



Desert Chapel Christian Schools

**Parent/Student Handbook
2023-2024**

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Introduction

It is with immense joy and gratitude that I share some exciting news. I have been blessed with the privilege of taking on a new role as the Pastor of Desert Chapel Christian Schools, and I am eagerly looking forward to this incredible journey of faith, growth, and service.

Desert Chapel Christian Schools has a rich history of providing a Christ-centered education that equips students not only academically but also spiritually. As we embark on this new chapter together, my commitment is to uphold and strengthen this legacy. With God's grace as our guide, I am excited to work collaboratively with our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and eager students to create an environment where faith and learning intertwine harmoniously.

In the coming months, you can expect to see a renewed emphasis on prayer, biblical teachings, and character development within our school community. My goal is to foster an atmosphere where students can grow not only in knowledge but also in wisdom, integrity, and love for God and others. I am excited to explore innovative ways to integrate faith into every facet of our curriculum, nurturing a generation that not only excels academically but also carries the light of Christ in their hearts.

I am deeply grateful to serve as your Pastor in this capacity. Please keep Desert Chapel Christian Schools, its students, faculty, and administration in your prayers as we embark on this exciting journey together. May the Lord's guidance and blessings be upon us as we strive to fulfill our mission of raising up young disciples who shine brightly in a world that yearns for His truth and love.

With sincere gratitude and anticipation,

Pastor Jimmy Donaldson
Pastor, Desert Chapel Christian Schools

Headmaster's Letter

I am writing to you today with an immense sense of joy and anticipation as I embark on this incredible journey as the new Headmaster of Desert Chapel Christian Schools. The warmth of the welcome I've received from the school community has truly touched my heart, and I am thrilled to be a part of this remarkable institution.

As we begin this new chapter together, I want to emphasize the values that will guide us in all our endeavors. It is my firm belief that by living 'Above the Line,' we can collectively create an environment that nurtures character, excellence, and compassion. In every action and decision, I encourage all students to aim higher, to embrace integrity, and to uplift one another in kindness. When we choose to live 'Above the Line,' we choose to rise beyond the ordinary and strive for greatness in all aspects of our lives.

Desert Chapel Christian Schools is not just a place of learning; it is a place of boundless opportunities. Our commitment to providing a holistic education means that students will not only excel academically but will also be empowered to grow as individuals. Through a rich array of academic, artistic, and athletic pursuits, each student will find avenues to explore their passions and develop their unique talents.

I am excited to foster an environment where students can thrive not only within the classroom but also in their personal and spiritual growth. We will work together to cultivate a sense of curiosity, resilience, and a lifelong love for learning. The collaboration between dedicated educators, supportive parents, and motivated students will undoubtedly lead to exceptional achievements.

Throughout the year, we will unveil exciting new initiatives and opportunities designed to elevate the educational experience at Desert Chapel Christian Schools. I am committed to open communication and collaboration, and I look forward to engaging with each of you as we collectively shape the future of our school.

Thank you for entrusting me with this tremendous responsibility. Let us join hands to create a vibrant and nurturing community where students are inspired to reach for the stars and achieve greatness in all they do.

With great enthusiasm and gratitude,

J David Miller
Headmaster

Director of Administration & Education

I am thrilled to serve as the newly appointed Director of Administration & Education for Desert Chapel Christian Schools. It is with great excitement that I step into this role, ready to contribute to the growth and development of our esteemed institution.

Having been a part of the Desert Chapel family for several years, I have witnessed firsthand the dedication and passion that our educators, staff, and students bring to our campus each day. It is an honor to take on this new responsibility and work alongside such talented individuals who are committed to providing an exceptional educational experience rooted in faith and excellence.

As the Director of Administration & Education, my goal is to foster an environment where students can flourish academically, spiritually, and personally. I believe that education is a journey of empowerment, and together, we will continue to nurture curious minds and compassionate hearts, preparing our students to face the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

I am genuinely excited about the future of Desert Chapel Christian Schools. With a strong foundation built on a shared mission and values, there is no limit to what we can achieve. As we embark on this journey together, I am dedicated to listening to all insights, collaborating with our incredible team, and driving innovation that will enhance our students' learning experiences.

Let us embrace this new chapter with enthusiasm and optimism, confident that our collective efforts will continue to make a lasting impact on the lives of our students.

I am here to serve and work together with both parents and students in making Desert Chapel Christian Schools a place of inspiration and growth.

Thank you for entrusting me with this incredible opportunity. Here's to an exciting and promising future!

Blessings,

Christina Behrend
Director of Administration & Education

School Vision

Desert Chapel students will acquire wisdom, knowledge and a Biblical worldview as evidenced by a lifestyle of character, learning, leadership, service, stewardship, and worship.

Education Philosophy

The Christian philosophy of education is unique in contrast to all other educational philosophies. Other philosophies of education are man centered. Christian education is centered in the person of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Word of God.

The Christian philosophy holds that God, as the Ultimate Truth, becomes real to each person – man, woman or child – when that person accepts Christ, the crucified, risen Lord, through faith (“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life” John 14:6).

In keeping with these convictions, the school administration builds, and the teacher teaches, a curriculum that is God-centered.

The entire educational program is designed to bring glory and honor to God and to encourage reverence for all of God’s creation in the heart and mind of each student. The student does not learn reverence for God through the intellectual, process alone, but through accepting Jesus Christ as personal Savior.

The student will then be open to guidance of the Holy Spirit in the learning of skill, knowledge, and values. Teaching does not become Christian because we teach biblical truths alone, but rather because these truths are exemplified and practiced in the curriculum, activities, and everyday lives of students and staff.

True Christian education is discovering and applying truth, seeing God revealed in truth, and recognizing that God alone is the Creator, and that we are made in the image of God. The Bible is truly clear in the establishment of the family unit as the primary social structure (Deuteronomy 11:19, Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Ephesians 6:1-4).

DCCS views itself as an extension of the home; therefore, we exist to help parents meet their God-given responsibility to train their children to know and serve God.

Statement of Purpose

Desert Chapel Christian School was established to educate, conduct, and maintain a school for the daily instruction of students.

Doctrinal Statement

1. We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God: immutable, steadfast and unchangeable. (2 Timothy 3:16,17)
2. We believe that God is triune: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that the three are coexistent, coeternal, and equal in divine perfection as One True God. (Matt.28:19)
3. We believe that man, created in the image of God, by a voluntary act of disobedience fell into sin bringing consequences to all of mankind. (Genesis 1:27)
4. We believe that while we were yet sinners Jesus Christ died for us, took our place and with His life's blood purchased a pardon from sin to all those who believe in Him. The pre-existence, incarnation, virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, ascension to Heaven, and the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ are all essential to that basic belief. (John 3:16, Titus 2:14)
5. We believe that salvation is wholly by grace; that no human righteousness or merit can contribute to our receiving salvation and favor. (Ephesians 2:8)
6. We believe that the change that takes place in people at conversion is a very real one; that having received righteousness through Christ, people will have new desires, interests and pursuits in life. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
7. We believe a Christian's conduct should model that of Christ in uprightness, balance, humility and self-sacrifice. (Philippians 4:5)

Note: The complete doctrinal statement can be found @ www.foursquare.org/landing

School History

Desert Chapel Foursquare Church first met in 1951. In 1967, the church purchased 3 acres of land on Sunrise Way. Construction on the sanctuary began in 1977 and on Easter Sunday of the following year the first service was held in this new building. In the ensuing years four additional projects have resulted in offices, a fellowship hall, elementary school classrooms, and the present expanded sanctuary.

In 1980 Desert Chapel Christian School opened its doors as a K-6 school. There was a 1-2 combination, a 3-4 combination and a 5-6 combination. Middle school had just a few students who worked on their own using an individualized program through the Accelerated Christian Education curriculum. In the fall of 1990, a traditional junior high opened utilizing newly built classrooms in the fellowship hall.

After many years of prayer and negotiations, a site in excess of 5 acres adjoining the church, became available and was purchased in 1995. Four years later the present Christian School site, an additional 2.2 acres, was purchased. Desert Chapel Christian School opened its doors in the fall of 1999 housing a middle school and a freshman class. Each year an additional grade level was added until the first graduating class of 2003 crossed the stage and received their diplomas.

Originally, the site consisted of 8 portable classrooms. For two years these classrooms served both the middle and Christian School students. In 2001 a large renovation of the Christian School campus was completed, starting with the purchase of an additional 9 portable classrooms and ending with the completion of the 10,000 square foot gymnasium and restroom facilities.

The vision for this Christian School came from the Senior Pastor, Fred Donaldson. He saw an enormous need for a Christian Christian School in the west end of the Coachella Valley. Local students finishing middle school had to travel 20-30 miles down valley to attend a Christian Christian School or attend one of the public Christian Schools in the Palm Springs Unified School District. A Christian School at Desert Chapel would provide students and their families with an option for continuing their Christian education closer to home as well as providing a safe and secure environment.

Desert Chapel Christian School is committed to providing for the intellectual, spiritual, social, and physical needs of its students. Not only did they want to provide a quality academic program, they wanted to establish an excellent athletic program. The football field and the gym were designed for physical education classes, extracurricular activities as well as host CIF sporting events.

Mission Statement

Desert Chapel Christian School, a college preparatory Christian Christian School, provides a holistic education and serves a diverse community of students committed to knowledge, faith, and service. Consistent with Christian teachings and values, Desert Chapel works with parents and guardians, who are the primary educators of their children, in the development of the whole person: religious, spiritual, intellectual, creative, emotional, physical, social, and moral. As an inclusive community, Desert Chapel promotes equity, justice, and peace. Formed in the tradition of Honor, Glory, and Love, students are empowered to become compassionate leaders who embrace personal and social responsibility with respect for God's creation and in service to others.

Fundamental Student Outcomes

Desert Chapel students develop Intellectually, Spiritually, and Socially.

Spiritual Development

Students...

- Learn and grow in Gospel values and virtues
- Understand and respect Christian faith and Tradition
- Participate in liturgical opportunities, prayer celebrations, and Christian service
- Embrace faith, hope, and love as a way of life

Intellectual Development

Students...

- Identify, locate, evaluate, synthesize, and apply information correctly and critically
- Use technology and media ethically and responsibly to enhance learning
- Engage in constructive discussion and debate while respecting differing viewpoints
- Communicate effectively through speaking, writing, social media, and artistic expression

Social Development

Students...

- Value diversity and affirm the God-given dignity of each human person
- Weigh consequences, act with integrity, and take responsibility for their decisions
- Commit to the physical and emotional wellness of self and others
- Understand and apply Christ's social teaching to promote peace and justice

Accreditation

Desert Chapel Christian School is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International and accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Coverage of Handbook

This Handbook applies to the 2023-2024 Desert Chapel school year including 2024 summer school.

100 Communication

101 What to Do, Where to Go, If You Need...

NORTH CAMPUS

- Elementary drop-off
- Elementary lunch drop-off/pick-up
- Elementary visitors
- Elementary volunteering
- FRIDAY CHAPEL

SOUTH CAMPUS

- Middle School and High School sporting events
- Middle School and High School drop-off/pick-up
- Middle School and High School lunch drop-off
- Middle School and High School visitors
- Middle School and High School volunteering
- School Administrators
- Registrar

200 Student Health

201 Hand Hygiene

Desert Chapel will support healthy hygiene behaviors by providing adequate supplies, including soap, hand sanitizer, tissues, and disinfecting supplies. Students will be encouraged to practice hand hygiene along with respiratory etiquette, such as covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer will be encouraged throughout the campus.

202 Cleaning and Disinfecting

Frequently touched surfaces, such as, but not limited to door handles, tables, desks will be cleaned and disinfected daily.

203 Prescription Medication

By State law, we are not allowed to administer any medication without a doctor's prescription. Students are not allowed to carry medication with them. All prescription and non-prescription medications are to be stored in the school office. A parent consent form, with doctor's approval, must be on file to administer all medications, including non-prescription and over-the-counter medicine. At no time is a student, or non-authorized faculty or other staff member permitted to provide or administer prescriptive or non-prescriptive medicine to a student. Middle school and Christian School students may carry asthma inhalers with them, provided proper medical forms are submitted to the office. Elementary students are to leave the asthma inhaler with the office secretary. All medication brought to school must be in an appropriate pharmacy container as packaged by the manufacturer, labeled with the student's name, name of medication, dosage, and directions for use. Refer to Section 705 Level II Infractions (major). Failure to do so will be considered a Level II discipline infraction.

Injuries & Illnesses

All injuries, no matter how small, are to be reported immediately to the teacher supervising the activity during which the injury occurred. School personnel are only allowed to apply water, ice, and bandages as a means of first aid. In the event of a head injury, parents will be notified and the student will be observed for 15-20 minutes. In case of serious injuries or other emergencies, paramedics will be called. In the event a parent cannot be reached, someone listed on the student's emergency form will be notified.

In an effort to protect other students and staff members from illness, we require a student to remain home when he/she is ill. If a student becomes ill during the school day and is not able to

remain at school, the parent/guardian or other designated adult will be notified. Parents are responsible, once notified, to have their student picked up from school within a reasonable amount of time.

24-Hour Policy: If a student experiences a fever of 100.0°F or greater, vomiting, or diarrhea, the student must remain home until symptoms have been gone for 24 hours, without the aid of medications.

3-Day Policy: If a student has been out of school for three (3) or more consecutive days, the student must present a signed doctor's note (on physician's office stationery) indicating he/she is in general/good health in order to return to school.

300 Attendance

301 School Hours

1. Students may not leave the campus during school hours without special permission. ALL OFF-CAMPUS PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE. No student will be permitted to leave campus without a written request signed by a parent.
2. Students should be off the campus each day by 5:30 p.m., unless detained on authorized business or involved in organized school activities. All student gatherings on school premises must be arranged in advance through the Activities Office. A faculty moderator must be present.

302 Attendance

Student attendance is governed by the following information:

The primary purpose of the Attendance Policy is to keep the parent/guardian informed as to the number of student absences in any particular class. The intent of this policy is to improve student attendance and not to impose sanctions. However, sanctions may be imposed should this policy be abused, according to the provisions of this Parent-Student Handbook. Class attendance has been proven to directly relate to positive class performance.

Once a student exceeds ten (10) absences (verified and not approved, or unverified) in any class per semester it will result in consequences (see sections 303-305). In case of student absence, parents/guardians must contact the Attendance Office prior to 11:00 a.m. and explain the cause of the absence. Desert Chapel accepts phone calls, hand-written communication, and email communication from parents/guardians in regards to their student absences. Please note that all calls and written communication are subject to follow-up confirmation.

303 Verified Absences and Approved Absences

A verified absence is defined as an absence from school with the knowledge and consent of the parent/guardian or the proper school authority. Verified absences may be planned or unplanned and include:

- A. Illness/Accident/Other Physical Disablement
- B. Medical Appointments (provide Attendance Office with original documentation from medical office)

- C. Funerals/Religious Observances
- D. Participation in School-Related Activities
- E. School Approved Family Trip/Obligation
- F. School Approved College Visit
- G. Personal Family Situations

Arrangements for planned absences (other than trip requests) should be made 24 hours in advance. To obtain an off-campus permit or make arrangements to miss classes, a student must present a signed parent/guardian note to the Office and obtain approval. Students are allotted FIVE (5) absences per school year for school approved college visits/family obligations with prior approval only.

Please note: Documentation for verified absences must be submitted to the Office.

Approved Absences:

- A. Medical Appointments and physician documented illness (provide Attendance Office with original documentation from medical office)
- B. Funerals/Religious Observances
- C. Participation in School-Related Activities
- D. School Approved College Visit (maximum of 5 per year)

These Approved Absences will not count towards the ten (10) absences that lead to consequences listed below (Section 305).

304 Truancy/Unverified Absence

1. Truancy is defined as an "unverified absence" from school without the knowledge and consent of the parent/guardian or the proper school authority, either for a whole day or any part of a day.
2. Cutting any class constitutes truancy and results in disciplinary action.
3. If a student has been truant the student will not be allowed to make up missed work during the period of truancy.
4. Truancy is a Level II infraction (see section 805 for consequences).

DESERT CHAPEL POLICY DOES NOT SANCTION A SENIOR DITCH DAY!

305 Consequences for Excessive Absences

Attendance reviews will be conducted regularly throughout the school year, the purpose of which is to identify students with chronic absenteeism and to ensure that all students are on track to fulfill Desert Chapel graduation requirements. Based on a student's attendance record, an individualized plan may be put into place to support students in improving their daily attendance and staying current with their academics.

Once a student exceeds ten (10) absences (verified and not approved, or unverified) in any class per semester it will result in the following consequences: five percentage points will be deducted from the semester grade. Another five (5) absences will result in an additional five percentage points being deducted from the semester grade. At the end of each semester, the administration will review attendance.

In addition to the academic penalties mentioned above, students who are habitually absent are subject to disciplinary consequences. On the 7th absence in any one course, a student may be placed on an attendance contract. The attendance contract will remain in effect until the end of the school year. On the 8th verified and not approved, and/or unverified absence, the student and their family may be required to meet with a school administrator. The purpose of this meeting is to collaborate with the student and their parents/guardians to develop a plan to improve their student's daily attendance. Failure to successfully adhere to the resulting plan may result in a Disciplinary Review Council appearance and the student's withdrawal from the affected course and/or Desert Chapel Christian School.

306 Re-admittance After an Absence

A note written by the parent/guardian or a parent phone call must be received before the student can be readmitted into classes. A written note by the parent/guardian or a parent phone call does not excuse a Tardy. When a student has a medical or dental appointment they need to bring an original note on Doctor's or Dentist's stationery to verify the appointment. The note should include:

- A. The name and grade of the student.
- B. A reason for the absence.
- C. A clear statement of the dates of absence.
- D. The signature of one of the parents/guardians.

Absence and Make-Up Policy

Absences fall into two categories: Verified (Planned and Unplanned) and Unverified. In the case of an unplanned verified absence, students are required to meet with the teacher upon their return to discuss any missed work and due dates. A reasonable amount of time will be given to the student to make up missed assignments and take missed quizzes and tests. The classroom teacher will determine this time frame in accordance with their classroom policies. Planned absences are absences due to an athletic event, performance, school trip, college visit, or

vacation. In the case of planned absences, students are required to turn in all assignments on the originally scheduled due date. For planned absences where the assignment cannot be completed or turned in on the due date, students are required to meet with the teacher before the planned absence to establish expectations and due dates. Work missed because of a planned absence must be made up in accordance with the teacher's classroom policies. Failure to do so may negatively impact the student's grade.

Students with a Medical/Psychiatric Condition: If a student has a significant medical condition causing an extended absence, parents must notify the school nurse, Attendance Office, and their student's school counselor regarding the condition, and how it impacts the student academically, in a detailed physician letter. If a student has a condition (e.g., seizures, diabetes, etc.) that may present during the school day, please include a list of warning signs/symptoms for our teachers. In the case of an extended absence, the student's school counselor will arrange with teachers to have class and homework assignments available from the Counseling Office. Please note: parents requesting accommodations for their student must contact the Counseling Office or Center for Learning to determine if the request can be accommodated. Desert Chapel Christian School does not provide independent study programs for students on a regular basis. However, in certain special circumstances, such as an extended absence, parents may request, in writing, to have a student placed on independent study (in cases of illness this request must be supported with a physician's note). If the Administration allows a student to go on independent study, parents and the student will be required to sign an Independent Study Contract.

Please note, Independent Study is allowed in special circumstances only.

307 Extra Curricular Attendance Policy

Attendance at school on the day of an extra or co-curricular event is mandatory if a student wishes to attend or participate in an activity held the same day. In order to participate in or attend an extra or co-curricular event a student must attend at least half of their classes on the day of the event. This applies to practices and/or games for athletes. It also applies to rehearsals and performances for students in the Performing Arts. Absences sanctioned by the school administration (funerals, medical appointments, school related activities, etc.) are exempt from this regulation.

308 Tardiness

1. A student who is not in their assigned place when the class bell rings, is considered tardy and should report to the Office.

2. It is a reasonable expectation to require students to arrive to class on time. However, since Desert Chapel is a commuter school, students will be allowed six (6) tardy warnings per semester. After the six (6) warnings have been exhausted students will receive a level I infraction for each additional infraction. Students who continually do not meet this expectation are considered to be in defiance of authority and will receive escalated consequences.
3. A written note by the parent/guardian or a parent phone call does not excuse a Tardy.
4. A tardy student may be excused at the discretion of the office administration in Extreme circumstances. (Oversleeping, traffic, etc. are not considered extreme circumstances)
5. Students are placed on a contract when they have an excessive number of tardies. Parents/guardians will be notified by the Office in writing and a parent conference may be requested. The contract will stipulate consequences that may involve disciplinary action. Violation of this contract may result in a student being asked to withdraw from Desert Chapel Christian School.
6. It is the policy of Desert Chapel Christian School that more than 15 tardies to school in the morning, or to a particular class in a semester, may result in the student being asked to withdraw from Desert Chapel.

310 School-sanctioned Travel

In order for students to be eligible to participate in school-sanctioned domestic and/or international travel, they must be approved by the Office. Any student whose tuition is not up-to-date, is on a discipline contract, and/or not approved by School Counseling may become ineligible to participate in such trips. Registration in such travel opportunities does not guarantee participation.

311 Parental Responsibility When Parent/Guardians Are Out of Town

If a student's parent(s)/guardian(s) will be unavailable (i.e. out of town or on vacation) a signed written parental notice must be provided, in advance, to the Office. This notice will indicate the adult(s) who is responsible for the student while the parent(s)/guardian(s) is unavailable. This information is needed for attendance purposes and for any emergency situations that may arise.

400 Safety and Emergency Procedures

Student School ID Cards - See Student Expectations and Regulations (section 503)

401 Closed Campus

DESERT CHAPEL IS A CLOSED CAMPUS. If students become ill and need to go home, they must 1) go through the Office; 2) parents/guardians must be contacted; and 3) the student signed out through the Office.

All visitors (including student visitors) must sign in to be on campus.

1. Adult visitors must report to the Office to sign in and be directed to the appropriate location. A visitor's pass will be issued from the Office.
2. In-class Visitors/Shadow Program for Prospective Students. Student visitors (prospective students) who wish to visit classes in session must be sponsored by a Desert Chapel Student. The sponsor is responsible for the actions of their visitor while on campus. The "shadow program" is reserved for prospective students visiting the school prior to enrollment.
 - a. The sponsor must receive permission from the Office three days in advance of the visit.
 - b. Male visitors must wear a collared shirt and nice slacks. Female visitors must wear a nice shirt and skirt or slacks.
 - c. Visitors must be accompanied by their sponsor at all times.
 - d. On the day of the visit, visitors must go to the Office prior to the start of the school day.
 - e. Sponsors are not permitted to switch visitors without prior permission from the Office at any time.

402 Emergency Drills

Emergency drills are conducted monthly (Elementary) and quarterly (MS/HS) to prepare students, faculty, and staff for a variety of emergency situations including fires, earthquakes and lockdowns. When a fire alarm sounds, students are to follow drill directions given by school staff. If students are told to evacuate the building, they should do so quickly, quietly, and in an orderly fashion, to the area designated by their teacher. A student found to have participated in the ringing of a false alarm may be dismissed from Desert Chapel Christian School.

403 Earthquake

1. Desert Chapel has developed an Emergency Preparedness Plan in case of an earthquake.
2. Emergency Preparedness drills are held at least once a semester. In a drill or an emergency, students are to be silent and maintain a DUCK-COVER-HOLD position under a desk/table, away from windows, and near an inside wall until the tremors have ceased and the teacher has directed evacuation to the field.
3. Students are to remain on campus until everyone is accounted for and an administrative decision has been made concerning the safety in releasing students. Students will be released through the Parental Communication/Reunion Gate Team at main Christian School gate to those adults authorized on the student's Emergency Release Form.
4. The Executive Director of School Safety will continually revise and update the school's Emergency Preparedness Plan to promote the safety and care of all students and staff.
5. All students with a chronic health condition requiring daily medication/treatment should provide the Office with an individualized health maintenance kit to be used in the case of an emergency (3-5 day supply).

403 Emergency Protocols

Evacuation Protocol

Students should move quickly and quietly to the designated area on campus, posted in all classrooms. Students are to remain under the supervision of their teacher until dismissed back to class by the Administrator in charge. A student initiating a false fire alarm will be subject to disciplinary consequences, at Level III.

404 Searches

Desert Chapel representatives may search a student's car, person, personal items (e.g., backpacks, purses, etc.), electronic devices, lockers, and other belongings: 1) when there is reasonable suspicion for suspecting that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is in violation of either the law or the rules of the School; 2) in the course of an investigation; or 3) when the safety of the student or others is at issue in the sole discretion of Desert Chapel Christian School.

500 Student Expectations and Regulations

501 Student Regulations

The purpose of a student code of regulations is to provide the student body with a safe and orderly academic and social setting. These regulations should also enable our students to grow in their respect for each other, for the Desert Chapel faculty, staff and administration and for the campus environment. Violation of these regulations will result in disciplinary action.

502 Student School ID Cards

Students must wear their current Desert Chapel Student ID Card and the Desert Chapel issued lanyard around their neck to be admitted to campus for the school day and remain wearing them during the entire school day. Students must also bring their Desert Chapel Student ID Card to all Desert Chapel functions that are held after school hours.

503 Conduct at Chapel, Rallies, and Assemblies

1. All students are required to attend all Assemblies, Rallies, and Chapel Services.
2. Students are to proceed to the assembly in an orderly fashion accompanied by their teacher.
3. No food, drink, gum, or laser pointers of any kind are permitted inside the gymnasium or assembly area.

At Chapel Services:

1. SILENCE as well as appropriate posture and decorum is to be observed as a sign of respect.
2. Students are encouraged to participate fully in the liturgy or service.
3. No eating, drinking, or gum chewing is allowed.
4. No cell phones are permitted.

At Assemblies:

1. Maintain quiet at all formal assemblies.
2. Stand on arrival and departure of guests.
3. Give complete attention to the speaker.

4. When students are to sit in the bleachers, they should follow the directions of the Administrators and faculty.
5. Sitting on the bleachers is allowed only when the bleachers are fully extended.
6. Whistling and shouting are not an acceptable means of applause.
7. No cell phones are permitted.

At Rallies:

1. School pride and spirit is generated from the Desert Chapel student body. Students should give enthusiastic cooperation and courteous attention to those who are conducting the rally.
2. Slamming and/or pushing are not permitted at Desert Chapel rallies or at any Desert Chapel function or event.

504 Conduct Off-Campus

At Athletic Events:

1. Desert Chapel student spectators, as well as our student athletes, are to conduct themselves in a spirit of Christian decency and courtesy as representatives of Desert Chapel Christian School.
2. Members of the opposing team and school as well as the game officials are to be treated with respect and are not to be subjected to any verbal or physical harassment.
3. Stand with respect during the National Anthem and the singing of Desert Chapel's Alma Mater and the opposing school's Alma Mater, if they are sung after the game.
4. Any vulgar language, disruptive behavior, or throwing of objects will not be tolerated. Any behavior of this kind will result in expulsion from the game site and further disciplinary action from the office.
5. Desert Chapel students are responsible for communicating acceptable student behavior regulations to any friends that they (the Desert Chapel students) invite as guests to any Desert Chapel athletic event.
6. Students are to stay in the Desert Chapel rooting section area during the game. Desert Chapel students are not permitted to visit the opposing school's rooting section in order to prevent any possible provocative activity.
7. Stay off the playing area before, during, and after the athletic contest. Follow the direction of school safety staff and staff event personnel.

8. All posters (must receive prior approval by the Athletic Office) and crowd cheers must positively support Desert Chapel. They must never put down or distract the opponent (e.g. no noise during an opponent's free throws at basketball games).
9. Noisemakers, bells, horns, etc. are prohibited at all contests.

Loitering:

Students are not to loiter before or after school on neighboring streets, parking lots, parking structures, or shopping centers.

Littering:

Students are encouraged to take pride in their campus and in the community. Deposit all trash in proper containers.

Bus Regulations:

Students are subject to the authority of the bus driver whenever being transported to and from school. School policies regarding behavior, profanity, obscenity, damaging property, fighting, etc. are in effect on the buses at all times.

REFUSAL TO OBEY THESE RULES AT THE REQUEST OF THE DRIVERS WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF RIDING PRIVILEGES, CONFISCATION OF BUS PASS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION FROM SCHOOL AND LEGAL OFFICIALS.

Eating lunch on buses is not permissible at any time. Throwing any object from the bus windows and leaving trash or litter of any kind in the bus is not permitted. OCTA Bus passes will be available for purchase in the Desert Chapel Bookstore.

505 Campus Trash Policy

1. It is expected that students assist in keeping the campus and classrooms neat and clean at all times, especially the lunch area.
2. Disregard for this policy will result in student offenders being required to clean the lunch area for a length of time or number of days determined by the Headmaster. Multiple violations will be elevated to a Level II infraction.
3. Gum chewing is not permitted anywhere on the Desert Chapel campus.

506 Classroom

1. Students must be in the classroom and seated when the second bell rings. A bell signifies the end of the class. Dismissal is given by the teacher.

2. All classes will begin or end with prayer. Students are to observe appropriate decorum during prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Students are responsible for the good condition of desks and of the classroom.
4. Any collections of money (for any purpose) must be approved in writing by the schools' Administrative Team.
5. Students are not to handle classroom equipment, e.g., thermostat, blinds, windows, maps, etc. without the teacher's permission.
6. Eating or drinking, except for water, is not allowed in the classroom without permission.
7. Each student must have a Hall Pass when out of class. An office summons is considered a Hall Pass. Passes must be returned to the teacher who issued the pass. Students are allowed to use the restroom during class; however, they must return to class within a reasonable amount of time. If a student is feeling ill, they must first report to the nurse. Failure to do so may result in a truancy.
8. Although electronic devices and airpods/beats/headphones, etc. are permitted on campus, they may not be used in the classrooms, the library, or other study areas unless a teacher gives permission.
9. Laser pointers are not allowed at any time.

507 General Courtesy

1. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner reflecting positively on themselves, their parents/guardians, and their school. Courtesy is basically Christian charity requiring self-discipline. Respect marks Eagle behavior.
2. Students should address the faculty/staff politely and in general with a spirit of helpfulness, courtesy, and respect toward them. When addressing a faculty/staff member, use of the adult's first name is not appropriate. (The faculty/staff person's last name should be preceded by Mr., Miss, Mrs., Ms., Dr.)
3. Students should respect the privacy of the faculty lounge, mailroom, and faculty cafeteria. Teachers must be allowed privacy during their lunch or free period.
4. Vulgar language on campus is inappropriate.
5. Once enrolled at Desert Chapel, a student is expected to continue to display positive Christian conduct at all times, on and off campus, whether inside or outside of school. Conduct that is detrimental to the reputation of Desert Chapel Christian School may result in disciplinary consequences.

508 Lockers

1. Lockers are assigned by the Office.
2. Lockers are to be kept locked at all times. They must also be kept CLEAN AND NEAT.
3. Under no circumstances should a student reveal their locker combination to any other student, nor is a student to open another student's locker or remove another student's lock.
4. Lockers in need of repair should be reported to the Office.
5. No decals or pasted items are allowed inside or outside the lockers.
6. Lockers are subject to search by Office or Administration at any time with or without cause. Students have no expectation of privacy in their lockers.
7. ONLY school issued Master Locks (purchased from the Office) are to be placed and locked on student lockers. School personnel will remove ALL other (non-school issued) locks.

509 Eating on Campus

1. Eating on campus will be restricted to the lunch area that is located inside and outside the Snack Shack, in addition to other outdoor, open-air areas. In order to leave the lunch area, a student must have an authorized pass, and must have that pass checked by a faculty member, Lunch Monitor, or Staff member.
2. Orderly conduct is expected in the lunch area as well as in other areas of the school.
3. Throwing or smearing food or drink on another student violates the respect one should have for another student. Such activity is a Level II infraction.
4. Food is not permitted in the Desert Chapel Athletics Complex. Bottled water is permitted.
5. Food deliveries by outside parties are not allowed.

510 Parking Lot

1. Parking in either the Desert Chapel parking lot or parking structure is at the student's own risk. Students who wish to take advantage of this privilege are to obtain a parking permit from the School Safety Office. Preferred Senior parking will be in the Eagle Way lot with all other students parking in the parking structure. No car will be allowed in the

parking lot or parking structure without its parking pass hanging from the vehicle's inside rear view mirror. The parking pass must remain hanging from the rear view mirror while the vehicle is parked in the parking lot or parking structure. If the parking pass is not visible, the vehicle will not be allowed to park in any lot or in the structure - no exceptions. Students who use fraudulent parking passes will lose the privilege of parking in the Eagle student parking lot and may receive additional disciplinary consequences.

2. Senior students may purchase a Preferred Senior parking spot in the Eagle Way lot through the Activities Office. This privilege allows them to decorate their assigned parking spot. All decorations are subject to approval and must be within the realm of Christian decency. All supplies used to decorate Preferred Senior spots must be provided by the student and be approved by the Facilities Department.
3. The parking lot and parking structure will be closed to all students during school hours. Students may not go to any car (their own or faculty/staff's) during the school day. Permission from an Administrator is necessary for anyone wishing to go to the parking lot during school hours.
4. There shall be no stickers or decals attached on any vehicle's windows or exterior depicting any signs of violence, vulgar language, or disrespect in reference to the Desert Chapel community or society's best interest.
5. A speed limit of five (5) M.P.H. will be enforced in the parking lot and parking structure at all times. Disregard of the speed limit or unsafe driving may result in loss of parking privileges and additional disciplinary consequences.
6. Cars may not be left overnight in either the parking lot or parking structure without permission from the School Safety Office. Disregarding this may result in loss of parking privileges and/or car being towed.
7. Students being dropped off or picked up before and after school should exit or enter their cars on Eagle Way. No drop-offs will be allowed in the Bristol Street parking lot.
8. All unauthorized parking or failure to follow directions by the School Safety Staff or parking lot violations will result in disciplinary action.
9. Students are required to obey any and all signage and School Safety Staff directions in the parking lot and parking structure.
10. Students are not to park in the Edinger Lot located across the street from campus. With the addition of the new parking structure, the Edinger Lot will not be staffed by Desert Chapel personnel.

511 Posters & Flyers

All posters and flyers must be approved and stamped by the Office prior to being hung on the Desert Chapel campus. Posters and flyers can only be hung in designated areas on campus.

512 Media Release

Desert Chapel Christian Schools and its approved partners regularly take photographs, film footage, and other electronic media of various school locations, activities, and events for use in, among other things, educational, community outreach, website, athletic, artistic, advancement, and advertising efforts and promotion. This media may be captured on or off campus and will not always be pre-announced to students. Some of the media, including but not limited to Desert Chapel Media, may contain the name, image, likeness, and/or voice of DCCS students. By enrolling at Desert Chapel Christian Schools, all students and their parents/guardians grant Desert Chapel and its approved partners permission to use this media, agree that they will not be financially remunerated for this media usage, and release Desert Chapel Christian Schools and its approved partners from any claims or liability arising from the use of this media.

513 School Facilities

No part of the campus or any of its facilities, including classrooms, gymnasium, halls, or outlying buildings may be used by any member of the staff, student body, or independent agencies outside of school time without the EXPLICIT permission of the school's Administrative Team.

514 Cell Phone Policies / Smartwatch Policies

Students may have cell phones in their possession during the school day. In the classroom, a teacher may invite students to use cell phones in a directed and appropriate manner while working on a specific lesson or project. Once the project is completed, cell phones are again to be powered off.

Students are welcome to use their cell phones before their first class and after school in the Main entrance area, as long as their use does not interfere with the educational process.

Expanding on the discussion of searches in this Handbook, Desert Chapel representatives, under certain circumstances, have the right to immediately and without notice to the students or the parents/guardians, inspect and review students' cell phones and all information contained on the cell phones. Based on such a search, Desert Chapel representatives may confiscate the cell phones. Any student's refusal to immediately turn over a cell phone when requested to do so by a Desert Chapel representative and to provide all applicable log-in and password information for any content on the cell phone is a Level III infraction.

In addition, the following discipline relates to violation of these cell phone policies:

Level I. Any unauthorized use of a cell phone or Smartwatch during school hours. Any unauthorized use of a cell phone or Smartwatch after school hours in the library, chapel, or other areas of the school where such use is not authorized. If the student has a personal emergency

they may come to the Office to use their phone. **Please do not call or text your student during the school day. Rather, you may call the attendance office to leave a message for your student.**

Level II. Any unauthorized use of a cell phone or Smartwatch while in the classroom or during Chapel.

Level III. Any use of a cell phone at any time to send messages which the administration considers to be of a harassing, threatening, or inappropriate type manner.

If observed with a cell phone out during an exam, it is considered a Level 2 or 3 infraction and the student will receive Discipline and Academic Consequences

515 Eighteen-Year-Old Students

Students who have reached eighteen years of age must abide by the rules under which they were accepted; namely that they live under the supervision of parents or legal guardians.

Accordingly, although 18 years old, these students are unable to make changes to their FACTS profile. Any and all changes, including contracts, must be made by the parent or guardian. In addition, even if a student is 18 years old, parents still must sign any and all permission forms.

SELECTIVE SERVICE: A reminder to all male citizens, or aliens residing in the U.S.: You must register with the Selective Service within 30 days of your 18th birthday. You may register at any U.S. Post Office or on the Internet (www.sss.gov). You must register in order to receive Federal Financial Aid for college.

516 Center of Excellence

The Center of Excellence is open for student use daily. Students are welcome to use the space to study, work on group projects or assignments, read, research, and more. Students should be respectful of others by speaking quietly so that other students are able to read or study without disruption. No food or drink, other than water, is allowed in the Center of Excellence at any time. Students who are disrespectful or not using the space appropriately will be asked to leave.

Print stations are available in the Center of Excellence for student use and are free of charge. Students should save a copy of their work to the cloud or email it to themselves, then print from a Center of Excellence computer or workstation.

600 Digital and Technology Use Policies

601 Internet, Technology and Chromebook Use Policies

Internet Use Policy:

Desert Chapel believes that the benefits to educators and students from Internet access, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, far exceed any disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child or ward should follow. To that end, Desert Chapel Christian Schools supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not their child may have access to this resource. The Internet use policy is understood and approved including, without limitation, the sanctions for improper use. Students will be provided access to the Internet under the following policies established herein, effective immediately. This policy is subject to change to meet this rapidly changing area of education.

Primary Policy of Use:

All use of the Internet must be in support of education and research consistent with the mission of Desert Chapel Christian Schools. All users of this service are expected to act in a responsible, ethical, moral, and legal manner. A user cannot expect privacy rights in the educational environment and the school reserves all rights to review, monitor, prohibit and regulate use in its sole discretion. Students may be required to provide their student ID card to access school computers. Email is limited to academic uses only.

Social Media Passwords and Login Information

Students must provide their private usernames, passwords, and all other login information for all social media to Desert Chapel Christian Schools if requested to do so as part of any Desert Chapel investigation. This applies whether or not the student accesses the social media through the student's private electronic devices, through those provided to students by Desert Chapel Christian Schools, or from another source. Desert Chapel has the complete right to monitor and review students' social media content as part of any investigation.

Prohibited Activities Include Without Limitation:

- Using the network for non-educational activities without school consent.
- Using the network for commercial advertising or financial gain. Using the network to lobby for votes.
- Using the network to access a file that contains inappropriate material including materials deemed to be pornographic or obscene.
- Sending or receiving messages that are hurtful, racist, offensive, inflammatory, sexist or which contain obscenities.

- Planting a computer virus on any school device or otherwise attempting to disrupt the school network/internet connectivity
- Sending a message with someone else's name on it.
- Sending or receiving a message that is inconsistent with the school's behavior expectations, including messages that taunt or defame other schools.
- Any use of the network to facilitate illegal activity.
- Construction and use of websites/electronic services that defame students, school personnel or other entities deemed inappropriate by the Administration (such infractions will be handled as a level II or level III infraction).
- Intentionally seeking information on, obtaining copies of or modifying files, other data or passwords belonging to other users and misrepresenting other users on the network.
- Invading the privacy of others.
- Wastefully using finite resources.
- Activity not in keeping with the philosophy of Desert Chapel Christian Schools and the Primary Policy of Use. Inappropriate use of the Internet will be handled as a disciplinary consequence at levels II or III.

Web Page:

Desert Chapel Christian School's web page URL: www.dceagles.org. The Executive Director of Communications maintains the web page. Faculty, Staff, and Administration may be contacted via email through Desert Chapel Christian School's web page. Current school news, sports schedules and results, the Anesi Uniform Store, and school calendar are among the many features offered.

Technology Use Policy

As an innovative school, we recognize the importance of open exchange and learning between the school and its many constituents and we recognize the phenomenon of user-generated digital content—blogging, social media and networking—as an important arena for interaction and collaboration.

As our activities continue to reinforce the school's mission and philosophy to the "development of the whole person - spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional and aesthetic", it becomes increasingly important for us to share with the world the exciting things we are learning and doing, and to learn from and connect with others utilizing these new communications tools.

Desert Chapel Christian School's Technology Use Policy offers information about how to do so effectively, safely and within School guidelines.

Social Media Do's & Don'ts

Do...

Use social media to stay in touch with friends and make new ones.

1. Use social media to create your best image. Google yourself every once in a while, to check on your public image.
2. Use social media to get involved with the community and learn what's happening.
3. Use social media privacy settings on your account to monitor who can look at your profile.
4. Use social media customer support page since it contains valuable information about privacy controls and other important safety information.
5. Use good judgment with your Social Media account and postings! What do you want future employers, administrators, faculty, and maybe even your parents to see?
6. Use good judgment about content and respect privacy laws. Do not include confidential information about the school, its staff, or its students.
7. Remember that you represent Desert Chapel at all times, even in your social media usage.

Your

social media content is not private and can be viewed by Desert Chapel administrators, with repercussions for violations of school rules or policies.

Don't...

1. Post overly personal information like cell phone numbers, address, class schedule, etc. Uninvited viewers of their Social Media pages have stalked students when they post overly personal information.
2. Post pictures of your friends without their permission. It may be considered a legitimate invasion of their privacy, or may jeopardize their chances for a job, or their scholarships.
3. Post information or conduct activities that may violate local, state, or federal laws, and regulations.
4. Think that you are safe from any harm or consequences for the content of your page.
5. Forget that once you post something, it may live forever, even if you take it down.
6. Think that Facebook is the only website of concern. These same principles apply to Twitter, SnapChat, Instagram, etc. and any other Social Media sites.
7. Be afraid to get creative with your profile. Have fun and express yourself legally and responsibly. There are plenty of ways you can create a positive self-image. You can impress your peers and community members and abide by all School policies, and laws!

General Purpose and Intent of the Google Chromebook Authorized Use Policy

Technological resources, including Google Chromebooks, at Desert Chapel are provided for the purpose of supporting

the holistic educational experience and mission of the school. Desert Chapel's goal in providing these

resources is to promote educational excellence by facilitating creative thinking, resource sharing,

scholarship, research, and communication. Use of these technologies is a privilege that carries responsibilities and behavioral expectations consistent with all school rules and policies,

including but not limited to those stated in the Parent Student Handbook. Members of the Desert Chapel

community will use all Google Chromebooks, along with all other electronic communication and computing devices,

in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner at all times.

Specific Google Chromebook Authorized Use Policy

1. Any viewing, sharing or transmission of material from an Google Chromebook containing inappropriate content, offensive language, derogatory rumors/gossip, or other content not in keeping with Desert Chapel's mission or philosophy is strictly prohibited except as expressly authorized by Desert Chapel in connection with approved curricula and course materials.
2. Any Google Chromebook use, whether or not utilizing the Desert Chapel network, which could pose a risk of physical or mental harm to anyone is prohibited. Any Google Chromebook use, whether or not utilizing the Desert Chapel network, which could pose a risk of property loss is also prohibited.
3. Any attempt to connect externally through a Google Chromebook to an internet network, hotspot, or VPN while on Desert Chapel's campus is prohibited.
4. Students will not share their passwords, addresses, or other personal information on the Internet without the authorization of a parent or Desert Chapel representative. Students will not share their usernames or passwords with anyone without the authorization of a parent or Desert Chapel representative.
5. Students have no privacy rights in the use of their Google Chromebook. All Google Chromebook activity, including communications, internet history, or other uses, are subject to monitoring by Desert Chapel. Desert Chapel representatives may inspect and, if they deem necessary confiscate, any student's Google Chromebook at any time without prior notice.

6. Students may store their own photographs and music on their Google Chromebooks only if they conform to standards of good taste and Christian decency as solely determined by Desert Chapel.
7. Certain internet materials may not be copied or reproduced without the permission of the author or other right- holder. It is the student's responsibility to respect and adhere to all copyright, trademark, and other intellectual rights and trade secrets laws.
8. The Desert Chapel network may not be accessed without authorization. This includes, but is not limited to, accessing the network using any account other than a student's own. Doing so will be considered a Level II or Level III infraction.
9. Before using their Google Chromebooks, Desert Chapel strongly encourages students to consider whether their electronic communications and other Google Chromebook uses may be regarded as offensive, hurtful, or otherwise inappropriate by others.
10. Students are not permitted to make purchases directly using their Federated Managed Google Account, provided by Desert Chapel. Required eResources, including paid apps and books, will be provided through the Technology Fee. All assets associated with the Federated Managed Google Account remain the property of Desert Chapel Christian School after the student graduates or leaves Desert Chapel.
11. Students are responsible for the care and safekeeping of their Google Chromebook and are required to use the keyboard case provided by Desert Chapel to protect the Google Chromebook. No other cover is acceptable. In the event that a Google Chromebook is damaged while not in the case (or in a different case), the student is responsible for the cost of repairing the Google Chromebook.
12. Students must immediately report damage or loss, including theft, to Desert Chapel. When reporting major damage or loss, students must provide a statement describing the circumstances under which the Google Chromebook was damaged or lost. In cases of theft, a police report must be filed immediately, and a copy must be provided to Desert Chapel within five (5) days of the theft. Thereafter, the full cost of replacement is charged.
13. If a Google Chromebook or case is damaged through no fault of the student (determined solely by Desert Chapel), the Google Chromebook or case will be replaced at no cost to the student for the first incident only. Thereafter, a \$50 repair fee or the full cost of replacement is charged. Loss or damage due to negligence is not covered and Desert Chapel will not replace or repair the device or case without full pre-payment from the student.

14. Any loss or excessive damage to the Google Chromebook (outside reasonable wear and tear), regardless of the cause, will be the strict financial responsibility of the students and parents. Any Google Chromebook that is lost, stolen, or damaged beyond repair will incur a replacement fee equivalent to the total cost of the Google Chromebook and its case.
15. Students are not permitted to repair, alter, modify, or replace the Google Chromebook or keyboard case without express authorization from Desert Chapel (this includes the addition of new apps and/or other software).
16. Students are not permitted to repair, alter, modify, or replace Google Chromebooks without express authorization from Desert Chapel (this includes the addition of new apps and/or other software).
17. Proper use, care and safekeeping of Google Chromebooks includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a. Activating and maintaining 'Find my Android/Google Chromebook' function at all times
 - b. Bringing the Google Chromebook and necessary accessories to school each day
 - c. Charging the Google Chromebook battery on a daily basis
 - d. Securing the Google Chromebook (i.e., do not leave Google Chromebook unattended or in unlocked locker/car or any other unsupervised area)
 - e. Maintaining the Google Chromebook in protective carrying case (i.e., backpack) when not in use
 - f. Using soft cloth to clean screen; do not use cleansers of any type
 - g. Keeping your Google Chromebook functioning properly by installing updates as they become available
18. Google Chromebooks are the property of Desert Chapel and are not available for purchase.
19. This Google Chromebook Authorized Use Policy applies to Desert Chapel students at all times, whether or not the students are on campus, as Desert Chapel students are always school representatives.
20. Violations of any portion of this Google Chromebook Authorized Use Policy may result in a hearing before the Disciplinary Review Council, which may impose any disciplinary measure against the student up to and including expulsion. Additionally, Desert Chapel

may refuse to issue grades or transcripts to, and may withhold graduation privileges from, any student who violates any portion of this Google Chromebook Authorized Use Policy including but not limited to failing to return an Google Chromebook to Desert Chapel at the conclusion of enrollment at the school or when requested by the school and failing to reimburse the school for a Google Chromebook or Google Chromebook charger's damage or loss (including theft).

21. In consideration for receiving the Google Chromebook from Desert Chapel, each student and his or her parent or legal guardian agrees not to sue and hereby releases, waives, discharges, holds harmless, indemnifies, and defends Desert Chapel Christian School, as well as their respective employees, personnel, staff, volunteers, agents, directors, affiliates, and representatives, from any and all liability, losses, damages, claims, actions, and causes of action of every nature for any and all known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, bodily or personal injuries, property damage, or other loss, whether claimed by the student, parent, legal representative, or any third party, relating in any way to the use of the Google Chromebook furnished by Desert Chapel to the student.

700 General Dress & Grooming Code

701 Philosophy of the Dress Code

Desert Chapel Christian School believes that a student's appearance has an impact on their attitude and behavior at school. Respect for the school community, for the students themselves and for what the school is giving the students is manifested by an attitude of "dressing up" rather than "dressing down" for school.

The dress code is also designed to help students develop a sense of modesty and decorum. It should educate them in what is appropriate dress for the proper time and place. It is the responsibility of the Administration, the Faculty, and the Staff of Desert Chapel Christian School to regulate against and prevent the adoption of exaggerated or faddish hairstyles, clothing, jewelry, or any accessories that tend to draw attention to the wearer.

The school does NOT see this as an infringement on personal fashion desires, for the student has many off-campus hours to dress as he or she wishes. However, attending Desert Chapel Christian School is a privilege, and the school expects its students to conform to a consistent and acceptable dress code.

As a sign of mutual respect, as one way of creating an environment of excellence, and of providing an opportunity for the individual student to make a personal commitment to what the school is about, the following dress code has been developed and updated.

PLEASE NOTE

In all instances, the school reserves the right of regulating against unbecoming fads or fashions that reflect negatively on the school, the person, or do not reflect standards of Christian decency.

The Administration and Headmaster have final judgment regarding the appropriateness of any clothing or grooming

ALL UNIFORM/GROOMING QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE OFFICE

702 Dress Code Enforcement Policy

Violations of the Desert Chapel Christian School Dress Code are considered Level 1 infractions. Multiple Violations will be elevated to a Level II infraction. See Section 704 for Consequences.

Any violation of the dress code for athletic, extracurricular, and social events may result in exclusion from the activity, in addition to disciplinary action.

Also, please note:

- Students may be suspended for non-uniform pants until the correct pants are worn.
- Students with hair that is inappropriate may be suspended from classes until the style/color is corrected.
- Girls who receive three short skirt detentions will lose the privilege of wearing a skirt for 90 school days and will be required to wear long pants during that time.
- Students who receive three detentions for altered or rolled shorts will lose the privilege of wearing shorts and will be required to wear long pants for 90 school days.

703 Unacceptable Dress at Any Desert Chapel Event or Function

The following are never permitted:

- Writing and images on clothing not in accordance with Christian decency
- Any hemline more than 3 inches above the knee
- Acrylic or Press-on nails
- False eyelashes
- Clothes not tailored in accordance to Christian decency (i.e. pants/skirts/shorts not worn at the natural waist, oversized clothing, baggy clothing, tight fitting, tank, halter, mini dress/skirt, low cut, exposed or bare midriff or back, revealing neckline, backless, or spaghetti top)
- Clothing that is not clean, neat, and free from damage (i.e. no frayed edges, cut-off sleeves, holes, ripped/torn etc.)
- Jeans not in accordance with Christian decency (i.e. hip huggers, jeggings or denim leggings, cut-off jeans)
- Jean/denim skirts of any kind
- Any kind of pant worn under a skirt
- Short shorts, cut-offs, P.E. shorts or beach type shorts
- Over the knee socks, fishnet stockings, leg warmers
- Wallet chains
- Gang/tag crew related clothing
- Excessive, extreme, or faddish jewelry
- Body piercing/facial piercings/tongue piercings
- Hat or bandana of any kind, including beanies and hoods (Desert Chapel hats may be worn at athletic events only; hats must be worn correctly and not facing backwards)
- Earrings (for boys)
- Extreme, two-toned hair color is never permitted

704 Uniform Dress Code

Polo Shirts

- Only polo shirts with Desert Chapel embroidered logo and issued by a team, club, or group, may be worn
- May be untucked if the hem is a straight edge hem with no tail.
- Navy, white, and gray only

Shorts

- Navy, khaki, or gray walking shorts
- Length may not be altered or rolled. Shorts must not be more than 3" above knees

Slacks

- Navy, khaki, or gray.

Sweaters

- Blouse/shirt collar must always be visible
- Only v-neck, vest, crew neck pullover sweaters with Desert Chapel Christian School logo
- may be worn in navy or gray

Sweatshirts

- Sweatshirts and zipper-front sweatshirts with a Desert Chapel logo in Navy, Gray or White only. Sweatshirts and zipper-front sweatshirts with a college name/logo and/or mascot in any color
- Collared Desert Chapel uniform shirts or blouses must be worn and be visible under the sweatshirt
- Hoods on sweatshirts may only be worn outdoors during periods of inclement weather

Underclothing

- Solid white t-shirts only which must be tucked in.
- T-shirts with logos are NOT permitted

Jackets

- Only Desert Chapel logo, Desert Chapel team jackets, and/or college jackets may be worn. No other jackets may be worn.

Shoe Code

- ONLY loafer style, tie shoes or Vans slip-on tennis shoes may be worn. Shoes outfitted for laces must be tied
- High top leather shoes are not permitted.

Socks

- Must be worn at all times
- Socks must be in accordance with Christian decency.

705 Girls Uniform Dress Code at School

Skirts

- Skirts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee and may not be rolled.
- Permitted Colors: Desert Chapel Plaid, Navy, Khaki, or Gray.

- Tights/nylons/knee/crew socks may be worn in accordance with Christian decency. Tights must be from the waist to the toe and must be in gray, black, navy or white

Hair

- Hair must be properly groomed, clean, and neat in appearance, and must be a natural hair color. Exaggerated or extreme styles, non-natural colors, or hair that hangs in the face distract from the educational experience and are not permitted. Extreme, two-toned hair color is never permitted. The Administration will determine if a student's grooming or hairstyle violates school policy.

Grooming

- Earrings may be worn in the earlobe only; studs only; no facial piercings; i.e. lip, nose, tongue, etc.
- Make-up, if worn, must be in good taste; natural skin tones only
- Nail polish; Nail art must be neutral colors or School Colors (navy, white, gray); No neon or black
- If a student has tattoos, they must be Christian decent. They must be consistent with our Christian morals and values. Tattoos that depict and/or glorify violence, gore, gang activity, alcohol or drug use, are political in nature, or are deemed sexist are not allowed and must be covered. Facial, neck, and/or hand tattoos are not permitted
- Final determination on whether a tattoo violates school policy rests with the Administration.

706 Boys Uniform Dress Code at School

Hair

Hair must be properly groomed, clean, and neat in appearance, and must be a natural hair color. Exaggerated or extreme styles, non-natural colors, hair that hangs in the face, or scalp/hair designs distract from the educational experience and are not permitted. Extreme, two-toned hair color is never permitted. The Administration will determine if a student's grooming or hairstyle violates school policy.

Grooming

- All male students must be clean-shaven at all times.
- Unshaven students will be given ONE WARNING per year. After the initial warning, unshaven students will receive detention for each day they are found not in compliance.
- Sideburns may not extend below the ear or be flared
- No make-up and/or nail polish
- If a student has tattoos, they must be Christian decent. They must be consistent with our Christian morals and values. Tattoos that depict and/or glorify violence, gore, gang

activity, alcohol or drug use, are political in nature, or are deemed sexist are not allowed and must be covered. Facial, neck, and/or hand tattoos are not permitted. Final determination on whether a tattoo violates school policy rests with the Administration.

707 Spirit Dress

FOR ALL STUDENTS

- Students may wear school uniform pants, uniform shorts, skirts (girls only).
- Jean Capri pants (girls only)
- Black leggings (girls only) and sweatpants.
- Any shirts or sweatshirts worn by students in spirit dress must be in the school colors and include the Desert Chapel name or logo.

708 Dress Up Dress

BOYS: Dress slacks, dress shirt, and tie, dress shoes/dress socks. No tennis shoes may be worn. Jacket or blazer is optional.

GIRLS: Dresses, dress pants or pantsuits, or skirts with blouses or sweaters and dress shoes. The length of dresses and skirts must conform to Desert Chapel dress code. Bare shoulders must be covered.

709 Semi-Formal Dress

NOTE: Guests must also conform to these dress codes

BOYS:

- Dress pants, dress shirt and tie (jacket optional)
- Dress shoes or tennis shoes in good repair

GIRLS:

- Dresses at or below the knee are acceptable.
- Dressy long pantsuits are permitted
- Dresses must be conservative, modest and non-revealing (further info. and examples of appropriate dresses provided on Desert Chapel Christian School website)
- Dress shoes or tennis shoes in good repair

710 Formal Dress

BOYS:

- Full tuxedo or matching suits and tie
- Dress shoes only
- Shoes must be worn at all times – no student is allowed to go barefoot

GIRLS:

- Floor length dresses ONLY. Above the knee and knee length dresses are not acceptable.
- All dresses must be conservative, modest and non-revealing (further info. and examples of appropriate dresses provided on Desert Chapel Christian School website)
- Dresses may not have a slit that exceeds knee length
- No two-piece dresses are allowed
- Dress shoes only
- Shoes must be worn at all times – no student is allowed to go barefoot

711 Game Day Team Dress

On game days student-athletes in season may wear the following:

- DCCS school uniform shorts, pants or skirts (girls only) with a team polo shirt may be worn
- Sweatshirts and jackets may be worn under normal uniform rules
- Desert Chapel Professional Dress

NO TEAM SWEATPANTS MAY BE WORN DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

To minimize class time lost due to early games, student-athletes may change into game uniform at lunchtime and attend class thus dressed. When that apparel includes trunks, shorts, tank tops, etc. that outfit must be covered by team warm-ups. Sweatshirts and jackets may be worn under normal uniform rules.

712 Desert Chapel Professional Dress

Dress for Chapel and special days, as announced.

BOYS:

- Khaki pants or shorts.
- NAVY POLO
- Students must remain in Desert Chapel Professional Dress for the entirety of the school day, meaning no sweatshirts or jackets.
- Socks (solid white, navy, black or gray only)
- Dress shoes or tennis shoes in good repair.

GIRLS:

- Uniform skirt or khaki pants.
- NAVY POLO
- Students must remain in Desert Chapel Professional Dress for the entirety of the school day, meaning no sweatshirts or jackets.
- Socks (solid white, navy, black or gray only)
- Dress flat shoes or tennis shoes in good repair

800 Discipline Code

801 Philosophy of Discipline

When a student manifests difficulty in living within the guidelines of the Desert Chapel community, the school deals with these issues constructively and restoratively through its policies, Administration, Faculty, Disciplinary Council, and other dynamics within the school. We address the good of the student and their family as well as the good of the entire community. Through the implementation of restorative practices within our discipline system, we aim to further develop the whole person by educating our students on conflict resolution in order to transform the school community. The disciplinary procedures that follow are an attempt to address issues which sometimes occur both on campus and off campus which disrupt the educational process or are otherwise incompatible with the values and mission of Desert Chapel. Desert Chapel students are to conduct themselves in a spirit of Christian decency and courtesy as representatives of Desert Chapel Christian Schools. As Such, Desert Chapel students who attend off campus functions as representatives of Desert Chapel Christian Schools (this includes, but is not limited to, another school's dance, athletic event, etc.) will also be subject to the disciplinary procedures that follow.

We have selected the more relevant disciplinary issues that may present themselves and have ranked them into three categories: Level I, II and III infractions including their potential consequences. These disciplinary issues and measures, however, are not exhaustive. For example, notwithstanding anything else stated in these disciplinary sections, the school may, at times and at its sole discretion, judge that a student can no longer remain at Desert Chapel Christian Schools because their presence is detrimental to the good of the student, of the school, and/or of the Desert Chapel community. In such cases, the Headmaster may ask the parent to withdraw the student, may directly disenroll the student, or expel the student, all without a disciplinary hearing. Additionally, the school may prescribe additional restorative measures for encouraging the student to grow in maturity, integrity, and responsibility such as asking the student to enter into counseling, requiring the student to work for the community they have offended, or participating in a mediated meeting between them and other students involved in the incident. Alternatively, a student may also be suspended from school if they are deemed to be of detriment or danger to the school community. In order for the Office to obtain all proper documentation when dealing with student discipline issues, students may be required to complete a Student Incident Report.

802 Parental Attitude and Cooperation

Desert Chapel stresses civility, respect, and courtesy in every aspect of its students' interactions with others. The same is expected of the parents of those students when interacting with school staff, personnel, or at school activities. Under normal circumstances a child is not to be deprived of a Catholic education on grounds relating to the attitude of the parent. Nevertheless, it is recognized that a situation could arise in which the uncooperative, unprofessional, or destructive

attitude of a parent might diminish the effectiveness of the school in acting in loco parentis that continuation of the student or enrollment of a student in the school may be impossible. Parents/guardians may respectfully express their concerns about the school operation, the school's various academic, co- and extracurricular programs, and the school's staff and personnel. However, they may not do so in a manner that is discourteous, uncivil, abusive, rumor-driven, disruptive, threatening, harassing, or hostile. This applies equally to all school settings and interactions including all communications with the school and at all school activities. In case this policy is violated, the decision of the Headmaster regarding the suitability for a student's continued enrollment or acceptance into the school will be final. Additionally, Desert Chapel reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to end communication with, and restrict access to Desert Chapel facilities, a particular parent/guardian and communicate only with the other parent/guardian, or none at all.

803 Sexual Harassment

It is our policy to provide an educational environment in which everyone is treated with respect. It is the responsibility of the student, administrator, teacher, parent, staff, aides, or volunteers to conduct themselves in a manner which contributes to a positive school environment. Therefore, any form of harassment whether sexual, verbal, written, physical, visual, or environmental is strictly forbidden.

Any person who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination or expulsion.

Definition of Harassment:

Harassment occurs when an individual is subjected to treatment that is hostile, offensive, or intimidating because of the individual's race, creed, color, national origin, ethnicity, physical ability, health condition, disability, gender, or religion.

Confidentiality:

Every effort shall be made to protect the privacy of parties involved in any complaint. Files pertaining to complaints are confidential and will be discussed only when necessary for the investigation and/or resolution of the matter.

Retaliation:

Desert Chapel Christian Schools forbids retaliation against anyone who reports harassment or who participates in the investigation of such a report.

804 Level I Infractions (minor)

Level I infractions will result in a combination of Level I consequences. One (1) demerit is assigned for each infraction.

Level I infractions include:

1. Dress/Grooming Code Violations
2. Tardies

3. Littering
4. Chewing gum
5. Not wearing a Student I.D. Card and the Desert Chapel issued lanyard around their neck.
6. Minor disregard of student regulations or school policies.
7. Failed Consequences
8. Unauthorized use of cellular phones, or any electronic audio/visual device during school hours
9. Unauthorized use or downloading of unauthorized apps on Chromebooks
10. Dishonest behavior that includes cheating on any homework assignment or minor project

805 Level II Infractions (major)

Level II infractions result in a combination of Level II consequences. Two (2) demerits are assigned for each infraction.

Level II infractions include:

1. Multiple or flagrant Level I infractions.
2. Classroom disruption
3. Dishonest behavior that includes falsified excuses/signatures/phone messages, plagiarism (Copying another's work), cheating on any quiz or test.
4. Failure to turn in prescription medication to the Director of Health Services.
5. Truancy (class or school).
6. Defiance or disrespect for authority and/or school code.
7. Possession of pornographic materials.
8. Language, gestures, or behavior that is immoral, vulgar, profane, or obscene.
9. Gambling on or near school property or at any school function.
10. Intimidation, harassment, hostile action, verbal altercation, hazing, or any willful act that may cause injury (mental or physical) to another person.
11. Chronic failure to serve a failed consequence, detention, or complete assigned consequences for Level I or II infractions. Students may be suspended from Extra-Curricular Activities until disciplinary responsibilities have been fulfilled.
12. Theft, invasion of privacy, possession of stolen property, or destruction of another's property.
13. Throwing food or drink or smearing another's uniform or person.

14. Possession of hate literature, use of hate language including that, which is racial, ethnic, or religious in nature.
15. Construction and use of web that defame students, school personnel, or other entities as deemed inappropriate by the Desert Chapel School Administration.
16. Inappropriate use of the Internet.
17. Inappropriate use of social media (See section 601)
18. Violation of Internet, Technology and/or iPad Use Policy.
19. Major disregard of student regulations.
20. Conspiracy in any of the above infractions.

806 Level III Infractions (serious)

Level III infractions will result in a combination of Level III consequences. Three (3) demerits are assigned for each infraction.

Any level III infraction may result in the appearance of the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) before the Disciplinary Review Council.

Level III infractions include:

1. Multiple, flagrant or serious Level II infractions.
2. Immoral or scandalous conduct (any speech, writing, or action contrary to Christian decency) on or near school property or at any school function, or off-campus at any time.
3. Defiance of authority and/or school code of a serious nature.
4. Theft or destruction of another's property of a serious nature.
5. The throwing of food and/or drink of a serious nature (for example, but not limited to, the throwing of food and/or drink which results in a "food fight").
6. Possession/use of any weapon including but not limited to knives and firearms, (real/imitation) or pepper spray.
7. Use or possession of tobacco or tobacco products on or near school property or at any school function.
8. Possessing, furnishing, using, distributing, selling, purchasing, transporting, or being under the influence of any banned substance (as defined in Section 901) (without prescription) or intoxicant (including alcohol or drug paraphernalia) on or near school property or at any school function.
9. Possessing, furnishing, using, distributing, selling, purchasing drug paraphernalia on or near school property or at any school function.

10. Use or possession of e-cigarettes, electronic vaporizers, or similar paraphernalia (whether or not capable of being used for nicotine, water, or other substances) on or near the school property or at any school function.
11. Fighting on or near school property or at any school function.
12. Selling, distributing, or giving one's prescription medication to another student.
13. Lighting fires, and/or possessing, using or threatening to use any incendiary or explosive devices such as, flares, firecrackers, M-80's and Cherry Bombs and Smoke Bombs, or Stink Devices.
14. Direct involvement as principal or accessory in any malicious mischief.
15. Direct involvement as principal or accessory in any crime, including a non-violent felony, a misdemeanor, or multiple misdemeanors, or where a student arrest or arraignment takes place.
16. Any sexual or aggravated assault on or near school property, at any school function or off-campus at any time.
17. The use of any extreme hate language or the distribution of any hate literature including that which is racial, ethnic, or religious in nature.
 - a. Discriminatory Harassment: Discriminatory harassment or hate speech includes conduct directed against a person or group because of their race, color, national origin, accent, ethnicity, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, medical condition, or disability, having the purpose or effect of creating an offensive or hostile environment for that person or group. Discriminatory harassment can include, but is not limited to, the following forms: speech, gestures, graphics, writings, or physical actions including graffiti, the use of targeted slurs, and exchanges in person and over social media.
18. Serious disregard of student regulations.
19. Serious harassment, hazing, or any willful act that may cause injury (mental or physical) to another person.
20. Conspiracy or the act of a serious dishonest behavior that includes falsified documents and serious cheating on a major project, term paper, or semester exam.
21. Construction and use of web sites that defame students, school personnel, or other entities as deemed inappropriate by the Desert Chapel School Administration.
22. Inappropriate use of the Internet or cell phone of a serious nature. (Includes, but not limited to, Sexting and cyber-bullying).
23. Inappropriate use of social media of a serious nature (See section 601).

24. Violation of the Internet, Technology or iPad Use Policies of a SERIOUS NATURE.
25. Tagging or destruction of school property
26. Alteration or attempted alteration of drug testing samples or sabotage or attempt to sabotage the integrity of the Desert Chapel Banned Substances and Alcohol Testing Program.
27. Threats of any kind, whether implied or hypothetical.
28. Conspiracy in any of the above infractions.

Level I, II or III Consequences

- Detention
- Trash Pick-up
- Written Assignment(s)
- Loss of privileges
- Confiscation of personal items or material used
- Parent Conference
- Lunch work Detail
- Saturday Detention
- Counseling
- Drug/Alcohol Testing
- Liability for damages
- Regarding all Academic Integrity violations, a grade of "0" for each infraction
- Headmaster's Contract
- Administrator's Contract
- DRC Contract
- Academic Integrity Contract
- Mediated meeting between offender and person(s) offended
- Online drug education program
- Independent and/or guided research on topic related to the student's offense
- Extra or co-curricular attendance/participation ineligibility (including, but not limited to school dances, athletic events, performing arts events, etc.)
- Students with Failed Consequences may be suspended from Extra-Curricular Activities until disciplinary responsibilities have been fulfilled.
- Suspension from school for an extended period of time.
- Withdrawal or expulsion from Desert Chapel Christian Schools.

Consequences for Vaping/E-Cigarette-related Infractions

In order to combat the current vaping/e-cigarette epidemic present in Christian Schools around the country, Desert Chapel Christian Schools has implemented the following protocols for instances when it has been determined that a student is in possession of or using e-cigarettes on campus or school property, regardless of the substance contained within the device.

- Students will receive an automatic suspension pending investigation and determination of the substance within the vape/e-cigarette device.
- Students may be placed on an Administrator's Contract or go before a Disciplinary Review Council (DRC), as determined by the circumstances of the incident, determination of the substance, and the decision of the school's Administration.
- Students may be required to complete an educational curriculum on the dangers of vaping/e-cigarettes.

Progressive Consequences for Repeat Level I Infractions

- First Violation – 1 Hour Detention/work details
- Second Violation – 2 Hour Detention
- Third Violation – 4 Hour Saturday Detention – Student placed on a Headmaster's Contract
- Fourth Violation – Suspension from School – Student placed on an Administrator's Contract
- Fifth Violation – Suspension from School – Student sent to the Disciplinary Review Council

Contracts

1. **Headmaster's Contract:** Student is placed on a behavior contract which could include but is not limited to: Saturday Detentions, Work Details, Loss of Privileges, Ineligible to attend Dances/Events/Sports Games. Students who earn a Headmasters' Contract have incurred multiple infractions of one kind (i.e., excessive tardies, dress infractions, class disruptions) and high demerits. The primary purpose of a Headmasters' Contract is to initiate a dialogue with and engage the student's parents/guardians in an effort to prevent the student from going on disciplinary probation.
2. **Administrator's Contract:** Student is placed on Discipline Probation which could include but is not limited to: Saturday Detentions, Work Details, Loss of Privileges, Ineligible to attend Dances/Events/Sports Games, Counseling, Drug/Alcohol Testing, Removal from ASB. Students who are placed on an Administrator's Contract are usually suspended from school because of a Level II infraction but may not have gone before a DRC.
3. **DRC Contract:** Student is placed on Strict Discipline Probation which could include but is not limited to: Saturday Detentions, Work Details, Loss of Privileges, Ineligible to attend Dances/Events/Sports Games, Counseling, Drug/Alcohol Testing, Removal from

ASB. Students on a DRC contract may become ineligible to participate in school-sanctioned travel. See Section 310 for further information.

4. **Academic Integrity Contract:** Students that have violated the Academic Integrity Policy will be placed on an Academic Integrity Contract, which could include but is not limited to: Saturday Detentions, Work Details, Loss of Privileges, Ineligible to attend Dances/Events/Sports Games, Counseling, Zero on the assignment, quiz, test, project, paper, or semester exam, etc.
5. **Attendance Contract:** Student is placed on an Attendance Contract which could include but is not limited to: Saturday Detentions, Work Details, Loss of Privileges, Ineligible to attend Dances/Events/Sports Games. Students who earn an Attendance Contract have incurred an excessive number of absences and/or are frequently tardy. The primary purpose of an Attendance Contract is to initiate a dialogue with and engage the student's parents/guardians to help improve their student's attendance and ensure academic success.

Zero Tolerance Policy

Desert Chapel Christian Schools has adopted a zero-tolerance policy for certain behaviors deemed a danger to the Desert Chapel community. Any student directly involved in, associated with, or conspiring in any of the following will be expelled from Desert Chapel Christian Schools::

1. **Gang affiliation**
2. **Bringing a firearm or weapon onto or near the Desert Chapel campus or to any Desert Chapel function or activity**
3. **Selling or providing drugs on or near the Desert Chapel campus or at any Desert Chapel function or activity or to any Desert Chapel student(s) at any location**
4. **Serious threat of physical and/or sexual violence.**

The Headmaster makes final determination on the use of the Zero Tolerance policy at Desert Chapel Christian Schools.

807 Detention

1. **Detention**

Detention days and times will be provided by the Office. A student must report to detention within three (3) detention days after the detention is issued. If a student misses a detention, they will accrue additional consequences. When a student misses subsequent detentions, consequences will be increased.

2. **Lunch Work Detail**

Lunch work detail involves cleaning up the lunch area. Students assigned to lunch work detail must report to a Staff member 15 minutes before the end of their lunch period.

3. **Saturday Detention**

On an as needed basis, Saturday detention will be assigned. The Saturday detention is either two (2) or four (4) hours. Students attending Saturday Detention are required to wear their school uniforms and student ID.

808 Suspension

Students who, because of their behavior and attitude, have forfeited the privilege of being part of the community are suspended from school.

At-Home Suspension

For the duration of their suspension, students are under the jurisdiction of their parents and may not come on the school grounds or attend or participate in any school activities or functions. Suspended students are responsible to make up all schoolwork or activities and assignments missed while on suspension. This work must be made up within a maximum of five (5) days from the end of their suspension.

809 Demerit System

Demerits are assigned to students when they commit infractions of the Discipline Code, and they are cumulative for the full school year. Students start each school year with no demerits. Periodic reviews are made of student discipline files. Those with high numbers are warned that misconduct must be corrected. Students who continue to misbehave after being warned are placed on Contract (see consequences)

810 Disciplinary Probation

Students are placed on Disciplinary Probation or Strict Disciplinary Probation when they have committed a serious infraction or have an excessive number of demerits. This probation status

means a student is placed on an Administrator's Contract or DRC Contract. Parents will be notified and a parent conference requested. Students' discipline probation status will be reviewed each semester. In addition, the student and their parents may be required to appear before the Disciplinary Review Council. Violation of this contract may result in withdrawal or expulsion. **While a student is on Disciplinary Probation or Strict Disciplinary Probation, they may not run for a school office. If a student who holds a school office is placed on Disciplinary Probation or Strict Disciplinary Probation, the student may lose their office.**

811 Disciplinary Review Council (DRC)

The Disciplinary Review Council is a private process designed for the Administration, students, and their families to address serious disciplinary matters. The ordinary day-to-day discipline of the school is under the supervision of the Internal Operations Office. It is the purpose of the Council to provide the student and their family an opportunity to discuss disciplinary matters while obtaining the proper result for each student.

Disciplinary Review Council Membership

The Disciplinary Review Council will consist of the following members:

1. The Executive Director of School Safety
2. Administrators
3. Faculty and Staff Members

The members will sit on the Council on a randomly selected rotational basis throughout the year. There are four administrators and ten faculty/staff members eligible to sit on the committee. The Headmaster appoints five eligible faculty/staff members and the Desert Chapel Faculty/Staff elects the remaining ten faculty/staff members. A Disciplinary Review Council member must have been at the school for at least one year. **In order to maintain the integrity of the DRC Hearing and protect the privacy of the panel members, family members and/or students are not allowed to record or film the DRC hearing by any means. Further, the notes and other writings of the Council are private and will not be shared with the students or their families.**

Function

The Disciplinary Review Council will:

1. Provide the student and family an opportunity to discuss the disciplinary issues and surrounding circumstances
2. Advise the Headmaster
3. Review students considered for withdrawal or expulsion.
4. Review the conduct of students with a high number of demerits and those on Disciplinary Probation each semester.

Procedures

1. The Council provides students and their families with the opportunity to discuss disciplinary issues when there is a possibility of expulsion.
2. The student, their parents, and members of Desert Chapel admin are the only people allowed to sit in at hearings. The Council will excuse the student and their

parents/guardians during the period of deliberation. Any notes or transcripts from the hearings or deliberations will not be shared with students or parents/guardians.

3. After the hearing, the Council votes at the conclusion of the deliberation phase. Its Recommendation is passed onto the Headmaster
4. The Headmaster makes the final school site decision, which is communicated to the parents in writing.
5. If a student is asked to withdraw, parents/guardians may appeal the Council's decision but must do so in writing to the Headmaster within five (5) business days.
6. At the end of each semester, the Council will consider all those students who have a high number of demerits and those on Disciplinary Probation. The Council will recommend to the Headmaster those students who may not be permitted to return and those who may be accepted back under Disciplinary Probation on a Contract. In such cases, the parents/guardians may request a final review of their case. The Headmaster's decision is final.

Student Athletes

If a student athlete is asked to withdraw or otherwise withdraws on their own as a result of a violation of the school's discipline code, their standing as an athlete with CIF may be negatively impacted. In such instances, when a student athlete transfers to another school, CIF requires that we report disciplinary issues, which may require the student athlete to miss a year of athletic participation.

900 School Banned Substances

901 School Banned Substances

The banned substances include but are not limited to all illegal drugs, marijuana and THC products, tobacco, nicotine, and alcohol. The program is intended as a proactive approach to a truly drug and alcohol-free school. Students using illegal drugs, marijuana and THC products, tobacco, nicotine, and alcohol, as well as e-cigarettes and vaporizers pose a threat to their own health and safety, as well as to that of other students, staff, and community.

If a student is suspected of being under the influence, the police will be called and the appropriate action will be taken.

1000 Academic Expectations and Grades

1001 Academic Information

Desert Chapel places great emphasis on education. Learning not only develops God-given talents, but also helps to make Faith more living, conscious, and active. Faith and religious values are integrated into all that is taught in our community. Students here at Desert Chapel are directed to the pursuit of further education after graduation. Therefore, emphasis is placed upon subjects and skills that will render a student capable of college and university study.

It will sometimes happen that a student may not be able to handle this intellectual challenge. Lack of ability, a decline in motivation, desire to leave the school, personal problems, and other reasons have emerged as obstacles to doing well. If an issue reaches the point where the school decides it is no longer in the best interest of the student to continue education at Desert Chapel, this will be brought to the attention of the parents/guardians.

The purpose of these procedures to encourage the best education possible for our students, either here at Desert Chapel or in that environment where the learning of the student will flourish.

Repeating "D" and "F" Grades

If a student earns a "D" or "F" semester grade, the student must make up the "F" in order to meet graduation requirements;

"D" grades should be repeated in order to improve the student's grade point average and may be required in order to qualify for the next course level. Colleges usually do not accept "D" grades. The better grade is always used when computing the GPA. Students Should repeat the class(es) during summer school following the "D" or "F" grade(s). Students are encouraged to enroll in Desert Chapel Summer School.

Grade Petitioning

If a student wishes to petition a grade, they may do so by initiating contact with the appropriate teacher. The teacher will meet with the student to discuss their concerns and review any specific assignments. The teacher will exercise their professional judgment to grant or deny the student's petition on an assignment. If the petition is in regard to a course grade, the teacher may confer with the Internal Operations Office to make a final decision. Requests To petition a grade on an individual assignment, quiz, test, or project must be made within two (2) weeks of the grade being posted. Petition requests beyond these two (2) weeks will not be considered.

1002 Report Cards

Progress Reports are available to students and parents through the Facts Family Portal during the semester. Report Cards are available through the Facts Family Portal at the end of the 1st and 2nd semesters.

1003 Semester Exams

Exams will be given in all subjects at the end of each semester (see school calendar for each subject and date of exam). All students are required to be present for semester exams. Semester exam worth may vary by department. Some departments may have a project semester assessment which takes the place of the semester exam. Teachers will communicate whether they will have a semester exam or a project semester assessment.

Requests to Reschedule Semester Exams

On occasion there may be a student who needs to take an examination earlier than scheduled. When this need arises, the following is required:

1. Parent/Guardian must submit a request, in writing, to the Attendance Office.
2. Once the student receives approval, a \$50 fee (per exam) is submitted to the Attendance Office.
3. Attendance office issues "Approved Absence Make-Up Work Request" form, which the student brings to each teacher for signature.
4. Student and Teacher reschedule the exam.

1004 Desert Chapel Progress Reports

Parents and students will receive progress reports. Parents are encouraged to access their student's current grades via the Facts Family Portal. Information on this program will be provided to parents at the beginning of the school year.

1005 Transcripts

Official Transcripts Requested online are sent securely to the colleges, universities, scholarship funds selected.

Unofficial Transcripts can be requested by a parent or guardian from the administration office.

1006 Class Schedule Changes

For Schedule changes, contact the student's assigned School Counselor. Schedule changes may require approval by the following: Parents and Internal Operations.

1007 School Grades

A= Excellent; B=Good; C=Average; D=Poor; F=Failure

Grading Scale

A.....	100-95	C.....	76-74
A-.....	94-90	C-.....	73-70
B.+.....	89-87	D+.....	69-67
B.....	86-84	D.....	66-64
B-.....	83-80	D-.....	63-60
C+.....	79-77	F	below 60

1. Classroom grades are based on teachers' evaluations, and grades may be affected by student absences.
2. Academic Probation: If a student receives a failure at the semester grading period or receives below a 2.0 average, they will be placed automatically on Academic Probation. A student on Academic Probation must show improvement the following semester grading period or they will become ineligible to participate in athletic or non-athletic activities. Such students may also be subject to dismissal.
3. Failures: If a student fails a semester period of work, they must make up that course or a comparable class in the summer school that directly follows the completion of the year in

which they receive the failure. No student is allowed to return to Desert Chapel unless they have made up the failure in the required time. Two failures at the semester are cause for dismissal from Desert Chapel. Two failures in Religious Studies classes may result in a student's dismissal. Students at Desert Chapel may not repeat failed classes during the school year.

4. Student transcripts do not reflect + or – grades.

Semester Grading Scale

A.....	90 -100
B.....	80 – 89
C.....	70 – 79
D.....	60 – 69
F.....	Below 60

1008 Computation of G.P.A.

In computing the Grade Point Average (G.P.A.)

4 points are given for each A

3 points are given for each B

2 points are given for each C

1 point is given for each D

0 points are given for each F.

(Physical Education and related courses receive no points for Academic G.P.A.)

The total points are then divided by the number of subjects taken.

Honors and Advanced Placement classes receive one extra point for grades of A, B, or C.

1009 Homework

Homework is an integral part of a student's success at Desert Chapel Christian Schools. Students will be assigned homework on a daily basis. They are required to complete the homework in a quality manner and to submit it to their teachers by the assigned deadlines; not doing so may dramatically affect their grade.

To help students with time management, we encourage students to use an Academic Planner. Students are required to keep a record of assignments, and we recommend that parents check their student's planner to ensure that assignments are recorded and completed.

1010 Academic Integrity

Students of Desert Chapel Christian Schools are expected to complete all assignments with honesty and integrity. Classwork should be a true reflection of the student's ability and effort.

Any academic dishonesty will result in both academic and disciplinary penalties. Forms of Academic Dishonesty include, but are not limited to:

- **Plagiarism:** use of another's words or ideas without proper citation, whether it be improper copying from academic sources or copying the work of another. Teachers may use plagiarism detection services, such as turnitin.com to check student assignments for originality.
- **Cheating:** use of improper or unauthorized materials or study aids including "cheat sheets" or electronic devices to supplement academic performance. At no time are cell phones or smartwatches allowed out during an exam.
- **Facilitating Dishonesty:** knowingly allowing one's work to be copied by another or doing the work of another
- **Inappropriate Collaboration:** working together on a project or assignment without the instructor's knowledge or permission
- **Academic Misconduct:** tampering with grades, tests, or other class materials; stealing or tampering with the work of another student.

1011 Consequences for Academic Dishonesty

In order to preserve the academic integrity of educational technology platforms, students are prohibited from sharing their log-in credentials with other students. Sharing such information may result in disciplinary consequences as outlined in section 804-806.

Homework Assignments or Minor Assignments

Violations of the Academic Integrity Policy as it pertains to homework and/or minor assignments will be handled by the individual teacher and documented by the Office. In addition, such violations may result in the following consequences.

1. First offense of academic dishonesty on homework in any class, the following consequences include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Zero on the assignment
 - b. Parent notification by the teacher
 - c. Reported to the Office
2. Second offense of academic dishonesty on homework in any class, the following consequences include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Zero on the assignment
 - b. Parent notification by the teacher
 - c. Reported to the Office
 - d. 4-hour Saturday detention

- e. Parent conference with an Administrator and student placed on an Academic Integrity Contract
3. Third offense of academic dishonesty on homework, the following consequences include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Zero on the assignment
 - b. Parent notification by the teacher
 - c. Reported to the Internal Operations Office
 - d. Suspension from school
 - e. Disciplinary meeting with the Internal Operations Office OR a hearing with the Disciplinary Review Council to decide if the student will be asked to withdraw from Desert Chapel Christian Schools
 - f. Consequences TBD if student is permitted to return to Desert Chapel Christian Schools

Academic Integrity on Exams

Quizzes, tests, and semester exams require an especially high level of attention to integrity. Actions That in non-testing environments would not normally be considered cheating are considered a violation in testing situations. All violations will result in a student receiving a zero on the quiz, test, or semester exam and the student may also receive disciplinary consequences.

Academic dishonesty on quizzes, tests, and/or semester exams includes, but is not limited to:

- Communication (without teacher permission) to any student for any reason during the testing period. Borrowing a pen or asking about time, etc. are not acceptable explanations and will be considered violations.
- Accessing/viewing a cell phone, smartwatch, or similar device during the testing period. To check time or view a test message, etc. are not acceptable explanations and will be considered violations.
- Using a calculator or other electronic device that has stored information, even if pertinent information is not accessed.
- Taking a picture of a quiz, test, or semester exam, even if the picture was not sent to anyone.

Quizzes or Tests

1. 1. First offense of academic dishonesty on a quiz or test in any class, the following consequences include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Zero on the quiz or test
 - b. Parent notification by the teacher
 - c. Reported to the Office
 - d. 4-hour Saturday detention
 - e. Parent conference with an Administrator and student placed on an Academic Integrity Contract

2. Second offense of academic dishonesty on a quiz or test, the following consequences include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Zero on the quiz or test
 - b. Parent notification by the teacher
 - c. Reported to the Office
 - d. Suspension from school
 - e. Disciplinary meeting with the Executive Director School Safety or Assistant Principal OR a hearing with the Disciplinary Review Council to decide if the student will be asked to withdraw from Desert Chapel Christian Schools
 - f. Consequences TBD if student is permitted to return to Desert Chapel Christian Schools.

Semester Exams, Major Projects, or Term Papers

1. First offense of academic dishonesty on a semester exam, major project, or term paper, the following consequences include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Zero on the exam, project, or paper
 - b. Parent notification by the teacher
 - c. Reported to the Internal Operations Office
 - d. Suspension from school
 - e. Disciplinary meeting with the Internal Operations Office OR a hearing with the Disciplinary Review Council to decide if the student will be asked to withdraw from Desert Chapel Christian Schools
 - f. Consequences TBD if student is permitted to return to Desert Chapel Christian Schools

1012 What is Plagiarism?

Many people think of plagiarism as copying another's work or borrowing someone else's original ideas. But terms like "copying" and "borrowing" can disguise the seriousness of the offense:

According to the Merriam-Webster OnLine Dictionary, to "plagiarize" means

1. to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own
2. to use (another's production) without crediting the source
3. to commit literary theft
4. to present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source.

In other words, plagiarism is an act of fraud. It involves both stealing someone else's work and lying about it afterward.

But can words and ideas really be stolen?

According to U.S. law, the answer is yes. In the United States and many other countries, the expression of original ideas is considered intellectual property, and is protected by copyright laws, just like original inventions. Almost all forms of expression fall under copyright protection as long as they are recorded in some media (such as a book or a computer file).

All of the following are considered plagiarism:

- turning in someone else's work as your own
- copying words or ideas from someone else without giving credit
- failing to put a quotation in quotation marks
- giving incorrect information about the source of a quotation
- changing words but copying the sentence structure of a source without giving credit
- copying so many words or ideas from a source that it makes up the majority of your work, whether you give credit or not (see our section on "fair use" rules)

Attention! Changing the words of an original source is not sufficient to prevent plagiarism. If you have retained the essential idea of an original source, and have not cited it, then no matter how drastically you may have altered its context or presentation, you have still plagiarized.

Most cases of plagiarism can be avoided, however, by citing sources. Simply acknowledging that certain material has been borrowed and providing your audience with the information necessary to find that source is usually enough to prevent plagiarism.

1013 Academic Review Council

The Academic Review Council will consist of:

1. Athletic Director
2. Registrar
3. Internal Operations Office

Function of the Council:

1. To review all students who are struggling academically.
2. To review all rules and regulations related to academics in the school.
3. To sit as a hearing body for academic challenges and violations of academic probations.
4. To act as an advisory body to the faculty as a whole regarding academic procedures.

The Council is responsible to the Principal and shall meet immediately after report cards are issued for the first and second semesters. The Council may also meet for any serious infraction of academic probation.

1014 Work Permits and Employment

1. State law requires that students who are under 18 years of age and who plan to work obtain a Work Permit.
2. California State Labor Law prohibits students under 18 from working more than four (4) hours on a school day. They cannot work between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. on school days, and from 12:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. on weekends. The school has noticed a problem with students working long and unusual hours. Parents are urged to safeguard the physical, emotional and intellectual health of their children by paying attention to this matter.
3. All permits expire at the end of the summer and must be renewed in August of each school year.
4. Students must maintain a 2.0 G.P.A. to receive a work permit.

1015 California Scholarship Foundation

The purpose of the CSF is to recognize and encourage high scholastic achievement. Students who consistently earn membership in CSF increase their chances of college acceptance, and become eligible for scholarship opportunities.

Membership is based on semester grades. To be eligible, a student must earn 10 points:

- 3 points are given for each A
- 4 points are given for each Honors/AP A
- 1 point is given for each semester B
- 2 points are given for each Honors/AP B

A maximum of 2 "extra" points are given per semester

- No points are given for a "C"
- A "D" or lower in any subject disqualifies students from participation for that semester.

The following courses do not count toward CSF calculations: Allsports, PE, Dance Team, Color Guard, Marching Band, Pep Squad, and Office Aide.

Students who earn CSF membership for four semesters, including at least one semester based upon grades earned during the first semester of the senior year, are designated as Sealbearers at graduation. These students are recognized at the CSF Senior Awards Ceremony and at Commencement.

Students eligible for CSF must sign up during the sign-up weeks designated each February and October. Qualifying students are encouraged to apply.

1016 HONOR ROLL

To be named to the Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, or Highest Honor Roll, student must meet the following criteria:

- Highest Honor Roll: Earn an academic GPA of 4.0 or higher
- High Honor Roll: Earn an academic GPA of 3.5 – 3.9
- Honor Roll: Earn an academic GPA of 3.0 – 3.4

School records/transcripts:

Parents or students may request a transcript for both official and unofficial purposes.

Official transcripts are mailed directly to the requesting institution in a sealed envelope.

Unofficial transcripts may be provided directly to students or parents.

Transcript requests may be directed to the Academic Coordinator or the DCCS Secretary/Registrar.

1100 Graduation

1101 Graduation/Enrollment Requirements

Graduation Requirements:

At Desert Chapel Christian Schools, our graduation requirements are intended to prepare our students for the rigorous academic challenges that are anticipated at the college and university level. These requirements are reviewed regularly and adjusted to make certain that our curriculum continues to be College-Preparatory requirements and recommendations.

Each semester course equals 5 credits. Bible classes taken prior to the 2021-2022 academic year earn 2.5 credits per semester.

Effective August 2021, Bible classes will earn 5 credits per semester.

A DCCS graduate will earn a minimum of 255 - 275 semester credits.

Students will graduate with a Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, and a passing grade in all Bible classes.

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| • Bible | 40 credits (5 credits per semester) |
| • English | 40 credits |
| • Science | 30 credits (40 credits recommended by 4-year universities) |
| • Social Science | 45 credits |
| • Mathematics | 30 credits (40 credits recommended by 4-year universities) |
| • Foreign Language | 20 credits (30 credits recommended by 4-year universities) |
| • Fine Art | 10 credits |
| • Physical Education | 20 credits |
| • Electives | 40 credits |

1102 Community Service Graduation Requirements

Each high school student at Desert Chapel Christian Schools, as part of their graduation requirements, must complete a minimum of 40 volunteer service hours.

All Students must record a minimum of 5 hours per semester.

Transfer Students are required to record 5 hours for each semester enrolled at Desert Chapel Christian Schools.

A minimum of half of the required hours must be considered “direct”. A final reflection assignment must be completed by the specified date in the spring of a student's senior year.

Through this requirement, students are provided a structured program in which they can potentially experience Christianity in a dynamic way by actively participating in a wide variety of outreach opportunities.

1103 Honors Diploma

Seniors with a weighted or unweighted cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 and above will receive honors at graduation.

1104 Recognition of 4.0 Students at Graduation

All Senior Students who have a weighted or unweighted G.P.A. of 4.0 or higher will be recognized at Graduation. Student's G.P.A. is computed and based on seven (7) semesters of work. The eighth semester of grades is not computed toward this student recognition.

1200 Center of Excellence

The Center of Excellence at Desert Chapel Christian Schools stands as a hub of opportunity and growth, providing a dedicated space for high-achieving students who excel academically and participate actively in athletics, music programs, or art. Designed to foster an environment of collaboration, exploration, and personal development, this exclusive facility serves as a testament to the school's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals.

Only accessible to students who maintain a commendable 3.0 or above GPA, the Center of Excellence serves as a sanctuary where intellectual pursuits and creative endeavors intertwine. This selective admission criterion ensures that those who enter the space share a common drive for academic excellence, as well as a passion for the arts and sports. By bringing together students with similar aspirations, the Center of Excellence cultivates a vibrant and motivated community of learners.

The Center's operating hours are carefully planned to accommodate the busy schedules of these exceptional students. It opens its doors prior to the start of the school day, allowing early birds to make the most of their mornings by engaging in productive activities. Whether they need to conduct research for a project, collaborate on a group assignment, or seek guidance from a mentor, students find themselves immersed in an atmosphere conducive to focused work and peer support.

After school, the Center remains a haven for those who wish to extend their learning and training beyond the classroom. Until 4pm, students have the opportunity to continue honing their skills, seeking guidance from experienced coaches, instructors, and mentors. The Center's dedicated staff members are experts in their fields, offering personalized support and guidance to help students refine their craft and unlock their full potential.

Furthermore, the Center of Excellence fosters a sense of community and camaraderie among its members. Collaboration and interdisciplinary interaction are actively encouraged, allowing students from different disciplines to learn from one another and collaborate on projects that blend their diverse talents..

In conclusion, the Center of Excellence at Desert Chapel Christian Schools serves as an inspiring space that recognizes and supports the exceptional talents and achievements of its students. By combining academic rigor with a focus on athletics, music, and art, the Center provides a nurturing environment for students to thrive, grow, and reach their full potential. It is a testament to the school's commitment to holistic education, fostering intellectual curiosity, artistic expression, and physical well-being in an inclusive and supportive community.

1201 School Dances and Events

Expectations

1. Attendance at school dances is a privilege, not a right. Desert Chapel has the sole discretion to refuse admission to, and to remove any student or guest from any school dance.
2. Students will be required to show their Student ID Card for entrance to all school dances. Pictures of ID cards will not be accepted. In the event that a student arrives at a school dance without their Student ID Card, they will receive a consequence.
3. Loitering outside the dance area is not permitted. Students must enter the dance upon arrival and vacate the dance site immediately upon leaving dance.
4. Students must arrive within the first hour of the published start time of the dance or bring a signed note from their parent/guardian granting them permission to enter the dance late.
5. Students will not be allowed to leave the dance early unless the parent is physically present to pick up the student. Parent will be asked to show a photo ID and to sign the permission slip in order for the student to be released.
6. Students bringing a guest who is not a current Desert Chapel Christian Schools student must have a signed Guest Permission Form to attend the dance. Guest Permission Forms must be brought to the Office by the established deadline and include the following:
 - If a guest is a high school student, a copy of their school issued ID. If a guest is not a high school student, a copy of a government issued ID.
 - If a guest is a high school student, the permission form must be signed by their school administrator and a business card must be attached.
 - Guests must be 20 years old or younger.
 - Guests must conform to all Desert Chapel Christian Schools student conduct, grade, and dress regulations.
7. Student dancing must fall within the standards of good taste and Christian decency. Dancing that is overly suggestive in nature or deemed violent or inappropriate based on school standards is not allowed.

1300 Business Office and Financial Regulations

1301 Tuition - FACTS Tuition Management

Desert Chapel Christian Schools has partnered with FACTS, a third-party tuition management company, to process and collect tuition payments. FACTS allow families to make tuition payments on an annual, semi-annual, or monthly basis through the use of automatic transfer of funds from their bank to Desert Chapel Christian Schools. These automatic payments help our school achieve a more reliable cash flow and also help our families maintain an emphasis on their financial commitment to Christian education.

Incidental fees such as Graduation, Grad Nite, Credit Recovery, AP, etc. are paid through FACTS. If a family fails to pay these school fees by the required deadline, Desert Chapel Christian Schools reserves the right to charge the family's bank account for the non-payment of these incidental fees.

Desert Chapel Christian Schools shall have the right to legal action for the non-payment of tuition, registration, technology use fee and all other school fees. Parents/guardians will be responsible for all costs of collection, including court expenses and reasonable attorney's fees.

1400 Parent Organizations

1401 Fundraising

We also invite parents to join us in our fundraising endeavors. Typical fund-raising opportunities are: golf tournaments, dinners, gala events, advertisements, programs, sale of DCCS merchandise, and auctions. If you would like to get more information on how you can get involved, donate, or offer your assistance, contact us at (760) 327-2772, or look on the web at www.dceagles.org.

Booster Club

A booster club is an organization that is formed to support an associated club, sports team, or organization. The booster club can support this through raising funds or coordinating events. The DCCS Booster Club will be organized and run by our DC parents. The main purpose of the DCCS Booster Club will be to develop support and raise funds for the student athletics program.

1402 Parent Council

The Parent Council serves as a coordinated support group for all programs on campus, meeting once per quarter. Parents are encouraged to join and become actively involved in all school functions. Contact us at (760) 327-2772, or on the web at www.dceagles.org.

1403 Parent Volunteer Program

DCCS requests that parents volunteer for ten (10) hours per academic year. Please contact the school office for more information.

WEBSITE:

Desert Chapel Christian School utilizes current technology to communicate and disseminate information in a timely fashion. Daily information is always available at our website www.dceagles.org, or you can follow us on social media:

- o The official DCCS Instagram is: @DCEagles. Keep up with the latest news!
- o The official DCCS Facebook is: <https://www.facebook.com/mydceagles/>