

Red Lion Christian School

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**“Train up a child in the way he should go.”
Proverbs 22:6**

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STATEMENT OF FAITH AND PHILOSOPHY

RED LION CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STATEMENT OF FAITH

“Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”

- 1. We believe the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God, inerrant and preserved by God in the English language as we have it today, known as the King James 1611 Bible and that it is the supreme and final authority in faith and life. (II Peter 1:20, II Tim. 3:16)**
- 2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Deut. 6:4)**
- 3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory. (Luke 1:35)**
- 4. We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God; that man sinned and thereby incurred both physical and spiritual death; and that all humans are born with a sinful nature and are sinners in thought, word, and deed. (Romans 3:23)**
- 5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as our representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. (I Cor. 5:3)**
- 6. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit, and thereby become children of God; that they are indwelt and sealed of the Holy Spirit and are secure in Him until the day of redemption. (John 1:12)**
- 7. We believe the Gospel message is simple enough for a small child to understand and to respond to it. (Matthew 19:14)**
- 8. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting punishment of the lost. (John 5:28, 29)**
- 9. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- 10. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.**

We recognize that within the body of believers there are differences of opinion on various doctrinal views. Students enrolled at Red Lion Christian School will be taught in accordance with the views stated above; however, we will not force any child to conform to views that are contrary to what has been taught in the home. On the other hand, neither will we alter teaching to compromise on any issue.

BIBLE

The Bible tells us in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We therefore feel it is important to train up our children to love and obey the Lord Jesus Christ while they are still young and tender. This is the age when their environment and experience are molding and shaping their lives for eternity. To be well educated and well trained, our children need to learn the Bible, as well as other academic subjects. Secular subjects are important to teach us how to make a living, but the Word of God teaches us how to live.

CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES

Christian philosophy is the oneness and completeness of all things in and through Christ. When we look around us, we view the world as upside down. Instead of placing God in the center of things, we assume the central role. It is only through a born again experience with our Savior that the world system is viewed in the right perspective. Since a true interpretation of the world system is only possible through a transforming experience in Christ, we call this philosophy Christian.

Our objectives in line with our Christian philosophy are to teach the child totally: spiritually, mentally, socially and physically. The child is a complex unit of all four, and to have a happy, well-educated child, every area must be touched in the Christian school.

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

1. To bring the child into a right relationship with God through a born again experience directed in and through the power and might of the Holy Spirit.
2. To teach the child of his responsibility as a member of the family of God.
3. To send the child forth as a witness for his Savior, telling the good news of salvation through Christ.
4. To teach the child the doctrines and fundamentals of the Word of God in such a manner that the child will grow into a mature Christian, well-grounded in his faith.

MENTAL OBJECTIVES

1. That the child develops knowledge, attitudes, and conduct that will enable him to function in our world today.
2. That the child be guided and led to the full extent of his mental abilities.
3. That the child would learn the necessary knowledge and skills that will make him a productive part of his world.

SOCIAL OBJECTIVES

1. That the child learn of the world he lives in, seeing God's plan working out in the universe.
2. That the child develop a personality that is conducive to getting along with his fellow man so that he may live contently and creatively.

PHYSICAL OBJECTIVES

1. To recognize his body as a God-given gift, assuming the responsibility for its health, safety and recreation.

In conclusion, we would say that the ultimate objective of Christian education is to teach the child that his primary purpose in life is to glorify and praise God. Everything taught to the child must finally serve this end.

ADMISSION

INTRODUCTION

A student is admitted to Red Lion Christian School on the basis of former records as well as entrance and placement tests. Entrance and placement tests must be taken by each child requesting admission to the school. This applies to K5-12. Children in K5 must be five by October 31 of the current school year.

As a private institution, we reserve the privilege of setting and maintaining our own standards for student conduct, dress, cleanliness, and scholarship. We maintain the right to refuse admittance at our discretion and to suspend or expel any student who violates the standards set down and defined by the administration. The administration also reserves the right of not defining the criteria or reason when applications are not accepted.

Each student is admitted on a twelve-month probationary period. During that time, if the student displays actions or attitudes contrary to the school's objectives, that student may be dismissed.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

1. The application form is to be filled out and returned to the school office. The registration fee must accompany this form.
2. Notification will be given of interviewing and test dates for the prospective student and his or her parents. The interview will include general questions to the student and parents. This process will help to determine enrollment and it will help to establish a foundation of understanding for home-school relationships. Notifications of final acceptance will follow the interview and the student testing.
3. The admissions policy is administered in a non-discriminatory manner.

REGISTRATION

A registration fee of \$20.00 for the first child and \$15.00 for the second child is due upon registration. Your child is not assured a place in one of the classes until this fee is paid. There is no refund of the registration fee should you decide to withdraw your child.

WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawal from Red Lion Christian School must be made through the school office and all tuition will continue until the withdrawal is complete. A student wishing to withdraw from school is to report to the principal's office the first thing in the morning of his/her last day of school. A form is then taken to each teacher who will give a grade for the work done and collect his/her textbook. After this is taken care of, the teacher will sign the form. Having all the teachers' signatures, the form must then be turned in to the main office.

A student may be dismissed at any time he/she is found out of harmony with the rules and policies of the school.

TRANSPORTATION

If the border of the school district you live in is no more than 10 miles from Red Lion Christian School, your local school district must bus your children to Red Lion Christian School free of charge. Contact the school office for more information.

FINANCES

TUITION

(ALL MONTHLY TUITION PAYMENTS ARE FOR 9 MONTHS)
KINDERGARTEN AND GRADES 1-8

	1 ST child	2 nd child	3 rd child	4 th child
FULL DAY (MONTH)	\$205.00	\$155.00	\$115.00	\$ 80.00
HALF DAY (MONTH)	\$160.00	\$120.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 70.00
	GRADES 9-12			
	\$220.00	\$170.00	\$130.00	\$ 95.00

METHODS OF PAYMENT

We have set up annual, semester, and monthly schedules. For those of you who pay your child's tuition yearly or by the semester instead of by the month, the following schedule applies.

ANNUAL (FULL DAY)

K5-8	\$1,645.00 <small>Save \$200/yr.</small>	\$1,220.00 <small>Save \$175/yr.</small>	\$885.00 <small>Save \$150/yr.</small>	\$620.00 <small>Save \$100/yr.</small>
9-12	\$1,780.00 <small>Save \$200/yr.</small>	\$1,355.00 <small>Save \$175/yr.</small>	\$1,020.00 <small>Save \$150/yr.</small>	\$755.00 <small>Save \$100/yr.</small>

ANNUAL (HALF DAY)

K5	\$1,290.00 <small>Save \$150/yr.</small>	\$980.00 <small>Save \$100/yr.</small>	\$635.00 <small>Save \$85/yr.</small>	\$555.00 <small>Save \$75/yr.</small>
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SEMESTER (FULL DAY)

K5-8	\$847.50 <small>Save \$150/yr.</small>	\$622.50 <small>Save \$150/yr.</small>	\$455.00 <small>Save \$125/yr.</small>	\$322.50 <small>Save \$75/yr.</small>
9-12	\$915.00 <small>Save \$150/yr.</small>	\$690.00 <small>Save \$150/yr.</small>	\$522.50 <small>Save \$125/yr.</small>	\$390.00 <small>Save \$75/yr.</small>

SEMESTER (HALF DAY)

K5	\$670.00 <small>Save \$100/yr.</small>	\$500.00 <small>Save \$80/yr.</small>	\$325.00 <small>Save \$70/yr.</small>	\$290.00 <small>Save \$50/yr.</small>
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A tuition bill is to be paid by the first of the month, in advance. Child care and preschool payments are paid in arrears. The school will make no deduction for sickness or vacations on the tuition bills. Failure to pay an account on time could result in a child being dismissed and/or legal action to collect the unpaid balance.

BOOK FEES

The school provides most textbooks. Exceptions are student workbooks and various paperback books which may be needed throughout the school year. This applies to all classes from K3 through grade 12.

K-3 \$20.00 K-4 & K-5..... \$50.00 Grades 1-12..... \$75.00

ACTIVITY FEE

The first statement of the school year will include a \$25.00 activity fee for students in K5 through 12th grades. This fee will cover the cost of field trips or class activities. It does not include Hershey Park tickets for high school students. This non-refundable fee is due by December 1, 2009.

ATTENDANCE AND HEALTH

(KINDERGARTEN – TWELFTH GRADE) INTRODUCTION

Regular attendance is essential to a healthy attitude about school and to good school work. Sporadic attendance causes the child to drop behind in his work and thus endangers his academic progress. Parents are to see that their child attends school regularly. However, parents are not to send their children when their attendance might be detrimental to their health or the health of others. (“Provide things honest in the sight of men.” Romans 12:17b)

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Unexcused absences are defined as missing the bus, oversleeping, babysitting, working, shopping, vacations, or family outings without prior approval. Special consideration will be given in unusual cases and such cases will only be permitted upon a receipt of advance notice with prior approval of the supervisor. After 10 absences, absences will be unexcused if the student does not have a doctor’s excuse.

The following will take place for each unexcused absence:

All homework, tests, etc. that are missed will be awarded a 50% grade.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

It is required that an absentee slip for each absence be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to school. Failure to return this form will result in an unexcused absence and your child will receive 50% for all work for that day.

It is our policy that any student missing more than 10 days in a school year will be required to obtain a doctor’s excuse for every subsequent absence. It will be the parent’s responsibility to see that the note is brought to school the day the child returns. If a doctor’s excuse is not provided, it will be an unexcused absence and the student will receive a 50% grade on any work for that day. The only exception to this policy is for juniors and seniors. They are allowed 3 days to visit colleges and those three days will not count toward their ten allowed days.

Excused absences are defined as illness of the student (see above paragraph), death in the immediate family, dental, and medical or optical appointments. Every possible attempt should be made to make medical and dental appointments before or after school hours. If a student arrives after 10:30 a.m. or leaves before 1:30 p.m. it will be counted as a half-day absence. A note from the doctor or dentist will be required to return to school. It is the parent’s responsibility to request the note from the doctor and to make sure it is given to the office personnel. Vacations and family outings will be excused only if a written request is received and approved in advance by the school supervisor. We strongly recommend that you schedule your family vacations to coincide with school vacation times. If you choose not to do this, these absences must be pre-approved by the school supervisor. Any work missed will be given when the student returns to school, not before leaving. Being absent for an extended period of time causes the student to miss important class lectures and activities. It also causes more work for the teachers who try to get him/her caught up with the rest of the class.

Our school policy will function only as well as the parent cooperates with the school. Since you consider it a priority to send your child/children to a Christian school and are willing to sacrifice to make it possible, then each day they are here is important to you, your child, the teacher, and the class. Please make the school’s job easier by having your child in attendance every school day possible.

ILLNESS

A child with an extended illness should have work sent home if he/she is able to complete it. Please inform the school of this kind of situation.

TARDINESS

Punctuality is a very important character trait, and the habits a student develops while in school will be his/her habits for life.

If a student is tardy because of a doctor or dentist appointment, it will be counted as an excused tardy if the student brings an excuse from the doctor/dentist to the main office upon arrival at school and if the student arrives no later than 10:30 a.m. or leaves no earlier than 1:30 p.m.

Tardiness occurs when a student arrives late for school and is unable to be in his/her homeroom by the 8:30 a.m. bell. Each tardiness will be classified as legal or illegal. The student's regular method of getting to school will be used to determine the legality when tardiness is due to transportation. Tardiness is illegal for such reasons as oversleeping, missing the bus, loitering, etc. High school students who acquire four illegal tardies in a semester will be given an automatic detention. No student is allowed to enter the classroom late unless he/she has a note from the main office. A student's driving privilege will be revoked for a semester if that student acquires more than 3 tardies. For elementary students, the sixth tardy (legal or illegal) will count as an absence.

SNOW DAYS

Red Lion Christian School will usually (not always) be closed when the Red Lion School District is closed because of inclement weather. Listen to any of the following radio stations and TV stations for closing information. Kindergarten will not have class when we have a 2 hour delay.

Lancaster (WDAC) 94.5

(WGAL TV) Channel 8

(Fox43)

(WSBA radio) 910

Or online: www.wgal.com/closings or www.redlionbiblechurch.com

HEALTH SERVICE

1. Routine health inspections will be made by the teacher. Parents will be notified if anything is noticed that is out of ordinary.
2. First aid services are given in cases of accidents or sudden illness.
3. Permanent health records are kept by the main office for every student. The school should be notified when immunizations are administered, operations are performed, and when acute or chronic diseases are contracted.
4. Physical examinations should be performed by the family physician.
5. Medications (i.e. Pepto-Bismol, non-aspirin, etc.) will be given in the office to a child who complains of an upset stomach or a headache. If the child is taking medication, medicine must be brought in individual doses with the child's name and the time the medicine is to be given clearly marked on the container.

YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH

KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF HE/SHE HAS:

an acute cold
sore throat
swollen glands

signs of abnormal temperature
sore eyes
skin rash or sores

or general signs of illness such as headache, earache, vomiting, coughing, or diarrhea.

THE LENGTH OF TIME YOUR CHILD SHOULD BE KEPT HOME FOR COMMUNICABLE INFECTIONS DISEASES IS:

Chicken Pox	until all crusts are dry
German Measles	3 days or until rash and fever disappear
Mumps	until swelling disappears
Whooping Cough	4 weeks from onset of disease
Scarlet Fever	7 days from onset of disease
Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	until the eyes are clear and no secretion remains
Impetigo	until all crusts are gone
Pediculosis	until free of lice and nits
Ringworm	until treated by a doctor and declared non-infectious
Scabies	until skin is clear
Tonsillitis	until soreness disappears

For other communicable diseases, your child may return as soon as his/her health permits or your doctor gives permission. If a child becomes ill at school (we will call the parent when a child's temperature reaches 100 degrees), it is the parent's responsibility to come for the child. It is therefore imperative that we have an up-to-date record of addresses and phone numbers where parents can be reached at all times. Emergency phone numbers are to be kept current at all times. Please notify the main office of any changes, including place of employment.

PRESCHOOL AND DAY CARE

ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION

K3 and K4 students must be their respective age by October 31st. We begin accepting children in our day care at 3 years of age.

A registration fee of \$20.00 for the first child and \$15.00 for the second child is due upon registration. Your child is not assured a place in one of the classes until this fee is paid. There is no refund of the registration fee should you decide to withdraw your child.

SCHOOL DAY

The K3 and K4 school day is 8:30 – 12:00. This time includes lunch. Any students staying only for school may be picked up at noon at the classroom. All other students will attend day care until they are picked up by their parents. All K3 and K4 students attending afternoon day care must supply their own blanket, sheet, and pillow. Make sure all items are clearly marked with the child's name.

LUNCH

Preschool lunch is included in the fee. Students are allowed to pack their lunch.

DRESS CODE

Red Lion Christian School does maintain a dress code. All students are required to adhere to this dress code.

Boys: K3 and K4: Must wear long pants (no sweatpants). No baggy pants (relaxed fit jeans are acceptable). Pants cannot be frayed. Pants must be pulled up to the waist. No camouflage clothing. Boys' hair is not to be shaggy or to touch the shirt collar, ear or eyebrow. No earrings for boys.

Girls: K3 and K4: Must wear dresses or skirts to the knee with an appropriate blouse, shoes, and socks. In colder weather, tights, leotards, or stretch pants may be worn under dresses, but pants and sweatpants are not appropriate. Blouses/dresses must have sleeves.

Boys and Girls: K3 and K4: No flip-flops, open-toed shoes, or athletic sandals. Any clothing that advertises TV or cartoon characters is not to be worn. No fleece/sweatshirts/vests are to be worn in class (with or without hoods).

DISCIPLINE

Students are encouraged to work and play together and to learn self-control and self-discipline. Acts such as hitting, fighting, throwing things at others, biting, use of profanity will not be tolerated. Red Lion Christian School reserves the right to use paddling as a form of punishment. Paddling will not be the first method of punishment used except in exceptional cases.

Before any child may be enrolled in Red Lion Christian Preschool, the Statement of Cooperation must be signed by parents and/or guardians. By doing so, you are acknowledging the right and authorizing the use of paddling by the administration of the school.

PLAYGROUND RULES

1. The boundary of the playground is the edge of the woods and the creek. No one is allowed in the creek or the woods.
2. Proper use of and respect for the equipment is required at all times.
3. Equipment is provided by the school and is not to be brought from home. This includes such items as guns, knives, rubber bands, fire crackers, I Pods, MP3 players and all electronic games.
4. There is to be no throwing of sticks, stones, sand, etc.
5. Children must ask permission to leave the playground.

CHILDCARE

Red Lion Christian School offers child care for our students from 5:45 a.m. until school starts and from the end of school until 5:30 p.m. at a rate of \$.75 per hour per child. ALL CHILDREN are to be picked up before 5:30 p.m. Exceptions will only be made in dire emergency. There is a \$.25 per minute, per child late charge for those staying after 5:30 p.m. Abuse of the 5:30 p.m. deadline could result in your forfeiting the right to use our child care facility.

Red Lion Christian School also offers a drop-in child care service at a rate of \$1.50 per hour, per child. All children using the drop-in service must be registered in the main office. All preschool children not registered as full day students will be charged \$1.50 per hour for every hour they stay after noon.

FEES

FULL DAY (5:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.)

	1 st child	2 nd child	3 rd child	4 th child
1 day	\$18.00	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$ 9.00
2 days	\$36.00	\$30.00	\$24.00	\$18.00
3 days	\$54.00	\$45.00	\$36.00	\$27.00
4 days	\$72.00	\$60.00	\$48.00	\$36.00
5 days	\$90.00	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$45.00

HALF DAY (8:30 a.m. – Noon)

1 day	\$10.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 6.00
2 days	\$20.00	\$18.00	\$16.00	\$12.00
3 days	\$30.00	\$27.00	\$24.00	\$18.00
4 days	\$40.00	\$36.00	\$32.00	\$24.00
5 days	\$50.00	\$45.00	\$40.00	\$30.00

KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL DAY

The kindergarten school day is from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Those children staying all day will be in day care in the afternoon.

The elementary school day is from 8:30 a.m. to 3:17 p.m. Any students arriving before or leaving later than these times will be sent to day care unless they ride a public school bus. See the Child Care section for times and charges.

If there is to be any change in your child's transportation, whether bus or parent pick-up, the office must be notified either by phone (no later than 2 p.m.) or by sending a note with your child in the morning.

DRESS CODE

"Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Phil. 4:5"

It is the school's conviction that we are to "do all to the glory of God." (I Cor. 10:31). We do not seek to inhibit an individual's self-expression but we do recognize correlation between a learning environment and students' dress habits. We do not seek to follow the public school policies in dress. It is our wish that you, the parent, will understand our philosophies and goals and see to it that your children comply with them. With this in mind, all students are to use good taste and judgment in choice of dress at all times. As Christians, we are to be trying to keep in step with the Lord, not the world. Christian are to "set your affections on things above and not on things on the earth."

Our dress code serves two very important purposes:

1. To reflect Christian character and to be separate from the world.
2. To achieve an academic atmosphere within the classroom.

DRESS CODE RULES

BOYS: Shirts must have stand up/full collars and sleeves and be worn tucked in. Pants must have belts if loops are provided and are to be worn to the waist. Sweaters are allowed over collared shirts. The following are not acceptable: sweatpants, warm-ups, frayed pants, pants with holes in them, baggy pants, shorts and camouflage clothing. Hair is not to be shaggy or to touch the collar, ear or eyebrow. Sculptured haircuts are not allowed. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings or necklaces. Boys in 4th through 6th must wear ties for chapel.

GIRLS: Girls are to wear dresses or skirts to the knee (when sitting) with an appropriate blouse or shirt. Tights may be worn. Pants under dresses are permitted but can only be worn at recess time. No make-up. No sundresses are allowed unless appropriate shirts (with full collar) are worn underneath. Shirts/blouses, if not tucked in, must be long enough so they do not go above the waistband when hands are raised. All dresses/blouses must have sleeves and a full collar.

BOYS AND GIRLS: Clothing that advertises TV characters or other worldly interests is not to be worn to school. Sweatshirts with any advertising (ball teams, etc.) are not acceptable attire. No sweatshirts or vests can be worn in class (with or without hoods). For safety reasons, NO flip-flops or open-toed shoes are allowed. All shirts/dresses must have sleeves.

Any questionable clothing should be checked by the supervisor for approval BEFORE being worn. All students are expected to adhere to the above regulations without being reminded. The school will take the necessary actions to correct any problems. The final decision as to whether or not the standards are being met rests with the administration. Parents and students are expected to accept decisions without complaining.

LUNCH

Kindergarten lunches are \$1.00. Juice or milk may be purchased for \$.25. Students in 1-12 grades must pack a lunch. There will be a snack bar with such snacks as pretzels, chips, crackers, and drinks. Prices will be posted in the cafeteria.

SPORTS

Elementary participation in sports is detailed in the high school section of this handbook. See the High School section for an explanation on our sports program and qualifications.

DISCIPLINE

Christian conduct must be the goal of all Red Lion Christian School students. An orderly and disciplined environment with the opportunity for self-development is fundamental to learning and enables the student to be happy and content. Teachers will endeavor to deal with students in an understanding, firm, and Christ-like manner. The need for correction of any student will be handled by the individual teacher. Parents will be informed of behavior problems through notes and phone calls by the teacher and/or supervisor.

Parents and teachers must cooperate fully with one another. Anything said or done that tears down respect and confidence for either will harm the child. When a problem arises, set up an appointment with or write a note to the teacher immediately. Most problems will be resolved in this manner. If the problem persists, you may want to consult the supervisor.

While discipline is basically training in the right direction, there is a need for correction and adherence to rules. Disciplinary measures will be taken as each need warrants. These measures may include discussion, corporal punishment, suspension, or expulsion from the school program. It would be impossible to make rules to cover every situation. Good behavior must eventually come from within and not from the mere conformity to man-made regulations. The following guide must be observed as one develops on the path toward self-discipline.

1. Students must demonstrate respect for authority. This includes the administration, faculty, and staff. Disobedience and insolence will not be tolerated.
2. Improper speech, vulgarity, profanity, and lying will not be tolerated.
3. Mutilation and destruction of property will not be tolerated. The student will pay for damages.
4. Running, shoving, yelling, fighting, and undue boisterousness are considered out of order at all times.
5. Stealing or cheating may subject the offender to immediate dismissal.
6. Articles which might distract the attention of the other students are not to be brought to school or day care. These include such items as guns, knives, rubber bands, fire crackers, iPods, MP3 players, and all electronic games.

At the end of each year all elementary students will be evaluated spiritually, socially and academically. Students found to be detrimental to the objectives of Red Lion Christian School may be denied admittance the following year.

PLAYGROUND RULES

Safety is the primary concern of the playground.

1. The boundary of the playground is the fenced area. No one is allowed in the creek or woods.
2. Proper use of and respect for the equipment is required at all times.
3. Equipment is provided by the school and is not to be brought from home.
4. Students may not throw sticks, stones, sand, etc.
5. Walking on or standing on top of the high bars is not permitted.
6. Children must ask permission to leave the playground.

AFTER-SCHOOL STUDENTS

A “bus room” is provided for those students who ride public transportation but are not picked up immediately at the end of the school day.

In order to assure the safety of our students, we will require that students waiting for rides after school will be sent to day care at 3:20 p.m. if their ride is not here by that time. No exceptions.

TECHNOLOGY

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HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL DAY

The scheduled day is from 8:30 a.m. to 3:17 p.m. Please have your children arrive no earlier than 8 a.m. and remain no later than 3:17 p.m. The only exception is the students bused by the public schools.

DRESS CODE PHILOSOPHY

“Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.” (Phil. 4:5)

It is the school’s conviction that we are to “do all to the glory of God” (I Cor. 10:31). We do not seek to inhibit an individual’s self-expression, but we do recognize a correlation between a learning environment and a student’s dress habits. This stand has been nullified in our public schools and we do not seek to follow their example. It is our wish that each parent will understand our philosophy and goals and see to it that the student complies. With this in mind, all students are to use good taste and judgment in their choice of dress at all times. As Christians, we are trying to keep in step with the Lord and not the world. The Bible instructs each believer to “set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth.” It is the parent’s responsibility to see that the students comply with every area of the code. The code serves two very important purposes.

1. To reflect Christian character and to be separate from the world.
2. To achieve an academic atmosphere within the classroom.

DRESS CODE RULES

The appropriate school dress for girls is as follows:

1. Either a dress or skirt must be to the knees or below when seated. Front slits are not allowed. All other slits must come no higher than the knee when seated.
2. Blouses/shirts must be buttoned and have a stand up or full collar. Blouses that are not tucked in must be long enough to cover the midriff when hands are raised. A collared shirt must be worn underneath any sweater other than a crew neck. Blouses/dresses must have sleeves.
3. Moderation should rule in choices and amount of jewelry and makeup.
4. Open-toed shoes, dress shoes, or sneakers are permitted.

The appropriate school dress for boys is as follows:

1. Conservative pants or dress jeans and a collared shirt must be worn. Pants cannot have holes or frayed hems. Belts must be worn if loops are present. No baggy pants (relaxed jeans are acceptable). Pants must be pulled up to the waist. Ties must be worn for chapel.
2. When wearing a sweater, a collared shirt must be worn underneath. All shirts must be tucked in. All shirts must have a stand up or full collar and sleeves.
3. Boys’ hair is not to be shaggy or touch the shirt collar or any part of the ear or eyebrow. Styles such as Mohawks and hair sculpturing are not acceptable. Sideburns longer than the earlobe, mustaches, and beards are not permitted.
4. No earrings are permitted. Also considered unacceptable are chains and bracelets.
5. Sneakers and dress shoes are acceptable.

Appropriate school dress for boys and girls is as follows:

1. No fleece/sweatshirts/vests can be worn in class. (with or without hoods)
2. No camouflage clothing will be allowed
3. No body piercing or tattooing will be permitted.
4. Clothing advertising or suggesting worldly or ungodly interests is not permitted.
5. Outdoor attire is not to be worn indoors (hats, sunglasses, coats, jackets, boots, etc.)
6. Boys’ gym attire: school shirt, shorts, sweatpants, gym shoes and socks. Girls’ gym attire: school shirt, shorts, gym shoes and socks. Students not dressed for gym will receive grade reductions.

DRESS CODE RULES (CONT.)

Dress code violations will result in a misconduct slip. Any student in doubt about a particular piece of clothing is to check with the administration for approval BEFORE wearing anything questionable. All students at Red Lion Christian School are expected to adhere to dress code regulations without being continually reminded. The school will take the necessary actions to correct anyone who fails to meet these standards. Final decisions concerning standards rests with the administration. Parents and students are expected to accept the school's decision in any matter of controversy without complaining.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Christian conduct must be the goal of all Red Lion Christian School students. An orderly and disciplined environment with opportunity for self-development is fundamental to learning and enables the student to be happy and content. Teachers will endeavor to deal with students in an understanding, firm, and Christ-like manner. The need for correction of any student will be handled by the individual teacher. Parents and teachers must cooperate fully with one another. Anything said or done which tears down respect and confidence for either will harm the child. While discipline is basically training in the right direction, (Proverbs 22:6), there is a need for correction and adherence to rules. Disciplinary measures will be taken as each case warrants.

It would be impossible to make rules to cover every type of need. Good behavior must eventually come from within and not from mere conformity to man-made regulations. The following guides must be observed as one develops on the path toward the goal of self-discipline.

1. Students must demonstrate respect for authority, including administration, faculty and staff. Disobedience and insolence will not be tolerated.
2. Improper speech (spoken or written), vulgarity, profanity, and lying will not be practiced at any time.
3. Mutilation destruction of property, including books, will not be tolerated. Students will pay for damages.
4. Running, shoving, yelling, fighting, and undue boisterousness are considered out of order at all times.
5. Stealing or cheating are considered serious offenses.
6. Articles that distract the attention of the other class members are not to be brought to school. These include such articles as knives, guns, water pistols, rubber bands, and music players.

Although we at Red Lion Christian School recognize that we have no direct control of students when away from school, any actions contrary to our philosophy are considered serious. Activities like smoking, drinking, and drugs should not have a place in the life of a Christian. The testimony which students give forth for or against the Lord Jesus when out in public is reflected upon Red Lion Christian School.

BOY-GIRL RELATIONSHIP

Red Lion Christian School is co-educational, operating on the premise that it is wholesome for boys and girls to develop friendships during the school years. These friendships should be with members of the same sex and with members of the opposite sex as well. No public displays of affection are permitted on the school grounds.

LUNCH PROGRAM

Lunches will not be available for high school students. Students will need to pack their lunch. There will be a snack bar with such snacks as pretzels, chips, crackers, and drinks. Prices will be posted in the cafeteria.

STUDENT DRIVERS

High school students are permitted to drive to and from school if they have a valid driver's license and appropriate insurance. Red Lion Christian School has no control over student drivers concerning whom they transport and who has permission to travel with another student to and from school. Students who drive must exhibit safe driving habits at all times. Any student observed driving carelessly on school property is subject to disciplinary actions and loss of driving permission. Violating these rules may result in the suspension of driving privileges. A student's driving privilege will be revoked for a semester if a student acquires more than 3 tardies.

HEALTH SERVICE

1. First aid services are given in case of accidents or sudden illness.
2. Permanent health records are kept by the main office for every student. The school should be notified when immunizations are administered, operations are performed, or when acute or chronic diseases are contacted.
3. Physical examinations should be performed by your family physician.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

The following guidelines are used to determine a student's eligibility for the sports program.

1. Students will be placed on academic probation if they receive more than two grades that are below C- or 1 F on their report cards.
2. Any student whose grades require academic probation is disqualified from playing. Fourth quarter grades will determine eligibility to play fall sports for the next year.
3. Students who have been disqualified from playing sport will be re-evaluated at mid-quarter. If grades are satisfactory, they will be allowed to return to the team.
4. Any student removed from the team by the parent will not be able to rejoin the team that season.

A student placed on academic probation may be required to remain in the classroom studying from 3:17 to 4:00 each afternoon at the teacher's discretion. Teachers are available at this time to help the student with class work. At 4:00 p.m., team members on probation may go to practice.

In addition to the above, the following rules must be observed.

1. No players will be allowed to leave the school premises before or during practice unless permission is granted before leaving.
2. All players must be on time for practice.
3. A rebellious attitude will not be tolerated either on or off the court.
4. All players must have had a physical exam within the last year and have no physical conditions which would make the activity a risk to health

DISCIPLINE

“My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, neither be weary of his corrections. For whom the Lord loveth, he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. (Proverbs 3:11,12)

The high school students are on a misconduct slip system. Students receive misconduct slips for various offenses such as talking without permission, papers not being signed, being unprepared for class, not doing homework, being loud and unruly, showing disrespect to a staff member, chewing gum, disturbing other students, and violating the dress code. Receiving three misconduct slips results in a half-hour detention, which will be served after school on Wednesdays.

Automatic detention may be given at a teacher’s discretion for more serious offenses or for repeated offenses after a misconduct slip has already been given. Offenses which may result in an automatic detention include, but are not limited to, the following:

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| defiance or open disrespect | swearing |
| lying | excessive rowdiness |
| excessive tardiness (4 x’s a semester) | internet misconduct |
| cheating | |

Accumulating detentions, whether automatic or for misconduct slips, will result in the following:

<u>Detentions</u>	<u>Discipline Procedure</u>
1-3	One half hour of detention
4-7	Two half-hours of detention and a conference between parent and principal. Phone conference upon 4 th detention/conference in principal’s office upon 7 th detention.
8-9	In-school suspension
10	Expulsion

Paddling, suspensions, or expulsions will be given in severe cases such as the following:

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| destruction of property | fighting | stealing |
| use of tobacco/alcohol/drugs | public display of affection | sexual misconduct |
| internet misconduct | | |

Students that have been suspended are automatically placed on disciplinary probation for an indefinite period of time. During this time, their overall behavior and attitude must improve for them to be removed from the probation list. Their eligibility to participate in the sports program or any other extracurricular activities will be determined by the administration.

At the end of each year high school students will be evaluated spiritually, socially, and academically. Students found to be detrimental to the objectives of Red Lion Christian School will be denied admittance the following year.

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GRADING AND REPORT CARDS

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“Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.: Proverbs 3:13

The purpose of our reporting system is to give parents and children an indication of the progress, or the lack of progress, that is being made. Each child’s ability, attitude, and application are taken into account in grading.

In order for parents to know first hand of their child’s progress, there will be opportunities throughout the year to talk to the child’s teacher. In addition, parents are urged to ask for a conference at any time they feel it is necessary. The teachers welcome such opportunities.

All students at Red Lion Christian School receive report cards on a nine-week basis. Mid-quarter reports are sent home to inform the parents of their child’s progress during each 9-week marking period. Report cards are to be picked up by the parents at the Parent-Teacher Fellowship meetings whenever possible. The final report cards will be mailed at the end of the school year unless a family’s financial account is not current.

It is Red Lion Christian School’s policy that no student will be promoted to the next grade if they have failed more that one subject.

In the elementary school, grading is on a percentage basis, which is divided into three parts. One fourth of the grade is for homework, projects, and papers. The next fourth is for quizzes, oral reports, and other class activities. The final half of the grade is for tests. The average of these grades determines the letter grade given.

High school teachers may either use categories or a total points system.

GRADING SCALE

Letter Grades	Numerical Grade
A+	100
A	94-99
A-	93
B+	92
B	86-91
B-	85
C+	84
C	77-83
C-	76
D+	75
D	71-74
D-	70
F	69 or below

HONOR ROLLS

Elementary grades have three honor rolls. They are defined as follows:

Principal's Honor Roll	students having all A's during any marking period
"A" Honor Roll	students having all A's except one B (any subject)
"B" Honor Roll	students having all A's and B's only

In high school three honor rolls are maintained. The placing of a student on an honor roll is determined by grade point average.

A-4	B-3	C-2	D-1	F-0
Principal's Honor Roll		requires a 4.0 grade point average		
Distinguished Honor Roll		requires a 3.5 grade point average		
Honor Roll		requires a 3.0 grade point average		

Students with a "D" in any academic subject may not be on any honor roll.

STUDY HABITS

The consistency of a student's study habits at home are often a contributing factor to a student's level of achievement. Older students generally have more homework than younger students. Thus, it is necessary to organize one's work in order to succeed. The following points should be remembered in considering study habits.

1. Be certain you understand your assignments and what is expected in each class for the following day. Many students find a small notebook helpful in keeping a daily record of assignments.
2. Organize your time so that neither home responsibilities nor homework will be neglected. Decide upon the best time for studying and stick to it.
3. Find a suitable place for studying. Be certain to have adequate lighting and freedom from distractions.
4. Set definite goals for yourself before attacking a study assignment. Ask yourself, "What should I know when I finish this assignment?"
5. When long range assignments are given, take advantage of the time allotted. Don't wait to start the assignment on the night before it is due.
6. When studying for tests, allow more than one night for preparation. Don't force yourself to lose sleep on the night before a test and risk doing poorly because of inadequate rest.

HOMEWORK

We believe that homework is an integral part of the school program and each teacher is at liberty to give homework to aid students in advancing in their studies. Each student is expected to complete the homework assigned. Homework is given for several reasons:

Drill:	We believe that most studies require solid drilling to master material essential to their educational progress.
Practice:	Following classroom explanation, illustration, and drill on new work, homework is given so that the material will be mastered.
Remedial Activity:	As instruction progresses, various weak points in a student's grasp of subject matter become evident. Homework following instruction is given to overcome difficulties.
Special Projects:	Book reports, compositions, special research assignments and projects are some frequently assigned activities.

HOMEWORK (cont.)

Elementary teachers will send home each child's work for the previous week in a stapled packet. The top paper is to be signed, as well as any individual D or F papers. All papers are to be returned the next day.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

It is important that parents realize the necessity of supporting the school, its faculty, and its policies before the children at all time. Never should a negative comment be made in the presence of any student. We expect all parents to trust God to use this school and its faculty to train the student, both spiritually and academically.

Enrolling children at Red Lion Christian School never lessens parental responsibility as some think. The school is not a remedy for parents who are unwilling to fulfill their obligations in raising their children at home. Christian school students need to grow up with parents who love each other, who love God, and who love each child. No teacher can compensate for failure here. Christ must be the center of the home. Prayer must be meaningful. The Bible must be central. Family Bible reading and prayer must be consistent. Christian school families should be members of a strong, solid, gospel preaching church that parents and children can support with enthusiasm.

PARENT-TEACHER FELLOWSHIP

P.T.F. meetings will be held several times during the school year. Classrooms will be open on these nights and parents will be given an opportunity to visit with their child's teacher.

Valuable help will be given at every P.T.F. Meeting. Policies vital to the consistent training of each child will be discussed. The nature of the P.T.F. meetings are:

1. To acquaint the parent with the philosophy of Christian education and the curriculum of the school.
2. To acquaint both parent and teacher with the importance of recognizing and adequately coping with the emotional, spiritual, and disciplinary needs of each child.
3. To provide an opportunity for parent and teacher to become better acquainted with each other and to discuss the student's progress and problems more thoroughly.
4. To provide the parents an opportunity to see the achievements of the students.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL OFFICE

School office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. When coming to the school for any reason, come to the office first. Do not go directly to the classroom. Items such as lunches, homework, and books be left at the office to be delivered. Do not request messages or changes in transportation for students after 2 p.m.

INSURANCE

Insurance for Red Lion Christian School students (K5 through 12) can be purchased by the parents on a voluntary basis. Students participating in any interscholastic athletic programs must either provide a statement of records indicating that the home has sufficient health insurance or purchase the school insurance. Information will be sent with the first statement of each school year.

TELEPHONE

The telephones in the office are for business use only. Students are not permitted to use them except in an emergency, and then only with the permission of Pastor Steve, Mr. Runk, or Mrs. Schmuck. Phones are for emergencies only.

VISITING SCHOOL

All parents are welcome to visit the school. A call informing about or requesting a visit is in order and appreciated. Special parent visitation days are set aside in the early fall so parents may attend with their children.

A parents or any other visitor is to report to the main office. No one is to go directly to any other destination in the building.

Students attending other schools may visit Red Lion Christian School, providing they have a purpose such as fulfilling a requirement for a college class. Prospective students may visit providing they have a day off from their school or permission of their administration in writing. Parents, of prospective students must request permissions for their child/children to visit. Arrangements will then be made with the teachers.

LOST AND FOUND

Check with your child's teacher or the Day Care room to locate lost items. Items not claimed within 30 days will be disposed of. Lost and Found is in the day care room.

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(Signature of Father)

(Date)

(Signature of Mother)

(Date)

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**RED LION CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENADR**

August	20-21	Teacher in-service
	25	First day of school (Tuesday)
September	7	Labor Day (School and Day Care closed)
	23	Mid-quarter reports
	24-25	KCEA Teacher Convention (School closed/Day Care open)
October	6-7	Parent Visitation (K5-6th 8:30 to noon; 7th-12th all day)
	13	School Pictures
	23	End of 1st quarter
	27	Fall PTF (6:30 – 8:00)
November	25	Thanksgiving Vacation (12:30 dismissal/Day Care will be open)
	26.27	Thanksgiving Vacation (School and Day Care closed)
	30	Thanksgiving Vacation (School closed/Day Care open)
December	1-2	Thanksgiving Vacation (School closed/Day Care open)
	4	Mid-quarter reports
	10.11	Christmas Play
	23	Christmas Vacation (12:30 dismissal/Day Care will be open)
	24	Christmas Vacation (School closed) *See below
	25	Christmas Day (School and Day Care closed)
	26.31	Christmas Vacation (School closed) *See below
		*(Dec. 24, 28, 29, 30, 31 Day Care will only be open if the demand is great enough)
January	1	New Year's Day (School and Day Care closed)
	15	End of 2nd quarter
	19	Winter PTF (6:30 – 7:30)
February	15	President's Day (School closed/Day Care open)
	19	Mid-quarter reports
March	15-16	Spring Break (School closed/Day Care open)
	19	End of 3rd quarter
	23	PTF – Science Fair (6:30 – 8:00)
April	2	Good Friday (School and Day Care closed)
	5.6	Easter Vacation (School closed/Day Care open)
	16	Mid-quarter reports
	27	Grandparents' Day – (12:30 dismissal/Day Care will be open in the afternoon if needed)
May	24-28	(12:30 dismissal/Day Care will be open) *High School will dismiss according to the final test schedule.
	28	Last Day of school
	28	K-5 Graduation – 7 p.m.
	29	Senior Graduation – 6 p.m. (Saturday)

Please Note!

If after reading the Red Lion Christian School Handbook you are still interested in talking to someone at the school please feel free to contact the school office at 717-244-3095.