



STUDENT HANDBOOK 2024-2025

Connecting your family to a Christian learning environment
where your student can feel God's love in an environment of
compassion, respect and patience.

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Dear Parents:

Welcome!

We are honored that you would trust us with the education of your child. We understand that it is a great responsibility and we do not take it lightly. Our goal is to help your child to develop physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

Connect Academy is a Christian school operating as a ministry of Connect Church. This is important to understand because our worldview is shaped under the Word of God. We will endeavor to teach your child the learning fundamentals in a way that fosters Godly character. This is achieved by viewing your child through the lens of a Christ centered environment with love, compassion and respect. We strive to make a lasting impact not only on your child, but also on the family unit. We welcome you and you and your family and can't wait to see how your child's life is shaped in the caring hands of God.

This Student Handbook will acquaint you with the mission, philosophy, curriculum, and policies of Connect Academy. We hope it will give you a clear picture of our school and what you and your children can expect.

Sincerely,

Hector Gonzalez
Principal

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Purpose

Connect Academy is a ministry of Connect Church, and we exist to provide an extension of the home to your child with a spiritual emphasis. Connect Academy strives to provide an environment full of love, safety, and nurture in a Christian atmosphere where every child is taught God's love through example.

Philosophy

Connect Academy's philosophy is founded on Psalms 127:3, "Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him". We believe that every child is special and God has created them unique in their own way. We will strive to engage and encourage your child to understand their unique gifts and abilities.

Curriculum

Connect Academy uses a curriculum that is Bible-based and incorporates Biblical concepts with core academic skills. These programs will equip your child with the foundation they will need in liberal arts, math, science, social studies, social awareness and Bible principles.

"Education with Foundation" Connect Academy is dedicated to reaching for excellence in the lives of its students in four unique areas:

Spiritually, Intellectually, Physically, Socially

Jesus is our example, for He attained excellence in all of these areas. "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Luke 2:52

Our Goals

Spiritually — "Let the Word of God dwell in you richly."

- To enrich the child's devotional life.
- To develop a well-balanced and Christ-like personality.
- To awaken a realization that God has a purpose and plan for each life.
- To develop from Scripture the ability to find help independently.
- To give knowledge, love, and understanding of the Bible.

Intellectually — "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

- To develop a mind-directed life and not a feeling-directed life.
- To discover and develop individual aptitude.
- To cultivate analytical thinking and the ability to prioritize.
- To impart a command of common knowledge and skills.

Physically — "Present your bodies a living sacrifice...unto God."

- To develop a respect for the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit.

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- To teach healthy and intelligent care of the body.
- To encourage the yielding of the body as an instrument of God's use.

Socially — "No man liveth unto himself."

- To instill a loyalty to Jesus Christ in all things and at all times.
- To develop an understanding of the student's place and obligations in the family, community, and world.
- To help the child share his/her Christian responsibility as a citizen for the welfare of every group to which he belongs.
- To awaken and foster missionary responsibility toward all men.

Church Affiliation

Connect Academy is a significant and inseparable ministry in which anyone may observe, but those who are in covenant relationship with Jesus Christ and voluntarily identify themselves by membership in the church may enjoy and participate in it to its fullest degree of expression. Since Connect Academy is a ministry of the Connect Church and a church-school, we teach the Bible, God's Holy Word, through the disciplines of Mathematics, Language Arts, Social Sciences, Technology, as well as Chapel Services and Daily Devotions.

Standards of Conduct

Students of Connect Academy are expected to refrain from cheating, swearing, smoking, gambling, ungodly music, sexual activity, drinking alcoholic beverages, or using any illicit drugs, whether prescribed or deemed by the school as detrimental to the behavior of the student. Such behaviors are strictly prohibited and students who participate in such activities are subject to suspension or expulsion. Students who participate in such activities are subject to suspension or expulsion at the discretion of the principle/pastor.

Students are expected to act in an orderly and respectful manner, maintaining Christian standards of courtesy, kindness, language, morality, and honesty. Students must agree to strive cheerfully toward unquestionable character in dress, conduct, and attitude, and to sign the Standard of Conduct Form.

Any student observing questionable activities or overhearing conversations that are contrary to the policies of this academy should immediately discuss the matter with a supervisor/teacher. THIS IS NOT TATTILING. It has been said, "All it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." James 4:17 states, "...to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

Accreditation

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Connect Academy has been rewarded accreditation through affiliation through Liberty University Online Affiliation (LUOA). As stated in LUOA's handbook, LUOA, is a K–12 online school, offering a traditional education through a technology-based format. LUOA is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Cognia, which are both dedicated to advancing excellence in education worldwide. Through the Cognia accreditation division, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), LUOA enjoys full accreditation. The Commonwealth of Virginia also recognizes LUOA as a member institution of the Virginia Council for Private Education. These affiliations and accreditations ensure that students will receive the highest quality education available.

Admissions Policy

This 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 the students at this school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and other school-administered programs.

There is, however, limited spacing each academic year; therefore, we first open office space to all Connect Church members and then to members of other churches.

NOTE: If in the best interest of the parents and/or the child we feel our school cannot meet the needs, the admission request will be declined in writing to the parents. Also, every student admitted into Connect Academy is on a 6-week probationary period in which if the parents and/or the staff feel Connect Academy cannot meet the student's needs, enrollment will be terminated. The final decision regarding any student's admissions is at the discretion of the School Improvement Committee.

Admissions Procedure

- Parents and students read this handbook thoroughly.
- Application is submitted accompanied by registration fee, previous report card, birth certificate, current physical, and social security card.
- Office will set up an interview with parents, the pupil, and the principal.
- Parents will be notified of acceptance and dates for diagnostic testing.
- All students upon entering the Kindergarten and 7th grade must have the following immunizations: diphtheria, polio, measles, rubella, or a signed "Request for Exemption from Immunization" form.

Medical Guidelines

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No student will be allowed to administer medication(s), supplements, or homeopathic medications to him/herself or another student. All medication of any kind must be turned into the school office. All medications must be prescribed by a medical doctor or have an equivalent clearance to take said medicine. All students taking medications, supplements, or homeopathic medications throughout the school day must have written instructions filed in the student's file along with a medical waiver releasing Connect Academy and all staff from any liability related to medical malpractice, medical harm, or any other possible issues arising from taking this medication, lack of taking medication, or overdosing.

Parental Involvement

Parent Orientation and conferences promote a good understanding between parents and the administration of this school. Every parent is required to participate in these informative and helpful programs.

The Parent Orientation meeting is held at the opening of school. Individual parent conferences with teachers or administrators are scheduled only when necessary.

All parents are welcome in the school. When a visit to the classroom is necessary, the parent must check in with school administration. **NO PARENT IS TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE CLASSROOM.** If a parent wishes to speak with a supervisor, teacher or any other staff, a private conference should be arranged. Lunches, homework, books, and other items may be left in the office to be delivered to a student. School phones are for business use only. Please do not call and ask to speak to your child unless it is an emergency.

School Supplies

General Supplies for all students:

School Backpacks and Personal Water bottles will be issued to students by the School.

Christian Leadership Training

Connect Academy is dedicated to educating the whole body. It is our belief that the Word of God is the foundation on which every subject should be taught. Therefore, the student will be required to memorize, write, and analyze scripture. We will accomplish this by requiring every student to memorize a portion of scripture from four to five verses each month depending on the age of the student. Every student is required to attend a weekly chapel service and daily devotions, which are held during school hours. The student will identify his education with the ministry of the church. Pastor Gonzalez, staff members, or other students will minister the Word of God.

Christian Americanism

Christian Americanism places emphasis upon the greatness of America's heritage and the sacrifice of her heroes. America's Constitution guarantees liberties to educate in order to preserve freedom. We unashamedly teach the Biblical doctrines of self-discipline, respect for those in authority, obedience to



law, and a love for God, flag, and country. Students will be required to memorize and quote the following pledges every morning.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for Whose Kingdom it stands, one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again, with life and liberty for all who believe.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I will hide its Words in my heart that I might not sin against God.

Incentive Programs

Connect Academy is run by a series of checks and balances. Where the checks are incentives and the balances are controls. Incentives are designed to promote learning achievement and motivation for students, while the balances help keep the learning environment free from distractions. Connect Academy does not promote competition; rather, we award accomplishments.

Privilege Levels:

Students may earn privilege levels. The more responsibilities a student completes, the more privileges they are awarded.

Level "A" | Level "C" | Level "E"

Level "A" Responsibilities

- Complete all necessary PACE work during the current quarter
- Maintain an 80% performance grade
- Memorize previous month's Bible selection

Level "A" Privileges

- Privilege Snack of the Week
- May work on "C" reports in office after goals are complete

Level "C" Responsibilities

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- Complete all of "A" and maintain an 85% performance grade
- Complete monthly "C" report assignment

Level "C" Privilege

- May receive all of "A" privileges
- May have free time in office after goals are complete
- May be out of seat without permission in the Learning Center

Level "E" Responsibilities

- Complete all of "C" and maintain a 95% performance grade
- Engage in some form of Christian service

Level "E" Privilege

- May receive all of "C" privileges
- May leave office and Learning Center without permission

Students who believe they have fulfilled the responsibilities for an "E" Level status must submit an Application for Privilege to their supervisor no later than Friday of each week.

Field Trips:

Field Trips are both planned for educational purposes and entertainment. Parents are invited to all field trips and students must meet eligibility (Quote Scripture and Attendance Requirements) requirements. If the supervising staff does not feel comfortable having control of a particular student, at least one parent must attend with their student and be responsible for him/her. This will allow for a natural outgrowth of student discipline in the art of self-control and gracious deportment in various social conditions.

Honor Roll Luncheon:

On a designated day during the first week of each quarter, students who have obtained Honor Roll Status (completed all required assignments, "C" reports, and quoted scripture references) and who have obtained an 88% - 93% GPA for Supervisor's or 94% -100% GPA for Pastor's Honor Roll will be taken out to lunch by the Pastor.

Maintaining Control

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Connect Academy is not a corrective institution; consequently, we ask that a child not be enrolled with the idea that we will reform him/her. We are here to work with the home, not to take the place of parents who have experienced discipline difficulties. The student must at all times conduct himself in a manner becoming a Christian.

If we are expected to maintain control in the Learning Center, there must be a unity between the parents and staff of Connect Academy. If your child does come home complaining about a policy or discipline, we ask that you please follow this procedure:

1. Give the staff the benefit of the doubt.
2. Realize that your child's reporting is emotionally biased and may not include all the information.
3. Realize that the school has reasons for all rules and that they are enforced without partiality.
4. Support the administration and call the school for all the facts.

When a child's attitude and behaviors are not in accord with school policies or principles, the following procedures are followed:

A parental conference is held and the student is placed on 3-day in-school suspension and a behavior contract will be signed by parent, student, and staff.

However, if a student is a danger or a threat to himself or others, after following the above directives, said student is placed on a 6-week probation period. At which time, if behavior is repeated, parents will be asked to withdraw the child. If the parent refuses, the child will be expelled. Moreover, the principal/pastor reserves the right to exercise discretion regarding the consequence(s) administered to the student, including, but not limited to, the immediate expulsion of the student.

This school is dedicated to the training of children in a program of study, activity, and living that is Christ-centered. We believe that "...all things should be done decently and in order", I Cor. 14:40, and that our students should be taught to accept the responsibility to walk honorably before all men.

- "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." Col. 3:20
- "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers..." Romans 13:1
- "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves..." Heb. 13:17
- "For the commandment is a lamp: and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life." Prov. 6:23
- "He is the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth." Prov. 10:17

For the protection of the students and staff, Connect Academy retains the right to perform searches of personal items such as backpacks, offices, lockers, notebooks, and purses at any time. Any material or



equipment we find objectionable or prohibited will be confiscated and returned only to the parent. Upon the second offense of the above, confiscated material or equipment will be held until the end of the school year.

Parental Correction:

Parents should be the administrators of Parental Correction in times when it is necessary. Therefore, the parents will be notified in the event a Biblical Law has been broken, or repeat offenses have gone uncorrected. Parental correction is at the discretion of the parents. Whatever you choose, please remember punishment is what is done for the child, not to the child. Please take careful consideration and follow through with your word.

Once Parental Correction is deemed to be necessary, the student will be removed from the Learning Center, the offense will be discussed, and the student led in prayer. Also, parents will be notified and the student must be picked up immediately from the school.

Opportunities of the Learning Center

A. Unless permission is received, the following earns one negative point:

1. Getting up from chair
2. Leaving the Testing Table
3. Bringing food or drink into the Learning Centers (other than approved)
4. Disturbance in the Learning Center
5. Chair left out or leaning back in chair
6. Going to the Scoring Station with a pencil
7. Skipped scoring blocks (including supervisor scoring)
8. Wrong answers not marked wrong
9. Arriving late for appointed times
10. Working any part of a Self-Test or Check up without initial
11. Improper Uniform
12. For each item left at home
13. Performing activities not related to prescribed material
14. Chewing gum
15. Homework not done (1 point for each subject)
16. 6-inch rule

B. Behavioral Violations which earn Parental Correction:

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1. Cheating on PACE work or Online students or on test
2. Arguing or complaining with the authority

If a child is creating a continual Learning Center disturbance (three or more of the same offense), then said child's parents will be contacted and have one hour to pick up their child. If the child is not picked up within that time frame, a \$10.00 fee will be assessed for every 15 minutes late and charged to the student's account.

Attendance

Faithful attendance to regular church services is clearly taught and preached at Connect Church. School attendance should be as faithful to prevent disruption of studies, disorder to class, and to develop the character qualities of steadfastness, diligence, loyalty, and faithfulness.

In order for instruction to occur in a safe environment, there must be a cooperative relationship between students, parents, and the school system. To assure success, students, parents, and the school system all have responsibilities:

Students are expected:

- To attend classes daily and to be on time
- To respect individuals and property
- To use appropriate, responsible behavior at all times
- To contribute to a safe, alcohol-free, drug-free, weapon-free environment

Parents are expected:

- To show interest in their child's progress and work with school personnel to solve any behavioral and academic problems
- To get to know their child's school, its staff, curriculum, programs, and activities by attending parent meetings
- To make sure their child goes to school appropriately dressed and on time every day, unless their child is ill or has a contagious disease
- To maintain up-to-date information at the school, including home, work, and emergency numbers, addresses, and health information

School System is expected:

- To provide and maintain a safe atmosphere that will encourage positive behavior and learning

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- To provide courses of study, programs, and activities to meet the needs of all students
- To show respect for all individuals by teaching them fairly and impartially
- To encourage open communication among students, parents, and school staff

Reasons for Excused Absences:

1. Sickness, injury, death in the family, or other insurmountable conditions
2. Documented appointments with health care professionals
3. Documented absence for religious instruction or religious holiday
4. Participation in an academic class or school-sponsored activity approved by the principal
5. Court appearances

Grades 1-8 with 9 or more unexcused absences or 15 or more total absences (excused and/or unexcused) per semester shall be ineligible for school field trips or extracurricular activities.

Students 14 years of age with 7 or more unexcused absences or 15 or more total absences (excused or unexcused) per semester in a class will be reported to the state and their driver's license suspended until they prove consistent attendance.

Excessive absences will inhibit the student's progress. If, in the opinion of the administration, the absences are unnecessary, the student will be considered truant.

Tardy

A student is considered tardy if he is not in the Learning Center at 8:30 a.m. Points will be deducted. Continued tardiness will necessitate a conference with the parent and principal/pastor, possibly leading to the revocation of student privileges or suspension. A parent must sign their child in at the school office if the student is late to school.

When a student driver is late more than 10 days tardy, the student's privilege to drive to school will be revoked for the current semester if applicable.

School Hours

School hours are 8:30–3:00 Monday-Friday with Fridays being a homeschool day. Please see the school calendar for a complete list of holiday times.

Pick up of Students

Upon entering the parking lot of Connect Academy campus, please knock on the door to notify your student you are here.

Home Schooling

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All students being homeschooled on Fridays or on any other authorized homeschool day shall treat the day as a school day. All assigned work shall be completed on that day.

Lunches

All students must provide their own lunch. Connect Academy does not provide lunch for any student.

Progress Reports

The grading system of our school is designed to give parents a true indication of the student's progress or lack thereof. Only completed work is graded. Students have the opportunity to work at their rate of comprehension. However, PROMOTION is only awarded after each year's work is accomplished.

- 94%-100% = A
- 87% - 93% = B
- 80% - 86% = C

Progress reports will be printed and sent home to parents the week following the end of each 9-week period. The report is placed in an envelope which is to be signed by the parent and returned to the school promptly. Again, grades are based on successfully completed work. Students will be promoted upon the completion of their required workload. Grades of 0 will be averaged if students withdraw before work is completed.

Academic Probation

Students progress at their own rate of comprehension. Every student will be required to complete 1 year's worth of work unless parents request a different workload. The student's necessary work is then broken down into 4 quarters, 9 weeks, and daily goals. Parents are then notified multiple times throughout the year of their student's progress.

A student's progress is measured in percentage of completion. Students that keep their percentage in the 95 percentile and above are doing excellent work. Students in the 94 to 85 is average, 84 to 75 below average, and any student dropping below a 75 percentile will be placed on academic probation.

There are three steps to academic probation:

- Conference is held with parents, student, and academic advisor.
- Student will have 6 weeks to bring the percentile up to 75% or better.
- Student failing to complete the above task will be given 4 weeks to seek educational opportunities elsewhere.



Learning Center Procedures

General

Students are not permitted to communicate, distract, or be out of their office without permission. For safety reasons, they should not turn sideways, turn around, or tip back in their chair.

Activities not related to prescribed material are not to be conducted in an office unless privileges have been earned.

Gum is never allowed on school property at any time.

Calculators are only used once permission is received from his/her teacher.

Student Offices

Offices are assigned and changed only by teachers, and they must be kept neat and cared for by the student. Goal Cards must be placed in the upper right-hand corner, Progress Chart is placed in the upper left-hand corner, PACEs and notebooks are to be placed in the student's magazine holder. Bibles are placed against the left-hand divider, and an enclosed pencil box placed in the middle against the backboard.

Students may only bring display approved backgrounds in their offices.

Goal Card

We know every student is different and students work at their personal pace. Therefore, we do not use a lockstep system. Each student must learn to set his/her own goals in each subject for the day depending on the student's workload and ability. Students will keep up with their progress by using a Goal Card. They must record the exact page numbers they will do that day. Upon completion of each goal, including scoring and correcting, the goal is crossed off and reset for the next school day. Students can use blue ink on their Goal Cards.

If a student does not get finished with their goals during school hours, the work is sent home to be finished.

Curriculum

Connect Academy's core curriculum is the Accelerated Christian Education system or more commonly known as the PACE System and Liberty University Online Academy. The ACE Curriculum is a mastery-based independent study program where each student is dealt with on an individual basis. Upon acceptance to Connect Academy, each student is given a diagnostic test which will determine learning gaps and student performance levels within the different subjects.

If your student is working through LUOA, student checks out a computer daily. The student will have a schedule provided by LUOA and will be monitored by Connect Academy staff.

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Books, Magazines, Music, or Movies

These items must be approved in writing by parents and approved by the supervisor upon the student's arrival at school. Questionable material will be confiscated and given only to parents.

Electronic Devices

You may not possess personal Wireless Communication Devices (WCDs), which includes, but is not limited to cell phones, smartwatches, gaming devices, and iPads at school, on property, during after-school activities, and at school-sponsored activities. At the beginning of the day, all students must turn in their devices to the teacher and will be returned at the end of the day. Connect Academy is not responsible for stolen or damaged devices. If you violate this rule, you will be subject to discipline as follows:

Miscellaneous Items

Notebooks, lunchboxes, book covers, stickers, posters, or anything that a student might use or bring to school that would be improper or questionable to our Christian beliefs are not permitted. Please use Christian discretion in all areas.

Safety

Cameras are installed in every classroom and lunch/break area. Students will be recorded at all times and this video will be shared with state/local officials, police, parents, staff members and the general public should an occurrence happen that justifies the release of the video.

Parties

Parties are not school-sponsored unless parents receive a notification letter. We encourage individual birthday parties for students; however, please notify the school at least 2 days in advance.

Financial Operations

Connect Academy is a private, non-profit organization under the 501(c)(3) status of Connect Church. Tuition covers the necessities to operate this school as lean as possible. If students require additional funds, we will require the parents to address the need and cover the cost. For this reason, participation in fundraisers is extremely important.

Scholarships accepted by Connect Academy:

We accept any scholarship that contributes to the tuition of the student as long as the scholarship does not force or coerce Connect Academy to operate against our values.

School's Financial Policy

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The school's financial policy is as follows: "For students to continue their studies in school, to be issued new PACEs, to receive report cards or have records transmitted, or receive awards; regular payments must be made. Statements are issued during the first week of each month. Payments are due on the 20th of each month. There is a \$20.00 late fee added to the account each month when satisfactory arrangement has not been made ahead of time. Families who have financial problems can make satisfactory arrangements with the office to have their bill paid in a timely matter and forego the late charge. If a payment has not been received by the school by the 30th day, a reminder letter will be sent to the parent and a late fee will be added to the bill. If the balance is not paid by 30 days the student will be withdrawn from school.

All delinquent accounts will be turned over to a collecting service due to NON-PAYMENT, at which time that cost will be added to the bill.

If a parent withdraws a child from school or if the child is dismissed from school during any portion of a month, the parents will be billed for the entire month. Tuition is based upon an annual fee. Payment is not made by the number of days or weeks a child is in school, but rather by an annual fee that can be divided into monthly payments.

Fund Raisers

We pride ourselves in having the lowest tuition rate with the highest quality academics in Eagle, County; therefore, sometimes we will call on the students and parents to help with necessary fundraisers.

Clothing Regulations and Personal Appearance

Connect Academy is a "Christian-school" and we teach our students to strive to represent the Lord Jesus Christ in the best way they can, not only academically but also spiritually and morally. In preparing students to face the world ahead of them and to function in today's society, we attempt to train them in all areas. One of these is the area of proper dress. Our dress code is not meant to be burdensome to the parent or student, but to assure a standard of dress that is modest in appearance, biblical in nature, and neat in appearance. In other words, we expect every student to dress for success.

I Timothy 2:9-10 reads, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, (not tight or form fitting clothes) with shamefacedness (void of any makeup) and sobriety (self-controlled); not with broided hair, gold, or pearls, or costly array (no jewelry or anything that brings attention to self); But which becometh women professing godliness with good works." A good rule to follow for dressing modestly is (1) high enough necklines, (2) low enough hemlines, (3) and sleeves of reasonable length. (4) the actual hemline is where the split ends.

Lest you think the girls get all the attention read the verse just above I Timothy 2:9, verse 8 reads, "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy (pure, unadulterated) hands, without wrath (violent



passions) and doubting (debate or dispute)." God, who made man and woman, knew the man would be aroused by what they see, whereas women are aroused by what they feel. Hence the scripture, I Cor. 7:1, "It is good for a man not to touch a woman."

We make no apologies for our dress code, and we assure you it is an important facet of our school program. All students should be clean and appear neat every school day in Connect Academy uniform with shirts tucked in. Personal cleanliness is a must. Students should properly bathe, have clean and neat hair, clean hands and fingernails, brushed teeth, and older students must use deodorant.

Boys must have a standard, conservative haircut (no designs or dying of the hair is allowed). Hair must be off the collar and ears with sideburns no longer than the middle of the ears. Boys must be neat in appearance with shirts tucked in. No MAKEUP, JEWELRY, or BODY PIERCINGS allowed at any time.

Each young lady is to be neat, discreet, and modest in appearance with shirts tucked in. Proper undergarments are to be worn at all times. MAKEUP (including nail polish and dyed hair), JEWELRY, BODY PIERCINGS, and ACRYLIC NAILS are not allowed at any time.

Connect Academy Dress Code Contract

Due to the correlation between appropriate attire and a positive and safe learning environment, we have established the following standards for student dress at Connect Academy. School uniforms may be purchased through the school. Students' uniforms are an important part of our school image, so it is important that our students abide by our school uniform policy. I'm in need of parental assistance to implement these guidelines:

- The uniform should be neat and clean.
- No tears or missing buttons on the uniform.
- Connect Academy monogrammed shirts are to be tucked in at all times. If students want to wear a shirt under the Connect Academy shirt, it must be white and it must be tucked in as well.
- A brown or black belt.
- Solid color leggings, tights, or long socks may be worn during cooler months.
- Khaki or Navy Blue long pants for boys only.
- Khaki or Navy Blue (below the knee) skirts for girls only.
- Pants should not be dragging the ground.
- Pants should not have torn hems or rips.
- No jewelry of any kind.
- Boys' sideburns cannot be lower than the ear, and hair must be off the collar.
- No tattoos are to be exposed and students should not write on themselves.



Acceptable Shoes: Students are required to participate in vigorous physical activity on a daily basis. To ensure student's safety and prevent injury, closed-toed shoes must be worn and be of a nature that they will remain securely fastened to the feet at all times.

Boys:

- Designated Connect Academy Monogrammed Polo Shirt
- Long Khaki or Navy Pants
- Brown or Black Belt with a simple gold or silver buckle
- Flat-Soled, Closed-toe Shoes

Girls:

- Designated Connect Academy Monogrammed Polo Shirt
- School designated Skirts
- Belt (if needed)
- Flat-Soled, Closed-toe

Procedures for Non-Compliance

Students are expected to wear the clothing designated under the dress code to school daily. Failure to comply with the dress code standard will result in disciplinary.

Physical Education

Physical Education is a mandatory course for all students ages 5-13. Students will be required to bring in clothing that is appropriate. Please see pastor before dressing out for approval.

It is our policy that no student is excused from the required physical education course without a doctor or parent written excuse. Also, the athletic program of this school is a coordinated effort; therefore, students may bring athletic equipment from home with the understanding that all students will have the opportunity to play with said equipment at the owning student's risk.