

# Faith and Behavior Covenant

## Expectations and Responsibilities for Unity Christian School families

Unity Christian School families commit themselves to the following statement of belief:

A. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and obedience.

B. There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

C. Man, created by God and in God's image, disobeyed him, fell from his original righteousness, and became dead in sin.

D. Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, is the incarnate, sinless Son of God, who was crucified and arose, bodily, from the dead. He ascended into heaven and there governs the world. Those who receive Him by faith have everlasting life.

E. Regeneration (rebirth) by the power of the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for the salvation of lost and sinful man. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit enables the Christian to discern the truth of God's Word and to live a godly life.

F. Christ is personally coming again to judge the living and the dead.

G. Christians enjoy spiritual unity in their Lord, Jesus Christ.

H. God gives parents the responsibility of bringing up their children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord".

I. Marriage is from God and intended to be a lifelong, monogamous relationship between one man and one woman joined to one another by God in covenant faithfulness for the glory of God (Genesis 2:18-25; Malachi 2:13-16; Matthew 19:4-6).

J. God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4). God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

K. All human life is sacred and created by God and in His image (Genesis 1:27). Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect and value all human life (Psalm 139).

L. God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct but complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Sin and human brokenness have resulted in experiences in which sex and gender are not always as God intended, but our recognition of God's good design in creation dictates that we cannot support or affirm any adoption of an identity discordant with a person's birth sex. We do not support or affirm attempts via medical intervention to alter one's given biological birth sex in favor of the identity of the opposite sex or indeterminate identity.

M. Every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual at any time or for any reason are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the statement of beliefs or policies of Unity Christian School.

N. All of human existence, including our sexuality, has been deeply damaged by the fall into sin (Genesis 3; Romans 3:23, 5:12). Though all are fallen, we believe that Christians are rescued, reconciled, renewed, and in process of being transformed by the indwelling Holy Spirit (Colossians 1:23; Titus 3:4-5).

O. The Gospel is full of grace and truth. It offers forgiveness to sinners as well as a call to live a holy life (Ephesians 2:4-10). God graciously offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 6:1-2, 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

P. The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of humankind and is the sole and final source of all that we believe.

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Unity Christian School families commit themselves to our mission statement:

In covenant with Christian families, Unity Christian School teaches students the Truth from a Christ-centered perspective for lives of discipleship.

### K-6 Student Agreement:

The Word of God clearly delineates that certain behaviors prevalent in society that are contrary to Christian life and community and should therefore be avoided. Accordingly, I agree to obey the following expectations:

- I will show respect to my teachers and school staff.
- I will obey classroom rules.
- I will not lie, cheat, or gossip.
- I will treat others kindly.
- I will not use inappropriate speech.
- I will wear appropriate clothing to school and school events.
- I will use technology appropriately, whether online or offline.
- I will not yell in the school or run in the hallways.
- I will participate in the church services of a Bible believing church regularly.
- Since the Bible calls upon us to submit to those in authority over us, I agree to obey all policies and procedures outlined in the Unity Christian School handbook.

### Parent/Guardian Agreement:

- I am in agreement with the statement of belief and mission statement.
- I will participate in the church services of a Bible believing church regularly with my children.
- I agree to comply with the rules and regulations of Unity Christian School and will support the school in its efforts to provide a distinctly Christian education.
- If a disagreement occurs, I will follow the Matthew 18 principle and chain of command to resolve the disagreement.
- I believe that the Christian home must give moral and religious training to the children, must be willing to cooperate with the educational programs of Unity Christian School.

Student Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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