



Good Shepherd
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

FAMILY HANDBOOK

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Please note: This is a living document and policies may be revised throughout the school year. The administration reserves the right to make exceptions for extenuating circumstances that are not written in this handbook.

Each Good Shepherd Christian Family agrees to the policies contained in this handbook and signifies the agreement by signing the form located in the Procure Connect app.



Introduction

Welcome! We're excited that your family is joining the Good Shepherd Christian School family.

For a school to function smoothly, it is necessary for there to be consistent guidelines communicated to all. This Family Handbook is designed to ensure a clear understanding of these policies and procedures. The adherence to these regulations will allow the Good Shepherd Christian School community as a whole to function with a unified spirit and give your student the greatest opportunity to best utilize the curriculum, activities, and relationships available at GSCS.

As partners of Good Shepherd Christian School, all parents/guardians must be in full agreement with the policies of the school. Parents/guardians are also asked to fully support the philosophy and beliefs of the school. Let's make it a great year together!

School Philosophy

Purpose

The purpose of Good Shepherd Preschool is to be a ministry of Good Shepherd Church and provide a caring, secure Christian environment in which students may experience growth in their social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and spiritual development.

What We Believe

Good Shepherd Christian School is a ministry of Good Shepherd Church and embodies all that our church represents. Here is what we as a church and as a school believe:

About God: God is the Creator and Ruler of the Universe. He eternally exists in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

About Jesus Christ: Jesus Christ is God wrapped up in human flesh. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He rose from the dead after three days to demonstrate his power over sin and death. He ascended into heaven and will come again to judge the living and the dead, and to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

About the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father, and the Son. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation providing power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. We believe in the full expression of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

About the Bible: We believe that God inspired the composition and collection of the Old and New Testaments. Therefore, it is inspired, eternal, and true. The Holy Spirit preserves and protects God's Word in the church today and by it speaks God's Word to peoples of every age.

About Salvation: We believe that apart from salvation in Jesus Christ, people are lost and their eternal souls are in peril. We believe that people receive salvation and reserve their places in heaven through faith in Jesus Christ, not by good works (Ephesians 2:8-9). Human beings have their sins forgiven through accepting Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We further believe that



those who do not accept Christ are separated from God eternally after their death. Another name for that separation is hell.

About the Return of Christ: We believe that at some unknown point in the future, Jesus Christ will return in full glory and triumph. There will be a bodily resurrection of all persons and final judgment to both eternal reward and eternal punishment. God will have ultimate victory over Satan and will establish a perfect kingdom in a new heaven and a new earth.

About Methodism: As United Methodists, we join with our Methodist brothers and sisters around the world and claim the historic distinctives of Wesleyan faith: prevenient grace, free will, personal & social holiness, assurance of the believer, and a connected church.

About Sexuality: Human sexuality is among the most confusing and the most divisive issues in modern American culture. We believe that much cultural confusion has found its way into the church. For this reason, we want to clarify why we believe that God's design for his children is celibacy in singleness and faithfulness in heterosexual marriage.

Educational Philosophy

Good Shepherd School embraces sound child development and educational principles in order to provide nurturing and guidance for students in a Christian setting. In a loving, secure environment, students learn to trust adults other than the parent/guardian while developing confidence in themselves and their abilities. In a home-like atmosphere, students learn to live successfully with others and are free to explore their own capabilities and the world around them.

Our School:

- Treats all students as persons of value; in God's eyes as well as in the eyes of our congregation.
- Works with parents/guardians to assure understanding and appreciation of each student's unique talents and needs.
- Provides for the individual needs of each student in small-group settings.
- Offers a Christ-centered program of education with high academic standards.
- Teaches the fundamental elements of education and bring each student to the place where he/she can reason intelligently, read understandingly, compute accurately, write well, and spell correctly.
- Directs, according to Christian standards, the total development of every student mentally, physically, spiritually, emotionally, and socially.
- Demonstrates that growth in the Christian life depends upon fellowship with God through reading the Bible, prayer, and service.

Parent/Guardian Support

The Good Shepherd Christian School board, administration, faculty, and staff expect that each parent/guardian will:

- Assume responsibility as your child's primary educator fulfilling God's mandate. (Deuteronomy 11:18-20)



- Accept the responsibility of collaborating with the GSCS faculty/staff in developing your child's God-given spiritual, physical, mental, social, and artistic gifts to his/her fullest potential
- Pray for your child and GSCS, including the board, administration, faculty, and staff
- Attend all conferences or meetings with teacher(s) to facilitate unity of purpose regarding your child's education
- Support the discipline policy in a united effort to develop your child's character, with the goal of producing responsibility, self-control, and self-discipline
- Support the attendance policy by seeing that your child attends regularly, arrives on time, and is prepared to learn
- Create a productive study environment in your home which will allow your child to study and effectively complete assignments
- Instill Godly attitudes in your child at home and hold your child accountable for attitudes and behaviors displayed at school
- Support the dress code by modeling modesty and appropriateness in dress as parents/guardians, as well as, instructing your child to maintain an appearance that is modest and honoring to the Lord. It is also the responsibility of the parents/guardians to monitor their student's appearance
- Volunteer for duties and responsibilities at GSCS as opportunities arise and God provides the time and ability
- Communicate your constructive ideas and suggestions regarding policy to the appropriate faculty or administrator
- Follow the Matthew 18 principle and other biblical guidelines in resolving differences and misunderstandings. If you become dissatisfied with GSCS in any way, you will strive to resolve the matter with the person(s) involved as privately and lovingly as possible, rather than spreading criticism and negativism.

If a parent/guardian is no longer able to honor one or more of the above commitments, the family and school relationship may have to end.

School-Wide Policies and Procedures

Administrative Procedures

Inclement Weather School Closings

The Director will consider weather conditions in both Mecklenburg and York Counties as well as staff availability to determine closings or delays. All closure decisions will be communicated through Procure Connect app.

If we have inclement weather during the school day, please check the Procure Connect app for announcements. Under such conditions, use of school phone lines should be restricted to necessary calls. Parents/guardians should have emergency transportation arrangements worked out in advance for their student in case of early closing.

Accidents and Injuries

Parents/guardians of students who become ill, involved in an accident that requires first aid or an incident of which a parent/guardian should be aware will be notified via the Procure Connect app unless the incident requires more immediate notification.



Visitors and Guests

All visitors and guests must check in with the School office. Only parents/guardians of current students, adults and siblings on the student's information form, and invited guests are allowed to visit.

Lost and Found

The school is not responsible for lost or damaged items, but we do maintain a lost and found for the convenience of our families. We suggest that all clothing be clearly labeled with your student's name.

Security

GSCS takes the safety and supervision of our students seriously. All entrance doors to the school are locked and can only be accessed by authorized personnel via key or fob. No doors are allowed to be propped open for any reason any time.

Practice Drills

Practice drills will be conducted for tornado and fire. Evacuation routes are posted in each classroom. Emergency drills will be conducted throughout the year in accordance with state and local requirements.

Birthdays and Classroom Parties

If you would like to send treats to share with the class for your child's birthday, you are invited to do so. Please let the teacher know in advance so they can plan accordingly. All snacks/treats must be store bought. If your student is placed in a nut-free classroom, teachers will provide guidance on approved snacks. If your student distributes invitations at school for an "at home" party, there must be an invitation for each child in the class.

Classroom parties for special days like Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter are scheduled by the teachers and the room parents/guardians. Treats for these parties must also be store bought.

Health Guidelines

Immunization Record

A current immunization record is required on the first day of enrollment. The date of immunizations must include month, day and year. Please also inform us of any immunizations your student receives after admission.



Special Health Conditions

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to inform the school upon application, or at other appropriate times, of any health conditions, special needs, developmental delays, and/or allergies, etc. so we can provide for appropriate care. Please notify us if your student is on a medication that might cause diarrhea or other side effects.

Allergies

The School is aware of the seriousness of food allergies among our children today. We strive to keep the School environment safe. Since this is a public facility, we cannot guarantee that your child will not be exposed. Please keep your child's allergy information updated on the Procure Connect app. If your child has an allergy, please provide an action plan completed by your child's physician along with the required emergency medicine(s)/EpiPen.

Curriculum

At Good Shepherd Christian School, the Bible is woven into every subject. Our Kindergarten and First Grade curriculum of math, literacy, science, social studies, art, physical education and music are all grounded in God's word. Our experienced, Christian teachers are passionate about developing your child's mind, body and spirit through rigorous academics, project-based learning and community service in a Biblical worldview. Biblical teachings are also knitted into our Preschool curriculum of handwriting, pre-math, pre-literacy, science, art, Spanish, physical education and music.

Academic Procedures

Progress Reporting

Progress reports keep parents/guardians, students, and school administrators informed about various aspects of student progress. These reports praise and encourage a student, as well as suggest any need for improvement. To facilitate awareness, progress reports will be provided to parents/guardians on a regular basis.

Chapel

Chapel services are held weekly and are led by Good Shepherd Church Kids ministry team members and selected outside speakers. In addition to weekly chapel, the teachers regularly engage in devotional times with their students.

Principles for Behavior

The following basic principles provide the foundation for all the specific rules and guidelines that students are expected to follow:

- Respect God and keep His commandments (Ex. 20:1-8; Ps. 119)
- Respect and obey those in authority (Rom. 13:1; Titus 3:1)
- Respect and serve others (Ex. 20:9-17; Gal. 5:13)
- Respect and care for school property (Prov. 3:29; 1 Peter 2:1; 1 Thess. 5:21)

Expectations for student behavior are based on the pillars of Christian character, mutual respect, and common courtesy. Good Shepherd Christian School highly values the partnership between school, home, and church. This dynamic of cooperation can have meaning and succeed only if there is clear communication and mutual agreement regarding student behavior.



Parents agree as a condition of enrollment to always uphold and support the school and its policies. In the event of a disagreement, please refer to [Grievances](#).

Due to variations in offenses, mitigating circumstances, and the maturity level of students, consequences vary from situation to situation. What will not change, however, is the two-fold purpose of consequences: 1) to train students in righteous and godly living (Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:14-18) and 2) to maintain a wholesome, orderly, and safe educational environment (Phil. 4:8).

Grievances

We believe all grievances should be handled in accordance with the principles outlined in Matthew chapter 18. All persons are to deal with the situation at its source. This usually means initially speaking privately with the particular teacher or appropriate school staff member in a constructive and supportive attempt to get clarification or resolution.

If, after honest attempts have been made and clarification or resolution has not satisfactorily been reached, then the person proceeds to the next level of authority. This generally means speaking with the School Administrator. If satisfaction is not realized by this point, then the person proceeds to the Director of School.

Grievances may not be appealed to the Good Shepherd Church Board or to the Pastor. The Director of School has final authority regarding all school related issues, including discipline.

Bullying

GSCS has zero tolerance for any form of bullying, whether in physical, mental/emotional, electronic, or any other form. Any student who is guilty of bullying may be subject to immediate suspension or, in extreme cases, expulsion.

As a community that thrives in the unity of Christ, students who are aware of bullying or other harassment are expected to notify a teacher or administrator. GSCS wholeheartedly empowers its students to stand up against harassment and bullying and believes that “if you see something, say something.”

Dress Code

Scripture says that the bodies of Christians are temples of the Holy Spirit (1Corinthians 6:19-20). In applying this truth to the appropriate student attire for school, the following principles are emphasized:

- Modesty and decency (1 Timothy 2:9)
- Distinguishing between males and females (Deuteronomy 22:5)

Students are expected to dress neatly, modestly, and in good taste at all times. The school leadership reserves the right to make determinations as to the acceptability of student dress.

Technology Use

No cellphones, video games, iPods, iPads or other distractive items as determined by the administration are permitted during school hours.



Admissions and Financial Policies

Admissions and Enrollment

The admissions process is designed to ensure a student's readiness, potential, and academic placement so that he or she might have a rewarding experience at GSCS. We also desire to confirm compatibility in Christian values, philosophy, and essential beliefs between parents and the school so that a strong partnership is forged between the Christian home and the school.

Admissions Process:

- Complete the Online Student Application.
- K-1 Student will pay a nonrefundable fee at time of application. Preschool students are charged a nonrefundable enrollment fee at time of enrollment.
- Submit a copy of the student's N.C. Certificate of Immunization
- Elementary students will also submit an official birth certificate.
- All applying K-1 families will attend a family interview with the School Administrator
- When extended an acceptance offer by GSCS, parents will be directed to the online enrollment process. This will allow you to secure your child's placement in that grade and will include the payment of the enrollment fee, electronic signature of parent pledge, and completing financial agreements with the Business Office.

Nondiscriminatory Policy

Good Shepherd Christian School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. GSCS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies.

Tuition and Fees

Good Shepherd Christian is a nonprofit organization, which is self-supporting and operates solely on the tuition fees from each student. Therefore, it is essential that your fees be paid promptly and regularly. All registration and tuition fees will be applied to the purchase of supplies, teacher salaries, maintenance of Christian School facilities and other operational expenses. No adjustments will be made in tuition for days missed due to student's illness, being out of town, regularly scheduled holidays, weather-related closings, or other events beyond the control of the school.

Tuition rates are posted on the school's website.

Financial Policies

Tuition is automatically paid by bank ACH draft (preferred) or credit card via the Procure Connect app. Should the need arise to change your draft account information, update your information on the Procure Connect app no later than the 25th of the month. Second and subsequent overdrafts will incur a \$30 service charge for each occurrence.

Preschool students are charged a non-refundable registration fee at time of enrollment. No fee is charged for being on the waiting list. Preschool annual tuition is evenly divided over nine months, September – May on the 5th of each month. If the 5th occurs on a weekend, it will be drafted the next business day.



Elementary school students are charged a non-refundable fee at time of application. School annual tuition is due prior to the beginning of the academic year.

All paid fees are non-refundable. This includes registration fee for preschool students, application fee for elementary students, monthly tuition payments for preschool and annual tuition for elementary.

Withdrawals

When a student is voluntarily withdrawn from the program, parents/guardians must give a written notice at least 30 days in advance. For Preschool, if a 30-day notice is not given, tuition for the month will be due. If a student attends preschool in April, tuition for May will be due.

Enrollment Termination

There may be times when our school may not meet the needs of a particular student. When this occurs, the parents/guardians will be notified and given a notice to find other arrangements for their student. If the student is posing a danger to him/herself or others, immediate dismissal may be necessary. If the Director of School determines that we are not meeting a student's needs, the parents/guardians will not be responsible for any tuition after the student has left the program.

School and Family Communication

Parent/Guardian | Teacher | Administrator Conferences

Both parents/guardians and teachers may schedule parent/teacher conferences at any time during the school year. That gives everyone involved an opportunity to share information about all positives and also express any concerns.

Anyone wishing to talk to a teacher or administrator in person should call the office and make an appointment. Teachers are not able to talk with parents/guardians immediately before, during, or after school unless special arrangements have been made. Our teachers and staff are available through the Procure Connect App or phone and we strive to return phone calls and messages in a timely manner.

Preschool Section

Arrival/Dismissal

Preschool Hours: 8:00am – 12:00pm

Each preschool classroom has their own designated arrival and departure door.

Arrival time is 7:55am – 8:15am. Late arrivals impact the classroom. Please allow extra time for check in each morning.

- Park your car and use the Procure Connect app to check-in your student.
- After checking in through the app, proceed to the orange cone indicating your student's room entrance.



Departure time is 11:45am – 12:00pm. A late fee will be assessed for departures after 12:00pm.

- Park your car and use the Procure Connect app to check-out your student.
- Proceed to the orange cone indicating your student's room entrance.
- Late fees ranging from \$10 to \$30 are charged for pickups after 12:00 based on time of pickup.

Health and Safety Standards

Illness Policy

Please do not bring sick students to school. A student may not attend School if he/she has:

- a green or yellow runny nose
- fever – anything above 99.0° F (within the last 24 hours)
- vomiting (within the last 24 hours)
- diarrhea (within the last 24 hours)
- any contagious disease
- spreading rash
- excessive coughing
- red sore throat

Before a student may return to school, he or she must be symptom-free (fever, vomiting, diarrhea) and without requiring medication to control symptoms for at least 24 hours. (Some may require a medical note upon return.)

The teachers use disinfectants on a daily basis and do the very best they can to keep your students well and the environment as germ free as possible. However, parents/guardians and teachers working together are the key to keeping our school a healthy place!

Should a student become ill during the day, the parent/guardian is notified immediately. If your student's temperature is anything above normal, we consider this ill. Parents/guardians are expected to come immediately upon notification. Until such time, the student will be separated from the group to minimize exposure. Depending upon the ailment, a doctor's note may be required stating the student is not contagious and may resume his/her classes.

Medication

Medication will not be administered by staff. If medication is needed during preschool hours, the parent/guardian will need to return to administer the medication (except for emergency meds like EpiPen for allergic reaction or rescue inhalers for Asthma.)

Snacks

Students must bring a morning snack from home. You will be notified if your child's room is a nut-free classroom. Water will be provided to drink.

Biting

Biting is a normal behavior in small children, but one that must be addressed to ensure the safety for all students. In the event that a student is bitten, an incident report will be sent home

to all who were involved in the incident. The parents of a student who is a habitual biter will be called in for a conference with the Teacher and Director. During the meeting, ways to cease the biting and solve the problem will be discussed. If the child still does not stop biting, this is cause for possible dismissal.

Potty Training

All 3-year-olds are required to be completely potty-trained when entering class in the fall. Pull-ups are not allowed in the 3's classrooms. When a student has experienced three occurrences of potty accidents in one week, the student will be asked to stay home for a 1-week period to reinforce training. If upon returning, the child has repeated occurrences, the student will have a second 2-week period for training at home. This policy goes into effect on week four.

Food Preferences and Sensitivities

As part of classroom activities and parties, there will be times when your student will be offered snacks other than our typically-provided snacks. The Preschool understands that your student may have food preferences or sensitivities (not a food allergy) and we want to be made aware of these so that we can update your child's profile and plan accordingly.

Clothing and Other Belongings

Please write your student's name on ALL articles of clothing. A change of clothing should be included for each student in a gallon zip bag with your student's name on it. Two-year-old students will also need extra wipes, diapers, and pull-ups labeled.

Preschool Discipline

The School incorporates a positive management system which involves redirection, positive reinforcement, problem solving, intervention, behavior modification, anticipation of problems, removal of a child from the group, and supervised "time out/thinking chair." We do not use any form of corporal or physical punishment, humiliation, verbal abuse, or leaving of any child unattended without supervision as a form of discipline. Each teacher will also establish goals for the classroom. If the previously mentioned methods are not working, the following procedures will be implemented:

- A conference will be called to exchange information between home and school to formulate a plan
- Parent/guardian and Teacher will implement the plan

If the student is still not responding in the classroom, a second conference will be called at which time, either:

- A professional consultation may be suggested, or
- Another Preschool may be considered.

In some instances, if all behavior modifications have not resulted in a positive change of behavior, a child may be asked to be removed from the Preschool program at the discretion of the Director.



Elementary School Section

Elementary School Arrival/Dismissal

School Hours: 8:00am – 2:30pm

Arrival time is 7:45am – 8:00am. Please allow extra time for check in each morning. Park your car and use the Procure Connect app to check-in your student.

- After checking in through the app, proceed to the entrance to the school building.

Departure time is 2:30pm.

- Park your car and use the Procure Connect app to check-out your student.
- Proceed to the school building entrance.
- Late fees ranging from \$10 to \$30 are charged for pickups after 2:30 based on time of pickup.

Lunch and Snacks

Students must bring their lunch and snack from home. Parents/guardians are responsible for sending napkins and utensils for packed lunches. The school does not supply these items. Please do not send treats for the entire class, except during holidays or birthdays. We would kindly ask that parents/guardians call and gain approval from the classroom teacher before bringing treats to the school.

Medication

No prescription or over the counter medication or cough drops may be sent to school with a student. GSCS cannot accept any medication without the appropriate documentation as noted below. If a student brings an IDENTIFIABLE or UNIDENTIFIABLE medication to school, the school will take the medication from the student. The parents/guardians will be notified to pick up the medicine from the office and the student will be suspended. The school has the option to refuse to give medications at school based on their professional judgment.

Prescription Medication

For a student to be given a prescription medication at school, the student's health care provider and the student's parent/guardian must complete and sign an *Authorization for Medication for Students Form* for each prescription medication to be given at school including provider's signature.

Prescription medication will be administered at school only when required to be given four times a day or more, or when prescribed to be given at a specific time during the school day. If an epi pen is used at school, parents/guardians are required to replace epi pen by the next school day. The medication must be in its original container with the label on it from the pharmacy and delivered to the school by a parent/guardian.

In the case of an allergy requiring administration of an epipen or Antihistamine, an *Allergy Action Plan Form* must be completed and signed by the physician and by the parent /guardian before medication can be administered.



Over-the-Counter Medication

For a student to be given nonprescription medications at school, the student's health care provider and the student's parent/guardian must complete and sign an *Authorization for Medication for Students Form* for each medication to be given at school.

The medication must be delivered to the school by a parent/guardian and must be in its original container showing directed dosage.

Attendance | Absences

The entire process of education requires a regular continuity of instruction, classroom participation, learning experiences and study to achieve the goal of maximum educational benefit for each student. Essential to this process is the regular contact of students with one another in an appropriate learning environment and their participation in planned instructional activities under the leadership of a teacher.

To maintain high standards of Christian scholarship, GSCS expects that students and parents/guardians will attempt to limit the number of times class is missed.

Excused Absences

- Student illness where attendance in school would endanger his/her health or the health of others
- Death or illness in student's family
- Medical or dental appointments
- Pre-approved planned absences (one week in advance)
- Other: court proceedings, religious observations, family emergencies

Excusing an absence does not mean it is erased. Excusing the absence means there is a legal/valid reason for the absence; however, the absence remains on the student's record.

Unexcused Absences

- A student is willfully absent from school without the knowledge of their parent/guardian
- A student is absent without acceptable cause with the knowledge of their parent/guardian
- Suspension from school

Attendance at a school sponsored trip is credited as a regular school day. An absence from a school sponsored trip will be counted as a missed school day.

Planned Absences

Absences, such as family trips may be excused by the school if the student meets the established criteria. Parents/guardians need to submit a written request to the principal at least one week in advance of the absence. For the request to be approved, a student must be in good standing with each teacher/class, not have a problem with tardies, and not be in danger of exceeding the number of absences allowed by policy to earn credit.

Tardies, Late Arrivals, and Early Dismissals

Eliminating tardiness protects the learning process and builds good habits in students that benefit them in their future endeavors. Therefore, being on time to school should be a priority.



Tardies

Any arrivals after 8:05a.m. will be counted as tardy. Students must be in their designated classroom by 8:05a.m. If a student is tardy five (5) times in a given quarter, the principal will communicate with the family, requesting punctual arrival at school. Continued problems with lateness may require a parent conference with the School Administrator. Please make every effort to have your child at school on time.

Tardies due to medical reasons, verified by doctor statements, may be excused. Please note that tardies due to traffic, running out of gas, oversleeping, etc. are not excused.

Late Arrivals/Early Dismissals

Students must attend school at least four hours to be counted present for a full day. Students must attend school at least three hours to be counted present for a half day. Please note that whether coming in late or leaving early, all assignments due that day must be turned in for classes missed. Any missed tests are to be made up at the teacher's convenience.

Attendance Expectations and Consequences

If students in K-Grade 1 miss more than 10 full days/classes per semester or 20 days/classes in a school year for any reason, GSCS reserves the right to require him/her to repeat the grade or course.

Following an absence, parents/guardians must send or email a note within two days to the office explaining the absence, late arrival, or early dismissal. A note does not excuse an absence; rather, classification is determined by the nature of the absence. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence.

Students are responsible for following up with their teachers to find out what assignments and/or work they missed. Work missed during an excused absence must be made up during a period of time decided upon by the teacher and student.

Grading System

Grades K-1 use a reporting system that varies by grade level as is appropriate for young children whose developmental needs change rapidly. Details of each grade level's system are given to parents by the teachers during the fall orientation/open house.

The "Conduct" grading scale includes "S" for satisfactory/good, "N" for needs improvement, and "P" for poor behavior. Conduct areas that are evaluated include: a student's compliance with rules and policies, general behavior, self-control, cooperation, responsibility, respect for authority, courtesy, and attitude.

Report Cards

Good Shepherd Christian School is on a semester style report card system. There will be four midterm progress reports and four quarter report cards during the year. Report cards will be emailed to parents.



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Standardized Testing

Good Shepherd Christian School administers a standardized achievement test to students K-1 as developmentally appropriate. Scores will be used to determine areas of strength and weakness at school, grade and individual student levels. In conjunction with classroom performance, scores may also be used to help determine student placement. Any student not performing at grade level may be retained at the discretion of the Administration.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Good Shepherd Christian School family. Let's make it a great year!