

# **TWIN FALLS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

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## **Early Childhood Development Handbook**

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of Twin Falls Christian Academy is to assist the Christian family and/or the Christian student by providing Bible-based, Christ-centered education that inspires each student to pursue excellence in leadership, moral character, academics, and service to others.

**Mr. Brent Walker, Principal/Administrator**

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## **INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION**

Twin Falls Christian Academy was first founded and opened its doors in the fall of 1975. Today our accommodations include a multi-purpose building with an auditorium and a stage, a gym, classrooms for Senior High, music rooms, a large playground, library, and several elementary classrooms.

Twin Falls Christian Academy, a ministry of Grace Baptist Church, is a clean modern facility with a well-trained Christian staff, dedicated to the worship of our Lord Jesus Christ and the training of young Christians. Our early child care program includes licensed childcare from 3 years of age and up. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. It also includes an academic time for three-, four- and five-year-olds labeled K3, K4 and K5.

Accreditation: TFCA is dually accredited by the nationwide public/private school entity – Cognia and Association of Christian Schools International. All state required classes and health and safety standards are met. TFCA diplomas and credits are accepted at all college and universities

## **PURPOSE**

Our school board, administration, and teachers are dedicated to the purpose of providing the highest possible educational standards with the following three-fold emphasis:

1. To train your child to love and respect the Word of God. Because we believe the Bible to be the foundation stone of truth, every child will be taught a Bible course daily by born-again Christian teachers. The philosophy of life as taught by the Word of God will permeate all aspects of the child's learning and daily school activity.

2. To instill into your child standards for living which are noble and pure and include, among other things: a respect for the rights and property of others, a love of country, obedience to law, self-discipline, and the importance of the individual.

3. To give your child the finest in academic training. The growth of the intellect is a part of education just as is the development of character and soul.

## **SOCIAL INFORMATION**

Attendance at Twin Falls Christian Academy is a privilege, not a right. Anyone, therefore, who is not willing to cooperate with the standards or objectives of this institution will be dismissed. As a private institution, Twin Falls Christian Academy reserves the privilege of setting and maintaining its own standards of student conduct, dress, cleanliness, and scholarship. The school maintains the right to refuse admittance to anyone it so chooses, and to suspend or expel anyone who is not willing to cooperate with the program or whose parents choose a lifestyle that is blatantly opposed to the dictates of God's Word and this institution.

### **Sanctity of Human Life**

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps 139.)

### **Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct**

The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Twin Falls Christian Academy's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our board is Twin Falls Christian Academy's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

### **Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality**

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27.) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25.) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4.) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10.)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Twin Falls Christian Academy as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Twin Falls Christian Academy members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Twin Falls Christian Academy in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22.)

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11.)

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Twin Falls Christian Academy.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### Administration

Principal/Administrator: Mr. Brent Walker

Chancellor: Senior Pastor of Grace Baptist Church

School Board: Deacons of Grace Baptist Church

### Admission

After an interview with the principal, students may be tentatively accepted at Twin Falls Christian Academy. Final acceptance would require receipt of application form and the registration fee. No student shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin.

### Cost

TFCA charges for only the hours the child is in attendance. The cost is the same whether the child is in childcare or the classroom. Billings are made every 2 weeks and are due upon receipt. A yearly \$50.00 registration fee is also required.

### Private Transportation

It is the policy of the school not to release a student to anyone other than the parents or their regular ride without permission. This is a precaution designed especially for the protection of the child. If there should happen to be a change in procedure, please notify the school office either by note or by phone. TFCA does not provide bussing services.

### School Visits

All parents are welcome to visit the school at any time; however, if you plan to visit your child's classroom, please make the necessary arrangements in advance. Arrangements can be made by first calling the office.

Parent/Teacher conferences for K4 & K5 are scheduled at the end of the 1st and 3rd quarters. Feel free to set up any other conference times you feel are warranted.

## **ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

High academic standards are a priority at TFCA. Children need to be taught perseverance (Rev. 2:10), dependability (Prov. 20:6) and diligence (Phil. 3:14) in pursuing academic excellence. With the help of dedicated parents, our Christian staff endeavors to fulfill this challenge.

### Childcare

TFCA provides Childcare from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Emphasis is placed on structural play time in a safe environment.

### K3

During the morning the childcare provider will give instruction in rudimentary and basic skills.

### K4

The four-year-old program operates five days a week. One class operates from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and the other from 12:15 - 3:15 p.m. Emphasis is placed on language arts, numbers, and learning activities. A regular chapel program will emphasize a reverence for the Lord Jesus Christ, character development, and patriotism.

### K5

The five-year-old program operates five days a week. One class operates from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and the other from 12:15 - 3:15 p.m. Reading readiness, Bible memorization, and math readiness are some of the skills learned in kindergarten. The reading program is based upon a phonics approach. A regular chapel program will emphasize a reverence for the Lord Jesus Christ, character development, and patriotism.

## **DRESS STANDARDS**

Dresses are required only on Wednesday for girls. On all other day's pants, jeans or dresses are acceptable. Shorts are not acceptable unless worn under the dress in order to provide modesty on the playground. Boys' hair must be tapered and should not hang over the collar. Sideburns are to be no longer than to the middle of the ear and hair on the sides must be tapered so that it does not touch the ear.

Hair is to be neatly combed and cut so that it is no lower than the middle of the forehead. Faddish, non-uniform cuts, multi colored styles, and hair sculpturing are not acceptable. Any punk styles or apparel would not be acceptable. No necklaces for boys.

## **LUNCHES/SNACKS**

Morning, lunch, and afternoon snacks are to be provided by the parents.

## **MEDICATION POLICY**

No medication will be given to the children without consent from the child's parent/guardian. The consent form shall include the type of medication, the dose and the time(s) the medication is to be administered.

Before administering the medication, the information on the form will be double checked to be sure the right medicine and right dose is given. A record will be kept of medication given. The information is important to protect the child from being over or incorrectly medicated, and to protect child care personnel from liability.

## **IMMUNIZATIONS**

The child's immunization record should be in the office within 14 days of the child's initial attendance (per Idaho law). If the child is registered with the IRIS program, please alert the office, and the secretary will access and print the record. If you claim exemption from immunization requirements based on religious or personal beliefs, a signed exemption affidavit must be on file. A medical exemption will be granted to those children who present a letter from their physician stating that the child has a medical condition which prevents them from receiving the necessary vaccinations.

## **WELLNESS POLICY**

A safe and healthy environment is important for all children. This wellness policy is designed to decrease disease transmission and protect the health of your child, the other children, and the staff.

1. Hand washing will be done several times a day including, but not limited to: arrival at daycare, before eating, before and after toileting, after wiping noses and cleaning up spills, etc.
2. The environment and equipment will be cleaned on a \_\_\_\_\_ routine and as needed basis.
3. If a child should become ill while in child care, the child's parent/guardian will be notified as soon as possible. They may be notified to pick up the child within a specified time frame.
4. TFCA will make the final decision about continued care for the ill child based on the ability to provide care to the ill child and rest of children, the ill child's ability to participate in routine activities, and the increased risk of disease transmission.
5. Please do not bring your child to care if they have had diarrhea, vomiting, and/or a fever (100 degrees oral) accompanied by behavior changes or other signs/symptoms of illness within a 24-hour period. Plan to make other arrangements.

## **SCHOOL PLEDGES**

### 1. **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.

### 2. **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 for all who believe.

### 3. **God's Holy Word**

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 Word in my heart that I might not sin against God.

## **The TFCA School Song**

Twin Falls Christian Academy  
This is the best school,  
The place we want to be.  
We serve the Lord,  
We stand for the right,  
For our Christian heritage  
We'll fight, fight, fight!  
Some trust in guns.  
Some trust in men.  
We trust in God,  
Our Savior and our friend.  
Doing our best  
For God and country,  
At the Twin Falls Christian Academy.- - - RAH!