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**Philosophy of Education**

* The Christian school is an extension of the home and local church to help complete the education of our children. It is our belief that it is the parents’ responsibility to “. . . bring them *(children)* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord”. (Eph. 6:4) The local church and Christian school are to aid the parents in their responsibility of instructing and training their children, not be the sole means of education. (Deut. 6:7-9)
* Christian education is more than just adding Bible classes to school. Christian education is when the Bible is the foundation upon which ***ALL*** other subjects are built. The Bible is not just a subject, it’s the center of all other subjects.
* It is extremely important that our students be faithful to Sunday School, Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night services unless providentially hindered.

**Curriculum**

Dupont Baptist Academy uses the A Beka Book curriculum.

**School Objectives**

1. To provide a sound academic, yet Christian, education with the proper view of God, man, and the world.
2. To teach the absolute necessity of personal faith and trust in God as Saviour.
3. To encourage Bible reading, prayer, and Christian service.
4. To teach the application of Biblical principles to every aspect of life.
5. To emphasize the urgency of personal soul-winning and world missions.
6. To build godly character and self-discipline.
7. To teach and maintain high moral standards.
8. To teach respect for parents and authority.

**Doctrinal Statement**

**Verbal Inspiration**

 We believe in the verbal inspiration and authority of the Scriptures. We believe that the Bible reveals God, the fall of man, the way of salvation, and God’s plan through the ages.
 We believe that He has preserved His Word for the English speaking world in the Authorized King James Version.

**Trinity**

 We believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

**Son**

 We believe in the deity, virgin birth, and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Salvation**

 We believe that salvation is “by grace through faith”, plus nothing and minus nothing. The conditions to salvation are repentance and faith.

**Justification**

 We believe that men are justified by faith alone and are accounted righteous before God only through the merit of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Eternity**

 We believe in the everlasting conscious blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.

**Second Coming**

 We believe in the visible, personal, and pre-millennial return of Jesus Christ.

***Note: Parents must be in full agreement with the Doctrinal
Statement if their child is to be accepted as a student.***

**Student Guidelines**

**DISCIPLINE**

 The school and home must be in one accord in the
 disciplinary outlook for the moral training to be effective.

 **Discipline has moral content**

 The foundation is our obedience to God and His standard of righteous living. (I Peter 3:11-12)

 As Christians we are to discipline ourselves so that we may glorify God with our lives. (Romans 12:1-2)

 **Christian love is the root of all discipline**

 Discipline is not just punishment. There must be

 a balance in correction of the wrong and instruction of how to make it right. An imbalance

 of either will hurt more than help. (Prov. 3:11-12)

 **Responsibility to discipline**

 The responsibility and authority to discipline comes from the Lord. (Ephesians 6:1-4)

 **Discipline’s purpose**

 All discipline is to show the child his sinful nature and lead him to submit himself cheerfully to God’s will. (Galatians 3:9-24)

*Training is positive and leads in the right direction
 (Proverbs 22:6), while correction is the negative,
yet vital, side of discipline.*

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**Disciplinary System**

 In order to instruct our students, there must be an enforced disciplinary system. Students may be disciplined by forfeiting their break time or be required to stay in after school detention. If needed, the parents will be called into the office to take care

of their child. Failure to do so will result in the child not being permitted to return to this school.

**The following is a list of some infractions that will not be tolerated:**

 1. Disrespect to teachers and fellow students

 2. Disturbance in classroom

 3. Not returning parent signature forms on time

 (homework, detention slips, report cards, etc.)

 4. Unexcused absences or tardiness

 5. Not completing homework

 6. Forgetting school work at home

 7. Late to class

 8. Out of seat or out of class without permission

**After School Detention (ASD)**

An offense system will be used to train and discipline the students. Detention will be served after school hours whenever the teacher deems necessary. Parents will be notified one day in advance of detention date.

If a student acquires a total of **6** ASD’s in **1** quarter

(9 weeks), that student will be suspended for **1** day.

**Two** Suspensions in one school year will result in expulsion. A warning will be sent with the **4th** ASD.

If a student is suspended, they will receive a “0” for all work missed that day (Quizzes, Tests, etc.).

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**Absences and Excuses**

* Students who are absent more than five (5) days during one (1) quarter without a doctor’s excuse will be called in with parents to correct the problem.
* Tardiness: School begins at 8:00 A.M. Every student is required to be present in the fellowship hall at this time. Tardy students will receive one (1) offense that day for being late. Three (3) offenses for tardiness will result in an after school. Consistent tardiness in a single quarter will result in a meeting with the parents and the student. If not corrected, the student will be dismissed from school.
* Three (3) times tardy will equal one (1) unexcused absence.
* Some unexcused reasons for tardiness or absence would be: oversleeping (parents/students), missing your ride, running late (parents/students), out of town guests, etc.
* Some excused reasons for tardiness or absence would be: sickness (5 days or more requires a note from the doctor explaining sickness), death in family, doctor’s appointment, power outage, snow, or icy roads, etc.
* All school work missed during an unexcused absence must be completed and will receive a
grade of “0”.
* If no note is received stating the reason for the absence, it will be recorded as an unexcused absence.

**Note:** It is vital that each student is on time and present every day
 of the school year. However, we realize that there are certain inevitable circumstances that will come up.

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**Early Dismissal**

Any student who needs to leave before the regular
 dismissal time must bring a signed, dated note from
 home giving the reason and time for leaving early. The
 note should be given to the teacher before school starts.

**Testing**

 Achievement tests will be taken in the spring.

 (There is a $15 fee per student for testing.)

**Homework**

* Homework is either unfinished class work or extra practice work that the teacher considers necessary. It will be treated the same as class work. Non-completion of homework in its entirety will result in an after school detention.
* There will be no homework on Wednesday nights because of church prayer meeting. Homework will not be assigned on Revival nights as well.
* Parents may assist by seeing that school work is completed and explaining work when necessary, but the work must be done by the student, and he/she must take the responsibility for it.

**Student Property**

 Pictures and content displayed on school supplies,

 personal property, or in personal vehicles must be

 appropriate.

**Visitors**

 All students desiring to bring a friend or relative to

 school as a visitor must obtain permission from the

 principal no less than one (1) day prior to the visit.

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**Addressing School Administration**

 Students are to address their teachers and principal

 by their last name. (Ex. Bro. Hamilton / Mrs. Keen)

**Medication**

 Students are not allowed to keep medication of any kind. The parents should give the medication to their
 child’s teacher.

**Cell Phones**

 Cell phones will not be permitted inside the school
 building during class hours. Cell phones are to be kept in
 the student’s car or at home. Parents need to contact
 the school office to get messages to their children.

**Automobiles**

 Students driving vehicles to school must obtain permission from the principal. Students must obtain additional permission if they wish to carry passengers. A letter is required from the parents of each
 passenger giving permission to ride with the driving
 student. Students are not permitted to leave the school at
 any time unless there is a written letter from their parents
 giving permission to do so. Permission must be obtained each year the student is in academy to drive a vehicle to school.

**Electronic Games**

 Electronic games are not permitted at school. They are
 only allowed on school sponsored trips subject to
 approval of game content.

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**Music Playing Devices**

 Music playing devices are not permitted at

 school or on any school related activities.

**Working Together**

 The parents and teachers must cooperate fully with one another. Any

 thing said or done tearing down respect
 and confidence for either, only hurts the

child. Parental disagreement with the

school’s policy of discipline, with no willingness to change, will lead to the

transfer of all the children of that family to another school.

**Dress Code**

 The outward appearance and demeanor

 of a person is a reflection of the condition

 of the heart and mind. Through our dress and hair style we either draw attention to ourselves or we magnify the Lord.

**Boys Dress Code**

1. Boys are required to wear red, white, or blue collared shirts on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. A button up dress shirt and tie (except for K4-K5) must be worn for chapel on Wednesday. All shirts must be solid in color and should not display any pictures or logos. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
2. Boys must wear navy blue, khaki, or black dress pants. All pants must be neat, with no holes, and fit modestly.

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1. Tennis shoes are to be worn only for P.E. They are not to be worn in the classroom. (7th-12th grade) K4-6th grade may wear tennis shoes every day except for Wednesday.
2. Pants, not shorts, are to be worn to P.E.
3. Hair must be neat, clean, trimmed, of natural color, and present a groomed and tapered appearance. In no case can the hair be bulky or extremely long on the top, sides, or back of the neck. Hair must be off the ears and collars. Sideburns cannot be lower than the middle of the ear.
4. Boys must be clean shaven. They are not permitted to grow a beard or mustache.
5. Boys are not permitted to wear necklaces, earrings, bracelets, ankle bracelets, or any other form of feminine jewelry.

**Girls Dress Code**

1. All girls must wear the school uniform, which consists of a red, white, or blue collared shirt with a khaki, black, or navy blue skirt. Girls may also wear a solid color (blue, black, or khaki) jumper with a solid school color shirt underneath. These are to be worn Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesdays are chapel days and Sunday dresses are to be worn. No sleeveless dresses may be worn.
2. The skirt or jumper of any girl may not be any shorter than the bottom of the knees when sitting. Also, the neckline must not be lower than three (3) fingers below the collar bone. Parents should pay particular attention to growing girls so that their clothing will not become too short or too tight during the school year.

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1. All hair styles must be of natural color and in good taste. The hair must be one color only.
2. No flip flop sandals, platform shoes, or shoes with excessively tall heels are permitted.
3. No tight fitting, or form fitting dresses, shirts, skirts, or jumpers will be permitted. Splits will be permitted but cannot go above the bottom of the knees.
4. Girls must wear only approved culottes for P.E. or any other outside activity. (7th –12th grade)
5. Ladies in K4-6th are not permitted to wear make-up. Ladies in grades 7th-12th may wear a modest amount of make-up.
6. No ankle bracelets or excessive jewelry are permitted. Only one (1) earring per earlobe is permitted.

**General Dress Code**

1. All students must be in uniform at all times. No denim clothing will be allowed.
2. Shoes and socks (and / or hose for girls) must be worn at all times.
3. Sweaters worn by students must be solid school uniform colors. Sweaters are to be dress sweaters not athletic sweatshirts. A uniform shirt, or solid school colored turtleneck must be worn under the sweater. Turtlenecks are not to be worn under a polo shirt or by itself. Jackets or coats may be worn at recess only. (Not during or in between classes)
4. Belts must be worn if clothing has belt loops. Belts

 must be brown or black.

1. Students are to abide by school dress code for

 all activities and social events.

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**Standards of Conduct**

***The Need of Spiritual Growth***

 Any Christian school must provide an environment helpful to spiritual growth and development of its students. We believe that Christian students should avoid practices which cause the loss of sensitivity to the spiritual needs of the world and the loss of the Christian’s mental, physical, and spiritual well-being.

 This awareness of the need for spiritual growth has led Dupont Baptist Academy to adopt the following standards for students:

 *Refrain from swearing, smoking or any form of*

 *tobacco use, use of indecent language,*

 *gambling, dancing, going to movie theaters, use*

 *of drugs, and intoxicating beverages. Maintain*

 *high standards of courtesy, kindness, morality, and honesty. Dress appropriately and modestly. Show kindness and helpfulness to others, and*

 *always respect those in authority. These*

 *standards apply to both on and off the school*

 *grounds.*

 We believe that following these guidelines will provide a greater opportunity for the development of strong and stable Christian character.

**Standards of Conduct**

1. Any student attending a rock concert, a place with a live band, disco, or dance hall will not be permitted to attend the Academy.
2. No student is to have tobacco or rock music (in any form), intoxicating drink, or possession of drugs, on or off school property.

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1. Absolutely no hand holding or physical contact with the opposite gender is allowed. This would apply to all school functions and meetings as well.
2. Students are not to listen to contemporary Christian rock music or attend their concerts.
3. All students are required to attend all activities. (School Programs, Special Events, Graduations)

**Parental Policies**

**Signed Agreements**

* Parents must sign an agreement to the statement of faith.
* Parents must sign an agreement giving the school the authority to discipline their children.
* Parents must sign an agreement stating that they will enforce the school dress code and moral standards.

**Personal**

* Parents are expected to participate in the scheduled Parent - Teacher meetings and cooperate in the objective of the school.
* Parents should support school functions and activities whenever possible.

**School Work**

* Parents are expected to cooperate in helping their children attain the highest possible level of academic achievement.

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* Parents should cooperate with the teacher in overseeing and showing interest in their
child's homework.
* Parents are to give the administration full discretion in the grade placement of their children. If there is any question of placement please schedule a meeting with the principal.

**Discipline**

Parents should consult with the teacher and administration when there is a question about

 the reason for correction or discipline. This will

 help eliminate any confusion that may develop

 between the student and the teacher.

**School Hours**

* School hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
* There will be no after school program. Students must be picked up by 3:15 P.M.

***NOTE:*** *If a student must attend detention he/she must*

 *be picked up at 4:00 P.M.*

**Arrival at School**

* Students should not arrive at school more than 15 minutes early (before 7:45 a.m.), as the teachers will not be responsible for them before this time.
* It is best for the parents to leave the students with the teacher on the first day. If the parent remains in the classroom, it makes the adjustment period for the student more difficult, especially in the younger grade levels.

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**Field Trips**

 Periodically the various classes will take trips to interesting and educational places in the area as part of the instructional program. Parents will be notified before hand and must sign a permission slip for the students to go. Small fees may be

 charged to cover the expenses. This could also

 be a time where parents may get involved and

 go along to assist the teacher.

**NOTE:** *Parents attending field trips must abide by*

 *Wednesday dress standards, unless otherwise specified by the school administration.*

**Telephone Calls**

 Please do not call during school hours except in

 an emergency. Students will not be permitted to use the telephone other than for emergencies.

**General Policies**

**Admission Procedure**

* Application forms are to be filled out in entirety and returned to the school office. These forms are a means of supplying basic information concerning the student as it would relate to his educational experiences and general background.
* Notification will be given of interviewing dates for the student (if necessary). The interview will include informal questioning of the student and parents. All entering students and parents are expected to agree with the philosophy, standards, and purpose of Dupont Baptist Academy.

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**Report Cards**

 Report cards will be sent home every nine weeks.

 They must be signed by one of the Parents or

 Guardians and returned to the teachers within

 three (3) days. Failure to return within three (3) days

 will result in an after school.

**Grades and Grading System**

Listed below is the grading scale we will be using:

100 - 99 A+ 85 - 83 C+

 98 - 95 A 82 - 79 C

 94 - 93 A- 78 - 77 C-

 92 - 91 B+ 76 - 75 D+

 90 - 88 B 74 - 72 D

 87 - 86 B- 71 - 70 D- 69 - 0 F

**Promotions and Failures**

* In Kindergarten, the decision to promote or hold back will be made by the teacher and the parents.
* In grades 1-3, any student who fails reading or math will be required to repeat the grade.
* In grades 4-6, any student who fails reading or math will be required to have at least 25 hours of tutoring done in the subject failed during summer vacation. The tutoring must be approved by the school administration. Any student who fails reading and math will be required to repeat that grade. Other subject failures will be handled individually.
* In grades 7-12, any student who fails Math and English will be required to repeat the grade in which
they failed.

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**Graduation Requirements**

**Graduation**

All students graduating from kindergarten and 12th grade are required to pay a set fee by a specified date (will be announced) to cover the expenses for graduation (cap, gown, diploma). Students failing to due so may not be permitted to march in the graduation exercises.

***Honors Course of Study***

High Honor Roll - All A’s

Honor Roll - All A’s & 2 B’s

***College Prep Course of Study***

Students who choose this program must complete 25 credits.

***General Course of Study***

This course of study is the minimum course of study for a standard high school diploma. The student must complete 22 credits.

**High School Graduation Requirements**

Listed below is the credit system for the General Course of study:

**Subject - Credits Subject - Credits**

Bible 4 Math 3

English 4 Health 1

Science 3 P.E. 1

History 3 Electives 3

***Note:*** *P.E. is 1/4 of a credit per year.*

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**Financial Information**

**Tuition and Fees**

Registration Fee …………………….. $65 per student

Achievement Test Fee …………....... $15 per student

K4/K5 Book Fee …………………….. $100 per student

1st - 12th Book Fee …………….…….. $200 per student

*Tuition*

Kindergarten ———-$1,850 (half day 8 A.M.-12 P.M.)

Kindergarten ———-$2,000 (full day 8 A.M.—3 P.M.)

Grades 1– 12 Member Non-Member

1st child ———— $ 2,000.00 $ 2,100.00

2nd child ———– $ 3,900.00 $ 4,100.00

3rd child ———— $ 5,700.00 $ 6,000.00

***NOTE:*** *Late re-enrollment is $90.00 per child if*

 *not received by July 1st.*

***NOTE:*** *Students with accounts 60 days past*

 *due will be subject to financial withdrawal.*

**Method of Payment**

* Tuition may be paid in ten (10) monthly payments, or payment in full. The first payment is due August 1, and the last payment is due May 1.
* A statement will be sent out the end of each month. If payment is not received by the 15th, it will be considered late and a fee of 5% will be added.
* No grades, transcripts, or diplomas will be given until the bill is paid in full.

***NOTE:*** *Please make it a priority to pay your bill on time.*

 *This not only displays a good Christian testimony,*

 *it provides the funds needed to pay our teachers.*

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**Signed Agreement Forms**

 **Statement of Faith**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have

 (Parent / Legal Guardian)

read and agree to the doctrinal statement that is

listed on page 3 of the D.B.A. Hand Book.

 **Discipline Agreement Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have

 (Parent / Legal Guardian)

read and agree to the discipline procedures listed

on pages 4 and 5 of the D.B.A. Hand Book. By

signing this I authorize the school administration to

enforce the discipline procedures given and I agree

to come to the school’s office to discipline my child

or children, upon request of school administration.

 **Dress Code Agreement Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have

 (Parent / Legal Guardian)

read and agree to enforce the dress code, and

moral standards that are set for all students listed

on pages 8-11 of the D.B.A. Hand Book.

**\*Please sign and return with 1st month’s tuition payment!**

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# Signed Agreement Forms

**(For 6-12 Grade Students)**

 **Statement of Faith**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have

 (Student Signature)

read and agree to the doctrinal statement that is

listed on page 3 of the D.B.A. Hand Book.

 **Dress Code Agreement Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have

 (Student Signature)

read and agree to abide by the dress code,

 and moral standards of conduct, that are set for all

students listed on pages 8-14 of the D.B.A. Hand Book.

**Note: By signing the above agreements, I realize that failure to abide by these standards will result in a suspension and/or expulsion.**

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 ( Student Signature) (Date)

**\*Please sign and return with 1st month’s tuition payment!**

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