

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To train boys and girls to serve God at a young age, teaching them from a Biblical perspective.

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6(KJV)

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe that the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, was verbally inspired by God, is inerrant, and is our only rule in matters of faith and practice. We believe in creation, not evolution, and that man was created by the direct act of God and in the image of God. We believe that Adam and Eve, in yielding to the temptation of Satan, became fallen creatures. We believe that all men are born in sin. We believe in the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the Deity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We believe in the vicarious and substitutional atonement for the sins of mankind by the shedding of His blood on the cross. We believe in the resurrection of His body from the tomb, His ascension to heaven, and now He is our Advocate. We believe that He is personally coming again. We believe in His power to save men from sin. We believe in the necessity of the New Birth and that this New Birth is through faith in the atoning blood of Jesus Christ.

OBJECTIVES IN EDUCATION

- To lead children to a personal knowledge of Christ as true Savior and Lord.
- To prepare children spiritually by instilling in them a love for the Lord Jesus Christ, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit.
- To prepare children to serve God effectively.
- To encourage them to think clearly, logically and independently.
- To offer an instructional program that meets the academic needs of children.
- To help children develop an understanding of the world in which they live and the ability to appreciate and adjust to their environment.
- To help children achieve mastery in the tools of learning and communication.
- To develop a sense of responsibility in each child as a citizen and as a Christian.
- To develop a moral, ethical, and spiritual sense which will aid them in appreciation for the arts, as well as contributing to them.
- To provide opportunities for developing skills necessary to earn a living.
- To offer opportunities to participate in wholesome forms of recreation.
- To prepare each child for spiritual leadership in school, home, church, community, state, nation, and the world.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ARRIVAL - Students may begin arriving at 7:30 a.m.
Classes start at 8:00 a.m.

DEPARTURE - School day ends at 2:00 p.m.. Students
should be picked up by 2:10

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

1. Registration Packets should be completed and returned to the School/Church office. A child's space is not reserved until the Registration Fee is paid.
2. Students entering the ACE curriculum will be administered a Diagnostic Placement Test. (Testing dates will be scheduled.)

Non-Discriminatory Policy: Samson Baptist Academy admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all of the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the Academy.

APPAREL AND APPEARANCE

All students are required to dress neatly, conservatively, and modestly in accordance with the Christian testimony of Samson Baptist Academy

REQUIRED DRESS

Kindergarten (4 & 5 year old)

Navy or Khaki (pants, skirts, skorts, shorts, capris, jumpers)
Collared shirts (polo-type, any color)*

1st Grade & Higher

Navy or Khaki (pants, skirts, capris)
Collared shirts (polo-type, any color)*

**Manufacturer's logo must be smaller than a quarter.*

FOR ALL STUDENTS:

- No tongue piercing, body piercing or tattoos of any kind, while the student is enrolled at SBA. Girls may not wear more than 2 sets of earrings at a time.
- Absolutely no caps or hats are to be worn in the buildings. Hair is to be worn so that it is neatly maintained. It should not cover the eyebrows.
- Boys hair should not extend below the collar, cover the ears, or be allowed to be **"bushy."**

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular attendance and prompt arrival at scheduled classes and activities is essential for satisfactory achievement and progress in school. It is important that the habits of good attendance and punctuality be stressed at an early age. Regular attendance and punctuality at school are the responsibility of the parents.

There are two kinds of absences:

1. An absence with a parental note for an acceptable reason is considered an **excused absence**. Make-up work is allowed and credit is given.
2. An absence without a parental note or for an unacceptable reason is an **un-excused absence**.

In general, the following reasons for school absence are acceptable:

1. Illness of the student
2. Bereavements
3. Medical appointments
4. Inclement weather (serious enough to make travel dangerous)

Absences for family trips and personal reasons are excusable, provided they are known and **APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AT LEAST ONE DAY IN ADVANCE and provided the student has NO current F's in any subject.**
REQUEST MUST BE WRITTEN.

If your child needs to leave school early for any personal reasons, a note should be given to his/her teacher stating the time the child is to be checked out and the reason for the early checkout. Students must be signed out through the School/Church office.

A student who has been absent from school should present a parental note on the day of his/her return to school.

The note should contain the following information:

1. Dates of absence
2. Clear reason for absence
3. Signature of parent

BOOKS AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS

The only books allowed with any student will be the following:

1. The Bible and related study helps for personal devotions, etc.
2. Books directly connected to the school curriculum.
3. Public library books which have been specifically assigned by Samson Baptist Academy teachers for reading or reference.

CHAPEL

Chapel will be held weekly and is a time to worship God. Parents are welcome to attend chapel services any time.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Any student with a communicable disease for which immunization is required by law or is available shall be temporarily excluded from school during recognized periods of illness. Students with communicable disease for which immunization is not available shall be excluded from school while ill.

If the nature of the disease and circumstance warrant, Samson Baptist Academy may require an independent physician's examination of the student to verify the diagnosis of communicable disease.

Samson Baptist Academy reserves the right to make all final decisions necessary to enforce communicable disease policy and to take all necessary actions to control the spread of communicable diseases within the school.

A student should be free from fever (without the aid of medication, such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen) and/or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.

CURRICULUM

The *A Beka Book curriculum*, was developed by Pensacola Christian Academy in Pensacola, Florida. This curriculum provides an excellent foundation in phonics, math, language, history and science from a creationist view point. *A Beka Book* classes are taught utilizing the traditional classroom setting.

The Accelerated Christian Education curriculum is a Biblically-based educational program geared to meet the learning needs of individual children. Recognizing that children are unique and learn at different speeds, A.C.E. developed a curriculum which allows children to progress through the subjects at their level of optimum performance, rather than being solely based upon their chronological grade level. The unique combination of academics and individualized methodology, based on physiological development patterns and Biblical principles, sets the A.C.E. curriculum apart from all other curricula. It provides mastery learning, critical analysis, conceptualization, cognitive reasoning, and life principles from God's perspective.

DISCIPLINE POLICIES

The purpose of school discipline is to teach children the importance of listening, developing self control, accepting responsibility, and forgiving one another. These are principles taken from Scripture.

Our goal is two fold. First, we want the individual student to imitate Christ in his/her daily walk. Second, we want the school to be represented in the community by students who have learned proper conduct at home and at Samson Baptist Academy. Our desire is that Samson Baptist Academy students stand out in a crowd for all the right reasons.

The faculty and staff have certain expectations of Samson Baptist Academy students in regard to conduct. Proper conduct is praised, and the improper conduct is disciplined with hope of changing the individual's attitude.

As an administration, we have tried to limit the rules involved in our policies concerning discipline. We are interested in the heart of the student. Rules accomplish nothing if the student's individual heart is not in accord with the general purposes of the school.

We hope these rules help the students see this purpose of Samson Baptist Academy.

1. Students are expected to show genuine respect at all times to faculty members, secretaries, volunteers, fellow students, and visitors.
2. Students are expected to be truthful and honorable in regard to academic pursuits and dealing with people in the school community.
3. Respect for self and for others is demonstrated in speech. Vulgarity in speech or actions will not be tolerated.
4. Respect for self and others is also demonstrated in the treatment of school property. Students have a duty and a responsibility to keep the buildings neat and clean.
5. The possession and/or use of drugs, alcoholic beverages, or tobacco products, whether on or off campus, is not permitted. Possession of these items, either on or off campus, may lead to expulsion.

6. Annoying or dangerous articles such as knives, guns, water pistols, matches, and firecrackers are not permitted on campus or at school functions.
7. Toys, radios, mp3 players, ipads, or cell phones are not allowed on school/church property.

DISCIPLINE SYSTEM

Samson Baptist Academy has a system of classroom discipline to insure that no student deprives the other students of the privilege of learning. If a student is disrupting the class, the parent will be informed and the proper action will be taken.

Attendance at Samson Baptist Academy is a **privilege, not a right**. Students forfeit this privilege if they or their parents do not show a cooperative spirit and conform to standards and ideals of work and life at Samson Baptist Academy.

Accounts of lying, cheating, or stealing will be reviewed by the Administration.

OFF CAMPUS: Samson Baptist Academy students will be expected to act in a manner that brings credit to themselves, their families, the school, and our Lord. Students who engage in behavior outside of school that brings discredit to themselves and the school will be held accountable to the school and may be suspended or expelled. Although the school's purpose is not to monitor conduct off campus, we encourage students to do what is right in the sight of God, healthy for good government, and helpful toward his fellow man.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Samson Baptist Academy neither solicits nor accepts government funds of any type. Therefore, it is necessary that fees and tuition be paid when due. A monthly rate of tuition is used for the convenience of our school family. To enroll and maintain a student at Samson Baptist Academy, all tuition and fee policies must be satisfied, as prescribed by the Administration.

Procedures for Receiving Tuition Payments:

1. Payments are due on or before the 1st of each month.
2. Application for registration or enrollment of a student will not be considered for any future school year so long as the family making the application has a delinquent balance on their account.

Procedures for Past Due Tuition Payments:

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) will be sent a past due notice. If no response, then a follow-up telephone call will be placed to the Parent or Guardian. If no response, the student(s) will not be allowed to return to school, until debt is paid in full.

GENERAL PRACTICES

No visitor or outsider may speak or perform on any program unless permission is secured from the administration. This includes guest speakers and lectures in the classroom. For all school-sponsored functions, conduct and dress standards apply.

Students should not be in the school building after school without supervision by a teacher or another adult designated by the school.

GRADES/REPORT CARDS/ PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

Report cards will be given each NINE weeks in all grades. Parent-Teacher Meetings will take place as scheduled by the teacher, or may be requested by the parent through the school office. Parents are encouraged not to bring their child to the P.T.M.'s.

Parents are requested to examine the Report Card, sign it, and return it to the school. The parent's signature indicates that the card has been reviewed, not approved.

LUNCHESES

Samson Baptist Academy does not provide lunches. Students may bring sack lunches and drinks that do not require refrigeration. Microwaves are provided to warm food. However, to allow ample time for each student, no more than 2 minutes should be required to heat food.

PARENT CHAPERONES

There will be times throughout the school year when parents may be asked to serve as chaperones or will desire to do so. The school requires parents to follow the same standard of dress and conduct as is required of the teachers. Parents not meeting the standards will not be permitted to act as chaperones. This includes such activities as field trips or parties in the classroom. Chaperones are expected to help supervise the students. If a parent volunteers to be with the class, he/she must be aware of this responsibility. If a parent sits with a class at lunch, he/she must be aware of the lunchroom rules and have the class abide by the rules.

PARENT CONFERENCES

The Principal, Supervisor, Faculty, and Staff welcome and encourage the opportunity to meet with students and their parents to discuss any problems. For your convenience, please make an appointment in the church/school office for all conferences.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical education classes are a part of the curriculum, and each student is required to take part in P.E. activities unless he/she has a physician's statement that he/she is physically unable to do so. If a child is unable to participate in P. E., he/she will not be allowed to participate in free play. To be excused from P.E. a student must have a written excuse from his/her parent.

PROPERTY OF THE SCHOOL

Samson Baptist Academy is considered to be God's property. Respect for the appearance and care of the school is a part of the Christian testimony presented by SBA. Sitting on desks, carving and defacing desks, eating in restricted areas, throwing things, littering, etc. are not permitted. Willful damage to school property will not be tolerated. All damage must be paid for by the student's parents/guardian, if the damage was intentionally done. All students are expected to report immediately to the office, if there is any damaged furniture or other school property.

RECORDS

Cumulative records from the school previously attended will be requested. A current Alabama Certificate of Immunization or a certificate of exemption must be provided to the office, before the first day of school. Immunization certificates may be obtained at the family doctor's office, military clinic, or County Health Department.

All students entering Samson Baptist Academy are required to be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, whooping cough, rubella (German measles) and measles.

A copy of the student's Birth Certificate and Social Security Card must be on file in the office.

Parents are asked to keep the office informed of any changes in the student's address, telephone number, guardian, and the parent's place of employment. This will enable the school to maintain accurate student records. Also, the current name, phone number, and address of the person to be called in case of an emergency must be on file.

SCHOOL OFFICE

Homework, lunches, books, and other items may be left in the school office to be delivered to the child.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

In the event of severe weather, Samson Baptist Academy will follow the same operating procedures as the Geneva County School System. Severe weather announcements are usually given on the following T.V./radio stations: WTVY and WDHN TV stations and WOOF-FM, WESP, WTVY-FM, WDJR, and WKMX radio stations.

WITHDRAWAL/DISMISSAL

- Withdrawals from school must be made by the parent in person in the office.
- No refunds will be given on Registration Fees or Curriculum Fees. Tuition will be pro-rated based upon date of withdrawal.
- Students, who are dismissed from Samson Baptist Academy or any other school, will not be considered for re-enrollment until the following semester.

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