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Faith Outreach Education Center
A Ministry of Faith Outreach Church
Articles of Faith

We believe there is one true God, Maker and preserver of all things; and in the unity of this Godhead are three persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the Son took the form of man. He suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried, to reconcile us to the Father and make atonement for our sin.

We believe Christ rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and shall return to judge all men at the last day.

We believe that the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is at one with the Father and the Son.

We believe in the inspiration of the Bible, God's Holy Word. (66 books, Old and New Testament)

We believe that eternal life in heaven with God is the reward of the finally righteous, and that banishment from the presence of God and unending torment in hell is the wages of the persistently wicked.

We believe Jesus shed His blood for the remission of sin, for the regeneration of penitent sinners, and salvation from sin.

We believe and teach justification by faith alone.

We believe that Jesus shed His blood for the complete cleansing of the justified believer from all indwelling sin.

We believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is obtainable by faith by the fully cleansed believer.

We believe in divine healing as in the atonement.

We believe in the imminent, personal premillennial second coming of Jesus.

We believe it is the responsibility of believers to dedicate their life to the carrying out of the Great Commission.

WHAT ARE YOUR NEEDS?

Why are you considering or placing your child(ren) into a Christian school? Just as different businesses have specific purposes, so do different Christian schools. Therefore, the why question is an important question to answer before selecting the school your child(ren) will attend.

What are the considerations?:

- Your child's personality and abilities (i.e. self-motivated or academically lazy, easily distracted or well-organized, level of academic ability, etc.)
- Your values and expectations (i.e. want Godly principals taught along with academics, want more interaction with child's teacher, want a safer environment, want child to have same opportunities for music, sports, etc. that would be available in public schools)
- Type of curriculum (i.e. cognitive, hands-on, visual, individual or group orientated)
- Your budget and financial concerns (i.e. What is affordable).

You need to be sure you understand the answers to these questions before selecting a school for your child.

If money is of no consequence and your child is a self-motivated individual who enjoys sports, then you would most likely consider a school that is larger and more expensive because it can offer the programs you want. However, if your child is academically lazy or easily distracted but enjoys sports, then you would most likely consider a smaller school that is more expensive that provides the sports programs your child would like.

Or perhaps money is an issue and your child is self-motivated and enjoys sports. However, you want them in a safer school or Christian environment. Then you would look for a less expensive school that has good academics, but no sports program, and you would place your child in community sports. Or perhaps your child is very academically capable but is academically lazy unless you keep on top of their work. Then you might select a less expensive school that has good academics and smaller classes so you can keep in better contact with the teacher.

Or perhaps your child is primarily a visual learner or works better in groups than individually. Then you might select a school that's curriculum has a lot of visuals and group-centered work. Or perhaps your child is easily distracted and needs help staying on task and focused. Then you might select a school where the curriculum is less demanding or is individualized.

There is no right or wrong scenario regarding choosing what type of education your child would do best in. But you do need to make sure you are asking the right questions and know what your needs are in order to make sure the school you select is the best one for you and your child. Keep in mind that no school can be all things to all people, that is why it is critical for you to take the time to research your needs and then find a school that comes the closest.

WHAT ARE YOUR NEEDS? Continued

Therefore, we encourage you to carefully read our student handbook to have a better understanding of Faith Outreach Education Center what we can and cannot provide, what we believe, our curriculum and our expectations of the teachers and staff, our parents and our students. Balanced with your needs, this will help you in your decision making.

WELCOME TO FAITH OUTREACH EDUCATION CENTER

Our school ministry, like Faith Outreach Church, seeks to evangelize the lost, and educate individuals according to God's Word.

Faith Outreach Education Center was begun as a ministry of our church for the purpose of educating our children in Christian education. As an evangelistic and educational outreach of our church, Faith Outreach Education Center opened its door to the local community for the first time in the fall of 1979. The Pastor of Faith Outreach Church or his/her designee provides spiritual oversight for the school and a church board member is responsible for overseeing the financial matters.

As a religious organization we are exempt from state licensure. Our facility must meet certain guidelines and requirements to operate as a religiously exempt school and daycare center. Our enrollment capacity is 200 students age 2 through grade 12. Our facility is covered by standard liability insurance as is required for a non-profit organization.

PHILOSOPHY

Faith Outreach Education Center operates with a traditional philosophy toward education. By traditional education we hold to the following:

1. The teacher is in charge of the classroom.
2. The teacher is responsible for providing a structured atmosphere of order in which the students will learn.
3. The teacher has the authority to administer discipline according to the process of discipline.
4. Homework is assigned regularly and expected to be completed on time.
5. The textbooks are God-centered, teaching spiritual truths, morality, and patriotism.
6. The curriculum is paced for the student of average intelligence.
7. Drill work and memorization are key tools in instruction, especially in the elementary grades.
8. Reading is taught by phonics, and math is traditionally taught.
9. The teacher is professional in manner, but servant-minded.

OBJECTIVES & STAFF REQUIREMENTS

Spiritual maturity and academic excellence are the objectives of Faith Outreach Education Center. We believe that the Christian ought to do a better job than the non-Christian at any endeavor he undertakes for the glory of God. The following is a summary of the basic objectives of Faith Outreach Education Center.

1. Bible Teaching – The objectives of our Bible program are to win students to Jesus Christ, to teach students the contents of the Scriptures, to apply the principles of Scripture to their lives, to develop a love and respect for the Word of God, to help them hide the Word of God in their hearts and to make the Word of God the major rule of faith and practice when they become adults.
2. Academic excellence – The curriculum stresses academic excellence and encourages the development of individual talents. Emphasis is placed on the basic fundamentals. We agree that a student’s education in the final analysis must be measured largely in terms of his ability to read, to interpret intelligently, to communicate effectively, to compute accurately, to write legibly, and to spell correctly.
3. Christian Americanism – We teach our students to appreciate and love America and its Christian heritage. We incorporate teaching principles of individuality, self-government, and political freedom upon which our forefathers founded this great republic.
4. Character-building Discipline – The Bible teaches that the goal for our youth is to see them “conformed to the image of His Son.” We are dedicated to the goal of turning out young people with Christian character, self-discipline, and academics equipping them to go out into a lost world and lift up Jesus Christ without fear or apology.
5. Leadership – It is our desire to instill within students the ability to distinguish between right and wrong, to take the responsibility personally to do right and exercise initiative in leading others in the right direction. We believe that a great need of our nation and world today is well-trained Christian leaders.
6. Manners and Courtesies – Unconsciously practicing good manners and etiquette is our goal for students. Good manners and courtesy are the consideration of the rights and feelings of others and not drawing attention to oneself.
7. Dedicated Christian Teachers – We believe that dedicated teachers who follow Scriptural instructions to “train up a child in the way he should go” will have a far-reaching influence in the lives of youth. Faith Outreach Education Center teachers consider their positions a ministry for the Lord, not merely a job. Therefore, they often forgo larger salaries they could be earning doing other fields in order for the school to keep its tuition rates low. Our teachers are required to have at least a high school diploma or GED equivalent. Pre-school and elementary teachers are trained in the A-Beka curriculum by Pensacola Christian College and secondary teachers are trained in the Alpha Omega Publications curriculum at AOP seminars.

OBJECTIVES & STAFF REQUIREMENTS Continued

8. Background Checks – All teachers and staff of FOEC have all had a criminal background check with the Va. State Police and with the Department of Social Services. All staff members are required to have a yearly physical to determine if they are capable of working with children as well as a Pastoral Recommendation.

CHRISTIAN CURRICULUM

Faith Outreach Education Center is proud of what the Lord has done for our students scholastically. Each student is taught in light of God's Word. Each textbook and workbook has been written by Christian men and women with many years experience in Christian education.

For our pre-school and elementary classes, this accomplishment is credited to the traditional approach to education and the *A Beka* curriculum, which we use almost exclusively. Our program is geared for the average child. Children enrolled in K-4 will generally be reading three-letter words by years-end and K-5 will be reading sentences by years-end. We teach reading by the phonetic method. The 7th-12th grade class is a non-traditional setting, much like home schooling, where the students work independently under the supervision of a teacher. We use the *A Beka* Bible Curriculum and a combination of the Alpha Omega Life Pac and Switched-On-Schoolhouse computer based curriculum for the other subjects. This format provides a number of advantages to students and parents.

We hold that the classroom has two immediate authorities – the teacher and the textbook. Both must be God-centered and challenge not only the mental, but also the spiritual capabilities of the child.

We hold that truth and reality are one as revealed in God's Word. We do not believe that the Bible *contains* the truth – we believe it is all truth. Therefore, we teach every subject from a Christian perspective – in light of God's Word. Our academic standards are high. Our students are the product of a Christian education that meets the needs of the whole individual without sacrificing the fundamental skills of reading, writing, and arithmetic.

OPPORTUNITY & ORIENTATION

Attendance at Faith Outreach Education Center is a privilege and not a right. The goal of the school is not to reform but to train its youth in the highest principles of responsibility, personal integrity and good citizenship. High standards of morality and behavior are expected of students.

Because attendance is a privilege, the school reserves the right to dismiss a student if the conduct of the student or parent is in open conflict with the standards of the school or the Covenant of Commitment.

OPPORTUNITY & ORIENTATION Continued

A **Mandatory Parent Orientation Meeting** is held each year, during the evening on the week prior to school starting. ***All K2 – G12 parents/ guardians are required to attend as well as students in 1st grade and up (no other children are allowed to attend this meeting).*** At the mandatory orientation meeting parents and older students are given an opportunity to meet with the teacher in a group setting and will be given important information regarding the upcoming school year. Preschool through Kindergarten students are given an opportunity to meet their teacher and see their classroom on the Friday before school begins.

Any family not represented at the Mandatory Parent Orientation Meeting will be billed an administrative fee of \$25 to cover the costs of ensuring that the information disseminated at the meeting is provided to the family.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

1. Students at Faith Outreach Education Center are expected to refrain from talking about or engaging in cheating, swearing, or gambling.
2. Students are expected to abide by these standards throughout their enrollment.
3. Students are expected to act in an obedient, orderly and respectful manner, maintaining Christian standards in courtesy, kindness, language, morality and honesty. Students should avoid questionable character in dress, conduct and attitude.
4. Matches, fireworks, lighters, knives, firearms or similar items are not to be brought to school or school functions.
5. Toys, books, videos, ipods, cell phones, etc. are not to be brought to school or school functions and will be confiscated unless approved by the teacher or principal in advance.

Note: Students who participate in such activities will be disciplined and may be subject to dismissal.

CLASSROOM CONDUCT

Discipline is a process of learning right. In our classes, we teach students to be neat, orderly, honest, courteous, etc.

1. Students learn to reply to the teacher in a respectful manner. (Yes, sir; No, sir; etc.)
2. Students learn when and when not to talk in class (talking with permission only).
3. Students learn to organize their books, materials, and personal items.
4. Students learn to be on time. Constant tardiness cannot be permitted.
5. Students learn to do their own work and ask only the teacher if help is needed.
6. Students learn to stay in their chairs until given permission to get up.
7. Students learn respect for God, country, adults, school, others, and themselves through the classroom learning process.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline is a balance of love and control. Discipline and order are necessary in the traditional educational process. Our faculty strives to provide love and special attention to each individual student. A subject can be taught without classroom discipline, but a subject is less likely to be learned under such conditions. Faith Outreach Education Center believes that discipline for improper action is a form of learning. Several types of discipline may be used depending upon the offense of the school rule, and the circumstances surrounding the incident.

1. Explanation of right and wrong
2. Speaking directly to the student
3. Withholding privileges
4. Assignments
5. Seating arrangement change
6. Demerits
7. Detention*
8. Visit principal
9. Conference with the parents
10. Paddling (by parents or principal when such authority has been given by the parents)
11. Suspension**
12. Expulsion (by administration) Expulsion will always be a last resort in disciplining a student.

*Detention may be of two natures: either “Physical” detention (meaning physical labor or exercise) or “Academic” detention (meaning written work is to be done). This will be at the principal’s discretion. It may be related to the offense but must be considered discipline by the child (depending on his/her nature).

**Suspension may be necessary in more serious matters of misconduct. A student who is suspended automatically receives a zero on any test, quiz or homework assignment in all subject areas. These grades will be averaged to determine academic standing on report cards. The principal determines the length of the suspension. Three suspensions will result in automatic expulsion.

CONFERENCES

Teachers are always open to input and suggestions from the parents. If you wish to discuss student progress with a teacher, you may call the school office and leave a message for the teacher to return your call. No teacher will be called out of the classroom except for emergencies.

**Parents are asked not to conference with a teacher before or during school.
Conferences may be set up by appointment, after school.**

FINANCES & FEES

Tuition is a yearly fee that can be divided into installment payments based upon the installment plan selected. Prompt payment of tuition is vital to the operation of Faith Outreach Education Center.

The following late charge policy will be in effect: Statements dated on or about the 1st of the month are due on the 15th of the month (i.e. statement dated Sept. 1st will be due and payable on Sept. 15th). Statements dated on or about the 16th of the month are due by 0800 on the 1st of the month (i.e. statement dated Sept. 16th will be due and payable by 0800 Oct. 1st). You will be charged a 5% finance charge on any overdue balance. If any past due balance has not been paid within 5 days following the payment due date, the student(s) will not be permitted to return to class until the account is paid. For those parents who incur childcare costs, in addition to their tuition payment, there will be an amount due on both statements each month. For these parents, it is imperative that they be prepared to make two payments a month to Faith Outreach Education Center on the 1st and 15th of the month.

Any returned checks will have a \$25.00 service charge. Two returned checks will result in making all future payments by credit card, money order, or cash.

The policy regarding refund of fees paid is as follows:

Registration fee – Non-refundable

Book fees – Non-refundable (FOEC is not obligated to return books to the student.)

Tuition - Parents of students are required to give a two week written notice if their child will be withdrawn from Faith Outreach Education Center. Should a student withdraw without the required notice or be dismissed during the school year, he will be charged for two weeks of tuition beyond the withdrawal or dismissal date. FOEC will determine if a refund is warranted on a pro-rated basis of number of school days completed and amount of tuition already paid.

Should more than one child from the same family be enrolled, the following tuition schedule will apply:

2 or more children – 20% off lowest tuition

Transcripts will not be forwarded to another school or report cards given out to any student whose account is delinquent. No student will be permitted to graduate until all tuition and fees are paid.

A clerical fee of \$20 will be charged for any research or clerical work needed for an account.

PRO-RATING FEES

Tuition or childcare fees will not be pro-rated due to holidays, illness, etc. All monthly extra curricular fees are automatically applied as described in the registration form completed for the class. We do not pro-rate charges if any of these services are missed, dropped, or added during any month.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION & REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Age – All students desiring to attend FOEC must be the class age before October 15th of the school year in which they are to be enrolled. Ex: K-2 students must be 2 years old by Oct. 15th; K-5 students must be 5 years old by Oct. 15th. Age requirement may be waived if the child has successfully completed a course of instruction in the A-Beka curriculum at the previous level.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

1. *Tuition and Fees Schedule* – Review Fee Schedule. Make appointment for a tour of the school and complete tour. (New registrations only)
2. *Registration Packet* – If interested in enrolling child at Faith Outreach Education Center, obtain a registration packet.
3. *Thoroughly read* – the contents of the Registration Packet including the Faith Outreach Education Center Student Handbook.
4. *Forms Completion & Registration Fee (non-refundable)* – Complete and return all forms in the registration packet with the registration fee to Faith Outreach Education Center.
5. *Additional Forms Completion* – Upon receiving the registration confirmation letter, complete and return all forms in the confirmation packet.
6. *Health Records and Birth Certificate* – Provide, before the first day of class, a copy of the child's health record (including updated shot records) and a state issued birth certificate.
7. *Parent Orientation Meeting* – Attend Mandatory Parent Orientation Meeting

PRE-REGISTRATION

During the month of March, parents are encouraged to pre-register for the fall. By pre-registering, parents will be assured of having a place reserved for the fall of next year. A special pre-registration fee will be given to all returning full-time students during this period. This special pre-registration fee is valid only for those whose accounts are up to date. In house registration is generally March 1st – March 31st. Pre-registration for new students begins on or about March 16th, or the first business day after March 15th.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION & REQUIRED DOCUMENTS Continued

CUMULATIVE RECORDS

When a new student enrolls in our school and is transferring from another school, a *Request for Records* form must be completed and signed by one of the parents. Our school will send this form to the address you provide of the last school attended. A student's cumulative folder contains information regarding academic progress, attendance, health, achievement tests, and special remarks. A parent may see the contents of his child's folder by contacting the office. All information is regarded as confidential.

HEALTH RECORD & BIRTH CERTIFICATE

FOEC is required to keep copies of your child's birth certificate and a current immunization record as part of their records. Additionally, you are required to provide a copy of the child's immunization record each time your child's immunizations are updated.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CALENDARS

The school calendar is issued at the beginning of the school year. This calendar indicates such dates as holidays, report cards, PTF meetings, progress reports, and special events. Additional copies may be obtained from the school office for a fee.

CHAPEL

Students should dress in their uniforms, unless otherwise requested. These services are designed to be inspirational as well as practical.

CLASS & BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Classroom parties are held several times a year as indicated on the school calendar (i.e. Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.). Parents may contact the class teacher if they wish to help with the party. Each teacher is responsible for their class parties; **therefore please pay for these parties in cash to the teacher and not to the office.**

From time to time parents ask to bring birthday cakes, cookies or cupcakes to school. Please notify the teacher in advance if you plan to bring items to school for your child's class to celebrate his or her birthday. The teacher will advise you of a time that is most convenient for the class to participate in celebrating your child's birthday.

COMPUTER SIGN-IN

Students are signed in and out of school on computer. This is the way we track your child's time at school. Therefore, it is very important that your child be signed in and out every day. FOEC does provide "drop-off/pick-up" as a service to you. If your child is dropped off between 7:45am and 8:20am, or picked up between 3:30pm and 3:45pm, a teacher or staff member will check them in or out. However, prior to or after drop-off/pick-up times, you are responsible to be sure your child is checked in or out. Please be sure any other adult authorized to drop-off/pick-up is aware of this procedure as well. If you or an authorized adult forget to check your child in or out, please see the secretary or principal before the end of the week to report accurate times of arrival or departure. If your child is not signed in or out, you will be charged from the beginning of the day through the end of the day, which may involve childcare charges for time your child is not here.

FIELD TRIPS

In order to supplement the learning of our school or social interaction with classmates, the students will take occasional field trips. Parents will be notified in writing prior to each field trip as to when and where the class is going, cost of the trip, dress code and any other pertinent information. Parents will also be given an opportunity to attend the trip as an approved chaperone. When you enroll your student, one of the forms you sign is a permission slip for your student to go on field trips. This permission slip will be placed on the vehicle before leaving the premises. Occasionally, the school vans cannot adequately accommodate all the students and chaperones that will be attending the trip. Therefore, at times, chaperones will use their privately owned vehicles (POV) to transport students to the event. If you do not want your child riding in the POV of an approved chaperone, please contact the teacher prior to the trip to request that your child only ride the school van to and from the event or to specify a chaperone that your child is allowed to ride with.

GRADUATION

At the close of each school year, we have a very special evening. On this night, our K-5 and 12th grade students celebrate their accomplishments. At the close of this program, each graduating student receives their diplomas.

There is a graduation fee to cover the cost of this special evening. This delightful program is the highlight of the year. It is a good time to bring your family, other relatives, and friends to encourage and congratulate the graduating student.

GUM

Students are not allowed to chew gum while on the premises of FOEC or while on the school van.

HOMEWORK

Homework is a vital part of each child's education. All grade levels will be assigned homework by their teachers. **Parents are not in any way to do homework for the student.**

It is our belief that homework should not be given to students to teach them unfamiliar material. Purposes for homework are as follows:

- For drill
- For practice
- To complete work not finished in class
- For remedial work
- For special projects
- For character building in responsibilities

Some ways you can help your child with studies:

1. Parents should see that the student has a composition notebook to record homework as given by the teacher. Parents should teach their child that the *student* is responsible for copying the assignment, and both parent and teacher expect it to be done.
2. Be sure your child is provided with a quiet, selected study place.
3. Keep distractions to a minimum (especially television).
4. The hours reserved for homework should be scheduled and kept as consistent as possible.
5. From time to time, parents should check to see how much and what kind of work is being done. Showing this interest can be a help and encouragement. Make certain, however, that the child is working independently.

HONOR ROLL

“A” Honor Roll: Each student must have all A's. A “B” in any area will disqualify the student from the “A” Honor Roll.

“B” Honor Roll: Each student must have a “B” or higher. A “C” in any area will disqualify the student from the “B” Honor Roll.

ILLNESS

For the welfare of our school family, all children who are sick must be kept at home. The school requires that children **must be fever free for 24 hours** before they can return to school. In case of contagious illness, please call the school as to the nature of the illness and length of time your child is expected to be out of school. All medicines to be dispensed at school are to be accompanied by a signed medication form, which may be obtained from the office. All medicines will be kept and administered by designated personnel. FOEC requires a permission slip to be on file before over the counter medications will be dispensed to a student.

LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS

At no time may a student leave the school grounds without confirmed parental consent. Unless otherwise approved, parents must send a note or pick up students personally for a student to leave school.

LIBRARY

FOEC has a library. Teachers may take their class to the library and allow the children to check out books. You must fill out a library card application for your child to check out books. You are responsible for any books checked out by your child. A late fee is charged for books not returned on time. You will be responsible to replace books lost or damaged.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found boxes are placed in the school entrance way during normal school hours. If your child has lost an item, please check there. After 3 weeks, lost items will be donated to Goodwill.

LUNCH & BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We have cold breakfast and hot lunch programs at FOEC. Our kitchen facilities have been approved by the Dept. of Health and our cook is a licensed food handler. Breakfast and lunch may also be brought from home.

Meal tickets for Breakfast/Lunch/Drinks are to be purchased in advance in increments of \$10, \$20, or \$40. If your child did not bring his or her lunch and does not have a meal ticket, they will be provided lunch at the school. However, the lunch fee will be billed to your account and will also incur a .35 cent administrative fee.

A menu will be sent home each Friday for the upcoming week. In addition to the featured meal the alternative of a PB&J sandwich will be offered. If your child won't/can't eat the featured meal or the PB&J sandwich, please pack their lunch on that day.

PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS (PTF)

Parent Teacher Fellowship Meetings are designed to give more information concerning Christian education and the needs of your child. These meetings are scheduled on Monday or Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Parents should note the school calendar for specific dates. We need each child to be represented at these meetings. Additionally, PTF sponsors several fundraising events through out the year. The funds raised are used to purchase auxiliary items for FOEC that are not in the FOEC budget.

PARKING LOT PROCEDURES

Do not park in areas that have been coned off. ***Do not park or wait in the traffic lane while signing children in or out.*** The only time vehicles should be in the drive thru area is during designated drop-off/pick up times, when a staff member is present to receive or assist your child.

POP/ROCK CULTURE POLICY

We realize many students have favorite characters (both fictional and non-fictional) that are a result of the influences of TV, Music, Movies or Books. However, we believe that there are certain influences that are not conducive to either our academic or spiritual atmosphere. We do not consider these items to be “sin”, but it is our goal to enhance, polish and pour into your most valuable treasure (your child), therefore we believe that it is of no educational or spiritual benefit to have some of the “Pop-Culture” favorites influencing the school.

In the past we have made an attempt to specify which kinds of saying and characters were not acceptable and which were acceptable. However, with the ever changing culture and increased secularization of our children, this has become increasingly more difficult.

Therefore, beginning with school year 2006/07 all backpacks, school supplies, clothing, coats, shoes and other accessories must not bear any pictures, sayings or logos unless they are Christian. Manufacturer’s tags or logos (such as Elmer’s glue, or Eastport) are acceptable on backpacks and school supplies, but not on clothing items.

PRE-SCHOOL INFO & OBJECTIVES K-2 THRU K-4

FOEC is a preschool that provides before and after school childcare. All pre-school classes begin at 8:30 a.m. Children are in a traditional classroom setting during the morning hours. All pre-school children nap in the afternoon. Before School Childcare fees include breakfast from 6:30 to 7:35. Tuition fees include a morning snack and lunch. After School Childcare fees include an afternoon snack.

K-2

K-2 students are given the opportunity to learn to say their ABC’s, to count and to recognize shapes and colors. They begin practicing motor skills, such as putting on their own coats and shoes and feeding themselves with utensils. They are taught table manners as well as respect for others. Each day they have a Bible time where they hear Bible stories and are taught various songs. They begin learning how to honor the flag and our country, as well as our Lord and Savior. Our teachers work with you, the parent to potty train children and strive to give regular reports of how your child is doing in the K-2 program. Our K-2 program is pre-school program in preparation to enter the K-3 learning environment.

PRE-SCHOOL INFO & OBJECTIVES
K-2 THRU K-4 Continued

K-3

In our K-3 program children are taught to recognize their ABC's out of sequence and begin learning what sound each letter makes. They also begin to recognize numbers 1-17. They practice motor skills while coloring and cutting and are encouraged to be creative yet still learn the correct name and function of various people, animals and things within our world. K-3 students are taught to respect adults and each other as well as correct behavior in a classroom and school setting. (See Classroom Conduct) K-3 students are taught love for God and country through saying pledges to both the Christian and American flags and to the Bible. They have a time of Bible teaching and singing songs each morning.

K-4

K-4 children not only learn letter and number recognition and what sound each letter makes, they also learn to blend their sounds together and should begin reading three-letter words by years-end. They continue learning motor and socialization skills and how to respect adults and each other. They learn patriotism and love for God and country through not only saying pledges to the Christian and American flags and Bible, but also by singing the National anthem and "My Country 'Tis of Thee". K-4 classes, have regular Bible teaching and song time each morning.

RECREATION & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Each K2-G3 class has an assigned recess every day. For G1-G12 scheduled PE classes will work on motor coordination, physical fitness, fun games and competitive games, therefore students should wear gym shoes during this period.

REPORT CARDS & GRADING SCALE

Number grades are given to students for class work. Report cards are given out each nine weeks. Progress reports are also sent home. Each student must complete all work to be promoted to the next grade. For K5 and above, failure to pass two main subjects will result in a student being held back.

Grade Designations:

A+	99-100	C+	84-85
A	96-98	C	79-83
A-	94-95	C-	77-78
B+	92-93	D+	75-76
B	88-91	D	72-74
B-	86-87	D-	70-71

SCHOOL HOURS

6:30 a.m.	Before School Childcare opens
8:00 a.m.	Morning Car Line begins (before school childcare costs stop)
8:30 a.m.	All classes begin
12:15 p.m.	Pre-school (K-2) dismissed
12:45 p.m.	Pre-school (K-3 & K-4) dismissed
3:30 p.m.	Grades K-G12 dismissed (Afternoon Car Line begins)
3:45 p.m.	Afternoon Car Line ends
5:45 p.m.*	After School Childcare closes**

*FOEC will close early three times per year; on the evenings of the Christmas programs and on the evening of graduation. The administration reserves the right to change the hours of operation or close the school early at their discretion.

**Beginning at 5:46 p.m., a late charge of \$15.00 for the first 14 minutes will be posted to the account of any remaining children. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. a \$2.00 per minute charge will incur.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

On days when the weather is questionably bad, school may be closed. In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, please tune in to WTKR Channel 3 for closings or delays. We will also be consistent with Hampton City Schools for such closings which are broadcast on cable TV channel 46 and their website at

<http://www.sbo.hampton.k12.va.us/schoolinformation/weather/weather.html>

SCHOOL SUPPLY STORE

There is a school store located in the 5th/6th grade room. The store has various items such as pens, pencils, paper, folders, etc. Payment at time of purchase is required. However, the purchase of these items can be placed on your account if you send in a written note giving permission for your child to purchase the items specified in the note and stating that you want the purchase placed on your account. The School Supply Store is open from 8:20 – 8:40 a.m. daily.

SUPPLIES

A list of supplies each student is to have is sent out prior to the start of school. We ask that you bring those supplies with you to the Mandatory Parent Orientation Meeting. Please be sure all supplies have your child's name on them. In some classes teachers will require a certain brand or type of supply. These requirements must be followed or it could result in your child not being able to participate in activities requiring these supplies. When your child brings the correct supplies they will be able to participate again.

TELEPHONE CALLS

Students will not be permitted to use the school telephone except for emergencies.

TOYS

Students are not to bring toys or other such items to school. Most of the time, they become a distraction to the class, are misplaced or become damaged. The only exception to this would be days of “show and tell” in kindergarten and the lower grades. Parents should check with the teacher to determine which day of the week this will be. Students should never bring *live animals* to school. (Refer to Standards of Conduct item #5 also)

T-SHIRTS

T-shirts will be ordered after the start of school based on your child’s size. The cost of t-shirts is \$10, and all students must purchase a t-shirt. T-shirts will be kept at the school to be worn on field trips. They will be given to the student at the end of the school year.

TRAFFIC PATTERN & CAR LINE

The City of Hampton requires our parking lot to flow in a certain direction to meet with city code. While this may seem unimportant, we believe that as Christians we should obey the rules of the land. Therefore, all cars entering the parking lot must enter from Aspenwood Drive and must exit the parking lot onto Woodbury Forrest Drive.

FOEC provides a car line drop-off/pick-up service for parents who drop off or pick-up children at our busiest times. Drop-off begins in the mornings at 8:00am and ends at 8:20am. Afternoon pick-up begins at 3:30pm and ends at 3:45pm. During this time, a staff member will be available to greet your child and check them in or out of the computer. If you have questions concerning your child or any other matter, please do not address them in the drop-off/pick-up line. Please park and come in the school to address the matter. ***Do not park or wait in the traffic lane while signing children in or out.*** *The only time vehicles should be in the drive thru area is during drop-off/pick up times, when a staff member is present to receive or assist your child.*

VIDEOS/DVDs

Students and parents are not to bring videos or DVDs from home without first having them approved by the principal. If you own a video/DVD that would be **educationally** beneficial to the classroom, please see the principal, so he/she can give approval.

VISITORS

We welcome parents, visitors, relatives, and friends to come and observe our classes. However, a call prior to the planned visit for approval is required for everyone except parents/guardians.

Parents and other approved persons coming to the school are asked to report directly to the school office. This includes parents that come to pick up their child or bring their child late. This keeps classroom disruptions to a minimum. Parents are **NOT** to go to their child’s room unless the office has granted permission.

Uniform/Dress Codes

K2-K4 students do not have a dress code or required uniform, but all clothing items are required to adhere to the Pop/Rock Culture Policy.

Lengths & Other Dress Code Info for all K5-G12 students

For skirts or shorts, the garment may not be more than 4 inches above the top of the knee in length.

All shirts are to be buttoned and tucked in, when designed to do so (for boys: shirts not designed to be tucked in cannot fall more than 2” below the buttocks, otherwise they must be tucked in.)

A belt must be worn if the garment has belt loops.

Garments such as coats, dress jackets and sweat-jackets may only be worn in the classroom if the student is cold and the outer garment is neat, clean, not sloppy and meets the pop-rock culture policy. Additionally all items worn under the garment must meet dress code/uniform standards.

For girls: low-cut shirts, blouses and dresses are not permitted (collar line may not fall more than 2” below the collarbone) and blouses and shirts must fall below the waistline sufficiently enough to cover the midriff and small of the back when bending over or reaching up.

For girls: skirts, dresses, and jumpers may not be more than 2 inches above the top of the knee in length. If a skirt or dress has a slit in the hem, the slit must not extend higher than the required dress length.

For girls: no more than two earrings may be worn in each ear. Finger rings are limited to one for each hand. Necklaces, wrist and ankle bracelets must not draw attention to the individual. Toe rings are not permitted.

For boys: Pants must be fitted at the natural waist and not sag in the buttocks. Hair cuts must be neatly trimmed and off the ears and must not fall below the top of the collar. Cornrows must not fall below the bottom of the collar. Only one earring and one neck chain is permitted and must not draw attention to the individual.

Footwear: You are responsible for the safety of your child in regards to their footwear. Therefore, gym shoes or tennis shoes are recommended. Please remember children go up and down the steps and play outside as part of their daily routine and some sandals, large heeled shoes and/or slip-on shoes can be dangerous for these types of activities.

Uniform Code for K5 through 6th Grade:

Uniform colors are as follows:

Pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers, and skorts: **Navy blue, black or khaki** (no jeans or cargo pants styles which includes outside seams with double stitching along the leg and across the back and patch pockets on the back or legs). Name brand items are not permitted.

Shirts, blouses, turtleneck shirts, solid sweaters: **White, yellow, burgundy, light blue, hunter green or navy (also pink for girls)**

Acceptable uniforms are as follows:

Boys – Short or long sleeve oxford or polo **uniform** shirts, turtle neck shirts and/or solid color sweaters. Boys may wear **uniform** trousers or shorts, depending on the weather.

Girls – Short or long sleeve oxford or polo shirts, or Peter Pan **uniform** blouses, turtle neck shirts and/or solid color sweaters. Girls may wear **uniform** jumpers, skirts, skorts, pants, and Capri pants or shorts (weather permitting).

Dress Code for 7th through 12th grades

Boys: Collared polo or dress shirts, turtle neck shirts and/or sweaters (no t-shirts or t-shirt type shirts)

Navy blue, black or khaki pants slacks or dress shorts (no jeans or cargo pants styles which includes outside seams with double stitching along the leg and across the back and patch pockets on the back or legs).

Girls: Collared polo shirts, collarless dress shirts, blouses, turtle neck shirts and/or sweaters (no t-shirts or t-shirt type shirts) and casual or dress slacks, skirts, skorts or shorts (no jeans or cargo pants styles which includes outside seams with double stitching along the leg and across the back and patch pockets on the back or legs).

FREE DAYS – K5-12th grade students of FOEC are given a few days where they are free to wear regular street clothes as opposed to their uniforms or strict adherence to the dress code. Free days are on Fridays, class party days and fall/Christmas picture days. However all clothing must adhere to uniform & dress code length and type standards, as well as the Pop/Rock Culture Policy.

Students coming to school improperly dressed will have their parent notified and proper clothing brought in from home. Students will not be admitted to classes until they conform to the above standards. Appropriate school dress is required at all school functions unless otherwise specified.

Disclaimer

Faith Outreach Education Center reserves the right to make changes to procedures and policies at any time. Additionally, any parent/guardian has the right to meet with the principal and or administrator upon written request. Once the request has been received the requestor will be notified of the scheduled meeting date and time either in writing or by telephone.

**SAMPLE OF
AGREEMENT TO ENTER COVENANT OF COMMITMENT**

Agreement to Enter Covenant of Commitment

1. The Scriptural instruction “train up a child in the way he should go” can be accomplished only as we at Faith Outreach Education Center (FOEC) partner with you, the parent. The relationship between FOEC and the parent is necessarily one of mutual trust and respect. As you train up your child at home, we at FOEC will reinforce Godly principles to your child while they are in our care. The child will benefit greatly from consistency throughout their life experiences, especially between home and school.

2. Discipline is an important part of the learning process, and discipline that is given in love will be received in love by the child, and will enable the child to meet his or her full potential in life. When discipline needs to be administered to a child, we at FOEC expect the parent to support that decision, knowing that the discipline is being administered in love. The disciplinary process is an important aspect of the total quality education that FOEC provides to its students.

3. The only income FOEC has is the fees paid by the parents for the services provided. In order for us to continue providing quality education to your child, it is important that parents keep their accounts paid in full. This allows us to pay the teachers’ salaries, as well as pay bills in a timely manner. All accounts are billed Net 15 days. You are responsible for all charges incurred for your child’s education while at FOEC. FOEC reserves the right to dismiss students whose accounts are not paid in full.

I, _____, certify that I have thoroughly read and understand the Faith Outreach Education Center Student Handbook and this Agreement to Enter Covenant of Commitment. I hereby agree to abide by the terms of this agreement and the Faith Outreach Education Center Student Handbook.

Signature

Date