

# HERITAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF COOPERATION

The concept of the school and home working together is not a new one, but it is vital to the Christian growth and development of your student. As we understand one another and work together, the Lord can do great things in the life of your student and in the life of the school.

**There are some key areas in which we must cooperate:**

1. In sending your student to Heritage, it is important that you realize we are seeking to provide an **excellent education** for them. We believe in testing, giving homework assignments and requiring students to be diligent workers. Your support in this area and your encouragement of your student will become a positive reinforcement to them.
2. The **attitude**, which your student has toward the school, is also a vital area. If a conflict or problem arises, please encourage your student to meet with the teacher. If not appeased, feel free to schedule a parent-teacher meeting. This approach promotes responsibility and averts complaining about the standards of Heritage Christian Academy. If things need to be corrected, we want to provide the necessary opportunities whereby you and the school can work toward successful solutions.
3. **Respect** is important in the Christian life. Respect for parents, teachers, peers, and those in authority is vital to proper thinking in the Christian life. We, therefore, expect respect and consideration from our students and parents and will seek to make this reciprocal. When people lose respect for one another, it breaks down communication and hinders confidence. When we respect one another, we will be able to discuss problems rationally and constructively. Matthew 18:15-22 teaches us the principle of how to properly handle complaints and offenses. Respect for property that does not belong to us is also extremely important. We would like each parent to stress with their students the need for taking care of equipment and refraining from marring or in any way being destructive to school and church property.
4. At Heritage, we believe in **discipline** that seeks to help students develop responsibility for their own actions. Steps that may be used to elicit proper behavior include prayer, sharing Biblical mandates, firm reprimands, detentions, restriction of activities, suspension, probation, and possibly expulsion. Your signature on this form authorizes us to use disciplinary action, as it seems wise and necessary for your student. We are committed to keep you abreast regarding such procedures.
5. During the normal course of the year, many forms, slips, papers, and reports will be sent home. It is extremely important that **report cards and special forms** needing your signature be signed and returned promptly. Your cooperation in this area is important. Notices will be sent for failure of the student to return such forms on time. If you have delayed the return of such a form for a particular reason, please contact us concerning the matter.

In the above statements, we were not able to list all the rules and regulations, but we have sought to emphasize the areas that will develop a good relationship between the school and home. It is imperative that the school and home are in agreement concerning the philosophy and goals of educating and molding the life of a student. In signing this document you are agreeing to adhere to the policies and decisions of Heritage Christian Academy.

Our office is always available if you have a question or problem.

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Parent/Guardian Signature(s)

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Date

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Student Signature (4<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Statement of Non-Discrimination**

Heritage Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school