

***“Creating a Passion for Learning”***

# **Southport Christian School**



## **Family Handbook 2026-2027**

*Celebrating 31 Years of Academic Excellence*

**Excellence in Education**

**Foundations in Faith**

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# Welcome to Southport Christian School

Dear Southport Christian School Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year!

Whether you are joining our school family for the first time or returning for another year, we are grateful that you have chosen Southport Christian School as your partner in your child's education.

For more than three decades, Southport Christian School has remained committed to providing students with an exceptional education rooted firmly in God's Word. Our mission extends beyond academic achievement. We strive to cultivate a lifelong love of learning while nurturing students who demonstrate Christ-like character, servant leadership, integrity, and compassion.

As the world around us continues to change, our commitment remains steadfast. We seek to equip students with a strong biblical worldview that enables them to think critically, serve faithfully, and lead courageously wherever God calls them.

A successful education is built upon a strong partnership between the school and the home. We deeply value your trust, involvement, encouragement, and prayers throughout the school year. Together, we can provide an environment where every student is known, challenged, encouraged, and loved.

This handbook is designed to provide important information regarding our school's policies, procedures, and expectations. We encourage every family to read it carefully and refer to it throughout the school year.

Thank you for allowing us the privilege of partnering with your family. We look forward to another wonderful year of learning, growing, and serving together.

May God richly bless your family during the coming school year.

In His Service,

**Lisa Kjome**  
Principal  
Southport Christian School

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## QUICK REFERENCE FOR FAMILIES

### School Information

#### Address

4457 Flagship Avenue SE  
Southport, NC 28461

#### Phone

(910) 457-5060

**Plus Portal** [plusportals.com/SouthportChristian](http://plusportals.com/SouthportChristian)

**^Must activate to receive school emails**

**Tuition** [parent.blackbaud.school](http://parent.blackbaud.school)

**Website** [southportchristian.com](http://southportchristian.com)

#### Email

[office@southportchristianschool.com](mailto:office@southportchristianschool.com)

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## School Hours

**Early Arrival** 7:15–7:45 a.m. (No charge)

**Student Arrival** 7:45–8:00 a.m.

**Classes Begin** 8:00 a.m. Parents, if you walk your student to class, please depart by 8:00 a.m.

**Tardy** After 8:05 a.m. For Kindergarten-Grade 12

*A parent or guardian must sign students in at the school office.*

## Dismissal Times

### Grade Level

### Time

Pre-K, K, Grade 1 & High School 2:30 p.m.

Grades 2–5 2:45 p.m.

Grades 6–8 2:50 p.m.

**Please avoid early dismissals between 2:00 p.m. and dismissal whenever possible.**

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## Attendance Reminders

Please keep your child home if they have:

- Fever within the previous 24 hours
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Contagious illness
- Persistent cough
- Head lice-may return after treatment and nit-free
- Chickenpox
- Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)
- Impetigo
- Ringworm
- Any illness preventing participation in school

Students must be **fever-free for 24 hours without medication** before returning to school.

School administrators reserve the right to request medical documentation when necessary to ensure the health and safety of students and staff.

## Arrival & Dismissal Reminders

- ✓ Stay in your vehicle during drop-off and pick-up.
- ✓ Follow staff directions at all times.
- ✓ Please do not use your cell phone in the car line.
- ✓ **Families with multiple dismissal times should pick up all students at the latest dismissal.**
- ✓ Students remaining after 2:50 p.m. will be checked into After School Care

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## Inclement Weather

Southport Christian School generally follows **Brunswick County Schools** for weather-related delays and closures.

Updates are shared through:

- School Email
- School Website
- School Social Media
- If school dismisses early because of weather, parents should make arrangements to pick up students as promptly as possible.

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## Visitor Information

For the safety of our students:

- All visitors must check in at the school office.
- Parents should not go directly to classrooms.

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## In Case of Absence

### **School Office**

(910) 457-5060

office@southportchristianschool.com

### **Attendance**

Please notify the office before 8:00 a.m. if your child will be absent.

### **Early Dismissal**

Notify the office in advance whenever possible.

## Statement of Faith

Southport Christian School is an independent, interdenominational Christian school. Our Statement of Faith reflects the foundational biblical beliefs that guide our educational mission.

While we welcome families from many Christian traditions, these beliefs provide the spiritual framework for our school community.

We believe:

- There is one true and living God who eternally exists as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Jesus Christ is God's Son, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died for our sins, rose bodily from the grave, ascended into heaven, and will return again.
- The Bible is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God and serves as the foundation for all truth, instruction, and Christian living.
- Jesus Christ is the perfect example for our lives and the model for Christian character.
- Prayer is essential in the life of every believer and is a powerful means through which God works in individuals, families, schools, churches, and communities.
- Every person is created in the image of God and possesses inherent dignity, value, and worth. Therefore, all people deserve to be treated with respect, compassion, and Christian love.
- A biblical worldview provides the foundation for understanding every aspect of life and learning.
- Jesus Christ is Lord.

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## Mission Statement

Southport Christian School exists to partner with Christian families in educating students through academic excellence and biblical truth.

Our mission is to develop students who know God, pursue academic excellence, demonstrate Christ-like character, and are prepared to fulfill God's purpose for their lives through servant leadership and lifelong learning.

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## Philosophy of Education

At Southport Christian School, we believe that all truth is God's truth. Because Scripture is the inspired and authoritative Word of God, biblical principles are intentionally integrated throughout every subject and every aspect of school life.

Our educational philosophy recognizes that each child is uniquely created by God with individual gifts, abilities, and purpose. We seek to educate the whole child by nurturing spiritual, intellectual, physical, social, and emotional growth in a Christ-centered environment.

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# About Southport Christian School

## **Founded**

1996

## **School Type**

Independent, Interdenominational Christian School

## **Accreditation & Membership**

Member of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)

## **Grades Served**

Preschool (Age 3) through High School

## **School Distinctives**

- Christ-centered education
- Biblically integrated curriculum
- Small class sizes
- Highly qualified Christian faculty
- Strong partnership with families
- Safe, nurturing learning environment
- Academic excellence with individualized attention
- Leadership development
- Weekly chapel services
- Athletic clubs, fine arts, and student enrichment opportunities

## **Our Commitment**

We are committed to creating a school culture where students are challenged academically, encouraged spiritually, and equipped to impact their communities for Christ.

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## **Admissions & Enrollment**

At Southport Christian School, we are honored that families choose us as partners in their child's education. Our admissions process is designed to ensure that each student is prepared to succeed academically while becoming an active member of our Christ-centered school community.

## **Non-Discrimination Policy**

Southport Christian School admits students of any race, color, national, or ethnic origin and does not discriminate in the administration of its educational policies, admissions procedures, scholarship programs, or other school-administered programs.

## **Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten Admission**

Children entering our Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten programs must be fully potty trained before their first day of school.

## Academic Placement

Students entering **Grade 1 and above** will complete admissions assessments in reading and mathematics to determine appropriate grade placement.

To be considered for admission, applicants should:

- Demonstrate academic readiness appropriate for the requested grade level.
- Score no more than three months below grade level in reading and mathematics on the school's placement assessment.
- Demonstrate age-appropriate reading fluency and comprehension.
- Provide report cards or transcripts showing successful completion of the previous grade level.

The Principal may request additional information or interviews when necessary to ensure proper placement and student success.

## Mid-Year Transfers

To provide academic continuity for students and maintain instructional consistency, Southport Christian School generally does not accept transfers from local schools after the beginning of the second semester.

## Enrollment Status

Enrollment at Southport Christian School is considered a privilege. All newly enrolled students are admitted on a **30-day enrollment evaluation period**. During this time, the school evaluates each student's academic progress, behavior, and adjustment to the school's expectations and culture.

The administration reserves the right to discontinue enrollment if it determines that the school is unable to meet the student's educational needs or if the student or family does not support the school's mission, policies, or educational environment.

## Tuition & Financial Policies

Southport Christian School is committed to providing an excellent Christ-centered education while maintaining responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us. Tuition and fees enable the school to provide qualified faculty, safe facilities, enriching programs, and exceptional educational opportunities for every student.

## Registration & Annual Fees

- **Registration Fee** – Due at the time of enrollment or re-enrollment. Registration fees are non-refundable.
- **Annual Payment Plan Fee** – Assessed for families choosing monthly tuition payments. This fee is non-refundable.

## Tuition Payment Options

Families may choose one of the following payment plans through the school's tuition management system.

### Annual Payment

- Full tuition paid by **August 1** qualifies eligible families for the published 5% tuition discount.

### Monthly Payment Plan

- Tuition is paid in ten monthly installments from **August through May**.

Families may select a monthly draft date of the **1st, 10th, or 15th** of each month.

## Delinquent Tuition Accounts

Timely tuition payments are essential to the operation of the school.

Accounts with overdue balances may be subject to:

- Late payment service fees
- Bank fees for returned or failed payments
- Temporary restriction from school services when applicable

Students whose tuition accounts become **45 days past due** may be withdrawn from enrollment until satisfactory payment arrangements have been made.

In accordance with the school's financial agreement, report cards, transcripts, and official student records may be withheld until all outstanding financial obligations have been satisfied.

## Student Withdrawal

Families choosing to withdraw a student during the school year remain responsible for tuition through the end of the month in which the withdrawal occurs.

Official student records and report cards may be released once all financial obligations have been fulfilled.

## After School Care Accounts

Families enrolled in the After School Care Program are expected to maintain current accounts.

Students may be temporarily removed from the program if After School Care fees remain unpaid for **30 days**.

Participation may resume once the outstanding balance has been paid according to the financial agreement.

## Dismissal Procedures

The safety of our students is our highest priority. We ask every family to carefully follow these procedures.

### Afternoon Pick-Up

- Remain in your vehicle while in the dismissal line.
- School staff will assist younger students with entering vehicles and fastening seat belts when needed.
- Please do not leave the pick-up line or approach students before they have been released by school personnel.
- Families with students dismissed at different times should plan to pick up all children at the latest dismissal time.

For the safety of everyone on campus:

- Parking is not permitted during the designated dismissal period.
- The playground is reserved exclusively for students enrolled in After School Care after dismissal.
- Traffic along Long Beach Road can become congested. Your patience and cooperation help ensure a safe dismissal each day.

## Late Pick-Up

Students who have not been picked up by **2:50 p.m.** will be escorted to the After School Care Program.

A **\$10.00 late pick-up fee** will be charged for each occurrence unless the school office has been notified before the end of the school day.

## Campus Safety & Visitor Procedures

Southport Christian School is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment.

All visitors, including parents, volunteers, and guests, must:

- Check in at the school office upon arrival.
- Receive visitor authorization before entering any classroom or school area.
- Check out through the office before leaving campus.

Visitors under the age of 18 must remain with a parent or approved adult while on campus.

For the safety of our students and staff, individuals who enter campus without checking in may be asked to leave immediately.

Southport Christian School follows established emergency safety procedures. If campus security is compromised, the school may implement lockdown procedures and contact local law enforcement when necessary.

We appreciate every family's cooperation in helping us maintain a secure campus.

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## Student Conduct & Discipline

### Our Philosophy

At Southport Christian School, we believe that discipline is an opportunity for growth, learning, and restoration. Our goal is to help students develop Christ-like character by encouraging responsibility, self-control, respect, honesty, and integrity.

We seek to create a safe, orderly, and Christ-centered learning environment where every student feels valued and respected. Discipline is administered with fairness, consistency, grace, and love, always with the goal of helping students make wise choices and grow in their relationship with Christ.

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

— Proverbs 22:6

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## Student Expectations

Students are expected to:

- Demonstrate respect for God, themselves, others, and school property.
- Treat teachers, staff, classmates, and visitors with kindness and courtesy.
- Follow classroom and school rules.
- Come to school prepared to learn.
- Practice honesty and personal responsibility.
- Use respectful language and appropriate behavior at all times.
- Resolve conflicts in a Christ-like manner.
- Represent Southport Christian School with integrity both on and off campus, including online.

## Classroom Discipline

- Teachers are responsible for establishing classroom expectations and managing day-to-day behavior. Most concerns are addressed within the classroom through positive reinforcement, redirection, and age-appropriate consequences.
- When additional support is needed, parents will be notified, and school administration may become involved.

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## Progressive Discipline

When inappropriate behavior occurs, consequences may include one or more of the following:

- Teacher conference
- Parent communication
- Loss of privileges
- In-school suspension
- Out-of-school suspension
- Expulsion, when warranted

Each situation is evaluated individually, considering the student's age, intent, previous behavior, and severity of the incident.

## Serious Behavioral Violations

The following behaviors may result in immediate administrative action, including suspension or expulsion:

- Possession or use of any weapon or dangerous object.
- Possession, use, or distribution of tobacco, vaping products, alcohol, illegal drugs, or controlled substances.
- Physical aggression, fighting, bullying, intimidation, or threats toward any student or staff member.
- Harassment, discrimination, or inappropriate conduct toward others.
- Theft or intentional destruction of school or personal property.
- Repeated insubordination or defiance.
- Possession or sharing of inappropriate or obscene material.
- Misuse of technology, including cyberbullying, inappropriate social media activity, damaging text messages and groups chats, or actions that disrupt the school community.
- Any behavior that jeopardizes the safety, well-being, or reputation of the school. The administration reserves the right to determine the appropriate disciplinary response based on the circumstances of each incident.

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## Technology & Social Media

- Students are expected to use technology responsibly and in a manner that reflects Christian character.
  - Any online activity—including social media posts, text messages, group chats, photographs, videos, or other digital communication—that threatens, harasses, bullies, or negatively impacts another student, staff member, or the school community may result in school disciplinary action, **regardless** of when or where the activity occurred, including expulsion.
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# Dress Code & Uniform Policy

## Our Purpose

The Southport Christian School dress code promotes modesty, unity, school pride, and a positive learning environment. Students are expected to dress neatly, appropriately, and in a manner that reflects Christian values. Personal appearance should never distract from the educational process. The administration reserves the right to determine whether a student's attire or grooming meets school expectations.

## General Dress Code Expectations

Students should:

- Wear clean, neat, and appropriately fitting clothing.
- Maintain hairstyles and grooming that are neat and not distracting.
- Wear clothing that is modest and appropriate for school.
- Wear shoes that are safe for daily school activities.
- Remove hats and hoods while inside school buildings unless otherwise permitted.

The following are not permitted:

- Clothing with inappropriate language, graphics, or messages.
- Visible artificial tattoos.
- Excessively ripped or revealing clothing.
- Hairstyles, accessories that create a significant distraction, and hair color should be a natural hair color if high-lighted or colored.
- Boys' hair length-collar length or shorter.
- Facial piercings (Middle and High School).
- Excessive makeup or artificial nails that interfere with school activities.

## Uniform Guidelines

### Preschool

- Daily attire follows Preschool guidelines-socks and closed-toe shoes.
- **Chapel attire is required on Fridays-hunter green polo, khaki bottoms.**

### Kindergarten–Grade 8

#### Monday–Thursday

Students may wear:

- Approved school polo shirts or SCS logo tee shirts
- Khaki or navy uniform shorts, pants, skirts, or skorts
- School logo sweatshirts or solid uniform-colored outerwear worn indoors
- Solid polo shirts (no logos) and school tee shirts allowed Monday - Thursday
- K-5<sup>th</sup>                      Shirt colors-Hunter green, red, navy and white
- Grade 6-8                Shirt colors-Hunter green, red, navy, white, light yellow, heather gray

#### Friday Chapel Uniform      Kindergarten-Grade 8

##### Boys

- Hunter green polo
- Khaki uniform shorts or pants and SOLID uniform colored socks.

##### Girls

- Hunter green polo or approved white Peter Pan collar blouse (elementary)
- Approved hunter/classic navy plaid and SOLID uniform colored socks/tights.
- **OR solid navy uniform skirt or skort for Grade 6 - 8 only**

# Physical Education Uniform

Students participating in Physical Education should wear:

- SCS-approved gray school logo PE shirt (Grades 4–12)
- Navy or black athletic shorts with AT LEAST a 5 inch inseam (Grades 4-12)
- **Athletic shoes- students without appropriate athletic shoes may be unable to participate safely. All Grades K-12.**

## Dress Down Days-3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month

Students may participate in Dress Down Days.

Clothing must remain modest and school appropriate.

The following are not permitted:

- Tank tops
- Strapless or halter tops
- Midriff shirts
- Clothing that is excessively short or revealing
- Clothing displaying inappropriate language or graphics
- Sandals or unsafe footwear

Leggings may be worn only when paired with a fingertip-length top or dress.

## High School Dress Code

High school students have greater flexibility while continuing to reflect Christian values and good judgment.

Students may wear:

- Modest shirts with sleeves or approved school T-shirts
- Jeans without excessive rips or holes above the knee
- Pants, skirts, dresses, and shorts meeting “4 inch above the knee” guidelines
- Sweatshirts, hoodies, and jackets over appropriate tops
- Shorts & athletic shorts meeting the “4 inch above the knee” guidelines

Not permitted:

- Athletic shorts (except PE)
- Midriff shirts
- Bedroom slippers
- Board shorts, swim shorts or bathing suits
- Clothing that is excessively short, tight, transparent, or revealing

### Friday Chapel Dress Code

Students are expected to dress appropriately for Friday Chapel services.

Sweatpants and athletic wear are not allowed.

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## Dress Code Violations

If a student's attire does not meet school expectations:

1. The student will be asked to correct the issue if possible.
2. Parents may be contacted to provide appropriate clothing.
3. Repeated violations may result in additional disciplinary action.

The administration's decision regarding dress code compliance is final.

# Academic Information

## Academic Excellence

Southport Christian School is committed to providing a rigorous, Christ-centered education that challenges students to pursue excellence in all areas of learning. Our teachers seek to develop critical thinkers, lifelong learners, and servant leaders who honor God through their academic efforts.

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."* — Colossians 3:23

## Homework

Homework reinforces classroom instruction, develops responsibility, and encourages independent learning.

General guidelines include:

- Elementary students may receive homework Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- Homework expectations generally increase with each grade level, 10 minutes per grade level.
- Middle and High School students should expect regular homework and long-term assignments.

Parents are encouraged to provide a quiet, consistent study environment while allowing students to complete assignments independently whenever possible.

## Communication with Families

**You must activate your parent portal in order to receive school emails.**

Strong communication between school and home is essential.

Families can expect regular communication through:

- Weekly classroom newsletters (Elementary)
- School-wide Friday newsletter
- Parent email communications
- Student planners and online learning platforms (Middle & High School)
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Progress reports and report cards

Parents are encouraged to contact teachers whenever questions or concerns arise.

## Grading

### Kindergarten–Grade 2

| Grade | Meaning           |
|-------|-------------------|
| O     | Outstanding       |
| G     | Good              |
| S     | Satisfactory      |
| N     | Needs Improvement |

## Grades 3–12

| Grade | Percentage |
|-------|------------|
| A     | 90–100     |
| B     | 80–89      |
| C     | 70–79      |
| D     | 60–69      |
| F     | Below 60   |

Students also receive evaluations for conduct, effort, and work habits.

## Report Cards

Report cards are issued at the end of each grading period.

## Testing

Students participate in classroom assessments throughout the year to monitor academic progress.

Students in Grades 1–12 complete nationally standardized testing each spring.

**Students participating in the North Carolina Opportunity Scholarship Program are required to complete all state-mandated assessments.**

Parents will be informed of scheduled standardized testing and will receive results.

## Promotion & Academic Support

Promotion to the next grade level is based on academic performance, attendance, and overall readiness.

When concerns arise, school staff will partner with families to develop an appropriate plan, which may include:

- Parent conferences
- Academic intervention
- Tutoring recommendations
- Summer learning opportunities
- Grade retention when determined to be in the student's best educational interest

Students with excessive absences may also be evaluated for promotion eligibility.

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## High School Absence Policy per semester

After 10 absences, students and parents must meet with administration and HS staff.

## Make-Up Work

Students who miss school are responsible for completing missed assignments.

General expectations include:

- One school day to complete work for each day absent, unless otherwise directed by the teacher.
- Long-term absences and pre-approved educational trips may receive modified timelines.
- Previously assigned projects and research papers remain due on the original due date unless alternative arrangements are approved.
- Teachers will work with students and families to ensure reasonable opportunities to complete missed work while maintaining academic integrity.

## **Academic Integrity**

- Students are expected to complete their own work honestly and responsibly.
- Cheating, plagiarism, unauthorized use of artificial intelligence, copying another student's work, or any other form of academic dishonesty is inconsistent with our Christian values and may result in disciplinary and academic consequences.
- Our goal is not only academic success but the development of integrity and personal responsibility that honors Christ.

## **Technology, Digital Citizenship & Parent Partnership**

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### **Technology Use Policy**

Technology is an important educational tool that enhances teaching, learning, communication, creativity, and collaboration. Southport Christian School provides technology resources to support instruction and prepare students to use technology responsibly in today's world.

Students are expected to use all school technology, internet access, and digital resources in a manner that reflects Christian character, integrity, and respect for others.

Students are expected to:

- Use school technology for educational purposes.
- Protect usernames, passwords, and personal information.
- Respect school equipment and the property of others.
- Follow teacher directions regarding technology use.
- Report inappropriate content, security concerns, or misuse immediately.

Students may not:

- Access inappropriate or offensive content.
- Attempt to bypass internet filters or security systems.
- Use another person's account or password.
- Download unauthorized software or applications.
- Damage or misuse school technology.
- Record, photograph, or video others without permission.

Technology privileges may be limited or revoked if these expectations are not followed.

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# Digital Citizenship

At Southport Christian School, students are encouraged to be responsible digital citizens who honor Christ in both their online and offline interactions.

Students are expected to:

- Communicate respectfully and kindly.
- Demonstrate honesty and integrity in all digital work.
- Protect their own privacy and the privacy of others.
- Think carefully before posting, sharing, or commenting online.
- Understand that their digital footprint reflects their personal character and the values of Southport Christian School.

We encourage students to ask themselves before posting:

**Is it True?**

**Is it Helpful?**

**Is it Kind?**

**Does it Honor Christ?**

## Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools are becoming increasingly common in education and the workplace. Southport Christian School recognizes the educational value of these tools while maintaining high standards of academic integrity.

Unless specifically authorized by the teacher, students should complete assignments using their own knowledge, understanding, and original work.

Students may not use AI to:

- Complete assignments that are intended to demonstrate their own learning.
- Generate essays, projects, or homework for submission as original work.
- Cheat on quizzes, tests, or assessments.
- Misrepresent AI-generated work as their own.

Improper use of AI will be treated as academic dishonesty and may result in academic and disciplinary consequences, including suspension or expulsion.

Our goal is to prepare students to use emerging technologies ethically, responsibly, and with discernment.

# Social Media Expectations

Students are ambassadors of Southport Christian School both on and off campus.

Students are expected to demonstrate Christ-like character in all forms of electronic communication, including:

- Social media platforms
- Text messages
- Group chats
- Online gaming
- Video sharing
- Email
- Messaging applications

Cyberbullying, harassment, threats, inappropriate comments, or posts that substantially disrupt the school environment or negatively impact another student, employee, or the reputation of the school may result in school disciplinary action, **regardless** of whether the activity occurred on or off campus, including suspension or expulsion.

Families are encouraged to monitor students' online activity and discuss healthy digital habits at home.

## Cell Phone & Personal Device Policy

Our goal is to minimize distractions and maximize student engagement during the school day.

### **Elementary School (Preschool–Grade 5)**

Students should not bring cell phones or smart devices to school. If brought to school, devices must remain powered off and stored in backpacks throughout the school day.

### **Middle School (Grades 6–8)**

Cell phones must be powered off upon arrival and placed in the designated classroom storage area. Phones may not be used during the school day unless authorized by a teacher or administrator.

### **High School (Grades 9–12)**

Cell phones should remain silenced and stored in backpacks unless a teacher authorizes their use for instructional purposes. Unauthorized use during class may result in confiscation and additional disciplinary action.

Smart watches and earbuds should not be used during instructional time unless approved for educational or medical purposes.

Parents needing to contact students during the school day should call the school office. Likewise, students needing to contact parents should do so through the school office unless permission has been granted by a staff member.

## **Parent Communication & Partnership**

Southport Christian School believes that education is most successful when parents and educators work together with mutual trust, respect, and open communication.

Teachers strive to respond to parent emails and phone calls within one school business day whenever possible.

### **Addressing Questions & Concerns**

Southport Christian School values open, respectful communication and seeks to resolve concerns in a timely and Christ-centered manner.

Following the biblical principles found in Matthew 18:15-17, concerns should be addressed at the appropriate level.

#### **Step 1**

Speak directly with the teacher or staff member involved.

Most questions and misunderstandings are resolved through respectful conversation.

#### **Step 2**

If the concern remains unresolved, schedule a meeting with the Principal and teacher or staff member.

To encourage fairness and understanding:

- Concerns should be discussed respectfully and privately.
- Written concerns may be requested when appropriate.
- Anonymous complaints generally cannot be investigated.
- Gossip, social media discussions, or public criticism are not appropriate methods for resolving school concerns and may result in student removal from school.
- Our goal is always reconciliation, mutual understanding, and the continued success of every student.

### **Our Partnership**

Southport Christian School is grateful for the trust families place in us. Together, as parents, teachers, administrators, and students, we seek to glorify God by creating a community where every child is challenged academically, nurtured spiritually, and encouraged to become all God has created them to be.

## SCS School Calendar

### 2026-2027 School Year

#### August

- 20 Back to School Night
- 25 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School

#### September

- 7 NO SCHOOL-Labor Day
- 24 ½ Day-Parent/Teach Conf.
- 25 NO SCHOOL-Parent/Teacher Conferences

#### October

- 15 End of 1<sup>st</sup> marking period
- 16-19 NO SCHOOL-Fall Break
- 23 Report Cards Go Home

#### November

- 11 NO SCHOOL-Veterans Day
- 23-27 NO SCHOOL-Happy Thanksgiving

#### December

- 18 Last Day of School -1/2 day  
Early dismissal  
End of 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period  
Christmas Break begins

#### January

- 6 School Reopens
- 8 Report Cards Go Home
- 18 NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

#### February

- 12 NO SCHOOL-Staff Workday
- 15 NO SCHOOL-Presidents' Day

#### March

- 12 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period
- 19 Report Cards Go Home
- 26 NO SCHOOL-Good Friday
- 29-4/2 Spring Break

#### April

- 1-2 Spring Break - cont.
- 5 School Reopens
- 26 NO SCHOOL-Staff Workday

#### May

- 3-7 Testing 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>
- 14 NO SCHOOL-Staff Workday
- 21 Senior Graduation
- 26 PreK Graduation  
Last Day of School preschool
- 27 Last Day of School-Early dismissal