

Student Name: _____

Code of Conduct for SCA Students
4th-8th grades

It is a goal of Spokane Christian Academy to develop Christian Character, the traits of which will last a lifetime. Obedience, respect, and responsibility are key virtues that students must develop. Obedience to rules and guidelines is essential to the development of maturity (Luke 2:51, Hebrews 5:8) and results in genuine freedom in life (John 8:32). Respect is necessary for all successful and meaningful relationships (Luke 10:36-37, Romans 12:18). Personal responsibility fosters a sense of achievement which is a necessary ingredient to the development of self-worth (1 Corinthians 10:31, Ecclesiastes 9:10, Romans 14:12).

As we seek to provide a balanced and disciplined learning environment for the students of Spokane Christian Academy, we realize that human wisdom falls short of God's standards. We do not claim to be perfect in all our decisions, but we do try our best to discipline in a way that is biblical and pleasing to God. As partners in the discipline process, it is important that the school and the home work cooperatively for the students' good. Since we teach the students to obey and submit to their parents, it is imperative that parents maintain that continuity by upholding and teaching the principles taught at school. We can instill in students proper Christian educational and moral principles only through a program that includes clear disciplinary procedures, and as students and parents, your cooperation in that program is crucial. (Please be aware that the administration reserves the right to make discipline decisions on an individual basis.)

Our goal should always be to obey the Scripture that says, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17, NIV). In the best interest of the entire school community, certain guidelines of conduct must be maintained by all students of Spokane Christian School, both on and off campus, so that we might all live and work happily together.

These general guidelines for student conduct are listed below:

1. Respect the authority of teachers, administrators, and staff members, and treat them courteously, respectfully, and obediently as unto the Lord. (See Hebrews 13:17 and 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13.)
2. Practice courtesy and consideration in your association with fellow students, and visitors. Respect their person and property. (See Ephesians 4:28-32.)
3. Abstain both on and off campus and at all times (24/7/365) from undesirable practices that are generally recognized to be harmful to health and Christian character. (See 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.)

4. Abstain from profanity and vulgar or abusive speech and actions. Such speaking and acting is harmful to others and is certainly not appropriate or conducive to your moral and spiritual development. (See Ephesians 4:29.)

5. Refrain from relationships of a romantic nature. Your focus at SCA is on academic and Biblical study. At this time in your life, romantic relationships are simply a distraction.

6. Leave all toys and annoying or dangerous items such as knives, guns, water pistols, lighters, and matches at home. MP3 players, cameras and electronic games are not allowed at school either. Also, use of cell phones (including phone watches) is prohibited.

7. Do not lie, cheat or steal or tolerate those among us who do. Do your own work-do not give or receive help on tests or homework unless the teacher has granted this privilege on a particular project. (See Leviticus 19:11)

Your record should reflect your individual effort. Since honesty is a Christian virtue that should be displayed by all students, we consider cheating a serious offense. During a test, a quiz, or an exam, it is your responsibility to avoid every appearance of cheating. All books and papers must be out of sight. No talking is allowed. In fact, talking during a quiz or a test may be dealt with in the same manner as cheating.

8. Do not plagiarize which is also a serious offense. The definition of plagiarism is "the use of another writer's ideas or words without giving the writer credit for them."

9. All school rules apply on all field trips and on all school-sponsored events both on the school campus and away from it.

10. Being a Christian is a lifestyle. Students will endeavor to follow the will of God and to exemplify Christ-like character through daily personal prayer, the study of God's word, and through faithful group worship at school and at church. Students will endeavor to faithfully give heed to the call of God in their lives and develop the gifts and abilities God has given them. Students will use words that encourage and uplift the peers and adults in their life. Students will endeavor to be humble, gentle, and quick to forgive, reconciling differences with their peers, parents, and teachers privately. Students will practice good health habits and regularly participate in physical activities. (I Cor. 3:16-17; Rom 12; I John 2:20; I Cor. 12:18-31; Eph 4:11-12; Matt 12:36-37; Prov. 26:20; Prov. 18:8; Ps 19:14; Ps 34:13; Col 3:13; Matt 5:24; Matt 18)

Students will submit to the leadership of Spokane Christian Academy. Attendance at SCA is a privilege and not a right and is based in part on the on the agreement and adherence to this code of conduct.

In signing this pledge, students are agreeing to this code of conduct. Violation of this code may result in disciplinary action.

Student Signature_____ Date_____

Parent Signature_____ Date_____