

## **Faith & Grace Christian Academy Participant Handbook**

**Vision:** To glorify God by teaching His word and providing support, connection and enrichment for the homeschooling families in our community.

**Our Mission:** Enrich, equip and encourage through faith and fellowship.

**Our Statement of Faith:** We believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (catholic, with a lower-case c, just means “universal”) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

**Our Host Church:** Faith & Grace meets at The Christian Center and Grace Fellowship churches of La Pine. However, the F&GCA is separate from the churches. The churches graciously lease their facilities to us but do not direct the content of the program nor provide staff. The churches assume no liability regarding F&GCA program content or activities.

Please do not call the church or send correspondence to the church regarding the F&GCA program. If you have questions or suggestions for our program, contact our administrator.

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### **Parent Obligations**

1. Parents must complete the registration process for each child participating in the program. The registration fee is \$200, this covers one child. To register a child, you must be their parent, grandparent or legal guardian. Your annual fee is used to conduct background checks and purchase academy supplies for teachers and classes.
2. Children will bring their own lunch and eat in a supervised setting. Due to possible allergies, do not send any peanut products with your child. Lunch sharing with others is not permitted.
3. Some activities may involve baking or indulging in snacks. If you have a child with food or other allergies, please ensure that you explain this very specifically on their registration form. Your child's allergies will be communicated to teachers and TA's. Also, feel free to speak with teachers directly. If your child has any other medical condition that we should be aware of, please explain the condition and how you would like us to handle care if a situation occurs.
4. Every effort for creating a safe environment for your child is being made, however, it is possible that an injury could occur. Please note that the neither the host church nor F&GCA is liable for any injuries.

## **Student Values and Conduct**

1. Students are expected to be on time for class. Late arrival disrupts the class and is unfair to everyone.
2. Students are required to pay attention, participate and not disrupt activities.
3. Cell phones and hand-held games are not allowed at school.
4. Students are expected to respect others by keeping conversations honorable and refraining from the use of degrading or foul language.
5. Students will honor others by demonstrating courtesy, kindness and honesty.
6. Students will honor the property of others and will not steal or vandalize another's property in any way.
7. Students will show respect to parents, teachers and volunteers.
8. Students will uphold the program's dress code.
9. Students will demonstrate a positive attitude to support and enhance an atmosphere with Jesus Christ glorified.

**Student Discipline Policy:** Discipline is important for any social or learning activity. Students choosing to disregard student values and conduct inside or outside of the classroom may receive a warning. When a teacher or assistant observes inappropriate behavior during an activity, they will get the student's attention and ask for better behavior. After class, the teacher may speak to the student individually. If unacceptable behavior continues, a parent may be notified and one of the student's parents may be required to accompany the student to classes and remain with them as long as deemed necessary by the teacher.

**Violent Behavior:** Violent behavior is defined as striking another student, teacher or any school helper. A student engaging in violent behavior will be immediately detained by a teacher or teacher aide. A teacher aide will remain with the student until a parent arrives at the school to take the student home.

**Visitor Policy:** Parents and relatives of students may visit the school by making an appointment with the school principal. People unaffiliated with the school are not allowed to visit except by invitation of the school principal. All visitors must check in with security.

**Inclement Weather Policy:** The Principal will decide whether to hold or cancel school by 7 a.m. of the day in question. The decision will be sent by email at that time.

## Dress Code

Faith & Grace has a moderate age-appropriate tone, avoiding extremes in dress. There are four guidelines for dress and grooming standards:

- ☐ Encourage modesty and humility.
- ☐ Safety in the class and campus.
- ☐ Building character in the community.
- ☐ Students learning and growing in an excellent environment.

A few specifics:

1. T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, shoes, and other clothing must be free of messages referencing or alluding to drugs, sexual content, alcohol, obscenities or cults. Shorts and skirts should be close to knee length and shirts must have sleeves. In addition, costumes of any kind are not allowed. We do make exceptions for some holidays like Halloween or school-wide events, such as “pajama day”.
2. Athletic footwear is required as sandals, flip flops and slippery soled shoes can result in injuries when students are participating in sporting activities or playing on the playground.
3. The principal will have final discretion on any clothing issues that may arise.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Can my child join the academy after the school year has started?**

Yes

**What is the registration fee for?**

The registration fee covers the costs of class materials and the background checks for staff and volunteers.

**If my child needs to leave the program, do I get a refund?**

Program fees and tuition are not refundable.

**What type of bible study/story is being taught?**

The program is non-denominational and studies right out of the Bible. We will generally take a book of the bible and study it chronologically.

**Does my child have to be a Christian to attend?**

No, there is no requirement for families participating in the program to be Christians. However, we ask that you respect and follow along with our biblical teachings.

**If I have questions, do I call La Pine Christian Center or Grace Fellowship?**

No, please contact our Principal.

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