



Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States

ST. CLEMENT COC ACADEMY OF NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

St Clement Coptic Orthodox Christian Academy



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St. Clement Academy Handbook Agreement

We, the parent(s) of _____, agree to be governed by this school handbook for the school year 2026-2027. We recognize the right and responsibility of the school to make rules and policies and enforce them.

Parent(s) Signature

Date

Student Signature

Grade/Teacher

Date

Please return this form to your teacher

This form will be kept on file in the St. Clement Main Office.



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Welcome Letter from the Principal

Dear Beloved Families,

It is with profound joy and gratitude that I welcome you to **St. Clement Coptic Orthodox Christian Academy** for the **2026–2027 academic year**. As an educational ministry under the **Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States**, our mission is deeply rooted in the ancient faith of the Church—nurturing hearts, minds, and souls to reflect the image of Christ.

At St. Clement, we are devoted to forming **Disciples of Christ** who think clearly, live virtuously, and serve generously. Our vision is to cultivate within each student a love for learning, a spirit of compassion, and a steadfast commitment to truth and holiness.

Together with our clergy, faculty, staff, and parents, we strive for the **holistic development of every child**—spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical—guided by the Gospel and the timeless wisdom of our Orthodox tradition. In every classroom, prayer, and act of service, we seek to build a community where faith and knowledge walk hand in hand. May this new school year be one of **growth, grace, and godly joy**, as we work together to “train up our children in the way they should go” (Proverbs 22:6).

With blessings and love in Christ,

Bishoy Saad, M.Ed.

Principal



Vision Statement

To provide holistic education that strives to enhance the spiritual, intellectual, social, cultural and physical potential of young people. The nurturing and development of Disciples of Christ is our focus.

Mission Statement

St. Clement Christian Academy aims to assist each child to grow up in the fullness of Christ. As a family, we aim to instruct our children in recognition that the fullness of knowledge is Christ.

Beliefs

The chief priority of our Orthodox system is education in the Orthodox faith and the faith development to our students.

A major focus of our school system is the moral development and guidance of all our students in accordance with Christ's teachings.

Each student is a valued individual with unique spiritual, physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs.

Worship, the sacraments, and prayer are important components of the Orthodox schools. Students need to develop a deep understanding of essential knowledge and skills, but also need to develop the capacity to apply their learning, and to reason, solve problems and produce quality work.

A safe, supportive, and nurturing environment promotes student achievement.

A sense of community based on the Gospel values is evident throughout the Orthodox school system. The success of our school system depends on the commitment of all staff (administrators, teachers, and support staff) to high quality standards, expectations, and performances. The achievement of high standards of learning is expected of all students. The development of the curriculum, design of instructional activities, and the use of assessment measures are focused on learning opportunities and feedback to assist student achievement.



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RELIGION

St. Clement Christian Academy is a ministry of the Coptic Orthodox diocese of Southern United States. As such, the school offers quality education within a religious environment. Each child is taught Christian doctrine as an academic course. Regardless of their religious affiliation, all students are required to fully participate in religion classes.

Each child attends mass weekly. Masses are usually at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. Parents are always welcome to join the students at mass. Due to limitations on seating, parents are asked to sit apart from students unless prior permission is obtained.

ST. CLEMENT POLICY FOR SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

The Sacraments of Eucharist at St. Clement Christian Academy is limited to Coptic Orthodox students and/or Oriental Orthodox Churches and based on St. Paul's teaching, "One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Eph 4:5)

ACCREDITATION & ADMISSION

St. Clement Academy is an accredited school by the TN Association of non-public Academic Schools (T.A.N.A.S.) . The order of acceptance for admission is as follows:

1. Students presently enrolled in St. Clement Academy, provided re-enrollment deadline is met.
2. Siblings of students presently enrolled in SCCA, or siblings of graduates of SCCA.
3. Children of faculty members of SCCA.
5. Coptic Orthodox Christians (As the school is a ministry of St Mina Coptic Orthodox Church)
6. Anyone else

St. Clement School accepts siblings on the condition that academic and conduct standards are compatible with the school's philosophy and curriculum.

Kindergarten is required by the State of Tennessee. There are a few differences in policy and procedure for kindergarten.

A readiness screening is required for admittance to kindergarten. Students entering kindergarten must be five years of age by August 15th; those entering first grade must be six years of age by August 15th and attended kindergarten (T.C.A.0520-1-3-.04).



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Application for admission is made through the school's office. The following are required of every child entering St. Clement Academy:

- Birth Certificate
- Baptismal Certificate, if Oriental Orthodox
- Social Security Card
- State of Tennessee Physical Exam. (Kindergarten)
- State of Tennessee Immunization Form

UNIFORM POLICY

St. Clement Christian Academy has adopted a uniform policy as a means of building character and distinction in the lives of the students. The policy is intended to serve as a tool to promote a student's self-respect, lessen peer pressure, maintain an atmosphere consistent with our instructional goals, promote unity among students, and to provide the opportunity for St. Clement students to make a positive statement in our community.

Preschool Uniform Policy (Must purchase uniforms at school)

Boys:

- Red, navy blue, yellow, gold and sky blue SCCA polo shirt.
- White SCCA dress shirt for Wednesdays
- Navy blue tie for Wednesdays
- Navy blue SCCA sweater
- Navy blue or khaki pants
- Solid black or white shoes
- Athletic black or white shoes for Physical Education class
- White or navy blue socks
- Navy blue or black belt

Girls:

- Yellow, pink, red, gold, navy blue and sky blue SCCA polo Shirts
- White SCCA dress shirt for Wednesdays
- Navy blue crosstie for Wednesdays
- Navy blue SCCA sweater
- Navy blue or khaki pants, skirts or SCCA jumper
- Solid black or white shoes
- Athletic black or white shoes for Physical Education class
- White or navy blue socks or pantyhose
- Navy blue or black belt



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Grades KG-8th Uniform Policy

Please carefully review the following **uniform guidelines** for the upcoming school year. These standards promote modesty, discipline, and a unified appearance for all our students.

Shirts:

- All Students:
 - All school uniform shirts and Hoodies must be purchased from St. Clement.
 - White shirts (polo or button-up) are to be worn on Wednesdays with the school Plaid Ties (Blue and Gold Plaid).
- Elementary Students:
 - May wear Light yellow, white, or navy polo shirts on other school days.
- Middle School Students:
 - May wear sky blue, white or navy polo shirts on other school days.
- Layering Reminder:
Students may not wear long-sleeve shirts under short-sleeve polos.

Boys Uniform:

- Must wear school plaid ties (blue and gold plaid) on Wednesdays.
- Belts: A black or brown belt is required daily.
- Polo: Polo shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Socks: Must be black or white.
- Pants: Solid navy or black dress pants.
- Hair:
 - Must be trimmed around the ears and neckline.
 - Hair length must be no longer than 2 inches.
- Nails: Must be clean and trimmed at all times.
- Shoes: Solid Black or Solid White Shoes

Girls Uniform:

- Must wear the blue and gold plaid “Plaid V” jumper, box pleat jumper, skirt or skorts.
- Polo shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Must wear school plaid ties (blue and gold plaid) on Wednesdays.
- Tights/Stockings: Must be navy or white only. No leggings allowed.
 - Fleece-lined tights for winter can be found on Amazon.
- Socks: Must be white or black.
- Shoes: Solid Black or Solid White Shoes
- Hair Accessories: Must be black or navy only.
- Earrings:
 - No hoop earrings.
 - No large or dangling earrings.



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- Nails:
 - Must be short, clean, and neatly trimmed.
 - Solid-color nail polish is allowed.
 - No acrylics, nail tips, or decorative designs.

Outerwear:

- The **St. Clement hoodie must be purchased directly from the school.**
- **Winter jackets must be solid colored only:**
Acceptable colors: **Navy, black, gray, brown, white, or beige.**

Where to Purchase Uniforms:

- **Uniform Shirts and Hoodies:** Must be purchased from St. Clement.
- **Blue & Gold Plaid Skirts, Jumpers, Box Pleat Jumpers, and Ties:**
Available for purchase at the Amazon **or** from [French Toast](#).

Please ensure your child is in full uniform each day as outlined above. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

OUT OF UNIFORM

1ST time: Warning

2nd time: Principal Office

3rd time: Call parents to drop off appropriate uniform (if a parent does not adhere, we will follow # 4)

4th time: Will be giving a uniform at parent's expense

5th time: Will be giving a uniform at parent's expense + \$10



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HAIR:

***Boys: Should have hair trimmed above the ears, entire forehead as well as back of neck should be exposed. Hair should be groomed and clean and should not exceed a maximum of inch in length. (No tails, shaved designs, or extreme styles or coloring is permitted.)

***Girls: Must be kept clean and well groomed.

JEWELRY: May wear one slender (up to 1/8 inch thick) chain with a cross or a religious medal, one ring, and a watch. Holiday buttons and pins maybe worn during the appropriate season. Girls may wear one pair of post type earrings on the ear lobe. (No bracelets)

Boys are not allowed to wear earrings, makeup or nail color.

NOTES:

- SHORTS AND HATS ARE NOT ALLOWED
- MAKE UP IS NOT ALLOWED
- Absolutely no neon, metallic, glitter, or multi-colored shoes are permitted. Boots are not allowed with the uniform. No sandals, crocs, flip-flops, jellies, stacks, lighted shoes, character shoes, or combat boots are allowed. Shoes that are in disrepair have holes, lose soles, or writing on them should not be worn to school.
- Skirts and jumpers should not be shorter than knee length
- Shirts must be buttoned up and tucked into skirt or pants
- Belt is through the belt loops and on
- Pants are pulled up to the waist
- NO LAYERING, max two layers of garments are allowed throughout the majority of the year (Undergarment and uniform polo or dress shirt.) Sweater may be worn during winter days.
- No long sleeve shirts exposed under short sleeves



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BOOKS

Pre-Kindergarten

Student's books remain in class with your child's teachers. We do not send the books home because they are too heavy for this age to transport on a daily bases.

Kindergarten-Elementary

Students pay a rental fee for the book usage during the year and each student is responsible to give all books except for the worktexts back to the teacher at the end of the school year. Textbooks can't be written in and must be kept in good condition otherwise s/he will pay a damage fee.

DROP OFF & DISSMISSAL

Pre-Kindergarten

- No one is to leave their car unattended in pickup area. If you need to come in for any reason please park your car in the parking lot.
- No child is to be left without an adult supervision. If you were to drop off your child after 8am, you will need to park your car and escort him/her to the door.
- If you are picking up your child, come inside the building, you will give your child's name to the teacher and/or assistant teacher and she will bring him/her to the door.



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Kindergarten-Middle

Drop off and dismissal is done in the designated area in front of the Elementary building.

- Parents need to stay in their cars and only drop students off when they are right in front of the door. During pick up, a teacher will call your child by name and will direct him/her to the rider's car.
- Under no circumstances should anyone leave their car unattended. If you need to meet with anyone inside the building, you will need to park your car in the parking lot.
- Once your child is dismissed from the school building, s/he will be under your supervision.

Students dropped off before 7:45am or picked up after 3:15pm need to be placed in before care and/or aftercare by the parents and at their expense.

EXTENDED

CARE Before care: 6:30-8:00am

Aftercare: 3:15-5:30

ATTENDANCE

Classes begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 pm. The school building is open each morning at 6:30 am for before care.

Students leaving school during school time must be signed out by their PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN and signed back in on return.

If a student is absent from school, a parent needs to notify the school by 9am if they want to pick him the student's homework for the missed day.

Students who have been absent should bring a note explaining the absence within three days of their return. Illness, death in the family, and medical appointments are considered excused. Students late due to a medical appointment, or reasonable excuse, should bring a note to the office.

Before an absence for reasons other than those described above maybe excused, the parents of the children must contact the school office and teachers well in advance of the planned absence.



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It is assumed that the student's experience in an Orthodox school is more than intellectual. The Orthodox school impacts the child's social, emotional, spiritual and physical dimensions. Additionally, the school provides other experiences, which are important parts of the total school program (i.e. fieldtrips, liturgies, special events, etc.). A student who is an excessive absentee has not experienced the total breadth of the school program and serious consideration should be given to whether the child should be retained or promoted to the next grade level.

When parents withdraw a student from school permanently, they must provide the school written notification of the withdrawal.

TARDINESS

Students arriving after 8:00 a.m. are tardy, and must report with a parent directly to the school office for a late slip permit before going to their classroom.

Three tardies will be equivalent to a one day absence. All absences will be combined both excused and unexcused to make sure that each student complies with the Compulsory School Attendance Law.

In accordance with the Compulsory School Attendance Law of the State of Tennessee (49-2-302) a student between the ages of six and seventeen must attend school for 80% of the school year in order to be promoted to the next grade level. In compliance with the Promotion-Retention Policy, an elementary student can miss only 17 days in the fall semester and 19 days in the spring semester.

Excessive tardies (6 or more in a 9 week period) will require penalties appropriate to the age and level of the student. Consequences will be determined by the school administration.

HOURS

Mon-Fri 8am-3pm: Regular school hours

Pre-Kindergarten blocked period: 2:45-3pm

Kindergarten-Middle blocked period: 2:30-3pm

*****No student is allowed to leave the building during blocked period; expectations are ONLY made in case of EMERGENCIES*****

Before care: 6:30-8:00am

Aftercare: 3:15-5:30pm



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CELEBRATIONS/ PARTIES

- For Pre-K classes, only cupcakes are allowed. For KG, Elementary and Middle grades, cupcakes and cakes are both allowed.
- Prior arrangements need to be made with the student's teacher by at least two days in advance.

CAFETERIA VISITS

- Due to a continued increase in the number of our students, parents are no longer allowed to join our students for breakfast/lunch in the cafeteria.
- With prior permission, parents are allowed to join their child(ren) outside under the canopy area.

ILLNESS

If a child becomes ill while at school, they will be sent to the office. The secretary/nurse will take the child's temperature and try to elicit the nature of their illness. If it is decided that the child is too ill to remain at school, the parent will be contacted and they are expected to pick up the child within 30-60 minutes of the call.

Children who have been ill should be without fever for **twenty-four hours** before returning to school or afterschool. (If child wakes up with a fever, s/he is to stay home... if a child is brought to school with a fever, s/he will be asked to leave immediately)

It is very important to keep the school up-dated with any change of home or work telephone numbers!

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION TO STUDENTS

The school will not dispense medication to students except when prescribed by a doctor and provided by the parent.

The administration of any drug (prescription or over-the-counter) without the order of the physician and the permission of the parent/guardian could be interpreted as practicing medicine and is prohibited by law.



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When it is necessary for the school personnel to administer prescribed medication, the following guidelines are to be followed:

1. The principal shall appoint a responsible person or person(s) to supervise the storing and administering of the medication.
2. Written request must be obtained from the physician and the parent/guardian before any medication may be administered by the school personnel. The request must include instructions as to name of medication, dosage, time, and duration of medication, and possible side effects. The school office will provide a form.
3. Medication must be in original containers (child proof) and have an affixed label including the student's name, name of medication, dosage, route of administration, and the time of administration.
4. New request forms must be submitted each school year, or when changes in dosage or prescription are made.

TRANSPORTATION

St. Clement does not provide transportation to and from school. We do offer a list of independent drivers for parents to contact in case transportation is needed. St. Clement is not reliable for anything that goes on during before or after school transportation whether while with one of the drivers of the student's parents.

It is suggested that you discuss law and safety issues with your child's driver*

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event that school must be closed due to the weather or any other unfortunate event, the local television station (channel 4 News) will be notified as soon as possible. In addition, you may check our Facebook page and your child classroom messaging system,

St. Clement Christian Academy does not follow any other school or system in closing information. T.V. Stations does not report schools that are open, so if there is no report that we're closed, assume that the school is open. Do not call the school, the church, or any faculty or staff member- listen to the television and/or the automated message.

Decisions to open or close for inclement weather are never easy to make. Parents are urged to use their own discretion in deciding whether or not to travel on inclement days.



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LICE POLICY

Once a case of lice has been reported to the school office the following procedure should be followed:

1. The entire class of students and teacher of the child reported with lice should be checked.
2. The classroom, and all classrooms used by that class should be sprayed and cleaned.
3. Any child found to have lice or nits should be sent home immediately.
4. The siblings of the child with lice or nits should be checked.
5. If the sibling has lice or nits, that child will be sent home and the entire class will be checked.
6. The child must return to school with proof of treatment and must be rechecked before being allowed to go to class. Metro Health Dept. will check child/children free of charge.

GUM POLICY

A student is not permitted to chew gum at St. Clement Christian Academy. This offense will justify a disciplinary action which will vary according to grade level.

WEAPON POLICY

Possession of weapons is prohibited at St. Clement Christian Academy. The school follows the Zero Tolerance policy, which will result in an immediate expulsion from school for any violator.

DRUG POLICY

The St. Clement Christian Academy Policy indicates that no student shall use in anyplace at school:

- Narcotics, Alcoholic beverages, Drugs, and Counterfeit or Look-Alike Drugs
- Tobacco
- No student shall wear, carry or bring drug paraphernalia to school or school events.
- A student shall not possess and shall not receive, buy, use, transmit, sell or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, controlled substance, any illegal mind-altering substance, inhalant or intoxicant of any kind or any counterfeit controlled substance. A counterfeit



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controlled substance is any substance that is made to look like a controlled substance or that a student believes to be a controlled substance.

- A student shall not buy, sell, transfer or use any drug, medication, inhalant or other substance which can be taken.
 1. On the school grounds during and immediately before or after school hours.
 2. On the school ground sat any other time when the school is being used by any school group.
 3. Off the school grounds at a school activity, function, or event.
 4. In vehicles when students are being transported to or from a function, activity, or event.

In summary: The use or suspected use, abuse or possession of narcotics, alcoholic beverages, drugs, drug paraphernalia and counterfeit or look-alike drugs is strictly prohibited on campus or at school-related or school-sponsored activities even when these activities do not take place on the school premises. Each student should be aware that suspension and/or expulsion are possible consequences of the violation of the above- mentioned rules.

Parents, teachers and visitors are not allowed to use narcotics, alcoholic beverages, drugs, counterfeit or look-alike drugs on school campus or any school related event where minors are present.

STUDENTS IN GRADES K-8 FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE POLICIES SHALL BE EXPELLED OR SUSPENDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRINCIPAL, OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE.

Use of a drug, authorized by a registered physician and in accordance with his/her instructions, is not in violation of this rule. However, such drugs are administered to the students through the office under supervision.

The administration and faculty recognize that chemical dependency is a treatable disease which adversely affects not only the user, abuser or dependent person, but also family members, other students and friends. Chemical abuse, use and dependency manifest themselves through anti-social behavior patterns. If chemical dependency is suspected or becomes evident through student behavior, it is the responsibility of school administration and personnel to share these concerns with the student involved, as well as his or her parents/guardian.

St. Clement Christian Academy personnel may recommend appropriate community agencies or other specialists who provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of such an illness

It is the parent's/guardian's and student's responsibility to seek qualified evaluation, counseling, and treatment, and provide written confirmation concerning the specific action taken. It is the responsibility of the school to support the family in this endeavor. If the student is found to be chemically dependent, he/she must successfully complete primary treatment for the illness BEFORE being reinstated. If the student is found not to be chemically dependent, appropriate



disciplinary action will be taken. If initial corrective efforts are ineffective, the case will be reviewed by the Principal, Priest and designated persons.

If the parent(s)/guardian and the student fail to seek assistance, and if the concerns persist, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. Since it is our aim to insure the health, safety and welfare of all of our students, non-compliance with the policy or recommended disciplinary action of the school will result in suspension and/or expulsion, since it is our aim to insure the health, safety and welfare of all of our students.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

“Build of the House of the Lord your God, as He said to you.”
(1 Chr. 22:11)

Children are temples of the Holy Spirit and in building the characters of children, we are building members of the Body of Christ.

As temples of the Holy Spirit, they must be instructed to respect their bodies and minds, and in turn, as brothers and sisters in Christ, respect others.

The aim of the Academy is to assist children to lead “a life worthy of the calling to which they were called.” Discipline and instruction by others is an integral part of this process. Self-discipline, the cornerstone of Christian life, is our ultimate goal.

To this aim, we pray to assist children to achieve full perfection in Christ Jesus.

ACADEMY RULES

Each child should be able to say, ‘I will...’

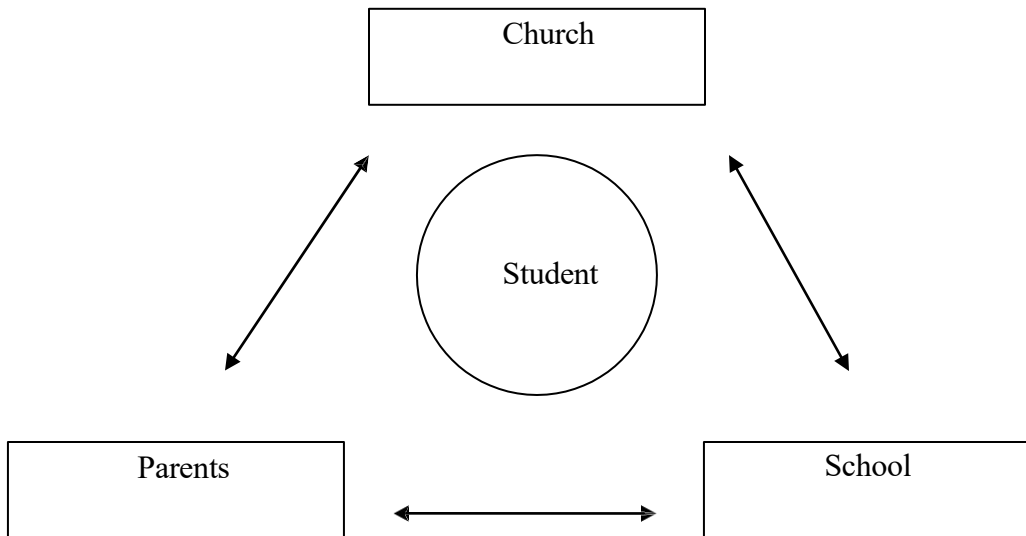
1. Seek to honor the Lord in all that I think, do and say. (Matt. 22:37, Ex. 20:3)
2. Learn all I can. (2 Tim. 2:15)
3. Respect my fellow pupils. (Matt. 22:39)
4. Respect adult. (Matt 22:39)
5. Respect the truth. (Ex. 20:16)
6. Respect the property of others as well as my own. (Luke 12:48b)
7. Look after our Academy. (Gen 2:15)
8. Earn my Academy a good name. (Rom. 2:6)
9. Be in the right place at the right time. (Prov. 3:6)
10. Move and play safely. (Prov. 3:6)



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The Church, the home and the Academy – the trinity of service – all work together for one goal.



We are keen to develop of self discipline in our children. We believe that they should be held responsible for their own actions. Discipline, therefore, whenever possible will be of a positive nature.

We want our school to be a safe place to go to so students will follow directions given by staff and will not be allowed to engage in any activity which is likely to hurt others such as throwing objects, fighting, play fighting, pushing or any form of physical abuse.

We want our school to be a place where people feel loved so students are expect to show friendship and courtesy to all and any behavior which is disruptive, likely to hurt or upset others (including name calling, teasing, bullying, threatening, spitting or swearing) is not allowed.

We want our school to be a place where all are treated fairly and with justice so we expect all students to speak and respect the truth.

Should the school experience persistent difficulty with any student, parents will be requested to attend an conference with the Principal and/or Abouna (the Father). Students guilty of extremely serious offences, or persistent breaches of a less serious nature may be suspended from the school, either temporarily or permanently. The school sees nothing incongruous in the suspension of a student where the welfare of a class or of the whole school is threatened, since this is one of the conditions of enrollment.



STUDENT'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Rights	Responsibilities
I have the right to be happy and to be	I have the responsibility to treat others with understanding, not to
I have the right to attend a school that has	I have the responsibility to ensure that my school has a good
I have the right to be treated with respect and politeness.	I have the responsibility to treat others politely and with respect. I have the responsibility to respect the authority of
I have the right to be safe.	I have the responsibility to make the school safe by not threatening,
I have the right to obtain maximum benefit from my classes; other students have no right to deprive me of this.	I have the responsibility to cooperate with teachers and other students to make sure that lessons proceed smoothly and to keep up to date with required work. I will not behave so as to interfere with other students'
I have the right to privacy.	I have the responsibility to allow others their privacy.
I have the right, within the framework of the school rules, to make my	I have the responsibility to avoid putting negative pressure on my peers.
I have the right to have a pleasant, clean	I have the responsibility to care for the school environment, to keep
I have the right to safe transport to and	I have the responsibility to behave safely and sensibly on all

REGULATIONS IN RELATION TO PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is the act of presenting the work of another as your own. For the purposes of this definition “the work of another” includes:

Written and non-written;

Illustrations, maps, cartoons, statistics, photographs, charts, graphs, tables, field study or lab results, etc.;

Thoughts, opinions, inventions;

For the purpose of this definition “another” includes;

Author, profession or otherwise, whose work has been published in a newspaper, book, magazine, journal, encyclopedia, CD ROM, etc.;

Author, professional or otherwise, whose work has been published on the World Wide Web or other on- line electronic resource;

A paper-writing “service” which offers to sell written papers for a fee;

Any coordinator and principal



DISCRIMINATION

State and federal law prohibits discrimination. SCCA School complies with all non-discrimination rules and regulations and does not permit discrimination against students on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, family situation, religion, or political affiliation. This holds true for all students who are participating in educational programs and/or co-curricular school activities. Inquiries regarding compliance procedures may be directed to SCCA's School Director.

HARASSMENT

No one should be subjected to harassment at school for any reason. Therefore, it is the policy of SCCA that all employees, volunteers, parents, and students will deal with all persons in ways that convey respect and consideration for individuals regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, family situation, religion, or political affiliation. Acts of harassment, hostility, or defamation, whether verbal, written, or physical, will not be tolerated and constitute grounds for disciplinary action including suspension and/or expulsion from school. Legal agencies may be contacted.

A charge of harassment shall not, in itself, create the presumption of wrongdoing. However, substantiated acts of harassment will result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal. Those found to have filed false or frivolous charges will also be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

Harassment occurs when an individual is subjected to treatment or a school environment that is hostile or intimidating because of the individual's race, creed, color, national origin, physical disability, or sex. Harassment may occur any time during school hours or during school related activities. It includes, but is not limited to, any or all of the following:

Verbal Harassment

Any written or verbal language or physical gesture directed at a instructor or a student that is insolent, demeaning, or abusive that implicitly or explicitly implies a threat of bodily harm is totally unacceptable and shall be deemed harassment and will be dealt with as such.

Physical Harassment

Unwanted physical touching, contact, assault deliberately impeding or blocking movements, or any intimidating interference with normal work or movement shall be deemed as physical harassment and will be dealt with as such.

Visual Harassment

Derogatory, demeaning, or inflammatory posters, cartoons, written words, drawings or gestures shall be deemed as visual harassment and will be dealt with as such.



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Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment includes all unwanted, uninvited and non-reciprocal sexual attention as well as the creation of an intimidating, hostile or offensive school or work environment. Harassment can include, but is not limited to:

1. Sexually suggestive looks or gestures
2. Sexual jokes, pictures or teasing
3. Pressure for dates or sex
4. Sexually demeaning comments
5. Deliberate touching, cornering or pinching
6. Attempts to kiss or fondle
7. Threats, demands or suggestions that favors will be granted in

exchange for sex or tolerance of sexual advances.

Technology Based Harassment

The use of electronic communication to harass or bully SCCA-staff or students; display gang signs, logos, tags, etc.;

or threaten other students or staff is prohibited. Any use of electronic communication to engage in these behaviors will be met with strict consequences, including expulsion. *Please be aware that SCCA staff will view students' social media web pages, including My Space and Facebook.*

For counsel and assistance in resolving matters of this nature, contact the SCCA School Director immediately both verbally and in writing.

Responsibilities for Preventing Harassment

It is the responsibility of SCCA to:

1. Implement this policy through regular meetings with all administrators, faculty and staff, ensuring that they understand the policy and its importance;
2. Make all faculty, staff, students, and parents aware of this policy and the commitment of the school toward its strict enforcement;
3. Remain watchful for conditions that create or may SCCA to a hostile or offensive school environment;
4. Establish practices designed to create a school environment free from discrimination, intimidation, or harassment;
5. Investigate fully all charges of harassment and report all findings to the SCCA-Board of Directors and the proper authorities.



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It is the responsibility of the student to:

1. Conduct herself/himself in a manner that contributes to a positive school environment;
2. Avoid any activity that may be considered discriminatory, intimidating, or harassing;
3. Consider immediately informing anyone harassing him/her that the behavior is offensive and unwelcome.
4. Report all incidents of discrimination or harassment to the School Director immediately verbally and in writing;
5. If informed he/she is perceived as engaging in discriminatory, intimidating, harassing or unwelcome conduct, to discontinue that conduct immediately.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to:

1. Conduct herself/himself in a manner that contributes to a positive school environment;
2. Avoid any activity that may be considered discriminatory, intimidating, or harassing;
3. Consider immediately informing anyone harassing him/her that the behavior is offensive and unwelcome.
4. Report all incidents of discrimination or harassment to the School Director immediately verbally and in writing;
5. If informed he/she is perceived as engaging in discriminatory, intimidating, harassing or unwelcome conduct, to discontinue that conduct immediately
6. Monitor student's electronic communications to include texts, phone calls, social network accounts and sites, etc.

Complaint filing and investigation procedures for harassment claims

The following procedures must be followed for filing and investigating a harassment claim:

1. The student may first choose to tell the individual causing the harassment that his/her conduct is offensive and must stop. If the objectionable behavior does not cease immediately, the student must report the harassment to the School Director during that same day in writing.
2. The student alleging harassment will be asked to complete a formal, written complaint. The claim will be investigated thoroughly, involving only the necessary parties. Confidentiality will be maintained as much as possible.
3. The investigation will include a meeting with the person alleged to have harassed, sharing with that person the nature of the allegations as well as the name of the person bringing the allegations. If appropriate, the alleged harasser will be placed on suspension/administrative leave during the course of the investigation.
4. Once the facts of the case have been gathered, the School Director, in consultation with the SCCA Board of Directors, will decide what, if any, disciplinary action is warranted. The disciplinary action will relate to the nature,



context, and seriousness of the harassment and can include all disciplinary actions up to and including immediate expulsion or termination.

5. If the complaint is against a non-employee or non-student, such as a parent, volunteer, or vendor, the school will take steps, within its power, to investigate and eliminate the problem including barring that parent, volunteer, or vendor from SCCA-facilities, events, and activities and may include the parent/guardian's forfeiture of their student's place at SCCA and may include intervention on the part of the local, state, or federal law enforcement.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER(S)

Parents are asked to notify the office in writing as soon as any change occurs. This will ensure that any and all mailings will be received without delay or interruption. Additionally, it is vital that all numbers and emergency contact information remain current so as to provide optimal care during a crisis.

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

Because immediate investigation by child protective agencies of suspected abuse may save a student from repeated injuries, any instructor, or other staff member, who suspects that a minor has been subjected to physical injuries, neglect, sexual abuse or emotional maltreatment, is mandated by the Child Abuse Reporting Law to notify the proper authorities.

PHOTOGRAPHING AND FILMING STUDENTS

Throughout the school year, organizations (yearbook students, the webpage designer, etc.), as well as outside media representatives (newspaper, television stations, etc.) may be on campus to videotape and/or photograph students in school-related activities or events. Please notify the School Director in writing to request that your child's picture NOT be used for these purposes.



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FIGHTING AND VIOLENT ACTS

Fighting will not be tolerated. Depending on the severity and intensity of the fight or act, students may be expelled for the incident.

1st Fight	-Probation, expulsion warning -Other consequences as determined by the School Director -Suspension -Parent meeting
2nd Fight	-Probation, expulsion warning -Other consequences as determined by the School Director -Suspension -Parent meeting
3rd Fight	-Expulsion



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ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

St. Clement Coptic Orthodox Christian Academy (SCCA) upholds a **Zero Tolerance Policy** to ensure the safety, integrity, and spiritual well-being of every student and staff member.

SCCA adheres to the **Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) Zero Tolerance Policy**, which mandates immediate disciplinary action—up to and including expulsion—for serious offenses involving violence, weapons, assault on staff, gang activity, or possession and/or use of illegal substances.

In addition to MNPS standards, SCCA reserves the right to place a student on probation, suspension, or dismissal for any conduct—on or off campus—that violates the Christian values and safety expectations of our community. These include, but are not limited to:

- Alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or substance possession/use
- Theft or vandalism
- Threats or acts of violence, including bomb threats
- Bullying, intimidation, or fighting
- Harassment, including sexual harassment or misconduct
- Any other serious or egregious behavior, as determined by SCCA administration

Such behaviors contradict the mission of SCCA and the teachings of our Orthodox faith, which call all students to live in peace, respect, and holiness. Disciplinary decisions are made prayerfully and in accordance with school policy to protect the safety and spiritual environment of the academy.

PROPERTY

School Property

All students are expected to respect and care for all property of SCCA including building facilities, desks, dry erase boards, dry erase markers, books, lavatories, lockers, etc. Any student damaging or defacing school property will be required to pay for the damage or loss. Willful destruction or defacement of school property at any time is just cause for disciplinary action and may result in expulsion. Official student grades and transcripts will be withheld until all costs from the said damages have been paid in full.

Student Property

SCCA assumes no responsibility for any loss to students' personal property or for items such as (but not limited to) radios, tape recorders/players, cameras, pagers, cellular phones, iPods, camcorders, hand held game systems, toys and cards.

Parents and students are advised that it is a violation of school code to use portable communication devices (such as, but not limited to, cellular phones, beepers, recorders, etc.) during school hours. Electronic devices that are capable of accessing servers are not permitted on campus. Items will be confiscated and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. Confiscated items will only be returned to the parent or guardian once they have come to school and met with the School Director.



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The following items will be immediately confiscated if brought to campus: skateboards, skates, roller blades, TVS, electronic game systems (PS2, Game Cube, etc.), flat irons, curling irons, or aerosol cans (hair spray, deodorant, etc.), and fragrances of any type. This is not an exhaustive list. Inappropriate items will be returned to parents at the discretion of the School Director.

Student property that is traditionally considered confidential (journals, purses) will be turned over to the School

Director if it is found to pose a risk to its owner or anyone else.

Any student damaging or defacing property that belongs to another student or staff member will be required to pay for the damage or loss. Willful destruction or defacement of student or instructor property at any time is just cause for disciplinary action and may result in expulsion. Official student grades and transcripts will be withheld until all costs from the said damages have been paid in full.

See below for items allowed and not allowed on campus.

TELEPHONES

All office and classroom phones are reserved for school business purposes. Students will never be called out of class to receive telephone calls. Emergency messages will be delivered to students in their classes. Students will only be allowed to use the phone in the office during school hours only if they have a permit from a staff.

If parents need to communicate with their student, a message will be taken by an office staff member and given to the student. SCCA strongly encourages parents and guardians to communicate all relevant information regarding transportation arrangements before the school day begins. If cell phones are found on campus or ring during school hours, they will be taken up by a staff member and returned only when a parent/guardian comes to school to collect the cell phone.

Media Permission

Your child's photograph/video maybe used in various publications/media such as our newsletters, or marketing tools such as billboards, brochures, yearbook, commercials and on our website, www.Stclementacademy.com. The majority of the time, your child's image will not include identification of their names unless they are being recognized for an event or achievement and the yearbook.

If you do **NOT** want your child's image to be used as described above you must notify your child's teacher **In Writing** no later than August 16th.

If you have questions about media permission, please contact the school's office at 615-333-9281.



Safety, Privacy & Video Disclosure Policy

For the **safety and privacy of all students**, St. Clement Christian Academy maintains a strict confidentiality policy regarding video surveillance and incident records. The school **will not release or disclose video footage, images, or the names of any students or individuals involved in disciplinary, behavioral, or safety-related incidents** to parents, guardians, or third parties, except under the following limited circumstances:

- When required by law or court order;
- When requested by authorized law enforcement officials;
- When deemed necessary by school administration to protect the welfare of a child; or
- When approved in writing by the Head of School in consultation with legal counsel.

By signing this document, parents acknowledge and agree to this confidentiality policy.