Twin Valley Bible Academy

Student Handbook

2026 Revision

Character. Scholarship. Worldview.

Psalm 1

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly...He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth fruit in its season... whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

HISTORY AND CHURCH AFFILIATION

Twin Valley Bible Academy is a ministry of Twin Valley Bible Chapel under direction of the Board of Elders. The Academy was only a dream in the minds of our pastor and a few concerned parents of the Chapel until May of 1975. Several of the parents had become interested in the Accelerated Christian Education program they had seen advertised in *The Sword of the Lord*. Our pastor and the elders of the Chapel attended an A.C.E. Rally in Baltimore and became convinced of the quality of the program. There were about 50 students from the Chapel who were already attending area Christian schools and were interested in coming to the Academy; so a ready-made student body was available.

Not until July was ground broken for the Academy facilities. The Chapel claimed the promise that God gave to Nehemiah believing the building project would be completed on time. After 54 working days, on September 10, 1975, the Academy opened its doors to 94 students in grades K-12. During the year the enrollment grew to a high of 107. On June 7, 1976, five seniors received their high school diplomas and went out to face the challenge of God's will for their lives. The graduating class of 2025 was the Academy's 50th.

In 2018 the board saw the need to pinpoint our focus in education to prepare young Christian students to face the changing world around them. Discussion began about changing the methodology of the school to the Principle Approach ®. This vision became a reality as TVBA began its transition to the Principle Approach in the fall of 2020.

We continue to enroll a number of students who do not regularly attend Twin Valley Bible Chapel to bring our enrollment to capacity and make the greatest possible use of our facilities and staff. In addition to our own Chapel families, we will be providing a Christ-centered, quality Christian education for those outside our Chapel who share our spiritual and educational goals. As in the past, we do feel that every student and parent should be faithful in church attendance and involved in church activities.

At Twin Valley Bible Academy we believe that every child deserves a Christian education. It is our mission to inspire children to make God the master of their Character, Scholarship and Worldview advancing the kingdom of God and restoring the Christian foundation of America. We employ degreed teachers, and host a well-rounded extracurricular program, all provide the best advantages for spiritual as well as academic development.

We at Twin Valley Bible Academy will continue to do all we can, by God's grace, to provide each student with a quality Christian education. The expectations for each new year are high, and the future remains as bright as the promise of God!

ADMISSIONS POLICY

This school admits students of any race, color, and national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to the students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships, athletics, and other school-administered programs.

ADMISSIONS PACKET

Interested parents may contact the Twin Valley Bible Academy office for more information or begin the process at our website www.twinvalleybibleacademy.org.

INTRODUCTION TO PARENTS

A basic responsibility of Christian parents is to "train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old (literally, while he is growing old) he will not depart from it," Proverbs 22:6. Therefore, in Christian education we must train young people to grow "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man," Luke 2:52, as Jesus did.

Success can be realized to the fullest extent when family, church, and school stand united in Christ-centered, Bible-centered training of a child. The home, church, and school share this great responsibility.

Parents, Twin Valley Bible Academy pledges to you that we shall present Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and shall provide the highest quality Christ- centered education possible. Our desire is that the family stands with the church and school in a united effort to reach this goal.

OBJECTIVES

Twin Valley Bible Academy was organized to offer students a program where the Bible is not a ***part*** of the classroom but is the ***center*** of it. Our specific objectives are:

- To personally counsel any student whose eternal salvation is in question and lead him to an acceptance or an assurance of that salvation through the person of Jesus Christ.
- To so effectively teach, that each student will "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."
- To equip students with the tools to reach goals and apply basic principles that will lead to success, both spiritually and vocationally.
- To show by example, as well as by precept, that life, in its fullest sense is a matter of hearing the voice of God and obeying His directives.
- To cause each child to work effectively with perseverance, both independently, and cooperatively.
- To develop strength of Christian Character, Scholarship, and Worldview so that the student can excellently explain and retain his convictions under the pressure of the world in which he lives.

STANDARDS FOR STUDENT CONDUCT - IN SCHOOL

ACADEMICS

1. Because a Christian is admonished to be diligent in his duties, the student is reminded that his ***best*** in areas of academics is what God desires. II Corinthians 10:31.

2. All students are expected to attend school every day that classes are in session and are to be prompt in arrival at designated areas and activities. *A student who is tardy to school for any reason must report first to the school office for a late slip.*
3. Minimum standards of academic success will need to be maintained by all students. Academic balance MUST BE maintained. The minimum grade for passing a class is 62%.

BEHAVIOR

1. Students are expected to respect and obey the God-given authority of the Academy staff and administration (Hebrews 13:17). Since a patriotic emphasis will be promoted throughout the Academy, every student is expected to exemplify a sense of loyalty to our God, our nation, and our school and will participate in morning exercises including pledges, prayer, and Bible reading. (Romans 13:1-7)
2. Courtesy must be a byword for every student, toward those in authority as well as to fellow students (I Peter 3:8). Treat each other with respect. No horseplay.
3. Treat all Academy property with respect. Damaged or broken equipment must be replaced or paid for by the student or his parents. This may be attached to a tuition bill and a parent will be contacted.
4. Such actions as cheating, lying, stealing, and insubordination are not in keeping with God's Word, nor in accord with Academy standards and could result in suspension and/or expulsion from school (Ephesians 4:25 & 28).
5. Since the Christian's body belongs to God, we believe that moral purity of our students is mandatory. During school hours or functions any physical contact with the opposite sex is prohibited and is discouraged at all other times. Infractions of this standard could also result in suspension and/or expulsion (I Cor. 7:1, 9:27).
6. Adherence to appearance standard is considered to be the responsibility of the parents. Any failure to comply with these standards will be passed on to the parents for correction and may result in demerits for the student. Should necessary changes not take place, the administration of the Academy reserves the right to request the parents withdraw the student from the school.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITES

1. The social life of the student is important to his complete development; therefore, there will be occasions for students to socialize. On such occasions, "dating" is permitted at the discretion of the parents. The Academy encourages self-government to be exercised in all relationships. We also believe that engagement and marriage should not take place before the student's high school education is complete. Any student who gets another student pregnant, becomes pregnant, or gets married prior to graduation would be required to withdraw from the Academy immediately.
2. Those representing Twin Valley Bible Academy in intramural sports, inter-scholastic sports, musical groups, academic competition, or similar activities must be exemplary in the following areas:

- Spiritual leadership (ex. Saying required Scripture memory passages, taking notes in weekly chapel sessions, etc.)
- A minimum academic overall "C-" average in core classes
- Christian conduct.

3. All extra-curricular activities (musical selections, socials, plays, fund-raising activities, etc.) must have prior approval of and supervision by an Academy staff member.

STANDARDS FOR STUDENT CONDUCT - OUT OF SCHOOL

1. Parents and students are reminded that they represent Twin Valley Bible Academy even outside of school and should maintain God honoring conduct at all times. The Academy reserves the right to subject students to discipline, even for actions that take place outside of school hours and location, up to and including expulsion.
2. The drinking of alcoholic beverages, smoking, taking of any form of habit-forming drugs (without a doctor's direction, or prescription), etc. are considered to be serious violations of Biblical principles (I Corinthians 6:19,20) and may be grounds for indefinite expulsion from the Academy.
3. The parents will be required to sign a statement acknowledging that they have read, understand, and agree that their child must abide by the Standards of Conduct, and that they will not sue, or threaten to sue, the school for the enforcement of the Standards of Conduct.
4. The Bible clearly states the principle of faithful attendance to God's House (Hebrews 10:25). School activities will be planned so as not to conflict with the regularly scheduled services of Twin Valley Bible Chapel. Families are encouraged to regularly attend their local church.
5. Satan is the enemy of God's people and God's work. He will try to make his inroads into the Academy without being invited to do so. Any observed practice that the staff deems Satanic or related to spiritual darkness will be dealt with accordingly.

APPEARANCE STANDARDS

It will be the sole responsibility of the administration of Twin Valley Bible Academy to decide what is acceptable in appearance standards. These standards shall apply in any organized classroom situation, Pre-kindergarten through grade 12, at Twin Valley Bible Academy. Elementary Teachers may moderate the rules at their own discretion.

Any appearance standard not specifically mentioned in this section will be evaluated at the discretion of the faculty and administration of the Academy. Infractions may receive a demerit or other disciplinary consequence. We aim to present a professional atmosphere in the classroom.

All students are reminded they are TO ARRIVE and TO LEAVE the premises in school dress. When PE is the last class of the day, students will not be required to change back into school clothes.

School Dress

Girls & Women-I Peter 3:3

One's outward appearance can be reflection of the condition of the heart and mind. Dress, make-up, and hairstyle can be a distraction and draw attention away from the Lord. With that in mind, this is the dress code for all female students and staff at Twin Valley Bible Academy.

1. The acceptable standard for girls' dresses or skirts is that they should fall to the middle of the knee or lower when standing. Skirts must be long enough so as not to rise noticeably above the knee when the girl is seated. Dresses or skirts with slits that are above the knee must be sewn. Parents must pay particular attention to growing girls, so that dresses do not become too short or too tight during the school year (I Timothy 2:9,10).
2. Sheer or see through blouses or dresses will not be permitted in the school. Slips are to be worn under any thin blouse or dress. Blouses, sweaters, and dresses must not show cleavage under any condition, not be sleeveless, not show midriff, and not be too tight. Screen printed sweatshirts and tee shirts are not appropriate attire for the classroom. Small stitched logos are allowable.
3. Loose fitting athletic pants, capris, or fingertip length shorts are permissible on special occasions such as field days, in PE classes, and sports team practices.
4. Students (non-athletes or athletes who may not have a game that day) attending athletic events at TVBA may wear dress down clothing (see description below). In warmer weather students, may wear fingertip length shorts. Modesty rules apply.
5. Girls who play on the volleyball team may wear their volleyball uniform to and from Home and Away games. Girls who play on the basketball team may wear their basketball uniform with warm-ups (not jeans or pajama pants) to home and away games.
6. All hair fashions must be in good taste. Hair must remain a natural color.
7. Moderation is expected with makeup, cosmetics, eye shadows, nail polish, lipstick, etc. Jewelry must be kept to a minimum.
8. Students are not permitted to get a tattoo. Newly enrolled students already having tattoos will be handled on a case by case basis.
9. Piercings beyond a single ear piercing are not permitted. Newly enrolled students with additional piercings will be handled on a case by case basis.
10. Except for sports, sandals in good taste are permissible. Extreme high heels are not permitted. Dress boots (in good taste) are permitted. Boots intended for outdoor wear should not be worn during the entire day of school. If outdoor boots are worn to school, the student must bring along shoes to wear during school hours. Casual flip-flops and crocs are not permissible.
11. Coats, jackets, and hooded clothing are permitted for **outdoor and break use only.** If a student is cold, they should bring a sweater pullover, or quarter zip.

Boys & Men

Godliness coupled with manliness should characterize the dress and demeanor of a Christian young man. Good grooming habits and cleanliness present a positive testimony for the Lord. With that in mind, this is the dress code for all male students and staff at Twin Valley Bible Academy.

1. Dress shirts or polo shirts, with either long or short sleeves will be required. All shirts must be tucked in and buttoned up except the top button. Shirts must have a full collar.
2. Coats, jackets, hooded clothing, and screen printed sweatshirts are permitted for **outdoor and break use only**.
3. Shoes and socks must be worn at all times. Dress boots are allowable. Boots intended for outdoor wear should not be worn during the entire day of school. If outdoor boots are worn to school, the student must bring along shoes to wear during school hours. Casual flip-flops and crocs are not permissible.
4. Boys must wear modest, neat dress pants. Oversized pants are not permitted. Appropriateness is the key word in determining the clothing to be worn.
5. Boys' hairstyles must be well-kept and maintained. Hair must be a natural color.
6. Extreme fads of any nature are prohibited in the school. No jewelry may be worn other than wrist watches and finger rings.
7. Students are not permitted to get a tattoo. Newly enrolled students already having tattoos will be handled on a case by case basis.
8. Piercings are not permitted for boys or men. Newly enrolled students with a piercing will be handled on a case by case basis.
9. No beards or mustaches will be permitted. Older boys must be clean shaven at all times. Male staff members are permitted to wear neatly maintained mustaches or beards.
10. A belt must be worn at all times for male students after first grade.
11. Students (non-athletes or athletes who may not have a game that day) attending athletic events may wear dress down clothing (see description below). In warmer weather students, may wear fingertip length shorts. Modesty rules apply.
12. Boys who play on the soccer team may wear their uniform to and from home and away games. Boys who play on the basketball team may wear warm ups to and from school with uniforms underneath.

Dress Down Days

On dress-down days, students and staff may wear sneakers, jeans (in good condition), t-shirts, and hooded sweatshirts. Only students 4th grade and below may wear sweatpants. Printed t-shirts and sweatshirts must not have inappropriate messages (as decided by the administration and staff).

Transportation Information

Buses

Once again this year, busing will be provided by the area public school districts.

Proper behavior on the bus is a must. We ask you as parents to talk with your child concerning safety and consideration for the rights of others. If a child is disruptive enough to be brought to the office by the driver, the principal will notify the parents. A second offense may result in suspension from the bus for a period of three to five days and possible permanent suspension. Students being transported are under the authority of the driver. They are expected to govern themselves under the rules of the bus company and are representatives of the Lord and the school.

Private Vehicles

It is the understanding that, unless a student is riding a school-provided bus, he is being transported to school by his parents. ***A student being picked-up by anyone other than a direct family member must have written parental permission in the school office, whether is it a regular or one time occurrence.***

No student may leave the premises during the day without permission from the school administration and signing out at the school office.

Parents should communicate any early dismissal to the office ***at least one day in advance.***

Student Drivers

1. If any student desires to drive to school, he must obtain and complete a registration form at the school office. Vehicles should be locked. TVBA is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
2. Any misuse of private vehicles may result in the revoking of the privilege to drive to school.
3. After vehicles are parked at school, they are not to be re-entered until school is dismissed, unless permission is given. When they enter the building, a student is expected to have all needed materials for the day in their possession, not in their vehicle.
4. ***As stated above, no student driver may leave the premises during the day without permission from the school administration and signing out at the school office.***
5. Any student who rides to school with another student is also subject to these rules for transportation. Also, students riding to school with another student other than immediate family must have parental permission recorded on file in the Academy office.

Technology Policies

The TVBA staff operate under the assumption that if a student owns technological devices, it has been sanctioned by the parent. As we do not have the final say of this ownership, we would like to make it clear that no student will need these personal devices for use in school unless previous agreements are disclosed. **It is best that all personal devices are left at home**. We realize that in some cases, items like cell phones are valuable (student drivers etc.). But as technology continues to advance, so do the problems. As always, we expect that the parent

takes care of rules and policies for their children, therefore, the following is our attempt to back up what the parent has laid down for device use. Please adhere to the following guidelines—TVBA is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Parents will be able to subscribe to a group REMIND that will communicate timely updates concerning athletic events.

If the ~~above~~ policies and guidelines are intentionally violated concerning personal devices, First offense: Teacher will keep the item until the end of the day. Second offense: Parent must come to school to pick the item up. Third offense: Privileges of bringing phone to school will be revoked and if violated may result in suspension.

Cell phones

1. Students shall not use their cellular phones during school hours unless directed by a staff member or permission is given.
2. If a cell phone is brought to school, it must be ***turned off*** (not on vibrate) and stored in the phone box (Room 105) ***from the time of arrival to dismissal***.
3. Cell phones should not be stored in lockers or backpacks.
4. If students remain on school property after school, or participate in a school sponsored event, cell phone use for any reason is strongly discouraged. Reasonable excuses may apply such as phoning for a ride etc.
5. Phones should not be shared or used for recreation or entertainment on school property or at school sponsored events. This applies to sports trips and field studies. Special permissions may be granted in certain circumstances. The benefit of the doubt may not be given.

Smart Watches

At this time, we will not prohibit the wearing of smart watches but do discourage it. As students can receive and respond to messages on these watches, it is an unneeded distraction in the classroom.

Artificial Intelligence

1. A.I. continues to advance and grow in popularity by the day. It is possible to abuse this tool using it to complete assignments given by the teacher.
2. If any student is caught using A.I. to forge any academic assignment handed in for credit, the benefit of the doubt may not be given, and consequences will ensue.
3. Work ethic and integrity are to be at the core of each of our students' assignments.

The Classrooms

General Supplies for all Students

- Personal Bible (KJV)
- Pencils
- Blue and/or black pens
- College ruled (loose leaf) notebook paper (***not spiral bound notepaper***)

- File box or school box to hold personal items
- Colored Pencils (not crayons)
- Ruler
- Tissues
- 3-ring binders (sizes may vary by class and will be communicated during summer break) Quantity 4-6 for the year

General Guidelines

1. During class, students are not permitted to communicate or be out of their seats without permission.
2. Use of the restroom and getting a drink should be done during break time.
3. Water in a container with a closable lid is permitted during class. No other beverage will be allowed during class time.
4. No chewing of gum at any time or at any place during the school day.

Homework

We will strive to have all homework commensurate to age level.

Our goal for homework is to include the parents in the learning process of their children. We hope that you would cherish moments of learning together as a family. We also hope that homework amounts will accommodate family time and church. No new homework will be assigned on Wednesdays that is due on Thursday.

Grade & Progress Reports

Report cards will be issued within ten days of the end of the quarter. The first quarter is always followed by parent-teacher meetings (appointments to be made online or in the office). Progress Reports will be issued in the middle of each of the 2-4 quarters to update the parent what their child is learning academically as well as introduce what they will look forward to learning. Often these reports are accompanied by grades to measure their success or lead to improvement. A parent has the ability to contact the teacher at any point in between these formal reports.

Parental Involvement

Parent orientation, Parent-Teacher Fellowships (PTF), and parent conferences promote a good understanding between parents or guardians and the faculty/administration of the Academy. Every parent is asked to participate in these informative and helpful programs.

Parent conferences with the supervisor are scheduled following the first quarter.

Parents will be asked to complete the new family orientation program upon enrolling their children. In doing so, they will experience the routine and procedures in order to better understand our program. Please be patient as you learn our culture, and don’t hesitate to ask questions by contacting the office.

Field Studies

In connection with their studies in the arts and sciences, students may have a number of field studies scheduled during the year. Although such off-campus learning experiences are of real enjoyment for the students, it is to be realized that these experiences are designed primarily to enrich learning. Teachers may ask students to take notes and tests upon returning to school. Participation in some field studies may be based on achievement, behavior, incentive, at the staff's discretion.

Class accounts for payment assistance of such trips will be opened at participation of their first fundraiser. Classes will earn money at the rate of their involvement in said fundraisers.

Physical Education

It is our policy that no student be excused from the required Physical Education course offered without a doctor's excuse. Every student is expected to participate in physical education activities. Students may not be permitted to stay in the classrooms to catch up on schoolwork or take tests during P.E. time. All students must wear appropriate PE attire including sneakers.

Graduation Requirements

A minimum of twenty-four units of credit are required for high school graduation. Students will be automatically put on a standard academic course for college prep. Parents of high school students may prompt a meeting with the academic counsellor to discuss high school track toward college. The counsellor may also call a meeting for the same with the parents. Accommodations for Advanced Placement outside of the mainstream curriculum plan may not be able to be accommodated, but every effort will be made.

Tuition Policy

Tuition for the school year is due and payable the first of each month. Any balance which falls three months in arrears will require consultation with the Administrator. Unresolved delinquent tuition payments could result in the withdrawal of students from the school.

Accounts must be current before a student is allowed to begin the next school year.

For Graduating Seniors:

Accounts must be received in full before participating in graduation ceremonies or receiving a diploma.

Absence & Attendance Policy

Because we are concerned about your child's safety and well-being, **we ask that you notify the school by phone the morning if your student(s) will be absent by 9:00 AM**. An absence is defined by 1 day=1 absence. In ANY absence the student should carry a parent/guardian, or doctor's note explaining the absence.

While absences may be excused (see below), students should understand that missed class periods result in missed instruction, discussion, practice, and teacher guidance that cannot

be fully replicated through make-up work. As a result, frequent absences negatively affect course understanding and academic performance, even when assignments are completed.

Students and parents are encouraged to schedule appointments, driver's tests, lessons, and other voluntary activities outside of school hours whenever possible.

If a student is absent from class, it is the student's responsibility to get notes from a classmate and check with the teacher about any work that needs to be completed for that class.

If a student has an excused absence, then any work due will be given a 1-day extension for each day of the excused absence.

If a student has an unexcused absence, then no extension will be given on assignments that are due.

Students must arrange with the teacher regarding due dates or late work. It is the student's responsibility to come to the teacher, not the teacher's responsibility to track the student down after an absence.

The board has defined two types of absences:

Excused: An absence due to illness, doctor's appointment (excluding driver's test physical), or serious illness or death of a family member. Students or parents must go to the teachers and request make-up work. This is only excused with a doctor's note or appropriate explanation from the parent concerning the absence.

Unexcused: Any absence from school that does not qualify as an excused absence. **If a vacation or other absence is planned over school days, parents should notify their student's teachers <u>no less</u> than one week in advance with a pre-absence form (obtained through the secretary or homeroom teacher).**

Excessive Absences: The board has defined the following criteria for the accrual of unexcused absences. The board will use their discretion in each situation. Generally, if a student accrues 10 unexcused absences during the same school year, it may result in a "0" for all assignments, tests etc. due on that day, starting on the 11th unexcused absence. The school is required by law to report to the state excessive unexcused absences.

Counseling

When students request help, advice, or prayer each member of our faculty and staff will make themselves available.

Also, our Pastor has kindly offered to be available for counseling. Any student may arrange an appointment with him by contacting the school office.

Our pastor's wife is available for counseling the girls. You may arrange an appointment with her by contacting the school office.

External Government (Discipline)

This is not a corrective or reforming institution. Consequently, we ask that you do not enroll your child with the idea that we will force a change in him. We are here to work with the home, but not to take the place of parents who have experienced difficulty in fulfilling their role.

The staff of the Academy welcomes the constructive comments from students and parents, but will not permit destructive, negative comments which only divide and destroy God's purpose for our school. Such comments warrant a conference with parents.

God has CALLED every member of the Academy faculty and staff to his position of service. We are where God has directed us to be. However, this does not mean that we will perform all of our duties perfectly. Should we make an error in judgment or an indiscretion in a decision, please call us to clear up the matter. Please recognize that we are human, and therefore prone to make errors. We need your prayers as well as your cooperation and support. Appointments should be made for such matters. Teachers and staff should not be "ambushed" in such cases (Matthew 18).

Students must conduct themselves at all times in a manner becoming to a Christian. Griping is not tolerated! If your child does come home complaining about a policy or discipline, please follow this procedure:

- Give the staff the benefit of the doubt.
- Realize that the student's reporting may be emotionally biased without disclosing all information.
- Realize that we have reasons for all rules and that we strive to enforce them without favor.
- Be supportive of the administration and call on us to gain a full perspective.

Demerits, Suspension and Probation

For 5th through 12th grade students, attitude or conduct which is not in accord with school policies may result in students being given a demerit. Students will be given a written record of the demerit and the reason it was given. Three demerits in a school quarter will result in a lunch detention. Two additional demerits (five total) in the same quarter will result in an additional lunch detention. Two more demerits (seven total) in a quarter will result in after-school detention in which a work project will be assigned. Demerits given in the last week of a quarter will roll forward to the following quarter as well. Parents will be notified when a student reaches three, five, six and seven demerits.

Severe violations of attitude or conduct may result in a suspension or the student being placed on probation; both parents are to be called and notified of the violation. The probationary period will be at the discretion of the administration or board (usually one year from the offense). During this probationary period, the student may be restricted from extracurricular activities

depending on the nature and severity of the offense. If the administration feels the situation has not changed, or if repeated violations occur, the parents may be asked to withdraw the child.

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" and that our students should be taught to accept a given responsibility to "walk honorably before all men." Here a discipline is maintained which is firm, consistent, fair, and tempered with love. Our faculty maintains standards of behavior in the classroom through kindness, love, and a genuine regard for their students. However, when disciplinary action becomes necessary, it is firmly carried out, tempered by good judgment and understanding.

High school students in particular, because of their testimony before younger children, are expected to adhere to the school's philosophy and Christ-centered program. Such includes abstinence from smoking, alcoholic beverages, use of narcotics, or any other questionable lifestyle that might compromise a Christian testimony. This should involve outside of school as well as school-related activities.

Students are reminded that the Lord Jesus Christ expects us to be disciplined in all of life:

- "*Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord*." Colossians 3:20
- "*Let every soul be subject to the higher powers*." Romans 13:1a
- "*Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourself*." Hebrews 13:17a
- "*He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction; but he that refuseth reproof erreth*." Proverbs 10:17
- "*Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying*." Proverbs 19:18
- "*Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him*." Proverbs 22:15

General Comments

School property: Marked on or defaced property is to be replaced at the offending student's expense with the cost added to the monthly billing statement.

Dangerous items: Guns, matches, lighters, knives, and any other items which the school feels are dangerous are not permitted on campus. The school is required by law (Act 44 of 2025) to report to school families (withholding the student name) when a student brings a weapon to school, even if there is no threat. Violations may result in suspension from school. If a student unintentionally brings such an item to school, they should immediately turn the item in to the school office to be held for the rest of the day. Such voluntary self-reporting will not result in punishment in most cases.

Language: use only words which glorify the Lord.

High School students: "hands off elementary students"

Elementary students: "no back talk to high school students"

Music: Christian music-only that which glorifies the Lord is permitted. Instruments are to be played only in supervised music classes or designated areas. Music should not be played on a personal device whether at school or on school sponsored trips, without permission.

Church attendance: We believe the church, school, and families are essential units in the education of the child, therefore, we expect faithful attendance at a recognized Bible preaching church.

Parties: Parties are not school-sponsored unless parents receive notification from the principal. Any party designated as a school party on school grounds must be coordinated through the school office.

Visitors: A visitor is anyone who is neither a member of the Academy staff, ~~nor~~ an enrolled student, nor a participant in a Chapel activity. All visitors are to report to the Chapel or Academy offices and to wear a visitor badge for the duration of their visit. Students are encouraged to bring friends who are interested in our school. Visiting students must keep appearance standards and remain in class with the Academy students.

Telephone use: The school phone is reserved for official school business and emergencies only. Students desiring to place emergency calls will give the name and number to school personnel who in turn will place the call. Students should not revert to using their cell phone while on school property and especially during class hours.

Searches by the school: The administration reserves the right to search the student's person and belongings in the event the school suspects the student possesses an illegal or unapproved item. This includes automobiles, backpacks, purses, pockets, offices, and lockers. Such a search may be conducted without the student's or parents' permission.

Any standards that are not specifically mentioned in the preceding pages will be maintained at the discretion of the faculty and administration of the Academy. Our goal is to train the total person. If we teach only academic skill we have failed in our responsibility to educate our students.

TWIN VALLEY BIBLE CHAPEL AND ACADEMY STATEMENT OF FAITH

(A) **The Holy Scriptures**. We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the verbally and plenary inspired Word of God. The Scriptures are inerrant, infallible and God-breathed and, therefore, are the final authority for faith and life. The sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament are the complete and divine revelation of God to Man. The Scriptures shall be interpreted according to their normal literal-grammatical-historical meaning, and all issues of interpretation and meaning shall be determined by the pastor and elder board. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21)

(B) **The Godhead**. We believe in one triune God, eternally existing in three persons-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-each co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, coequal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections. (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; John 14:10,26)

(C) **The Person and Work of Christ**.

1. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men. (Isa. 7:14; 9:6; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-2, 14; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; Gal. 4:4-5; Phil. 2:5- 8)

2. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice; and all that believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood, and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead. (Acts 2:18-36; Rom. 3:24-25 5:18-19; 1 Cor 15:3; 1 Pet. 2:24; Eph. 1:7; 1 Peter 1:3-5)

3. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His ascension to Heaven and in his exalted position
at the right hand of God where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate. (Acts 1:9-
10; Heb.9:24; 7:25; Rom. 8:34; 1 John 2:1-2)

(D) **The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit**.

1. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration (being born again), baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption. (John 16:8-11; Rom. 8:9; 1Cor. 12:12-14; Cor. 3:6; Eph. 1:13-14)

2. We believe that He is the divine Teacher who assists believers to understand and appropriate the Scriptures and that it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 1:17-18; 5:18;1 John 2:20, 27)

3. We believe that the sign gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as speaking in tongues and the gift of healing, were temporary. Speaking in tongues was never the common or necessary sign of the baptism or filling of the Holy Spirit, and that ultimate deliverance of the body from sickness or death awaits the consummation of our salvation in the resurrection, though God frequently chooses to answer the prayers of believers for physical healing. (1 Cor. 1:22; 13:8; 14:21-22)

(E) **The Total Depravity of Man**. We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God; but that in Adam's sin the human race fell, incurred not only physical death but spiritual death which is separation from God, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God. Man is totally depraved and, of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. (Gen. 1:26-27; Rom. 3:22-23; 5:12; 6:23; Eph. 2:1-3; 4:17-19)

(F) **Salvation**. We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, Whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins.(John 1:12; Eph. 1:7; 2:8-10; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 1:9)

(G) **The Eternal Security and Assurance of Believers**. We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. (John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Rom. 8:1;38-39; 1 Cor. 1:4-8; 1 Pet. 1:4-5)

(H) **The Church.**

1. We believe that the local church, which is the body and the espoused bride of Christ, is solely made up of born-again persons, and is distinct from Israel. Its business is to complete itself through the winning of lost souls to Christ. (Acts 2:1-4; 1 Cor. 12:12-14; 2Cor. 11:2; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:11-13; 5:25-27)
2. We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures. (Acts 14:27; 20:17, 28-32; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11)
3. We believe in the autonomy of the local church free of any external authority or control. (Acts 13:1-4; 15:19-31; 20:28; Rom. 16:1, 4; 1 Cor.3:9, 16; 5:4-7, 13; 1 Pet. 5:1-4)
4. We recognize water baptism and the Lord's Supper as the Scriptural ordinances of obedience for the church in this age. (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 2:41- 42; 18:18; 1 Cor. 11:23-26)

(I) **The Second Advent of Christ**. We believe in that *blessed hope,* the personal, premillennial, pre-tribulational, and imminent return of Christ, to establish His earthly Messianic Kingdom which was promised to the nation of Israel. (Ps. 89:3-4; Dan. 2:31-45; Zech. 14:4-11; I Thess. 1:10; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Titus 2:13; Rev. 3:10; 19:11-16; 20:1-6)

(J) **The Eternal State**

1. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment. (Matt. 25:46; John 5:28, 29; 11:25-26; Rev. 20:5-6, 12-13)
2. We believe that the souls of the redeemed are, at death, absent from the body and present with the Lord, where in conscious bliss they await the first resurrection, when spirit, soul, and body are reunited to be glorified forever with the Lord. (Luke 23:43; 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23; 3:21; I Thess.4:16-17; Rev. 20:4-6)
3. We believe that the souls of unbelievers remain, after death, in conscious punishment and torment until the second resurrection, when with soul and body reunited, they shall appear at the Great White Throne Judgment, and shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated, but to suffer everlasting conscious punishment and torment. (Matt. 25:41-46; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-26; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Jude 6-7; Rev. 20:11-15)

(K) **The Personality of Satan**. We believe that Satan is a created being, the author of sin, and the cause of the Fall of Man. He is the open and declared enemy of God and man, and he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire. (Job 1:6-7; Isa. 14:12-17; Matt. 4:2-11; 25:41; Rev. 20:10)

(L) **Creation**. We believe that God created the universe in six literal, 24-hour periods. We reject any other theory of origin as unscriptural. (Gen. 1-2; Ex. 20:11)

(M) **Civil Government**. We believe that God has ordained and created all authority consisting of three basic institutions: the home, 2) the church, and 3) the state. Every person is subject to these authorities, but all (including the authorities themselves) are answerable to God and governed by His Word. God has given each institution specific Biblical responsibilities and balanced those responsibilities with the understanding that no institution has the right to infringe upon the other. The home, the church, and the state are equal and sovereign in their respective Biblically assigned spheres of responsibility under God. (Rom.13:1-7; Eph. 5:22-24; Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 2:13-14)

(N) **Human Sexuality**.

1. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. (Gen. 2:24; Gen.19:5, 13; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1: 26-29; Cor. 5:1; 6:9; 1Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4)
2. We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman. (Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; 1 Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23)

(O) **Family Relationships**

1. We believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women in the home and the church. The husband is to be the leader of the home, and men are to be the leaders (pastors and elders) of the church. Accordingly, only men are eligible for licensure and ordination by the church. (Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:18; 1 Tim. 2:8-15; 3:4-5, 12)

2. We believe that God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. The husband is to love his wife as Christ loves the church. The wife is to submit herself to the Scriptural leadership of her husband as the church submits to the headship of Christ. Children are an heritage from the Lord. Parents are responsible for teaching their children spiritual and moral values and leading them, through consistent lifestyle example and appropriate discipline, including Scriptural corporal correction. (Gen. 1:26-28; Ex. 20:12; Deut. 6:4-9; Ps. 127:3-5; Prov. 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; Mk. 10:6-12; I Cor. 7:1-16; Eph. 5:21-33; 6:1-4, Col. 3:18-21; Heb. 13:4; I Pet. 3:1-7)

(P) **Divorce and Remarriage**. We believe that God disapproves of divorce and intends marriage to last until one of the spouses dies. Although divorced and remarried persons or divorced persons may hold positions of service in the church and be greatly used of God for Christian service, they may not be considered for the offices of pastor, elder or deacon. (Mal. 2:14-17; Matt. 19:3-12; Rom. 7:1-3; 1 Tim. 3:2, 12; Titus 1:6)

(Q) **Abortion**. We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that the abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the physical and/or mental well-being of the mother are acceptable. (Job 3:16; Ps. 51:5; 139:14-16; Isa. 44:24; 49:1,5; Jer. 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44)

(R) **Lawsuits between Believers**. We believe that Christians are prohibited from bringing civil lawsuits against other Christians or the church to resolve personal disputes. We believe the church possesses all the resources necessary to resolve personal disputes between members. (1 Cor. 6: 1-8; Eph. 4:31-32)

(S) **Giving**. We believe that every Christian, as a steward of that portion of God's wealth entrusted to him, is obligated to support his local church and its ministries financially. We believe that God has established the tithe as a basis for giving, but that every Christian should also give other offerings sacrificially and cheerfully to the support of the church, the relief of those in need, and the spread of the Gospel. We believe that a Christian relinquishes all rights to direct the use of the tithe or offering once the gift has been made. (Gen. 14:20; Provo 3:9-10; Acts 4:34-37; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:6-7; Gal. 6:6; Eph. 4:28; 1 Tim. 5:17-18; 1 John 3:17)

(T) **Music.** We believe the church should hold to the highest standard of music for worship and ministry. We believe the traditional, God-honoring hymns and choruses of conservative Christianity best reflect those standards. We are glad to use the works of modern day writers who offer new and fresh music without giving in to the questionable sounds and compromising associations of the contemporary “Christian” music movement. We believe individual Christians have the liberty to select music of their own preference which should honor the Lord, but may be different from that used in the church. (1 Cor. 10:31)

New Families: PLEASE PRINT, SIGN, AND RETURN

Parental Pledge:

I have read the Student Handbook and will do my best to see that the standards and requirements of the handbook are adhered to by my child(ren). This signature, serves as my commitment to the guidelines of Twin Valley Bible Academy for the duration of our attendance.

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Father's Signature Mother's Signature

Date_____

Student Pledge:

I have carefully read the Student Handbook and am in agreement with it. With God's help, I will seek to comply with each part. I understand the general rules of the Academy and will attempt to follow them completely.

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