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Erath Christian Academy
Parent/Student Handbook
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WELCOME

- Welcome to the 2025-2026 year at Erath Christian Academy. We are elated to have you join the family here at ECA. Erath Christian Academy follows a Christian curriculum and places Christ at the forefront of everything we do. We take our faith seriously, and expect our students to uphold Christian standards as well.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. We believe that these books are inspired by God and infallible.
- We believe in one God, infinitely perfect and eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe that God made the entire universe in six days through divine creation. He used the seventh day to rest, thus giving us the Sabbath.
- We believe that through Adam and Eve, sin entered the world. Our salvation came only through Jesus Christ who paid the price for our sins.
- We believe that Jesus Christ was born to a virgin, crucified for our sins, buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost. The saved spend eternity in Heaven with our Father, while the lost spent eternity in Hell.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers within the body of Christ.
- We believe in the sanctity of human life with life with the beginning at conception. God, alone, has the power over life and death.
- We believe marriage is ordained by God and should only be between one man and one woman as biologically defined at birth.

OUR VISION

- We are a Christ centered facility in Vermilion Parish. Erath Christian Academy values giving students the opportunity to develop real life skills as well as academic knowledge. We complete our book work in the mornings, while focusing on real life skills in the afternoons. These enrichments consists of activities like gardening, cooking, art, music, and so much more. We try to get our students outside as much as possible to enjoy learning in

nature and within the community. We also believe in flexible seating, which allows our students to move around as needed during their work. ECA purposely has small class sizes for more individualized one on one instruction time. We strive to bring each child to their highest potential.

ADMISSIONS

- Erath Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, or national and ethnic origin. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, financial aid programs, and other organization-administered programs.
- Erath Christian Academy accepts students who meet the admission standards and whose families desire a Christian based education. Our students must follow Christian values. Admission to ECA could be negatively impacted by beliefs or practices that would prove counter to the our values and statement of faith.

RE-ENROLLMENT

- Current students have first priority when re-enrollment begins each year. Students are given a deadline to re-enroll before their spot is then given up. Our registration fee is due in January for re-enrollment for the upcoming year. Students who were expelled or asked to withdraw are not allowed to re-enroll during the same year. Subject to the discretion of our administration, the student may be permitted to initiate the application and enrollment process following one full calendar year. The student will be retested as part of the application process.

WITHDRAWALS AND EXPULSIONS

- Should a parent decide to withdraw their child from Erath Christian Academy, or their child be expelled for not upholding values stated within our handbook and contract, in the middle of the academic year, they are still responsible for upholding their contract and paying the entirety of their annual tuition. ECA makes financial commitments for the entirety of the academic year based on each child's enrollment that we have to uphold whether your child attends or not.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Erath Christian Academy holds great value to the importance of Christian Education. We as a facility integrate Christianity into every subject. We also foster a Christian environment following Biblical standards. ECA makes sure that each of our hired employees are upholding Christian values and teaching them properly to our students as well.

CLOSED CAMPUS / SUPERVISION

- Erath Christian Academy is a closed campus. Students must stay on facility grounds from arrival through dismissal unless written permission has been granted by administration and/or a parent or legal guardian prior to leaving facility grounds. Students are restricted from entering any area in which a faculty/staff member is not present. Students shall be supervised at all times.

CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- Students are asked to not use or visibly possess a cell phone during educational hours (8:00 AM – 2:30 PM). If cell phone use becomes a problem or distraction it can be taken up by a staff member. Cell phones that are taken up by a staff member will be turned into the parent at the end of the day. Students may use cell phones before or after curriculum hours unless their use is impeding the educational process.
- In addition to the Cell Phone policy, students are not allowed to use or visibly possess electronic game devices or wear earphones during instructional times. Action taken for these devices will follow the same policy as the cell phone policy and can be confiscated.
- Recording devices, calculators, and computers are allowed for class work only with teacher approval.

HEALTH

One of the problems most often confronting parents of school-age children occurs when a child complains of not feeling well on any given day. A decision must be made as to whether the child stays home or is in attendance. What do you do? How do you make the right decision? You don't want to keep him/her home if he/she really isn't sick, but you also don't want to send a sick child. The information herein is not intended as medical advice, but is merely designed to provide guidelines to be followed. This should be done without delay.

- A fever is a warning that all is not right in the body. If a student has a fever 100° or above or any other symptoms of illness, he/she should NOT be sent to the facility. Students must be **fever-free without medication for 24 hours** prior to returning.

- If vomiting occurs, the child must be kept home until he/she is **free of vomiting 24 hours without medication**. Similarly, a child with diarrhea is to be kept home until they are **free of diarrhea for 24 hours without medication.**

- A rash may be the first sign of one of childhood's many illnesses, such as measles or chickenpox. A rash or "spots" may cover the entire body or may appear in only one area. Please do not send your child to our facility until the rash is verified by a physician that it is not contagious.

- Pain such as headache, toothache, and earache are not typically concerns for your child to stay home.

- Upon having the following illnesses/diseases, a student should have the consent from either a physician or the Health Department to their return:

Measles	Mumps	Pinworms	Scabies
Pneumonia	Ringworms	Whooping Cough	Chicken Pox
Impetigo	Eye Infections	Fifth's Disease	Staph Infection
Lice (hair must be nit-free)		Pink Eye	
Any Contagious Diseases			

- If a student becomes ill during educational hours, he/she may be required by the administration to go home and will be allowed to return under the Health/Illness guidelines set by Erath Christian Academy in this handbook. Parents will be contacted by the administration to check out the student.

It is important that Erath Christian Academy records are up to date on home and work telephone numbers of the parent/legal guardian.

- Daily hygiene is a good preventative for many problems. We appreciate your cooperation. Please telephone our staff immediately if your child is diagnosed as having a physical problem that is contagious. (Ex. Flu-like or viral symptoms, lice, etc.…)
- **Students entering Pre-K must be toilet trained. After the first "accident," parents will be called to change their child's soiled clothing.** *Exceptions will be made for nap time accidents.* If the problem persists, a conference may be held with the parent/legal guardian, teacher and administration to determine the next step to improve the student's toilet training in a positive direction.

MEDICATION

- Students who require over the counter or prescribed medication throughout the day are to complete the Medication Order/Parent Consent Forms. All medication must be in the original container with the dosage requirements clearly legible. The form and the medication are to be brought to our administration so it can be stored properly under lock and key. Only students who have completed the proper consent form may request the medication as needed or prescribed, from the staff. Students will dispense medication themselves in the presence of our staff.

ALCOHOL & DRUG USE

- Erath Christian Academy is a safe and drug-free facility. Students are expected to support this environment. Drugs, alcohol, and tobacco are prohibited from facility grounds and facility-sponsored activities.

CURRICULUM

- Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 use a mixture of Bob Jones Curriculum with Abeka
- K-12 uses a custom curriculum pack

GRADING SCALE

- The Erath Christian Academy grading scale is as follows:
  - A = 90 - 100
  - B = 80 – 89
  - C = 70 – 79
  - D = 60 – 69
  - F = 59 and below

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Students must complete all subjects listed with a passing grade in order to graduate.
- Freshman Year – New Testament Bible, Civics and World Geography, English I, Algebra I, General Science III
- Sophomore Year – Old Testament Bible, World History, English II, Geometry, Biology
- Junior Year – Bible Doctrine, American History, English III, Algebra II, Chemistry
- Senior Year – Christian Faith and Living, Government and Economics, English IV, Pre-calculus, Physics

TOPS

- Home study students can begin applying for TOPS in their 12 grade year. You must complete the TOPS online application or FAFSA form. You will need documentation that they were a homeschooled enrolled student for 9th – 10th grade, ACT scores, and citizenship/residency documentation. Your documentation will be the approved Home Study Notification from the Louisiana Department of Education.

PROMOTION, RETENTION, AND REMEDIATION

- Students must receive a C average or higher in order to promote to a higher grade level. Should a student fail a certain subject and pass the rest, they have the opportunity to purchase material in different grade levels based on the student's specific needs. They will

however have to account for changes in book fees through this, as well as still needing a passing grade in every subject in order to seek graduation.

ACADEMIC COURSES FOR UPPER YEARS

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CONDUCT AND DICIPLINE

- Erath Christian Academy believes in using redirection as our first line of discipline. We understand age appropriate behaviors and try to redirect those behaviors before following through with further actions. Should multiple attempts of redirection not work, we will choose to speak with the parents about the behaviors being presented. Parents are then expected to walk alongside us in correcting disrespectful or disobedient behaviors. Behaviors that would cause us to contact a parent are as follows:
    - Bullying
    - Cheating
    - Threats
    - Direct disrespect
    - Direct disobedience to major offense
    - Damage to facility property
    - Disruptive activity that could lead to harm of self or others
    - Drug or alcohol use
    - Sexual harassment or misconduct
    - Weapons (i.e. firearms, knives, etc.)
    - All other harmful or disrespectful behavior
- Students are also expected to abide by the values of Christianity. For this reason, we will not allow public display of mortal sin within our facility. This will be handled at the discretion of administration in meeting with the parents and discussing further actions.

WEAPONS

- Erath Christian Academy does not permit students to have in their possession any weapon, any items commonly used as a weapon, or any item that looks like a weapon on ECA property or at ECA events. “In their possession” includes items on the students person or in backpacks. In addition, students are not permitted to have any weapon in a classroom, or in a bathroom, or on the playground, or any other place or property owned/leased by ECA.

"ECA events" include any and all educational-time activities, all events sponsored by ECA, all sporting or fine arts events participated in by ECA, and any other events in which ECA has supervisory responsibility

- When a weapon is found at the facility, it will be confiscated by administration immediately and the child's parents/guardian will be called.
- If a weapon is confiscated, the police and the parents/guardian will be notified. Generally, students found in possession of a gun will be expelled for a minimum of one year pursuant to the Gun Free Schools Act.
- For any other weapon confiscated from a student, an appropriate investigation will be carried out. The result of the investigation will determine the severity of the punishment, up to and including expulsion. The police may be called in to further investigate.

LUNCH

- Students are responsible for bringing their own lunch. Refrigeration is not available to students. Students should bring food that is ready to eat. No energy or highly caffeinated drinks are allowed.
- No food, including snacks, will be stored, prepared, or served by Erath Christian Academy. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure their child's lunch is ready to eat. A microwave will be available for use by students in grades 4-12, but the staff at Erath Christian Academy will not be able to assist your student with this as staff members will not handle student lunches in any manner.
- Parents should ensure that their child brings their own utensils for use with their lunch and snacks. No utensils will be stored by Erath Christian Academy.

DRESS CODE

- Students should arrive wearing modest, clean clothing. They should also be well-groomed to reflect excellence in the learning environment. Parents are expected to hold their child to this standard. ECA shirts must be worn for field trips, however appropriate clothing of choice is allowed for the rest of the year. Students must have a modest length to their clothing. Girls are able to wear skirts, dresses, shorts (4 inches above the knee), skorts, jumpers, and shirts. They can also use appropriate outerwear. Boys are allowed to wear shirts, slacks, and shorts (4 inches above the knee). Boys' hair should not be longer than shoulder length.
- Tattoos/body art/brands: Tattoos should not be distracting and should not reflect symbolism that is contrary to Christian values. No tattoos/body art/brands on the head, face (to include ear), scalp, and front of neck. Inappropriate or distracting tattoos should be covered up.
- Hair color: Hair color should not be any color that does not occur naturally.
- Jewelry: Earrings are the only pierced jewelry permitted. Only girls may wear earrings.

FEE SCHEDULE

- A registration fee of $200.00 per child must accompany the application. This fee will be due by January 31st and is non-refundable.
- A curriculum fee of $400.00 per child is due by June 1st and is non-refundable.
- The tuition fee of $4,000.00 can be paid in full or in ten (10) monthly payments ($400.00/month). If the monthly payment option is chosen, the monthly installments must be paid by the 5th of each month beginning in August, by the 5th of each successive month, with the final payment due May 5th. If a student withdraws at any time, tuition in full will be due for the academic year.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Cell phone use: Students may not use cell phones during academic work or enrichments. They are permitted to bring it with them on field trips in order to take photos, however we are not responsible for what happens to their devices should they lose or break them.
- Arrival: Students can begin being dropped off at 7:25. We begin curriculum at 8:00. Parents are not allowed to stay and watch once curriculum begins, as this is a distraction to the students. Pick up begins at 2:30 and will end at 3:15 sharp. You will be charged for aftercare if you do not have your child picked up by 3:15. Aftercare is offered at an additional cost of $8/day/child from 3:15 to 5:00.
- Parents must notify us of anyone other than themselves coming to pick up their child. ECA will not allow a child to go home with someone without authorization of the parent themselves.
- In the event that we are closed due to weather or other extenuating circumstances, we will notify you through email. We follow Vermilion Parish school calendar as well as weather closures. Should Vermilion Parish schools decide to close, we will be closing as well.
- ECA does not mind children eating as needed throughout the day. Should you decide to pack extra snacks or drinks for your child, they will be allowed to eat or drink as requested throughout the day.
- ECA enjoys going on field trips often. We plan to have a field trip once a week. Attendance for these trips is always at the discretion of the parent, and chaperoning is allowed. Students will be transported through our personal vehicles with whatever car seat we are given by you. You are responsible for providing car seats if needed.