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# DREAMWORKS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



# HANDBOOK 2026-2027

# **DREAMWORKS Christian Academy**

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# **ABOUT US**

## **MISSION:**

To foster and maintain a Christian educational environment where God is glorified and Biblical teachings are integrated into all areas of our lives.

## **VISION:**

Equipping our students for righteous Christian living while providing academic excellence according to each student's needs.

## **MOTTO:**

Foundations in Faith + Education.

## **VERSE:**

Christian Academy:

<sup>36</sup> For what does it benefit someone to gain the whole world and yet lose his life? Mark 8:36 CSB

Day School:

See what great love the Father has given us that we should be called God's children. 1 John 3:1

## Administration & Contact Information

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**Ms. Jessica Williams**

**Executive Director**



**Ms. Lindsay Lee**

**Assistant Director  
& Head of School**



**Ms. Kayla Tatum**

**Administrative  
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# BEHAVIOR POLICY

The Bible clearly indicates that parents/guardians are responsible for their children's discipline (that is, training or instruction). DreamWorks Christian Academy exists to assist parents/guardians in this God-given responsibility. DreamWorks Christian Academy does not seek to assume the task that God gives to parents, but only to serve as the parents'/guardians appointed and authorized representatives in the training process. DreamWorks Christian Academy's system of student discipline and educational philosophy is structured in such a way as to mirror the Bible's guidelines for reproof and instruction

Attendance at DreamWorks Christian Academy is a privilege and not a right. DreamWorks Christian Academy reserves the right, at the sole discretion of the administration, to dismiss students from enrollment if, at any time, it is decided that the school feels they cannot assist the student further. Furthermore, DreamWorks Christian Academy's administration reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to deny readmission to any student whose actions demonstrate that it is not in the school's best interest to allow readmission.

## Disciplinary Goals

DreamWorks Christian Academy seeks to accomplish three primary disciplinary goals. The administration believes that these goals are integral to the personal development of every individual.

1. **Respect for those in authority.** Christ Himself cautioned against rebellious attitudes towards governing officials, and in the book of Romans, Paul tells us to submit ourselves to those in authority over us. In chapter 13, verse 2, he tells us, "Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment." Rebellious attitudes have no place in the hearts of the children of God, and DreamWorks Christian Academy discourages any such attitudes, beliefs, doctrines, creeds, and actions. Micah 6:8 tells us that God desires our humble submission. So then, the one who resists the authority is opposing God's command, and those who oppose it will bring judgment on themselves.
2. **Personal responsibility for one's own actions.** 2 Corinthians 5:10 tells us, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may be repaid for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil." Every person is responsible for his or her own deeds. Personal responsibility is among the most important of our core values and, as such, is a part of our disciplinary goals. Regardless of those involved, when we find ourselves in the place of reproof, we

must accept blame where blame is due and accept the resulting consequences as well. In this way, we as educators hope to develop in our students a strong work ethic and mature hearts willing to admit fault.

- 3. Consideration of others.** With the development of new technologies every day, it becomes more and more apparent just how small our world is. Christ tells us in Matthew 22:37-40, “He said to him, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the greatest and most important command. 39 The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. 40 All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.’” Paul reaffirms this in Galatians 5:13 “For you were called to be free, brothers and sisters; only don’t use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love...” Clearly, Christ intends for us to show the love of God to all people, not just other Christians, and to be considerate of them. In Ephesians 4:25-32 Paul tells us “Therefore, putting away lying, speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, because we are members of one another. 26 Be angry and do not sin. Don’t let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and don’t give the devil an opportunity. 28 Let the thief no longer steal. Instead, he is to do honest work with his own hands, so that he has something to share with anyone in need. 29 No foul language should come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear. 30 And don’t grieve God’s Holy Spirit. You were sealed by him for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, anger, and wrath, shouting, and slander be removed from you, along with all malice. 32 And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ...” DreamWorks Christian Academy seeks to instill in each of its students a deep love for the world that Christ came to save. It is our primary goal to train them to be Micah 6:8 Christians, doing justice and loving mercy at all times with no lack of truth or grace.

### **Student Expectations and Behavior**

- Students will respect the authority of all adults and the rights and property of others. Disrespect toward fellow students, teachers, or other staff in attitude, words, or actions will not be tolerated. Blatant disrespect resulting in the student being dismissed from the classroom or a school activity will result in a parent phone call.
- Students will maintain academic and personal integrity as previously described.
- No food or drinks, with the exception of water, will be allowed in the classroom except during approved times.

- Lying, cheating, or stealing will not be tolerated. This includes the taking and hiding of another student's belongings.
- Horseplay of any kind is prohibited in the building. This is a shared location. We must respect the property of Foundation Bible Church.
- Students should be punctual to class, arriving with all necessary materials.
- Foul and abusive language and fighting in any form is not acceptable.
- Use of physical force or verbal intimidation will not be tolerated.
- Leaving school property without permission is strictly prohibited.
- Defacement of school property or the personal property of another student is not acceptable and will be at the parent's expense.
- Misuse of school technology (i.e. computers, classroom televisions, teacher iPads, etc.) in a way that is unauthorized or deemed inappropriate (i.e. instant messaging, cheating, bullying, etc.) is prohibited.
- These same guidelines are expected of students at all DreamWorks Christian Academy-sponsored events and field trips.

### **Parent Expectations and Behavior**

- Parents are expected to dress modestly and appropriately at all on-campus, off-campus, and school-related events and field trips.
- Parents are expected to be respectful of school staff and students and display Christ-like behavior and speech that is edifying. Any school-related concerns should be addressed according to the Matthew 18 principle and should be voiced only to those concerned.
- Parents are responsible to know and adhere to all school policies and procedures.

**At the beginning of each school year, students and parents will be required to sign a DreamWorks Christian Academy Code of Conduct Agreement**

### **Level 1 (L1) Conduct Violations**

L1 conduct violations include minor class disruption or talking while in-class instruction, lack of supplies, and failure to do classwork. L1 discipline violations will result in a conference with the student.

## **Level 2 (L2) Conduct Violations**

L2 conduct violations include horseplay, extreme disruption, lying, disrespect, foul or inappropriate language, and misuse of technology. L2 conduct violations will result in 1 day of no recess with a devotion on Ephesians 4:29 (Fruits of the Spirit)

## **Level 3 (L3) Conduct Violations**

Level 3 Conduct violations include cheating, damage to personal or school property, fighting, and excessive disruption to other children from learning. L3 conduct violations will result in a conference with the parents and the teacher.

## **Level 4 (L4) Conduct Violations**

Level 4 conduct violations include assaulting a staff member, bullying/harassment, and level 1-3 violations not being corrected. L4 conduct violations will result in a parent, teacher, student, and pastor conference. It could possibly lead to dismissal from the school.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY: SAFETY POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

### **Emergency Procedures**

In each classroom and in the teacher's workroom, a plan of action is posted for emergencies such as fire and severe weather. Our school's Emergency Response Plan book is located in the front office. In the event students need to be evacuated to a secure location, parents will be notified through DOJO/individual parent contact.

### **Emergency Drills**

Christian Academy will conduct various safety drills during our school year. Fire and severe weather drills will be conducted once a month. Intruder drills will be conducted twice a year. All staff, students, and visitors will participate in the drills if present during the drill.

### **Emergency Forms**

DOJO is the school's primary source of communication. The parents are required to have a DOJO account and make sure their student's information is kept current. It is the parents' responsibility to keep abreast of current communications with the school and the child's teacher. Parents are responsible for reviewing and updating information at the school at the beginning, as well as during each school year.

## **INCIDENT/INJURY POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

### **Incident/Injury**

**MINOR:** A minor incident/injury is any unexpected event where the student receives basic first aid, but the end result is that the student is able to return to all regular scheduled activities. When students have a minor injury/incident, parents will be notified.

**SERIOUS:** A serious incident/injury is any unexpected event that requires emergency medical treatment or transport for emergency treatment. If a serious injury or incident were to occur, the following procedures will take place:

- 911 will be called
- Parents will be immediately notified
- If needed, the student will be transported to an emergency medical facility. A staff member will accompany the student until a parent arrives.
- A medical incident/illness report will be emailed to parents and kept on file. A copy of the report will be printed and given to the parent.

## **First Aid**

All Christian Academy staff are certified in first aid and CPR practices and procedures. The first aid materials are located in all classrooms' first aid kits.

## **MEDICATION POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

### **Medication**

The following policies and procedures will be followed when administering medication:

- No medication, prescription, or over-the-counter, will be administered by any Christian Academy school personnel, including teachers, directors, or volunteers, for any reason.
- If your child needs medication during the school day, parents/guardians may come to the school and administer medication.
- **ANY STUDENT NEEDING AN INHALER** for any reason will need a **Permission to Carry and Self-Administer Asthma Inhaler Form** filled out with a parent/guardian signature, as well as the signature of the prescribing physician. This form needs to be renewed each school year. The inhaler must be kept in the teacher's workroom to be used on a case-by-case basis based upon parent, teacher, and director discussion.
- **ANY STUDENT NEEDING AN EPIPEN** for any reason will need a **Permission to Carry and Self-Administer EpiPen Form** filled out and signed by their parent/guardian and the prescribing physician. This form needs to be renewed each school year. The EpiPen must be kept in the teacher workroom unless otherwise discussed by the physician to be used on a case-by-case basis based upon parent, teacher, and director discussion.

## **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE MANAGEMENT**

All teachers and staff are certified in the recognition, prevention, and management of communicable diseases or other illnesses and will observe each child daily as he/she enters the group. If a classroom has been exposed to any communicable disease, an email will be sent to each parent/guardian in that classroom. Students will be instructed in proper hand-washing procedures and are encouraged to practice them at school and at home to prevent the spread of illness.

A communicable disease chart is posted in each classroom for teachers and staff to follow for the appropriate management of suspected illness.

A parent/guardian will be notified by a teacher or preschool staff member if a child is not acting themselves and is experiencing any symptoms of a minor illness.

A student with any of the following signs or symptoms of illness will be isolated, and a Parent/guardian will be immediately notified:

- Diarrhea (more than one abnormally loose stool within a 24-hour period)
- Vomiting
- Severe coughing (making a whooping sound or red and blue in the face)
- Difficult or rapid breathing
- Yellowish skin or eyes
- Conjunctivitis (Redness of the eye, discharge, or matted eyelashes)
- Temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit (taken by the auxiliary method)
- Untreated infected skin patch(es)
- Unusually dark urine and/or grey or white stool
- Stiff neck
- Evidence of lice, scabies, or other parasitic infection

A child with any of the following signs or symptoms of illness shall be immediately isolated from other children, and a parent/guardian will be notified. Decisions regarding whether the child should be discharged immediately or at some other time during the day shall be determined by the director and the parent/guardian.

- Unusual spots or rashes
- Sore throat or difficulty in swallowing
- Elevated temperature
- Vomiting

**Students must be fever-free and without medication for 72 hours before returning to school. Students must be symptom-free and without medication, vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.**

A child will be isolated due to suspected communicable disease:

- by parent, guardian, or person designated by the parent or guardian within 30 minutes of notification of the child's sickness.

## **Medical Statement and Immunization Requirements**

**Medical Statement for Christian Academy and Day School Students Only:**

The parent/guardian shall provide, **prior to the date of admission or no later than thirty days after the date of admission**, and every twelve months from the date of examination thereafter, a medical statement affirming that the child is in suitable condition for enrollment in the program. The medical statement must be signed by your healthcare provider.

**Immunization Requirements for Christian Academy and Days School Students Only:**

If your child is current on all immunizations, please provide a copy by 09/02/2026.  
If your child is not current, please provide a religious exemption letter by 09/02/2026.

**CAR SEAT & CAR LINE SAFETY POLICY**

**Dream Works Christian Academy**

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**Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment of Child Car Seat & Car Line Safety Policy**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Class: \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Child Car Seat & Car Line Safety Policy of Dream Works Christian

Academy, based on North Carolina General Statute §20-137.1.

North Carolina law requires: children under age 8 and under 80 pounds to be secured in an appropriate child restraint system or booster seat; children age 8 or 80 pounds and above to be secured by a seat belt; and children under age 5 and under 40 pounds to be properly restrained in the rear seat, if available.

I understand that the driver is legally responsible for compliance; the school will not release a child to a non-compliant vehicle; school staff may not install or adjust car seats; and dismissal may be delayed until proper transportation is provided.

Repeated non-compliance may result in administrative action.

This policy exists to protect the safety and well-being of all students.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**For School Use Only:**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CHRISTIAN ACADEMY PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

DW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY believes that partnering with parents is a key to each child's success. We have an open-door policy and welcome parents to visit at any time during our operating hours. To help maintain the security of our school and limit disruptions to the academic program, all visitors will be required to present a photo ID and be issued a visitor's badge before entering the classroom.

Teachers want to work with parents to create the best partnership for each student's success. We believe open communication is a crucial component of the parent/school partnership. It is vital for parents to inform the teacher of any habits, concerns, special needs, and family updates as needed.

There are several ways parents can get involved throughout the school year. Parents who are interested in getting involved in any of the following areas, please contact the preschool director or your child's teacher.

- Holiday Party Volunteer
- Holiday Party Donations
- Field Trip Chaperone (Christian Academy Only)
- Field Trip Approved Drivers (Christian Academy Only)
- Occupation Presenter
- Guest Reader



# **DAY SCHOOL**

# **Day School Admissions**

## **Age Limit**

Day School students must be 3 or 4 years old by the first day of school.

## **Non-Discriminatory Policy**

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY recruits and admits students of any race, color, gender, or ethnic origin to all its rights, privileges, programs, and activities. In addition, the school does not discriminate based on race, color, gender, or activities. Furthermore, the school is not intended to be an alternative to court or administrative agency-ordered or public school district-initiated desegregation. CHRISTIAN ACADEMY does not discriminate based on race, color, gender, or ethnic origin when hiring its certified or non-certified personnel.

## **Bathroom Assistance**

All students must be completely potty-trained to enroll in our program. No pull-up or training pants of any kind are to be worn during the school day. Students should be encouraged to practice independent restroom skills at home. Because of liabilities, teachers are unable to assist children in the restroom. If a restroom accident occurs, students will need to clean up and change their clothes independently. If more than one restroom accident occurs or the student is without a change of clothes, the parents will be contacted to assist the child or bring a new set of clothes.

We understand that every child needs time to adjust to new environments. We feel a three-week grace period is enough time to adapt. If a student has repeated restroom accidents after the three-week grace period, a parent-teacher meeting will be held to discuss alternative options.

## **New Students**

All students are accepted on academic and behavioral probation for their first 30 days.

## **Enrollment**

Applications are completed and submitted online on the CHRISTIAN ACADEMY website at <https://www.dreamworksbladen.com/dayschool> . Applicants can sign up for a tour by emailing [dweducare@outlook.com](mailto:dweducare@outlook.com)

Acceptance of students is based on classroom openings, our screening program, and a family meeting, all completed prior to the student's first day of attendance.

**Please note the following:**

1. Students can be enrolled at any time throughout the first three quarters of the school year. The only students that are accepted during the last quarter of the school year are students moving into the area who have been previously enrolled in another pre-school/day school program, and if space is available.
2. Parents are not permitted to enroll a child in DWCHRISTIAN ACADEMY if they still owe money for previously enrolled students.

**Re-enrollment**

Current students may enroll for the next school year beginning in January of each year. Teachers will send a letter of intent to parents/guardians to complete and return by end of January. Enrollment will be opened to the general public on February 1<sup>st</sup>, based on space available.

**Withdrawal/Dismissal**

- Withdrawal from school must be made by the parent via email to [dweducare@outlook.com](mailto:dweducare@outlook.com) .
- School records will not be released or forwarded to another school until all financial obligations have been satisfied.
- A student will be dismissed from DW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY when he or she is found to be out of harmony with the rules and policies of the school.
- Students who are dismissed may be readmitted if they become compliant with our policies and classroom space is available.

# Day School Overview

DW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY Day School offers an enjoyable, hands-on educational program designed to give your child a firm foundation for a lifetime of learning.

## School Hours

DW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY Day School will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM and Fridays from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

## Arrival

Students entering the building before 8:00 AM or after 9:15 AM **must be brought to the class by a parent.** It is very important to us that we give constant care and attention to our child(ren), so please do not drop off your child(ren) without escorting him/her into the building during those times.

## Departure

Students will be brought to the door leading to the covered area on the side of the Foundation Church building, as teachers see cars approaching.

Please display name cards on the dash of your vehicle at pick-up. Two name cards will be provided per child; if more are needed, please make a request.

**For Early pick-up (before 12 PM), please be prepared to show your I.D. to teachers.** We appreciate your partnership as we follow these procedures for the safety and well-being of all of our students.

## Emergency School Closings

School closings or delays will be announced by:

1. Email
2. Class DoJo/Text
3. Facebook Post

## Absence and Vacation Policy

Parents are responsible for contacting the school if their child will be absent for that school day. Tuition is established for the entire school year and includes scheduled holiday breaks. No adjustments will be made to the tuition due to absences of any nature, including weather, sickness, vacation, holidays, etc.

## **Dress Code**

There is no set dress code for day school students. Students should be dressed in comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing. Students must be able to manage their clothing by themselves. Girls should wear shorts/leggings underneath all skirts and dresses. Sneakers are recommended for a safer indoor and outdoor play experience. Day School students are not permitted to wear flip-flops for safety reasons. Students should have an extra set of clothing in a labeled zip-lock bag in their backpack each day at school. **Please label all clothing and personal items for identification.**

## **Backpacks**

Our policy is that all students bring a standard-size book bag to school every day. This will help eliminate lost schoolwork, clothes, or important notes.

## **Curriculum**

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY Day School uses [ABC Jesus Loves Me!](#) We will use the 4-year-old curriculum and adjust our requirements and goals for each student based on their age and academic needs.

## **Assessments**

An assessment will be sent home twice a year for 3-year-old students and once a quarter for 4-year-old students.

## **Food Policies**

### **Snack:**

Parents are asked to provide one nutritious snack each day for their child. Snacks should be healthy, simple to serve, and appropriate for children to serve themselves. To support healthy eating habits, our day school encourages nutritious snacks and drinks. If a child brings a sugary or unhealthy snack or drink (such as doughnuts, brownies, cakes, candy, or sugary beverages), the school will provide the child with a healthier alternative. The original snack or drink will be sent back home with the child. Children will not be permitted to consume unhealthy snacks while at school. We will update parents on any food allergy restrictions via Class Dojo or text.

### **Lunch**

Parents may choose to either pack a nutritious lunch for their child or participate in the school's hot lunch program. All lunches should follow the same healthy guidelines as outlined in the Snack Policy.

Hot Lunch Option (Cindy's – Elizabethtown):

The school offers a daily hot lunch provided by Cindy's in Elizabethtown. Each meal includes a meat, a vegetable, a carbohydrate, and a fruit. There is one meal option per day, and the menu changes daily.

Hot lunches are available Monday through Thursday at a cost of \$5 per day. Lunches are purchased through the school. The school will provide a monthly meal calendar for parents to review. Parents may circle the days they would like their child to receive the hot lunch. The meal calendar will be sent home during the third week of each month, and parents must submit their completed calendar and payment by the end of the current month for the following month's meals. Hot lunches will be delivered daily at 11:30 a.m.

Packed Lunch Option:

Parents who choose to pack a lunch must ensure it is nutritious and free of sugary or unhealthy foods or drinks, following the same guidelines as snacks.

Heating Guidelines:

A microwave is available on campus for heating lunches. All packed lunches requiring heating must be ready to heat as sent. Food should not require additional preparation, extra containers, or added water. For example, dry ramen noodle packages should not be packed.

# Day School School Supplies List

## **Option 1:**

Parents may purchase a school supply box, pre-packed with all the needed materials. The school will provide the order forms for the upcoming school year by March. School supply boxes will be delivered by Open House in August.

## **Option 2:**

Parents may purchase the school supplies needed.

- 1 pack of large crayons
- 1 pack Crayola watercolor paint
- 1 pack of glue sticks
- 1 2-pack jumbo pencils
- 2 packs of white cardstock
- 1 pack of colored cardstock
- 1 box gallon zip-lock bags
- 1 box quart zip-lock bags
- 1 pack multi-colored dry-erase markers
- 1 pack “wet-ones” Hand and Face Wipes
- 2 rolls of Paper Towels
- 1 pack white paper plates (ridge edge)
- 2 packs white copy paper
- 2 rolls wide-width painters tape
- 1 pocket folder
- 2 boxes facial tissue
- 1 hand pump & 1 large refill hand sanitizer
- 3 disinfecting wipe tubs
- 1 kinder-mat (for rest time)

## DROP OFF & PICK UP

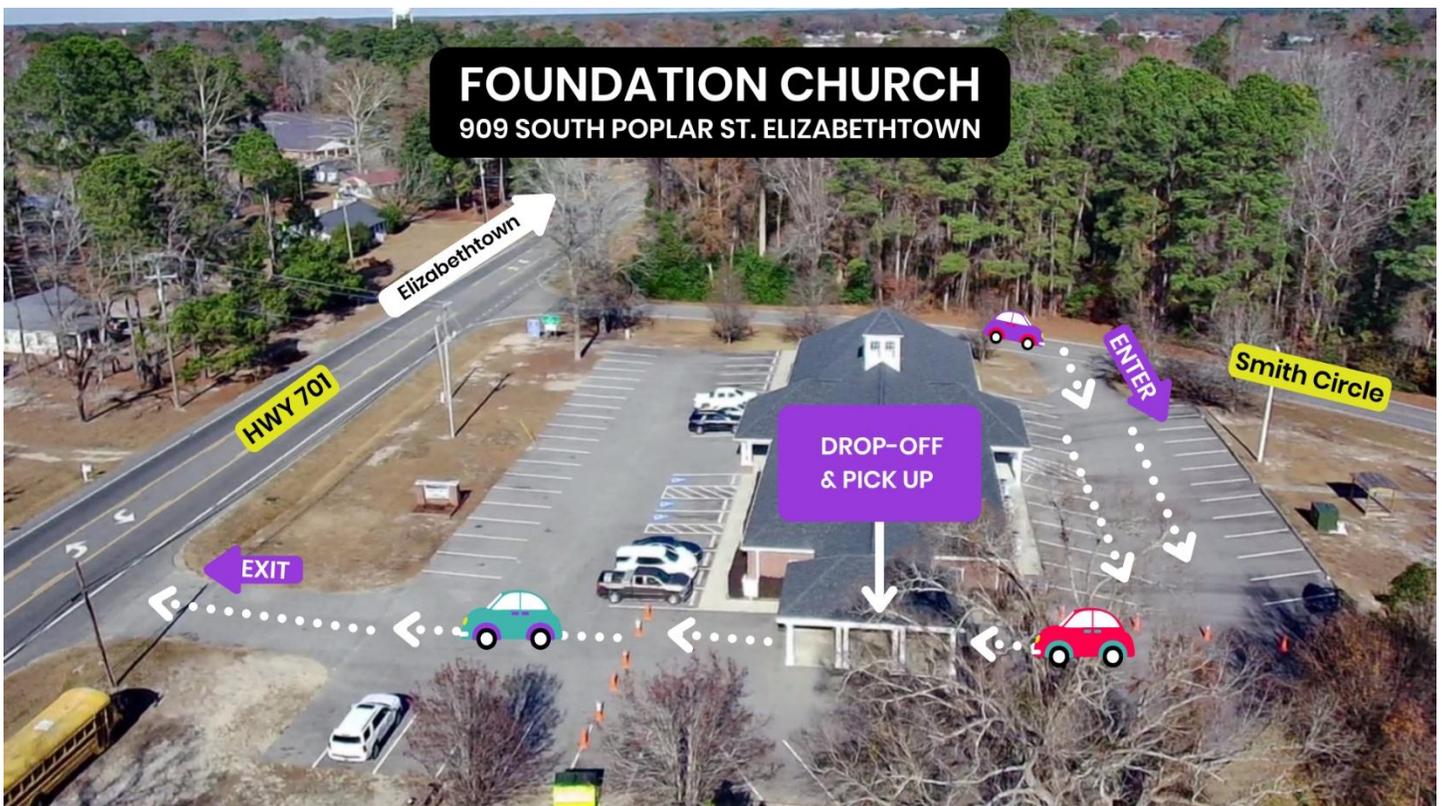
Drop Off Time: 8:00 AM

Pick-up Time Monday – Thursday: 2:30 PM

Pick-up Time Fridays: 12:00 PM

### Drop-Off and Pick-up ZONE/AREA:

Parents will enter the Foundation Church Parking lot from the back of the church off Smith Circle. The drop-off area will be under the shelter at the end of the Foundation Church Building. Then, parents will leave the parking lot to exit onto HWY 701.



**DAY SCHOOL TUITION INFORMATION**

<b>REGISTRATION FEE</b>	\$100 – to secure spot, non-refundable
<b>ANNUAL TUITION FEE</b>	\$3800
<b>SEMESTER</b> (BEGINNING OF EACH SEMESTER)	\$1900 (2 payments of \$1900)
<b>MONTHLY</b> (DUE BY THE 5 <sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH)	\$380 (10 payments of \$380)

**2026-2027 ALL-DAY PRE-K INFORMATION**

<b>START DATE</b>	Monday, September 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
<b>MONDAY – THURSDAY</b>	8:00 AM – 2:30 PM
<b>FRIDAYS</b>	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**ADDITIONAL STUDENT FEES**

* <b>WITHDRAWAL FEE</b>	\$500
* <b>LATE PAYMENT/INSUFFICIENT FUNDS FEE</b>	\$50
* <b>AFTER SCHOOL FEE</b>	\$75 per week, regardless of # of days attended

**WAYS TO PAY**

<b>ONLINE</b> (ADDITIONAL FEE PER PAYMENT)	Add 3.5% (Ex. \$730 + \$25.55 = \$755.55)
<b>CHECK</b> (NO ADDITIONAL FEE)	Made out to: Educare Dream Works, Inc

*NO CASH PAYMENTS ACCEPTED*

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## Absence and Vacation Policy

Parents are responsible for contacting the school if their child will be absent for that school day. Tuition is established for the entire school year and includes scheduled

holiday breaks. No adjustments will be made to the tuition due to absences of any nature, including weather, sickness, vacation, holidays, etc.

## **Instructional Schedule and Fridays**

At Dreamworks Christian Academy, we have the flexibility to structure our instructional days to best meet the needs of our students and families.

During this school year, **new instructions will take place Monday through Thursday**, with most assessments scheduled on **Thursdays**. **Fridays** will remain **half days** and will be designated for **one-on-one instruction, academic interventions, and enrichment activities** for students who need additional support or individualized attention.

This adjustment also provides **families with greater flexibility**. Students who have met their weekly academic goals may use Fridays for family outings, appointments, or enrichment experiences without being academically penalized or docked for attendance; however, students are always able to come.

This model allows Dreamworks Christian Academy to focus on **quality instruction, individualized learning, and family engagement**, aligning with our mission to educate the whole child—academically, spiritually, and personally.

## **Dress Code**

There is no set dress code for Christian Academy students. Students should be dressed in comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing. Students must be able to manage their clothing by themselves. Girls should wear shorts underneath all skirts and dresses. Sneakers are recommended for a safer indoor and outdoor play experience.

## **Backpacks**

Our policy is that all students bring a standard-size book bag to school every day. This will help eliminate lost schoolwork, clothes, or important notes.

## **Curriculum**

DreamWorks Christian Academy currently uses Saxon Math and The Good and the Beautiful for reading and language.

## **Assessments**

There will be a placement test given for new students at the beginning of the year. All students will have a mid-year benchmark in December and an End-of-Year assessment in May.

## **Graduation Requirements**

English – 4

Math – 4

Science – 3

History – 4

Foreign Language 2

P.E. – 1

Electives – 4 (Bible is required as 1 Elective)

## **Field Trips**

Field Trips will be determined.

## **Lunch & Snack Policy**

Parents are asked to provide one nutritious snack each day for their child. Snacks should be healthy, simple to serve, and appropriate for children to serve themselves. To support healthy eating habits, our school encourages nutritious snacks and drinks. If a child brings a sugary or unhealthy snack or drink (such as doughnuts, brownies, cakes, candy, or sugary beverages), the school will provide the child with a healthier alternative. The original snack or drink will be sent back home with the child. Children will not be permitted to consume unhealthy snacks while at school. We will update parents on any food allergy restrictions via Class Dojo or text.

### **Lunch**

Parents may choose to either pack a nutritious lunch for their child or participate in the school's hot lunch program. All lunches should follow the same healthy guidelines as outlined in the Snack Policy.

### Hot Lunch Option (Cindy's – Elizabethtown):

The school offers a daily hot lunch provided by Cindy's in Elizabethtown. Each meal includes a meat, a vegetable, a carbohydrate, and a fruit. There is one meal option per day, and the menu changes daily.

Hot lunches are available Monday through Thursday at a cost of \$5 per day. Lunches are purchased through the school. The school will provide a monthly meal calendar for parents to review. Parents may circle the days they would like their child to receive the hot lunch. The meal calendar will be sent home during the third week of each month, and parents must submit their completed calendar and payment by the end of the current month for the following month's meals. Hot lunches will be delivered daily at 11:30 a.m.

### Packed Lunch Option:

Parents who choose to pack a lunch must ensure it is nutritious and free of sugary or unhealthy foods or drinks, following the same guidelines as snacks.

### Heating Guidelines:

A microwave is available on campus for heating lunches. All packed lunches requiring heating must be ready to heat as sent. Food should not require additional preparation, extra containers, or added water. For example, dry ramen noodle packages should not be packed.

\*We will NOT ACCEPT DOOR DASH ORDERS/DELIVERIES for students.

### **Cell Phone/Tablet Policy**

Students are to leave all electronics turned OFF and in their bookbag or in a teacher-designated location until otherwise told by the teacher. Please do not message them or call them in class. If it is an emergency, please contact one of the teachers.

# SCHOOL SUPPLIES

## Option 1:

Parents may purchase a school supply box, pre-packed with all the needed materials. The school will provide the order forms for the upcoming school year by March. School supply boxes will be delivered by Open House in August.

## Option 2:

Parents may purchase the school supplies needed.

### Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

- 1 pocket folder
- 1 pencil pouch/box
- 3 composition notebooks
- 1 pack of colored pencils
- 1 box of crayons
- 1 2-pack of glue sticks
- Kids' safety scissors
- 2 packs white cardstock
- 1 pack multi-colored dry-erase markers
- 1 box of facial tissues
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 1 pack of pencils
- 2 rolls of wide-width painters' tape
- 3 packs of white copy paper
- 3 tubs of disinfectant wipes
- 1 pack of Mr. Sketch markers
- 1 pack of Crayola watercolor paint

### 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- 4 Composition Notebooks
- 1 pocket folder
- 1 pencil pouch/box
- Pack of 24 colored pencils
- Pack of 12 markers
- 2 packs of white cardstock
- 1 pair adult scissors
- 3 packs white copy paper

- 3 tubs disinfectant wipes
- 1 pack Mr. Sketch markers
- 1 pack multi-color expo markers
- 1 box facial tissues
- 2 paper towel rolls
- Febreze spray
- 1 pack pencils
- 1 pack pencil top erasers
- 1 pack of 4 highlighters
- 1 pack of 2 glue sticks
- 2 rolls of wide-width painters' tape
- 1 ruler
- 1 pack of Crayola watercolor paint

### 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- 6 composition notebooks
- 1 pocket folder
- 1 pencil pouch/box
- 1 pack of 24 colored pencils
- 1 pack of 12 markers
- 1 pack white cardstock
- 1 pair adult scissors
- 3 packs of white copy paper
- 3 tubs of disinfectant wipes
- 1 pack of Mr. Sketch markers
- 1 pack of multicolored dry-erase markers
- 1 box of facial tissues
- 2 rolls of Paper towels

- Febreze spray
- 1 pack pencils
- 1 pack-colored pens (no red ink)
- 1 pack of 4 highlighters
- 1 pack of 2 glue sticks
- Big pink eraser
- 2 rolls of wide-width painters' tape
- 1 ruler
- 1 pack of Crayola watercolor paint

### **7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- Laptop for science & social studies
- 6 composition notebooks
- 1 pocket folder
- 1 pencil pouch/box
- 1 pack of 24 colored pencils
- 1 pack of 12 markers
- 1 pack white cardstock
- 1 pair adult scissors
- 3 packs of white copy paper
- 3 tubs of disinfectant wipes
- 1 pack of Mr. Sketch markers
- 1 pack of multicolored dry-erase markers
- 1 box of facial tissues
- 2 rolls of Paper towels
- Febreze spray

- 1 pack pencils
- 1 pack-colored pens (no red ink)
- 1 pack of 4 highlighters
- 1 pack of 2 glue sticks
- Big pink eraser
- 2 rolls of wide-width painters' tape
- 1 ruler

### **9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- Laptop
- 1 pack of pencils
- 1, 2” 3-ring binder with pocket dividers
- 1 pack of multicolor dry-erase markers
- 1 pack of colored pens (no red ink)
- 1 pack of 4 highlighters
- 5 packs of loose-leaf
- 1 pack of pencil top erasers
- 2 rolls of wide-width painters' tape
- 3 packs of white copy paper
- 3 tubs of disinfectant wipes
- 1 pack of Mr. Sketch markers
- 1 box of facial tissues
- 2 rolls of paper towels

## DROP OFF & PICK UP

**Drop Off Time:** 7:45 AM

**Pick-up Time Monday – Thursday:** 2:30 PM

**Pick-up Time Fridays:** 12:00 PM

**Late pick-up:** After 2:30 PM, there will be a fee charged for after-school care.

### Drop-Off and Pick-up ZONE/AREA:

Parents will enter the Foundation Church Parking lot from the back of the church off Smith Circle. The drop-off area will be under the shelter at the end of the Foundation Church Building. Then, parents will leave the parking lot to exit onto HWY 701.



# 2026-2027 Christian Academy PAYMENT POLICY & SCHEDULE

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>DREAMWORKS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY</b>
<b>ADDRESS:</b> (PHYSICAL)	909 South Poplar St., Elizabethtown, NC 28337
<b>ADDRESS:</b> (MAILING)	PO Box 922, Elizabethtown, NC 28337
<b>CONTACT:</b>	Call or text: 910-991-1509      Email: <a href="mailto:dweducare@outlook.com">dweducare@outlook.com</a>

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027

*	Costs NOT covered by the Opportunity Scholarship
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: AUGUST 10, 2026	Last Day of School: May 14, 2027

## BASE TUITION INFORMATION

* NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION FEE	\$250
* RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION FEE	\$150
* ADMISSION FEE	\$150
ANNUAL TUITION FEE	\$7300
* HIGH SCHOOL FEE	\$50
EMPLOYEE STUDENT DISCOUNT	10%

## BASE TUITION BILLING FREQUENCY

<b>SEMESTER</b> (BEGINNING OF EACH SEMESTER)	<b>\$3650</b> (2 payments of \$3650)
<b>MONTHLY</b> (DUE BY THE 5 <sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH)	<b>\$730</b> (10 payments of \$730)

## EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN TUITION INFORMATION

* NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION FEE	\$250
* RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION FEE	\$150
* ADMISSION FEE	\$150
ANNUAL TUITION FEE	\$7500

<b>* LEARNING CENTER FEE</b>	\$125 per week, per subject
<b>LEARNING CENTER BILLING FREQUENCY</b>	
<b>WEEKLY</b>	\$125 per subject
<b>MONTHLY</b>	\$500 per subject

**ADDITIONAL STUDENT FEES**

<b>* WITHDRAWAL FEE</b>	\$500
<b>* LATE PAYMENT/INSUFFICIENT FUNDS FEE</b>	\$50
<b>* AFTER SCHOOL FEE</b>	\$75 per week, regardless of # of days attended
<b>* TEST SCORE/TRANSCRIPT FEE</b>	\$10 per request

**WAYS TO PAY**

<b>ONLINE (ADDITIONAL FEE PER PAYMENT)</b>	Add 3.5% (Ex. \$730 + \$25.55 = \$755.55)
<b>CHECK (NO ADDITIONAL FEE)</b>	Made out to: Educare Dream Works, Inc

*NO CASH PAYMENTS ACCEPTED*

**AFTER SCHOOL  
&  
EXTENDED CARE**

## **2026-2027 After School PAYMENT POLICY & SCHEDULE**

### **Payment Policy-**

- Refer to “Addition Student Fees” in the payment information above.

### **Schedule-**

- **After School:**
  - Monday – Thursday: 2:45 PM - 5:30 PM
  - Friday: 12:15 PM – 5:00 PM

### **Afterschool will be CLOSED on the following dates:**

- September 7, 2026: Labor Day
- September 28<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026: Fall Break
- October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Fall Festival, NO Afterschool
- November 11, 2026: Veterans Day
- November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Thanksgiving Feast, NO Afterschool
- November 23-27, 2026: Thanksgiving Break
- December 16-January 1, 2027: Christmas Break
- January 18, 2027: MLK
- February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2027: President’s Day
- March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2027: Teacher Workday
- March 26<sup>th</sup> -April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Spring Break
- **Last day of Afterschool: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2027**