



Parent/Student Handbook

2026-2027 School Year



"Preparing students for a life of service to the Lord Jesus Christ."

Southview Christian School
Statesville, NC

Dear Student & Parent,

Welcome to Southview Christian School! The ultimate goal of this handbook is to set forth guidelines that establish and maintain an orderly, safe, and nurturing environment that allows children to achieve academic, emotional, physical, social, and spiritual growth. SCS stands uniquely for the biblical virtues that lead to a life of love, joy, peace, and productivity. We believe in a high standard of education that prioritizes well-qualified teachers and a curriculum that meets the needs of the student by emphasizing the eternal truths of God's Word.

We are all partners in this effort. We believe that close cooperation between our school ministry and your home is essential for your child's optimal education experience since true learning only occurs within the context of a relationship.

The pages of this handbook are filled with important information regarding school policy and procedures. Parents and students should review the contents together. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

I also ask that you partner with us in prayer as we strive to see our young people trained and prepared to make a godly impact on our world.

In Christ,

Rev. Donald W. Russell

School Administrator

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Vision, Mission, and Purpose

Vision

Southview Christian School is committed to providing a Christ-centered education that advances a biblical worldview, integrating spiritual, academic, social, physical, and emotional training, leading to a life of excellence and commitment to God's glory.

Mission and Purpose

Southview Christian School exists to educate children through a biblical worldview, equipping them to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world with personal responsibility and a commitment to excellence. We seek to support both the Christian home and the Bible-believing church in the spiritual and academic formation of each student.

Goals (Values)

Through ongoing evaluation and improvement of our staff, facilities, curriculum, and activities, we strive to develop graduates who are:

1. Academically prepared to succeed in college or any path the Lord leads them to pursue.
2. People of honor, integrity, and commitment, living according to the principles of God's Word.
3. Faithful Christians who love God, serve His church, and seek His will.
4. Servant-leaders in their communities, churches, and workplaces.
5. Devoted to building strong Christian families and committed to providing their children with a Christian education.
6. Willing to minister to others with humility and a servant's heart.

Educational Philosophy

Christian education is based on and unified in the biblical view of God, man, and the universe. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 states, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” This constitutes a Biblical Worldview, the foundation of the acquisition of knowledge and truth.

Purpose of Christian Education

The purpose for education is to make God the focal point of one’s life. “Jesus said... Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind” (Matthew 22:37). God must be recognized, honored, and served in every field in which the human intellect operates. This cannot be accomplished in a setting that regards God as irrelevant. We must recognize the God of the Bible as the first premise of education. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Proverbs 1:7).

Goal of Christian Education

The development of Christian character is paramount to successful Christian education. This starts with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Only through the miracle of salvation and the process of sanctification by the power of the Holy Spirit can we see true character develop (Ephesians 1:18-20). External change comes only through internal spiritual growth (1 Samuel 16:7).

Method of Christian Education

The course of study (or curriculum) pursued by a student has a philosophical basis. Any curriculum must seek to discover truth (John 14:6). Therefore, only academically sound, logically structured, and appropriately challenging Biblically based curriculum will be employed to accomplish this purpose (Isaiah 28:10). Structure and discipline are necessary (1 Corinthians 14:40). Teaching is a relationship based in Christian love and mutual respect (1 Timothy 1:5). All current strategies and methodologies will be qualified through a Biblical filter with attention to God’s unique design of each student (Proverbs 22:6).

Calendar

Southview Christian School

Academic Calendar 2026-2027

July 2026

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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September 2026

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January 2027

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March 2027

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May 2027

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June 2027

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Students Return

School & Offices Closed

Testing/Academic

In-Service - No School

Athletic Event

Early Dismissal

Summer Office Hours
(Offices Open 9-2)

Special Events

End of Grading Term

Make-Up Day

Aug 3 New Teacher Orientation
Aug 4-11 Teacher Orientation
Aug 7 Parent Orientation for
K4 - Grade 5 - 6:30 pm
Aug 10 Parent Orientation for
Grades 6-12 - 6:30 pm
Aug 12 First Day of School - Half Day
Aug 17-21 Spiritual Emphasis Week
Sep 1 School Pictures
Sep 4 Half Day - In-Service
Sep 7 Labor Day - No School
Sep 11 Grandparents' Day Prog.
Sep 14 Caring for Classrooms Kick-Off
Sep 22 Half Day - In-Service
Sep 23-25 Teachers' Convention
- No School
Oct 7 HS Fall Testing Day
(SAT, PSAT, PreACT)
Oct 19 End of 1st Quarter
Oct 22-24 Soccer/Volleyball State Tour.
Oct 28 Picture Make-Up Day

Nov 11 Veteran's Day - No School
Nov 23-27 Thanksgiving Break
Dec 4 Christmas Concert - 6:30 pm
Dec 18 Christmas Chapel & Class
Parties - Half Day
Dec 21-Jan 4 Christmas Break
Jan 4 In-Service - No School
Jan 5 Students Return from Break
Jan 6-8 Mini-Spiritual Emphasis
Jan 8 Alumni Night
Jan 11-13 Semester 1 Exams
Jan 13 End of 2nd Quarter
Jan 18 MLK, Jr. Day - No School
Jan 19-22 Spirit Week
Jan 22 Homecoming
Feb 12 Senior Valentines - Half Day
- In-Service
Feb 15 Presidents Day - In-Service
Feb 18-20 Basketball State Tournament
Mar 3 Spring Pictures
Mar 16-19 Achievement Testing
Mar 18 End of 3rd Quarter

Mar 22-29 Spring Break
Mar 30 Students Return from Break
Apr 9 Spring Concert - 6:30 pm
Apr 23 HS Banquet - 6:30 pm - Half Day
Apr 30 Elementary Field Day
May 4 Golf State Tournament
May 6-8 Girls' Soccer State Tournament
May 17 Athletic Banquet
May 21 High School Grad. - 7 pm
May 25-27 Semester 2 Exams
May 28 Kindergarten Grad. - 8:30 am
May 31 Last Day & Awards - Half Day
Jun 1-4 Memorial Day - School Closed
Teacher Post-Planning

Designated Make-up Days (if needed)

November 11, 2026

November 23-24, 2026

January 4, 2027

January 18, 2027

February 15, 2027

Calendar Updated: 7/8/2026

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Statement of Faith

"Preparing students for a life of service to the Lord Jesus Christ"

Southview Christian School is a religious institution committed to providing a quality education in a distinctly Christian environment. We partner with parents and guardians to train young men and women to be salt and light in their communities. We affirm the Bible as the inspired Word of God, the absolute truth by which we live.

Core Beliefs:

- We believe in **one God**, eternally existing in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14; Mark 12:29; John 14:10).
- We believe the **Bible is the inspired and only Word of God**, preserved in the King James Version (2 Timothy 3:15-17; Mark 13:31).
- We believe in the **virgin birth, deity, atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension, and personal return of Jesus Christ** (Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:30-35; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Corinthians 15:47-57).
- We believe that **salvation comes by grace through faith**, initiated by the Holy Spirit (John 3:3-6).
- We believe in the **resurrection of the saved and the lost**, to eternal life or damnation (1 Thessalonians 5:5-10; Revelation 20:1-6, 10-15).
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Jesus Christ through the **local church** (John 17:20-24; Romans 8:29-30).
- We believe the **Holy Spirit empowers** Christians to live godly lives (Romans 8:1-5; Galatians 5:22-23).
- We believe that **marriage is between a man and a woman**, and will not admit students who practice, believe, or behave contrary to this belief (Genesis 1:26-28; Romans 1:22-32).

Southview Christian School reserves the right to refuse admission or discontinue enrollment if a student or family acts contrary to the school's Biblical principles.

Parent and School Partnership

At Southview Christian School, we recognize that educating our students is a shared responsibility between school and home. We believe that strong partnerships with parents and guardians are essential to cultivating a nurturing, Christ-centered environment where students can thrive academically, spiritually, and socially. To that end, we respectfully ask for your cooperation in the following ways:

- 1. Active Engagement**

Participate in school events, parent-teacher meetings, and volunteer opportunities. Your involvement shows your commitment to your child's education and reinforces the values we all share.

- 2. Open Communication**

Maintain a transparent dialogue with school administrators and teachers. If you have concerns, suggestions, or need clarification about any policy or program, please reach out. Together, we can work prayerfully toward solutions that benefit our students.

- 3. Support for School Policies**

Familiarize yourself with the guidelines outlined in this handbook and help your child understand and abide by them. Your support in enforcing these policies at home complements our efforts in maintaining a safe and orderly learning environment rooted in biblical principles.

- 4. Modeling Christian Values**

By demonstrating love, respect, integrity, and accountability in your own behavior, you set a powerful example for your child and the school community. Our shared commitment to living out the truths of God's Word is essential to the holistic development of our students.

- 5. Prayer Partnership**

Pray alongside us for the well-being of our students, staff, and school community. We value your prayers as a vital part of our collective effort to raise young people who are equipped to serve the Lord and make a positive impact in the world.

We are deeply grateful for your ongoing partnership and commitment. Through effective collaboration, we can build a vibrant educational community that fosters excellence and reflects the love and truth of Christ in all we do.

Affiliation and Accreditation

Southview Christian School operates as a not-for-profit ministry of Southview Baptist Church and holds 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. We do not receive direct federal or state financial assistance, allowing us to maintain our distinct Christian mission and values.

The school is a member of the **North Carolina Christian School Association (NCCSA)** and the **American Association of Christian Schools (AACS)**, a nationally recognized accrediting agency. These affiliations provide valuable resources, professional development, and academic opportunities for our students and staff.

Southview Christian School is actively pursuing full accreditation through these associations as part of our ongoing commitment to educational excellence and accountability.

Admissions

Southview Christian School accepts students on a full-time basis only. Admission is based on a completed application, acceptable test scores, previous school records, and an administrative interview. **All new students are enrolled on a nine-week probationary basis** to evaluate their academic adjustment and compatibility with the school's expectations and culture.

SCS is able to serve students with very mild learning differences. However, we are not equipped to meet the needs of students requiring extensive accommodations or specialized support services.

As a private Christian institution, we reserve the right to deny admission to applicants who do not align with our admissions standards. This includes students who are married, pregnant, or have children. If a student becomes married or has a child during the school year, they must withdraw from enrollment.

Because Southview Christian School is a ministry of Southview Baptist Church, we may also deny admission to students of other denominations or faiths whose beliefs or practices are in opposition to the biblical convictions of the church and school. Additionally, students who express or demonstrate ongoing disagreement with the school's doctrinal positions may be asked to withdraw.

New Student Enrollment Process

To enroll a new student at Southview Christian School, the following steps must be completed:

1. **Schedule a School Tour**

During your visit, you will receive an application packet. Applications will be accepted beginning April 1st and may be submitted digitally (via email) or physically (by mail or in person).

2. **Schedule Entrance Testing**

Contact the school office to set up a testing appointment.

3. **Submit Required Documents and Fees** at the time of testing:

- \$30 testing fee per student
- Completed application
- Copies of the most recent report card/transcript
- Standardized test scores
- Discipline or behavior records from the previous school

4. **Schedule an Administrative Interview**

A parent and the student must attend this final interview with the school administrator.

5. **Complete Enrollment Checklist**

Follow any additional steps as outlined by the school office.

Re-enrollment and Withdrawal

- **Re-enrollment for current students opens February 1st.** The student's spot will be reserved, and a tuition quote will be provided. A signed tuition agreement must be submitted by **May 31st** to secure re-enrollment.
- **Families planning to withdraw** at the end of the school year must notify the office and complete the withdrawal form by **May 1st** to avoid a \$200 withdrawal fee (per student).

Academics

Prayer

Each school day begins with pledges and prayer in every classroom. Students are expected to demonstrate reverence during prayer—bowing their heads and closing their eyes—and to show respect during the pledges by standing with their hands over their hearts while reciting. In preschool and elementary classes, teachers also lead in prayer before lunch.

Bible Version

Southview Christian School uses the King James Version (KJV) exclusively for classroom study, quotation, and memorization.

Elementary Program

Our elementary program is designed to build strong foundations in learning and study skills across all subject areas, with daily instruction in the Bible. The reading curriculum emphasizes phonics, comprehension, and reading for both enjoyment and knowledge. The arithmetic curriculum focuses on mastery through consistent review, real-world applications, and a spiraling approach to learning. Students participate in chapel and concerts, which offer opportunities for developing their God-given talents.

Core subjects in grades 1–6 include:

- Bible
- Language, spelling, and reading
- Math, science, and social studies

Resource Subjects: art, library, music, and physical education.

This program is tailored for students performing at or above average academic levels.

Middle School Program

Middle school prepares students for the academic and character demands of high school. Emphasis is placed on reading comprehension, study skills, and traditional arithmetic.

Core subjects include Bible, English/Language Arts, Arithmetic, Science, History (social science), and physical education.

Note: Students must maintain a **“C” average overall (or a 2.0 grade point average)** to advance to the next grade. Any final grade below 70% (grades 8 and under) or semester grade below 70% may require summer grade recovery, course repetition, or tutoring.

High School Program

Southview Christian School offers a comprehensive academic program that exceeds the minimum requirements of the state of North Carolina. Students may pursue either a **standard diploma** or **college-ready diploma**.

To graduate, students must earn **24 credits** in grades 9–12, including one Bible credit for each year enrolled at Southview Christian School. Early graduation is not permitted. Final semester coursework must be completed on campus.

High School Graduation Requirements

- **Bible** – 4 credits (1 credit for each year at SCS)
- **English** – 4 credits
 - English 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Math** – 4 credits
 - Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (college-bound), Consumer Math
- **Science** – 3 credits
 - Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry (requires Algebra II)
- **History** – 4 credits
 - Founding Principles (of the USA & North Carolina), World History, U.S. History, Personal Finance (½), Economics (½)
- **P.E. / Health** – 1 credit
- **Foreign Language** – 2 credits (college-bound)
 - Spanish I and II
- **Electives** – 2 credits (including one full credit in a fine art)

Note: Students must maintain a **“C” average overall (or a 2.0 grade point average)** to advance to the next grade or graduate. Any final grade below 70% (grades 8 and under) or semester grade below 70% may require summer grade recovery, course repetition, or tutoring.

Electives

Electives are based on faculty availability, student interest, and administrative discretion. Possible options include auto shop, basic carpentry, chorus, college & career, computer skills, creative writing, home economics, journalism (yearbook), study skills, etc., depending on interest and availability.

Students in grades 7–12 may select electives; however, students with failing grades or GPA below a “C” may be reassigned to an academic support class.

Report Cards & GPA

Report cards are issued every 9 weeks and viewed through the **PraxiSchool** website. Final physical report cards are available approximately 2 weeks after the school year ends.

Academic Grading Scale

Grade	% Range	GPA
A+	97–100	4.3
A	93–96	4.0
A–	90–92	3.7
B+	87–89	3.3
B	83–86	3.0
B–	80–82	2.7
C+	77–79	2.3
C	73–76	2.0
C–	70–72	1.7
D+	67–69	1.3
D	63–66	1.0
D–	60–62	0.7
F	0–59	0.0

Grade	% Range	GPA
I	Incomplete	—

Non-Academic Grading Scale

Grade	% Range	Description
S+	90-100	Satisfactory – exceeds expectations
S	70-89	Satisfactory – meets expectations
S–	60-69	Satisfactory – could be improved
U	59 and below	Unsatisfactory – needs improvement

Academic Recognition

- **A Honor Roll:** Final grade of 90 or above in all classes, in all quarters (grades 1–12)
- **A/B Honor Roll:** Final grade of 80 or above in all classes, in all quarters (grades 1–12)

American Christian Honor Society

Eligible 11th-grade students may be inducted into the Southview chapter of the **American Christian Honor Society** each spring. Selection criteria include:

- Scholarship
- Leadership
- Service
- Character

Members must complete community service projects. A student whose GPA falls below the minimum requirement will be placed on probation for one semester and removed if improvement is not made.

Junior Marshals

The top students in the junior class (minimum GPA of 3.4) are selected as junior marshals to serve during formal school events such as commencement.

Graduation Honors

- **Summa Cum Laude (Gold Cord):** 3.9+ GPA
- **Magna Cum Laude (Silver Cord):** 3.7–3.89 GPA
- **Cum Laude (White Cord):** 3.5–3.69 GPA

Valedictorian and Salutatorian honors are awarded to the top two students (3.5+ GPA), provided they have attended SCS for their entire junior and senior years.

Semester Exams

Students in grades 6-12 will take semester exams in all core subjects, including Bible class. Students may be exempt from semester exams if the following expectations are met:

- Semester 1: 95% course average and fewer than 3 unexcused absences in a semester
- Semester 2: 90% average or higher, a national stanine of 6+ on the IOWA test, and fewer than 3 unexcused absences in a semester

Help Classes

Students struggling academically may be assigned to help classes. Any student may also request additional help from teachers as needed.

Homework

Homework reinforces learning and may be assigned nightly. Students are expected to complete and turn in work on time.

Late Work Policy

Late work will earn a grade of zero, unless due to an excused absence. Students are expected to adhere to due dates unless otherwise approved by the teacher.

Testing Program

SCS uses a comprehensive testing plan to assess student progress and inform curriculum decisions.

Grades 1–11: Annual IOWA Test of Basic Skills (spring)

Grades 8–11: Fall college-readiness tests

- Grades 8-9: **PSAT 8/9**
- Grade 10: **PreACT**
- Grade 11: **PSAT/NMSQT**
- Grade 12: **College Board SAT**

We **recommend** juniors take the **ACT or College Board SAT** in the spring term. Seniors are **required** to take the **ACT or College Board SAT** prior to graduation. These tests are offered off campus; parents must schedule independently through those organizations' websites.

Promotion and Retention

Elementary/Middle School:

- Must pass all core classes (including an overall minimum of a “C” average)
- Maintain a C average or higher

High School:

- Must pass all core classes (including an overall minimum of a “C” average)
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA
- Earn the required credits to advance

Transfer Students

Transfer students are evaluated by administration to determine placement. Students transferring after the summer before their junior year are not eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian honors.

Distance Learning

In special cases, students may take online or hybrid courses with administrative approval. Attendance and scheduling will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Field Trips

Field trips are planned to support classroom learning and are considered a required part of the curriculum.

- School dress code applies unless otherwise noted
- Parents may serve as chaperones (see Dress Code for Parents)
- Parents will be **notified at least 3 weeks in advance of the date of the field trip**
- Permission slips will include cost and lunch details
- Electronic devices, toys, or valuables are not allowed unless permitted by the teacher

Chapels and Assemblies

Chapel is a vital part of student spiritual growth and attendance is mandatory.

- Students must bring a **physical King James Bible**
- Enter and exit reverently and quietly
- Disruptions such as talking, passing notes, or doing homework are not permitted

Attendance

School Hours

- **Preschool (K4):** 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (half day)
- **Elementary (K4–5th Grade):** 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- **Middle/High School (6th–12th Grades):** 8:00 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

Start of School Day

Students may not arrive on campus before **7:15 a.m.**

- **Elementary students** arriving between **7:15** and 7:45 a.m. must report directly to the cafeteria.
- **Middle and high school students** arriving between **7:15** and 7:50 a.m. must do the same. (Students **may not** loiter in the parking lot.)

End of School Day / Afternoon Pick-up

- **Elementary dismissal:** 2:45 p.m.
- **Middle and high school dismissal:** 2:55 p.m.

Parents picking up only **elementary students (grades K5–5)** may enter the car line starting at **2:30 p.m.**

Parents picking up **middle/high school students** should not enter the line before **2:55 p.m.** to avoid disrupting earlier pick-up. If early, drivers will be directed to exit and re-enter the line at or after 2:55 p.m.

- Students may only leave campus from the car line or when escorted by a parent.
- **Student drivers** must leave campus by 3:00 p.m. If transporting siblings, they must pick them up from the cafeteria before exiting campus.

Attendance Policy (Absences and Tardies)

To maintain academic integrity and transcript recognition, SCS aligns its attendance policies with state and local standards.

Elementary (K5–5th Grade)

- **Attendance Definition:** Students must be present for at least half the school day to be counted present.
 - Must arrive by 11:00 a.m. or stay past 11:30 a.m.
- **Absence Limits:** No more than **10 total absences** (excused or unexcused) are allowed per year.
- **Tardies/Early Dismissals:** Excessive tardies or early dismissals may convert to absences.
 - **10 tardies/early dismissals = 1 absence** (for promotion purposes)
- **Make-Up Work:** One make-up day is allowed per day missed.
- **Long-Term & Pre-Approved Absences:**
 - **Non-school trips** must be pre-approved at least one week in advance and *may not exceed 3 school days* to be considered excused. (**Pre-Approved Absence Forms** may be obtained in the school office.)

- Absences beyond 10 days require a doctor's note or third-party documentation.
- More than 10 unexcused absences may be considered truancy.

Secondary (6th–12th Grades)

- **Attendance Definition:** Missing **50% or more** of a class counts as an absence for that period.
- **Absence Limits:** No more than **3 absences per quarter** or **6 per semester** are allowed per class to receive credit for a class.
- **Tardies/Early Dismissals:** Parents should keep track of excessive tardies/early dismissals since they accumulate toward absence totals for promotion.
- **Excessive Absences:**
 - Beyond 6 (per semester) or 12 (year-long), promotion may be at risk.
 - Additional absences require third-party documentation.
 - Truancy laws may apply after excessive unexcused absences.
 - **Make-up hours** may be required (after school, teacher workdays, or summer school).
 - **Excessive absences to homeroom will result in disciplinary action, including demerits and/or detentions.**
- **Make-Up Work:**
 - Students receive one make-up day per day absent (not per block class meeting).
 - **Any assignment due** on a day a student is absent **must be turned in the next day** the student is on campus.
 - If a student misses a quiz/test day, the **quiz/test must be made up before or after school the next day the student is on campus.**
 - Homework due or tests scheduled on the day of an absence must be completed the next time that class meets.

- **Long-Term & Pre-Approved Absences:**

- **Non-school trips** must be pre-approved at least one week in advance and *may not exceed 3 school days* to be considered excused. (***Pre-Approved Absence Forms*** may be obtained in the school office.)
- Extended illnesses or hospitalization require documentation and administrative review.

Types of Absences

Excused Absences

A signed excuse must be submitted within **2 school days** of return. **Valid reasons include:**

1. **Illness or injury** (doctor's note required after 10 days)
2. **Quarantine** ordered by public health
3. **Death in immediate family** (parents, siblings, grandparents)
4. **Medical/dental appointments**
5. **Educational (academic or spiritual) opportunity** (must be pre-approved and course-related or discipleship-related)
6. **Military deployment visit** (must be pre-approved for students with a parent in active-duty service)

Unexcused Absences

Absences not fitting the above categories, or those without a written excuse submitted within 2 days, will be marked as **unexcused** in accordance with the **Compulsory Attendance Law**.

Tardiness

School begins promptly at **8:00 a.m.** Students arriving after this time are considered **tardy**. Excessive tardiness negatively affects learning and may impact promotion.

- **A parent must sign in tardy students at the office.**
- Student drivers must report to the office before going to lockers or class and sign in younger siblings, if applicable.

Leaving School Early

Students requesting an early dismissal must submit a signed note from a parent or guardian or have an email sent directly by the parent or guardian to the school secretary **before the start of the school day**. Early dismissal requests will be considered based on the reason for the request, such as medical appointments, funerals, or other legitimate circumstances. Approval is at the discretion of the school, and not all requests will be granted.

Exception: If a medical or family emergency arises during the school day, a parent or guardian may contact the school office by telephone to request an early dismissal. Such requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Whenever possible, parents are encouraged to schedule appointments outside of school hours in order to minimize disruption to the student's education.

No student driver will be allowed to sign himself or herself out of school **without prior written permission from a parent/guardian**.

Senior Work Study Early Dismissal

Seniors may request early dismissal for work through the **Work Study Program**. Requirements include:

- 3.5+ cumulative GPA
- Parental permission
- Administrative approval
- Completed **Work Study Permission Form** (available in the office)

Lunch and Breaks

Beverages

Students may bring water bottles or drink containers to school for hydration during the school day (at the discretion of teachers). These drink containers must meet the following criteria:

- **All containers must be CLEAR.** No metal tumblers (Yeti, Hydro Flask, Stanley, Owala, etc.) or solid-color plastic containers may be carried on campus during school hours.
- All containers must be **fully sealable**, with flip-up lids (for elementary) and no straws protruding or open spouts. Secondary students have the option of using disposable clear water bottles with screw-on lids.
- **ONLY WATER may be in the drink containers used during class or in school hallways.** No coffee, soft drinks, or energy drinks may be left open in lockers or carried during school hours.

Beverages other than water may be consumed only during the lunch break, provided they remain sealed and stored in lunch boxes until the lunch period begins or are purchased directly from the school kitchen. The school kitchen offers water bottles and electrolyte drinks (such as Gatorade or Powerade) for purchase during lunch.

Student Lunches

All students are expected to bring their lunch from home, including any necessary items such as condiments, utensils, and plates.

- **Secondary students (6th-12th grade)** must store their lunches in lockers until lunchtime. Unsealed food packages and open beverage containers are not permitted in lockers.
- **Elementary students (K5-5th grade)** will follow teacher-led procedures for lunch. A period of quiet will be observed, after which students may talk quietly at the teacher's discretion.

Note: Due to allergies and food sensitivities, **students may not share food or drinks** with others at any time.

Microwave Use

- Only students in **4th grade and above** may use microwaves independently.
- **K5-3rd grade students** must turn in microwavable items to their teacher **upon arrival** in the morning. These items will be delivered to the lunchroom and heated by lunch staff prior to the student's lunch period.
- All lunch items must be **clearly labeled** with the student's **name and grade**, and should require **no more than 2 minutes** to heat.

Breaks

- **K3–5th grade:** Students will have a mid-morning snack break in their classrooms at a time determined by the teacher.
- **Middle and high school students:** A designated snack break will be provided in homerooms between 1st and 2nd hours.

Lunchroom Purchases

A **limited selection** of snack items (e.g., chips, crackers) may be available for purchase during lunch periods.

- **Cash-only** purchases; items may **not** be charged to student accounts
- Availability is subject to change

Senior Lunch Privilege

Once per quarter, the school administrator may designate a day when seniors are given the privilege for an extended off-campus lunch break as long as all guidelines are observed.

Guidelines:

- Students must have **parental permission** to ride with one another.
- Unless traveling with a school staff member, **males may only ride with male students** and **females with female students**.

Student Responsibility

Conduct

At Southview Christian School, we believe that developing age-appropriate self-discipline is a key part of spiritual growth and maturity. While students are encouraged to make wise choices, we recognize that correction is sometimes necessary to foster accountability and personal growth.

Respect for God-given authority begins with a student's attitude toward it. Students are reminded that being a Southview Conqueror is a privilege, not a right. Privileges are earned through responsibility and integrity. As Conquerors, students are expected to live above reproach, showing respect for God, country, family, faculty, and fellow students. Respect is both given and earned.

Southview Christian School exists as an extension of the Christian home. We are committed to helping parents fulfill their God-given responsibility to educate and disciple their children. Our mission can only be fulfilled when school and home are united in purpose. In rare cases, if a parent cannot support the school's expectations or disciplinary decisions, it may result in a parting of ways.

Personal Accountability

Students are expected to cooperate fully—spiritually, morally, academically, and behaviorally. A student who consistently refuses to submit to authority or adjust to the culture of Southview Christian School may be asked or required to withdraw. While expulsion is rare, extreme cases of defiance or repeated disobedience may lead to such action.

Effective classroom learning depends on strong classroom management, which includes:

1. Respect for others
2. Established routines
3. Clear classroom rules
4. Fair and consistent discipline

At Southview Christian School, we are committed to Christ-centered discipline that reflects the biblical principles of order and honor:

“Let all things be done decently and in order.” – 1 Corinthians 14:40

“Honor all men.” – 1 Peter 2:17

Our discipline approach is designed to be consistent, loving, and focused on the student's well-being. When misconduct occurs, appropriate and constructive corrective measures will be taken to encourage a change in both behavior and heart.

Elementary Corrective Guidelines

At Southview Christian School, most student correction occurs naturally within the classroom environment. Teachers use proactive redirection throughout the day to help students stay on task and meet behavioral expectations.

Each classroom utilizes a behavior management system, clearly communicated and consistently applied by the teacher. If a pattern of inappropriate behavior emerges, the teacher will contact the student's parent to discuss concerns and collaborate on strategies for improvement. If the behavior persists, a parent-teacher conference may be scheduled to ensure unified support between school and home.

When a student is referred to the school office for disciplinary reasons, parents will be notified. In some situations, parents may be asked to come to the school to assist in addressing the matter directly.

If it becomes evident that a student is unable to meet classroom behavioral expectations—even after interventions – the administration may determine that continued enrollment is not in the best interest of the student or the class. In such cases, the student may be asked to withdraw.

Secondary Corrective Guidelines

Southview Christian School expects all middle and high school students to follow classroom guidelines and respond respectfully to the instruction of any staff member. Discipline at SCS is intended to foster personal responsibility, honor, and spiritual growth.

To maintain order and reinforce our values, a **demerit system** is in place. Consequences escalate based on the **number and severity** of infractions. **After-school detentions incur a cost of \$15** to compensate the supervising faculty or staff member for his/her time.

Please note that although some one-time infractions may include an after-school detention, detentions will be issued for accumulation of demerits of 20 and for every 10 demerits accumulated thereafter.

Administrative discretion will be exercised to address individual circumstances.

Demerit System

Level	Demerits	Actions Taken
Level 1	2	- Parent contact via call, email, or written notice
Level 2	5	- Parent contact via call, email, or written notice
Level 3	10	- Parent contact via call, email, or written notice
Level 4	20	- Parent contact via call, email, or written notice - 1 day after-school detention - Student conference
Level 5	30	- Parent contact via call, email, or written notice - 1 day after-school detention - Parent conference
Level 6	40	- Parent contact via call, email, and written notice - Parent conference - Student placed on disciplinary probation; removal from all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the semester - 1 day out-of-school suspension (<i>0s for all work missed</i>)

Level	Demerits	Actions Taken
Level 7	50	- Parent contact via call, email, and written notice - Parent conference - Continued disciplinary probation (no involvement in extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year) - 2 days out-of-school suspension (<i>0s for all work missed</i>)
Level 8	70	- Parent contact via call, email, and written notice - Expulsion

Note: The final week of each semester is considered **“double jeopardy”**—all demerits earned during this week are doubled.

Common Behavioral Infractions

This list is not exhaustive. The administration reserves the right to assign appropriate consequences for any misconduct.

2 Demerits

- Classroom Disturbance
- Failure to follow instructions
- Horseplay
- Minor dress code violations
- Other (administrative discretion)
- Out-of-class without a hall pass
- Talking during instruction or emergency drills
- Tardiness (to any class or required activity)
- Unprepared for class

5 Demerits

- Food/drink in undesignated areas (e.g., hallways, classrooms)
- In unauthorized area (unsupervised)
- Neglect/misuse of school device – 1st offense
- Possession of unauthorized candy, toys, cards, games, or comics
- Possession or use of chewing gum (may include a \$25 fine)
- Other (administrative discretion)

10 Demerits

- Cheating or plagiarism
- Disrespectful attitude
- Entering another student's locker or personal belongings without permission
- Horseplay causing injury
- Inappropriate behavior – 1st offense
- Inappropriate language – 1st offense
- Major dress code violations
- Minor/superficial vandalism of school property
- Misuse of school equipment or facilities
- Possession or use of inappropriate music
- Possession/use of unauthorized electronics (phones, earbuds, smart devices, etc.)
- Public display of affection
- Reckless driving on campus
- Skipping class – 1st offense
- Theft – 1st offense
- Other (administrative discretion)

20 Demerits

- Bullying (verbally or physically)

- Fighting (*automatic one-day suspension*)
- Gambling
- Improper physical contact
- Possession of obscene materials (physical or digital)
- Possession or use of tobacco, vaping devices, or related paraphernalia
- Public disrespect (toward authority)
- Skipping an entire school day
- Use of profanity or obscene language (verbal, written, or digital)
- Other (administrative discretion)

30 Demerits

- Critical spirit/uncooperative attitude
- Defiance or repetitive disrespect
- Inappropriate boy/girl relationship
- Malicious damage to school property (*restitution required*)
- Other (administrative discretion)

Grounds for Immediate Expulsion

- Accumulation of 70 or more demerits
- Immoral sexual behavior
- Involvement in gang activity/use of gang signs
- Misuse of prescription medication
- Possession of a weapon on school property
- Possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Sexting or sexually explicit online content
- Threats of physical harm or violence
- Other (administrative discretion)

Re-Enrollment After Disciplinary Problems – Behavioral Probation

Students who have received excessive demerits or have had continual behavioral issues, regardless of total number of demerits, may be placed on **behavioral probation for the first quarter of the new school year** at the discretion of the school administration. This may include the doubling of demerits and/or disciplinary measures for any infraction until the student demonstrates the consistent ability to submit to school handbook guidelines and show respect for all school authorities.

Behavioral probation for the first quarter may include:

- Increased disciplinary consequences, including the possibility of doubled demerits for infractions.
- Additional disciplinary measures as deemed appropriate by the administration.
- Close monitoring of conduct, attitude, and responsiveness to school authority.
- Restrictions regarding participation in extracurricular activities should behavioral concerns continue or if an accumulation of 40 demerits is reached before the end of the first quarter.

The purpose of this probation is not punitive, but corrective. Our desire is to help students establish positive habits, demonstrate respect for school authorities, and consistently follow the expectations outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook.

Re-Enrollment After Expulsion

Students who have been expelled may apply for re-admission after one full semester. Re-admittance requires a meeting with the administrator and the pastor, along with demonstrated behavioral and spiritual improvement. If readmitted, the student will be placed on disciplinary probation under terms set by school leadership.

Standards of Conduct

Respect for People

Students are expected to always demonstrate Christ-like respect for others. This includes administrators, teachers, staff members, fellow students, and guests.

- Students should address adults respectfully, using appropriate titles and surnames.
- Courteous speech, respectful body language, and a cooperative spirit are expected both in and out of the classroom.
- Personal devices may not be used for calls or texting during school hours unless authorized by administration.

Respect for Property

As caretakers of God's provision, students are expected to treat all school property with respect.

- **Gum is not allowed** on campus due to damage it causes to property. **A \$25 fine will be charged to the student's account for violations.**
- Trash should be disposed of properly, and personal areas such as desks and lockers must be kept neat.
- Eating and drinking are **only allowed** in designated areas.
- Any damage to school property – especially if caused by negligence or intent – may result in repair costs and disciplinary consequences.
- Misuse of school technology or equipment (e.g., laptops, Smart Boards, printers, sound equipment) will result in disciplinary action and financial responsibility.
- Students must remain out of the parking lot during school hours unless given permission. *(Student vehicles are not to be used as “lockers” to be accessed throughout the school day.)* Tampering with or loitering near other vehicles is prohibited.
- Students may not operate any vehicle other than their own. No student may drive a school vehicle.

Unauthorized Behavior

The following behaviors are strictly prohibited on school property or during school functions:

- Possession or use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco (including vaping)
- Immoral sexual conduct, sexting, or inappropriate content online
- Cheating, plagiarism, or stealing
- Use of profanity or obscene materials
- Fighting or threatening physical harm
- Possession of weapons, fireworks, or other hazardous items
- Unauthorized use of electronic devices (see Technology section, if applicable)
- Public displays of affection or improper physical contact
- Entering another student's locker or belongings without permission

Note: Cheating results in a zero on the assignment and contact with parents. Further disciplinary action may be taken depending on the situation.

Classroom Conduct

Classrooms are structured learning environments where students are expected to follow established rules and routines.

- Students must be on time and in their seats before the bell rings.
- Tardiness without a hall pass is unexcused and may result in disciplinary action.
- Students must raise their hand and be acknowledged before speaking.
- Leaving one's seat or classroom requires permission.
- Students may not skip class or leave school grounds without approval.
- Food, drinks, or medications (such as cough drops) are not permitted in class without permission.

Hallway Expectations

Students should walk on the **right-hand side** of hallways and stairways and always show courtesy to others.

- Running is not allowed inside any building except the gym.
- Students in the hallway during class time must carry a valid hall pass. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

Social Relationships

Southview Christian School encourages wholesome and respectful interactions between male and female students.

NOTE: Southview Christian School affirms that every person is created in the image of God and that human sexuality reflects this image through love, fellowship, selflessness, and fulfillment. Scripture teaches that God designed sexual intimacy to be expressed exclusively within a monogamous, lifelong marriage between one man and one woman (Gen. 1:27–28; 2:18, 23–24; Matt. 19:4–6; Eph. 5:23–32; Heb. 13:4). This union, established before God, is His intended context for the birth and rearing of children and serves as a metaphor of His covenant relationship with His people. Therefore, Southview upholds a biblical view of sexuality, rejecting sexual activity outside of biblical marriage and all same-sex sexual relationships as immoral and sinful, and opposing cultural trends that promote sexual promiscuity, while affirming marital intimacy as a sacred gift of God for both communion and procreation. **No same-sex relationships will be permitted to be practiced by our students; engaging in such relationships will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the school.**

The following boundaries are expected at school and school-related events:

1. No physical displays of affection (hand-holding, hugging, embracing, kissing, etc.).
2. Couples may not be alone together in unsupervised areas or in vehicles on campus.
3. These expectations *also apply* to non-SCS guests while on campus.

Parents are expected to support these standards and help students understand the importance of maintaining personal integrity and accountability.

Dress Code

Students are expected to dress neatly, cleanly, and modestly at all times. The dress code applies to all school functions and school-related activities, including driver's education and activities at other institutions.

General Guidelines

Southview Christian School reserves the right to determine appropriate school attire.

The following standards apply to all students:

Outerwear & Headwear: Coats and jackets intended for cold or rainy weather may not be worn in the classroom. **The only hoodies permitted on campus during the school day must be Southview hoodies purchased from the senior class or other school-sponsored vendors.** *(However, the hoods may not be worn over the head while in the school buildings.)* Hats or head coverings are not allowed, except for K3–5th-grade students during outdoor recess.

Smartwatches: Smartwatches (e.g., Apple Watches) are not permitted at school or on school outings. Secondary students may turn in their smartwatches with their cell phones each day.

Gender-Specific Guidelines

Recognizing the God-given distinction between male and female, the following guidelines apply to boys and girls:

Young Ladies

Shirts & Tops: **Must be modest, clean, and without graphics/text.** Styles may include polo, button-up, or sleeved collarless tops in solid, striped, or small-print patterns. Shirts may be untucked if neat and long enough to cover the midriff when arms are raised. Sweaters or sweatshirts may be worn over shirts or tops.

Dresses & Skirts: Must be **dress-casual and reach the middle of the knee** (including slits) when seated. **Pencil skirts are not allowed due to their tendency to “ride up.”** Sleeveless dresses require a sweater or jacket (not outerwear). Low-cut dresses must be layered appropriately for modesty. Sweaters or sweatshirts (no hoodies) may be worn over dresses. K3–5th-grade girls must wear mid-thigh bike shorts under skirts. Skorts/scooters are allowed if knee-length.

Leggings: Permitted under skirts if solid-colored and if the skirt meets length requirements.

Shoes: **Dress or casual-dress shoes (including dress boots) that fit securely, covering the toes and heel completely; sandals must have back straps and ankle support.** (Flip-flops, Crocs, wheeled shoes, or light-up shoes are not allowed.)

Hair: **Only natural hair colors or highlights.** (i.e., no blue, green, pink, etc.)

Accessories: A maximum of two necklaces, three bracelets per arm, and three earrings per ear may be worn. No visible body piercings, gauges, chains, or bars are allowed. Watches, fitness trackers, and medical ID bracelets are allowed.

Young Men

Shirts: Polo or button-up shirts in solid or striped patterns; must be tucked in and long enough to stay tucked when raising hands. Sweaters or sweatshirts may be worn over a collared shirt.

Pants: Dress or business-casual pants in solid colors. Pants must be modestly loose and worn at the waist. No joggers, sweatpants, or tight/slim-fit styles. Belts required (except for preschool–3rd grade if wearing pull-on elastic-waist pants).

Shoes: Dress or casual shoes only (including dress boots). Tennis shoes must be fully secured. (Flip-flops, Crocs, wheeled shoes, or light-up shoes are not allowed.)

Hair: Short, well-groomed styles. **Hair must not touch (or be able to touch) the eyebrows, ears, or collar or be overly bushy.** Hairstyles must be neat, traditional, and free of shaved designs, extreme cuts, or unconventional styles. ***Haircut notices must be addressed by the first school day of the following week, or the student will not be allowed to attend class.***

Facial Hair: Students must be **clean-shaven**. *(If necessary, the school may provide a disposable razor and require students to shave at school before returning to class.)*

Accessories: No earrings, visible necklaces, or accessories traditionally associated with women's jewelry. Class rings, watches, fitness trackers, and medical ID bracelets are allowed.

Boys may wear simple bracelets such as friendship bands or Christian-themed wristbands, provided they are modest, non-distracting, and consistent with a masculine appearance. Bracelets that are flashy, extreme in style, or feminine in design are not permitted, in keeping with the school's biblical commitment to maintaining appropriate distinctions between male and female attire.

Special Dress Occasions

Spirit Day Fridays: On designated Fridays once per month, students may wear **Southview tops** (which may be purchased from/provided by the athletic department or the senior class) or **Southview jerseys** for a currently in-season sport with non-faded, non-distressed denim bottoms (pants for boys; skirts for girls). Outside shirts may be untucked

if an undershirt beneath it is tucked in. Otherwise, students must follow the normal uniform dress code. **All other dress code rules still apply.**

NOTE: Any students coming in casual wear on a Spirit Day Friday that is not Southview-approved will not be allowed to attend classes until a change of clothing can be provided by the parent. Any classwork missed will result in a grade of zero.

Spirit Week: During Homecoming Week, students may dress according to daily themes set by the senior class and approved by the administration. *Specific guidelines will be provided in advance.*

Formal Events: Guidelines for events such as banquets and homecoming will be issued by the school office. All formal attire must be pre-approved; failure to comply will disqualify students from participation.

Picture Days: Fall yearbook photos require full compliance with the regular dress code. Spring photos may allow dress-up attire within specified limits.

Athletic Dress

All students in grades 6 through 9 are *required to participate* in physical education class. PE and team sport attire includes:

- **Solid-colored crew neck T-shirts** (any color except white) that are loose-fitting, free of holes or stains, **plain (without graphics or text besides Southview apparel with school logos).**
- **Athletic shorts** that are loose-fitting and **reach the top of the knee** when sitting or standing.
- **Athletic shoes** are required.

Inappropriate dress for PE or team practice will result in grade reductions and/or disciplinary action.

Dress Code Violations

Students who are not in compliance may be required to change or be sent home. Repeated violations may result in disciplinary action.

Parent Dress Expectations

Parents visiting campus or attending school events should follow the same standards of modesty and appropriateness expected of students, especially for events such as field days, parties, or field trips.

Technology Use

Personal Electronic Devices

To support a focused, respectful learning environment, students are expected to turn in cell phones to the office upon arrival each morning. **Students will not be allowed to use cell phones during the school day. If a student needs to contact a parent, he/she will need to call from the school office phone.**

Personal electronic devices—including cell phones, tablets, smartwatches, electronic games, and music players—may not be used on campus or on school transportation at any time, including before and after school, unless specifically permitted by school administration.

Use of AirPods, earbuds, or headphones is not allowed during the school day, in extended care, or at school events. Unauthorized devices may be held by staff or administration until they can be returned to a parent or guardian.

Students are also expected to represent the values of Southview Christian School in their digital lives. **Content shared online – including on social media platforms like Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), or Facebook—that violates school values or behavioral standards may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.**

School-Issued Devices

The school provides devices for educational purposes, and students are expected to handle them with care and integrity. Devices remain the property of the school. Any damage that occurs while a student is using a school device will be charged to the student's account.

Each student is responsible for their assigned device. Students may not share their device with others or use a device assigned to another student.

Technology Acceptable Use Policy

Technology offers powerful opportunities for learning, but also requires responsibility. Students are expected to use school technology ethically, legally, and only for academic purposes. To support student safety and appropriate use, all school-managed devices are filtered and monitored.

Acceptable Use Guidelines

- Technology must be used for educational purposes only.
- Personal entertainment (e.g., games, music, streaming, chatting) is not allowed unless directed by a teacher for academic use.
- Online communication (e.g., messaging or video chat) is permitted only under teacher supervision.
- Students should not browse the internet aimlessly (“surfing”), shop online, or use the internet for personal transactions.
- Students may not share or use another student’s school-issued device.
- Students must not share or distribute media—including photos—from personal devices without teacher supervision.
- Flash drives may be used for storing schoolwork but must first be scanned for viruses and used only by the assigned student.
- Students may not access or attempt to access others’ files, accounts, or restricted parts of the network.
- Transmission of copyrighted, threatening, obscene, or illegal content is strictly prohibited.

Digital Etiquette and Conduct:

- Communicate kindly and respectfully.
- Use appropriate language; profanity or offensive content is not permitted.
- Never share personal contact, financial, or identifying information online.
- Do not damage, alter, or attempt to bypass any part of the school’s network.
- Vandalism or tampering with equipment or files will result in disciplinary action.
- Log off properly and close applications after use.

Monitoring and Privacy

All activity on school devices and networks may be monitored at any time. Students should have no expectation of privacy when using school technology.

Student Work Online

From time to time, student digital work may be selected for display on the SCS website. Efforts will be made to avoid including students' names with published work.

Consequences of Misuse

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in loss of device privileges and further disciplinary consequences, including administrative review. Students are also responsible for adhering to all applicable federal and state laws regarding technology use.

Athletics

Christian Philosophy of Athletics

At Southview Christian School, athletics are an extension of our mission to develop Christ-like character. While we pursue competitive success, our primary goal is spiritual and character formation—not winning at all costs. We aim to cultivate selflessness, teamwork, and service by teaching athletes to “die to self” and contribute to the team’s success above their own.

Athletics often reveal a person’s character, but they can also shape it. Our program provides opportunities to grow in virtues such as:

- **Courage** – Facing challenging opponents and risking failure builds boldness and resilience.
- **Patience** – Working with teammates, officials, and personal setbacks requires and fosters patience.
- **Humility** – Prioritizing team over self, celebrating others’ success, and submitting to leadership models Christ-like humility (Phil. 2:1–11).
- **Faith, Hope, and Love** – Athletics provide opportunities to trust God, persevere through adversity, and demonstrate love for teammates, coaches, opponents, and fans (Matt. 22:37–40; 1 John 4:20).

Though mistakes and failures will occur, our desire is for every participant—students, coaches, and parents—to bring their experiences in sports under the lordship of Christ. When this happens, athletics become a powerful tool for transformation and discipleship.

We trust our athletic director and coaches to make wise decisions and lead with the spiritual development of our athletes in mind. While disagreements may arise, we ask families to support the greater mission of training athletes to work selflessly for the team’s good.

Purpose of Athletics

The purpose of our athletic program is to complement classroom instruction by giving students opportunities to apply Christian values in real-life contexts. Through sports, student-athletes learn responsibility, commitment, leadership, and accountability—both to God and to their teammates.

Athletic Programs

North Carolina Christian School Association (NCCSA)

Season Young Men

Fall Soccer

Winter Basketball

Spring Golf

Young Ladies

Volleyball

Basketball, Cheerleading

Soccer

Piedmont Christian Athletic Association (PCAA)

Season Young Men

Fall Soccer

Winter Basketball

Spring Baseball, Coed Soccer

Young Ladies

Volleyball

Basketball

Baseball, Coed Soccer

Eligibility

To participate in interscholastic athletics, a student must:

- **Pass all academic subjects**
- **Maintain an overall “C” average**
- **Have fewer than 30 demerits**

A student who fails any course or has an average below “C” at the end of a quarter is ineligible for at least two games. Eligibility may be restored once all grades are passing and the overall average meets the required minimum.

Practice Attire

Practice clothing must reflect modesty and readiness:

- **Shirts:** Solid-colored (not white), loose-fitting, crew neck T-shirts with no graphics or text except Southview's. Shirts must be in good condition—no holes, stains, or cut-offs. Sleeveless shirts and tank tops are not allowed.

- **Shorts:** Must be loose-fitting and extend to the top of the knee when sitting or standing.
- **Modesty:** Cleavage, midriff, or undergarments must not be visible at any time.

Failure to follow attire guidelines will result in disqualification from practice or games.

Athletic Fees

The **sports participation fees** are:

- \$75 per sport per student for PCAA elementary and middle school sports
- \$150 per sport per student for NCSAA middle and high school sports

NOTE: These fees must be paid in full before the first official game or match. Otherwise, the student will not be allowed to participate.

Students who secure corporate sports sponsorships will receive a \$50 discount per sport.

Before a student receives a uniform, the following must be submitted:

- Completed sports physical
- Signed parental permission and liability forms
- Paid athletic fee

Parental Participation

Parent involvement is vital to the success of our athletic program. **Parents of athletes are required to assist with:**

- **Fundraisers (to defer costs of athletics)**
- **Gate and/or concession duty** during games (twice per season per student athlete)
- **Volunteer opportunities (clean-up after games)**

Funds raised help cover expenses such as equipment, uniforms, first aid supplies, transportation, and officials. We deeply appreciate your continued generosity and commitment.

Financial Policies

We want to communicate our financial policies clearly to prevent misunderstandings and support a healthy partnership between families and Southview Christian School. Our goal is to make the payment process as straightforward as possible and to distribute fees in a way that avoids large, unexpected costs at any one time. We sincerely appreciate the many families who faithfully meet their financial commitments. Thank you for your cooperation.

Re-Enrollment

Re-Enrollment and Continuous Enrollment Policy

Southview Christian School operates under a continuous enrollment model for returning students. Under this model, students are considered enrolled for the upcoming school year unless the school is notified otherwise in writing.

In order to reserve a student's place for the upcoming academic year, families must submit a Declaration of Intent to Re-Enroll by the published deadline. Until this declaration is received, a student's seat in the next grade level is not guaranteed and may be offered to a new applicant.

Re-Enrollment Timeline

February 15: Deadline to submit the Declaration of Intent with no re-enrollment deposit

Declarations submitted after February 15 are subject to a graduated re-enrollment deposit, as published annually.

Re-enrollment deposits are applied toward tuition for the upcoming school year. Deposits become non-refundable after May 1, as the school has already committed financial resources for staffing, curriculum, instructional materials, and technology.

Withdrawal After Re-Enrollment

Any student withdrawn on or after June 1 will be subject to a \$200 late withdrawal fee per student, regardless of re-enrollment deposit status. This fee reflects unrecoverable expenses incurred by the school in preparation for the upcoming school year.

Enrollment Priority

- Enrollment priority is granted in the following order:
- Returning students with a submitted Declaration of Intent to Re-Enroll
- Siblings of returning students with completed applications

New applicants

Sibling enrollment is not automatic. A completed online application is required for each sibling, and enrollment is subject to available space.

Registration

A **\$30 registration fee** is required for all newly enrolling students. This fee covers processing and entrance testing. Returning students are not charged a registration fee.

Fundraisers

Southview Christian School does not sponsor school-wide fundraisers. However, affiliated groups such as the **Parent Teacher Fellowship**, the **Athletic Department**, and the **Senior Class** may organize fundraising events to help with projects benefiting the entire school or with the costs of student trips.

Graduation Fees

Graduation fees cover the cost of caps and gowns, diplomas, awards, decorations, and related expenses:

- **Kindergarten:** \$50
- **High School Seniors:** \$150

Graduation fees are **due February 15** and are **non-refundable and non-transferable**. Fees must be paid in full before a cap and gown will be issued.

Textbook Fees

All textbook costs are included in the published tuition and fee schedule. Textbooks issued to students become their property unless otherwise noted. Damaged or lost books will be billed to the student's account at replacement cost.

Payment Plans

Tuition is due on the **1st of each month** according to the payment plan. Payments after the **10th** will incur a **\$25 late fee** unless prior arrangements are made with the school office.

Payment plans available:

- **12-month plan:** June 1 – May 1
- **10-month plan:** August 1 – May 1
- **Bi-annual plan:** August 1 and January 1

Online payments are available (with a **3.5% service fee** per credit/debit card transaction).

Returned Check Fee

A **\$25 fee** will be charged for each returned check. After two returned checks, personal checks will no longer be accepted from the family for a period of 24 months.

Withdrawal and Dismissal

Students are enrolled for the full academic year, and staffing and budgeting decisions are made accordingly. Tuition responsibility begins **July 1**.

If a student withdraws or is dismissed **before January 1**, the following charges apply:

Withdrawal Date After	Tuition Due
August 1	10%
September 1	20%
October 1	30%
November 1	40%
December 1	50%
January 1 or later	100%

To complete withdrawal, a **withdrawal form** and a **\$200 withdrawal fee per student** must be submitted. Report cards and academic records will only be released when all tuition and fees have been paid in full.

Arrears Policy

If a family account is **30 days past due**, the student may not be permitted to attend class until the balance is paid or a written payment arrangement is approved by the administration. Access to grades, attendance, and behavior records in **PraxiSchool** may be restricted for overdue accounts.

Report cards, transcripts, diplomas, and awards will not be released until all financial obligations are met. Families with a consistent history of late payments may not be offered re-enrollment for the following year.

Extended School Day Options

Before-School Care

Before-school care is available **Monday through Friday from 7:15–7:45 a.m.** in the cafeteria. There is **no fee** for this service.

- Students **may not be dropped off before 7:15 a.m.**
- Staff are **not available to supervise students** prior to that time.

After-School Care (Aftercare)

Students **not picked up by 3:00 p.m.** will be signed into the aftercare program, regardless of a sibling's after-school activity.

- Aftercare operates from **3:00–6:00 p.m.**
- No prior notice is required to use this service.
- Students must be picked up **no later than 6:00 p.m.** A **late fee of \$3.00 per minute** will be charged after that time.

Rates:

- \$7.00 per student, per day
- \$35.00 per student, per week

Aftercare is **billed monthly**, with payment due by the **15th of each month**.

General Guidelines

Dances or Proms at Other Schools

As a ministry of Southview Baptist Church, **Southview Christian School does not support or give written or verbal permission for students to attend proms or dances at other schools.** It is our guiding principle not to encourage participation in such activities.

Student Drivers and Parking

Students who drive to school must annually submit the following information to the school office: driver's license, proof of insurance, and the year, make, model, and tag number of any vehicle they may drive. *Driving to school is a privilege and may be revoked if abused.*

Driver Expectations:

- Students must park in the designated student parking area.
- Upon arrival, students must proceed immediately into the school building.
- Loitering in the parking lot before, during, or after school is prohibited.
- Students may not allow others to drive their vehicles.
- Only students with written parental permission submitted to the school office may ride with a student driver.
- Students must use school-approved entrances and exits.

Senior Parking Spaces

Senior students may reserve a personalized parking space for \$10. This fee helps cover repainting at the end of the year. Spaces may be decorated to reflect individuality, but all designs must be pre-approved by administration.

Closed Campus Policy

Southview Christian School maintains a **closed campus**. This means:

- Students may not leave school grounds during school hours without administrative approval.
- Visitors are not permitted without prior administrative approval.
- Parents must check in at the school office upon arrival and obtain a visitor pass.
- To pick up a student, parents must report to the school office. The student will be called from class.

Parents wishing to eat lunch with their child must also check in at the office.

Conflict Resolution

At SCS, we strive to handle disagreements in accordance with the biblical principles found in **Matthew 18:15–17**. This applies to concerns involving school policies, disciplinary decisions, and interactions with staff or faculty.

Step-by-Step Process

1. **Contact the faculty or staff member directly** to discuss the issue. Appointments may be scheduled by emailing the staff member or calling the office.
2. If the matter is not resolved, **contact that individual's supervisor** to request a follow-up meeting.
3. If further resolution is needed, **submit your concern in writing or by email to the school administrator**. The administrator will investigate and issue a final decision.
4. If the matter remains unresolved, **a written appeal may be submitted to the school president** (pastor of Southview Baptist Church).

Illness and Medication Policy

For the health and safety of all students:

- **Students must be fever-free (below 100°F), vomit-free, and free from diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school** or school functions.
- Students must also **wait 24 hours after beginning an antibiotic before returning to school** unless a doctor's note allows otherwise.

Illness

Keep students home if they experience the following:

- Fever of 100°F or higher
- Rash with fever or behavioral changes
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- Persistent lethargy or signs of serious illness
- Pink eye (24 hours after starting treatment)
- Impetigo, strep throat, scabies, chickenpox, etc. (see full list for timeframes)

Medication

- Medications must be brought to the office by a parent and accompanied by a signed permission form.
- Students may not carry medication, including over-the-counter medications, unless they have a “self-carry” authorization for asthma, diabetes, or severe allergies.
- Medications will not be dispensed after 3:00 p.m.

If a student becomes ill at school, they must report to the office. Students too sick to remain in class must go home. Absences without reporting will be considered unexcused.

Music Policy

Southview Christian School is committed to honoring God in every area, including music. Worldly music—characterized by themes of rebellion, immorality, drug culture, or occult influence—is not permitted.

Prohibited items and behaviors include:

- Listening to secular music or possessing related paraphernalia
- Use of earbuds, headphones, or AirPods during school hours or events
- Singing, whistling, or drawing symbols associated with inappropriate music
- Bringing digital devices used for playing music, unless approved by the administration

Confiscated items will be held by the office and disciplinary action may follow.

Telephone Usage

Office Phone:

Students may request to use the school phone for emergencies or illness, with teacher permission. Students may not use the phone to excuse tardiness. The office will take messages, but the phone is not intended for routine parent-child communication during the school day.

Cell Phones:

Students are **not** permitted to have cell phones during school hours. **Students will not be allowed to use cell phones during the school day. If a student needs to contact a parent, he/she will need to call from the school office phone.**

- **Middle and high school students must turn in their phones each morning upon entering the hallway.** Phones are securely stored and returned at dismissal.
- Drivers and athletes may carry phones while traveling but **may not leave them in vehicles during the school day.**

The school is *not responsible* for lost, stolen, or damaged phones.

Social Media

Students are expected to reflect Christ-like character in all online activity. Inappropriate, immodest, or immoral posts are not acceptable and may result in dismissal if they harm the testimony of Southview Christian School or Southview Baptist Church.

Students must obtain prior permission to reference Southview Baptist Church or its associated ministries on any website or social media platform.

Emergency School Closings

In cases of inclement weather, **Southview monitors the Iredell-Statesville School District decisions but *may or may not* follow their decisions regarding inclement weather.** Families will be notified via **SchoolCast**. *Please ensure the school office has your current email and cell phone number.*

Non-Discrimination Policy

Southview Christian School admits students of any race, color, national, or ethnic origin to all the rights and privileges of school programs and activities. SCS does not discriminate in its admissions, educational, athletic, or other policies.

Search and Seizure

SCS reserves the right to search student belongings, including bags and lockers, if there is reasonable cause. **Students should have no expectation of privacy while on school property or at school functions.** The administrator may also authorize the Iredell County Sheriff's Department to conduct unannounced checks for drugs or weapons.

Digital Safety

SCS may review electronic devices and online activity for inappropriate content, including:

- Text messages, images, and videos
- Social media posts (e.g., Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok)
- Cyberbullying or other conduct inconsistent with Christian values

Students are accountable for material they create, view, share, or possess.

Civic Responsibility

We emphasize America's Christian heritage and the sacrifices made to secure our freedoms. Students are taught biblical principles of self-discipline, respect for authority, lawfulness, and patriotism.

Student Residency

All students must reside with a parent or legal guardian. Students may not live with non-custodial relatives or family friends and may not stay overnight with a boyfriend/girlfriend.

Daily Pledges

Each school day begins with the following pledges, which reflect our values as American citizens and followers of Christ. Refusal to participate may impact a student's enrollment.

Pledge to the American Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Pledge to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands—one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again, with life and liberty to all who believe.

Pledge to the Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.

Parent-School Relationship

To foster cooperation and enhance the effectiveness of Southview Christian School's educational mission, we ask parents to commit to the following:

1. Communicate Concerns Appropriately

If you have a question about a decision or have heard a concerning report, please contact the teacher directly. If the matter remains unresolved, you may reach out to the school administrator. Speaking negatively to your child or other parents can undermine the school's efforts and harm your child's attitude toward authority and learning.

2. Follow the Proper Chain of Communication

Classroom concerns should always be addressed with the teacher first. If further resolution is needed, the administrator will meet with the parent and/or teacher to help mediate.

3. Model Modesty and Respect

Parents are expected to dress modestly and in a manner consistent with the school's student dress code when visiting campus or attending school-related events.

4. Refrain from Tobacco Use

The use of tobacco products is strictly prohibited in school buildings, on campus (including inside vehicles), and at all school events.

5. Timely Communication

Please note that messages received late in the school day may not be delivered in time. Contact the school as early as possible if there is an important change or message.

In recognition that our school facilities have been dedicated to the Lord's service, we respectfully request that all ladies avoid immodest attire during visits to campus (Deut. 22:5; 1 Cor. 11:14–15). While it is permissible for ladies to wear modest slacks or shorts when picking up children from school or attending athletic events, we ask that skirts or dresses be worn to all school-sponsored events, including field trips and other outings.

"The education of youth determines the future!"

"We know that if we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work with men and imbue them with principles, we engrave on those tablets something that brightens lives for all eternity."

– Daniel Webster

Statement of Cooperation

Please read the following statements carefully. Your signatures indicate agreement and commitment to uphold these expectations.

Southview Christian School believes that a positive, cooperative relationship between the school and families is vital to fulfilling our mission. We affirm the following:

- We have read the Parent/Student Handbook and have discussed it with our child(ren).
- We agree to support and abide by the school's policies and procedures, including those outlined in the handbook.
- We will not use social media to express grievances against the school, its faculty, or its leadership, nor will we encourage others to do so.

We commit to follow the biblical principle of conflict resolution outlined in **Matthew 18**. We understand that Southview Christian School does not tolerate profanity, obscenity, disrespect toward school personnel, dishonor to the Lord, or persistent disobedience.

We recognize that our relationship with the school is based on mutual consent, and that either the school or our family may terminate enrollment at any time.

We acknowledge that the Parent/Student Handbook is not a binding contract and is subject to change by decision of the school's leadership. Enrollment at Southview Christian School is a privilege, not a right, and re-enrollment is not guaranteed.

Parent Agreement

In addition to the Statement of Cooperation, we agree to the following:

1. Financial Responsibility

We will keep all school accounts current. If an account remains delinquent after 30 days, we understand the school may:

- Withhold class attendance
- Withhold report cards
- Withhold student records until the balance is paid

2. Support Beyond Tuition

Recognizing that tuition and fees do not fully cover the cost of education, we commit to supporting the school through prayer, service, giving, and participation in fundraising.

3. Meeting Attendance

We will attend school Orientation and Parent-Teacher Fellowship meetings.

4. Loyalty and Communication

We pledge our support for the mission and values of Southview Christian School and Southview Baptist Church. We will refrain from making disparaging remarks and will direct concerns respectfully to school leadership. *This includes supporting the school leadership in all decisions.* If unwilling or unable to do so, we will withdraw our children from school.

5. Support for School Discipline

We give the school full discretion in matters of discipline, including assignment of demerits, detention, suspension, or expulsion in accordance with school policies.

6. Behavioral Standards

We understand the school may dismiss any student whose conduct or attitude is inconsistent with the school's philosophy. The administration will determine when such action is warranted.

7. Withdrawal and Refunds

We understand that registration fees are non-refundable, and that if we withdraw our child(ren), we are responsible for the remaining balance of the annual fees, as well as a **\$200 per student withdrawal fee.**

Handbook Agreement Signature Page

Please sign and return to the school office by Friday, **August 15**. (*Otherwise, students **will not** be allowed to attend classes.*)

We affirm that we have read and understood the Southview Christian School Parent/Student Handbook and agree to abide by the Statement of Cooperation.

Note: Both parents/guardians and every student in grades 3–12 must sign below.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____
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Student Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____ Student Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____ Student Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____ Student Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____ Student Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____
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