by the administration. The dress code is found on page 14.

The purpose of the uniform is to present a standard of uniformity and discourage any discrimination that may occur between the students.

Chapel—Chapel service is held each Wednesday in the afternoon. All students are required to attend chapel.

Visitors to the campus—Any person wanting to visit the school for any reason should receive approval from the principal or assistant principal before making contact with a student.

Parental Role—Parents are encouraged to play an active role in your child’s educational endeavors and progress. Should a question arise, a conference can be scheduled with a staff member to clarify a situation, when needed. You may call the school at (573) 888-2520.

Student Vehicles—Students with a driver’s license may drive to school, but must adhere to all vehicular rules prescribed by K.C.A. Any student wanting to drive must submit a permission slip, signed by his/her parents, to the school office to be filed in the student’s folder.

No student can be in his/her vehicle except when arriving or leaving the premises, unless special permission is granted by a teacher. No students are permitted to ride with another student unless the school receives written permission from the parent.

## ACADEMIC POLICIES

Curriculum—The core curriculum for Kennett Christian Academy is provided by Alpha Omega Publications, a trusted provider of Christian educational materials since 1977. AOP provides Christian schools with outstanding curricula that will prepare students for a successful life.

The Horizons series is used for Kindergarten. Kindergarten classes are Math and Phonics & Reading.

The LIFEPAC® Series, is utilized for grades 1 through 12.

Classes offered in grades one through twelve are Bible, History & Geography, Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science.

Electives in grades seven through twelve include: Accounting, American Literature, Art, British Literature, Business Computer Information Systems, Civics, Computer Literacy, Consumer Math, Family & Consumer Science, Foundations for Living, Health Quest, High School Health, Spanish, Speech, and LIFEPAC® Select.

Senior High School—Every student should be classified on the college preparatory track until cumulative evidence (regarding mental aptitude, home circum-

stances, age, diagnosis, etc.) substantiates the impracticality of pursuing a college-bound course of study.

Even then, the student should aspire to attain the highest possible academics even if it may take more time. There is nothing wrong with a student attending high school more than four years, if needed, to complete the necessary requirements. Academic excellence should be the goal of each student!

Class Load—A student should expect to spend a minimum of eight semesters in high school in order to complete the requirements for graduation. However, with the approval of the principal, exceptions can be made to this requirement.

A normal course load is six subjects per semester, but exceptions can be made with the approval of the principal.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

	<b>General</b>	<b>College Prep</b>
Bible ( <i>Bible 12 counts as Practical Art</i> )	3	3
Language Arts	4	4
Math	3	4
Science	3	3
History & Geography	3	3
Foreign Language	0	2
Fine Arts	1	1
Practical Art ( <i>Bible 12</i> )	1	1
Physical Education	1	1
Personal Finance	½	½
Health	½	½
Electives	4	2
Total Units	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>

U.S. & Missouri Constitution—All students must pass both U.S. and Missouri Constitution tests.

## K.C.A. HONORS DIPLOMA

	<u>Units</u>
Bible ( <i>Bible 12 counts as Practical Art</i> )	3
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science	4
History & Geography	4
Foreign Language	2
Fine Arts	1
Practical Art ( <i>Bible 12</i> )	1
Physical Education	1
Personal Finance	½
Health	½
Electives	2
Total Units	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> 27

To receive an Honors Diploma student must complete the above curriculum, attain a 92% average and score a minimum of 22 on the ACT or 1000 on the SAT.

Grading Scale—All grades at K.C.A. are recorded as percentages and are assigned the following letter grades:

A=92-100

B=84-91

C=76-83

D=68-75

F=67 & below

I=Incomplete

Principal's Honor List—92-100%

Honor Roll—84-91%

Report Cards—Report cards showing a student's progress will be sent home each quarter (nine weeks) for the parents to view. After viewing, the parent should sign the card and return it to the school.

A parent/teacher conference is available to parents who want to contact the principal for an appointment.

Awards Night—Kennett Christian Academy will conduct an awards ceremony open to the public where students will be recognized for outstanding scholastic achievement in various areas. Recognition of students in other areas may be given as the Principal deems proper and fitting. This ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Kindergarten graduation ceremony.

Standardized Tests for College Admission—Most colleges require either the American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) for admission. Students are encouraged to talk with the Teacher or Principal during their junior year to determine the appropriate exam to take. Entrance exams are usually taken at the end of the junior year.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Registration—A registration fee of \$25 and a testing fee of \$25, if necessary, is charged to each student enrolling at Kennett Christian Academy and is due at the time of registration. The fee covers the costs of registration, standardized tests, etc. and is non-refundable.

Tuition—A basic tuition fee is charged for enrollment and is payable in ten monthly installments.

The Principal can answer any questions you may have about this program.

Late Payment of Tuition—The parent or guardian of any student who is two months behind on payment of tuition must schedule a meeting within seven days of due date with the principal of K.C.A. to work out a satisfactory payment plan for the student to remain in school. Failure to do so will lead to financial probation and student will not be allowed to attend classes.

If no agreement is reached, parent or guardian may appeal to the Board of Education for a hearing to work out a plan of action. Any action taken by the school board will be final.

The principal may be contacted by calling (573) 888-2520.

## DISCIPLINARY POLICY

One of the main objectives of Kennett Christian Academy is to help students to develop high standards and form a firm foundation for Christ-like character. In keeping with this aim, K.C.A. expects high moral standards and sets before each student definite Christian principles.

In the process of character development there are times when it is necessary to take disciplinary action. The administration believes that proper and effective discipline is a cooperative venture between the home and the school. When each realizes this important fact, problems tend to be minimized. However, the administration reserves the right to administer any type of punishment deemed necessary for infractions of the rules at K.C.A.

Cheating on Tests—The school board of Kennett Christian Academy has adopted the following policy relating to cheating on tests, etc.

1. Any student caught cheating on a test will receive an F on that test and will have his/her semester average reduced by three points for that semester.
2. Any student knowingly supplying answers to a student for cheating will receive an F for that test and will also have his/her semester average reduced by three points for that subject.
3. Probation and/or expulsion may also be administered.
4. Honesty is the ONLY policy.

Detention Policy—Detentions will be served before/after school hours. The days and times will be communicated in future correspondence. After five (5) detention hours the next infraction where detention time would have been administered, a one day suspension will rather be administered. After a student has accumulated 6 days of suspension it will then be recommended to the school board the student be expelled.

If the detention notice is not returned signed by the parent, or if the student fails to serve the detention, the detention time will be doubled.

Articles or Behavior Not Allowed:

Chewing gum  
Make-up  
Firearms  
Knives  
Improper books, photos, drawings, etc.  
Cigarettes  
Cell phones  
Jewelry  
Radios, etc.  
Bad attitudes  
Defacement of property  
Obnoxious behavior  
Class disruption  
Articles of clothing other than school uniform  
Inappropriate language  
Cheating  
Copying answers from another student, etc.  
Stealing  
Illegal drugs  
Beer or liquor  
Bullying  
Disrespect toward a staff member  
Sleeping in class  
Forging signatures  
Hair (Should be kept in a neat fashion.)  
Any other improper behavior\*  
\*Principal will determine what is proper and improper, if necessary.

## HOME SCHOOLING

Any parent may educate a child at home. The parent does not have to hold a teaching certificate or meet any education requirements. If a parent decides to home school, he or she must provide 1000 hours of instruction during the school year, with at least 600 hours in the basics, such as reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. At least 400 of the 600 hours must be taught in the home location.

A parent who is home schooling a child must maintain the following records: a plan book, diary, daily log, or other written record indicating subjects taught and the activities engaged in with the student, a portfolio containing samples of the student's academic work, and a record of evaluation of the student's academic progress.

The parents may notify the superintendent of schools or the recorder of county deeds in the county where the parent resides of their intention to home school. This is done before September 1 annually. The law is permissive in the area of registering and does not mandate registration.

If families are educating students of high school age and elect to re-enroll in the public schools, they need to be aware of the local board of education's policies on accepting credit for students from unaccredited educational programs. There is no recognized high school diploma for home school students. Individuals who have been home schooled may take the high school equivalency exam to obtain their GED.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG:**

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG:**

“I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for Whose kingdom it stands; one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty for all who believe.”

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE BIBLE:**

“I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I will hide its words in my heart, that I might not sin against God.”

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Kennett Christian Academy Dress Code Requirements  
**Mandatory school uniform items should be in place for the beginning of school.**

**No cap sleeves. No tennis shoes or open-toed shoes.**

**K-6th Grade Girls**

White or Navy polo type shirt (short or long sleeve) monogrammed  
Khaki or Navy split skirt/scooter skirt  
Navy sweater  
Navy sweatshirt with tan monogram  
Navy or White socks  
Black or brown shoes

\*Mandatory Navy split skirt/scooter skirt

**Skirts should not be any higher than the top of the knee**

**Girls' shirts without bands should be tucked**

**7th-12th Grade Girls**

White or Navy polo type shirt (short or long sleeve) monogrammed  
Navy or Khaki skirt  
Navy sweater  
Navy sweatshirt with tan monogram  
Navy or White socks  
Black or brown shoes

\*Mandatory Navy split skirt for P.E.

**Skirts should not be any higher than the bottom of the knee**

**Girls' shirts without bands should be tucked**

**K-12th Grade Boys**

White or Navy polo type shirt (short or long sleeve) monogrammed  
Navy or Khaki dress pants  
Navy cardigan  
Navy sweatshirt with tan monogram  
Black or Brown shoes

**Boys' shirts should be tucked with pants belted**

All monogramming is mandatory

“Kennett Christian Academy” in cursive

White polo shirts-

Navy monogram

Navy polo shirts/sweatshirts-

Khaki monogram









