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Statement of Faith

Southview Christian School is a uniquely religious, educational institution that seeks to provide a quality education in a distinct Christian environment. One of the goals of Southview Christian School is to work with parents and guardians to train Christian young men and women to be salt and light in their communities. Southview Christian School believes that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and sets forth absolute truth by which Christians are to live. Southview Christian School expects and requires that both students and parents will support the school in its distinct mission and in its Biblical beliefs.

We believe there is one God, eternally existent in the Persons of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (2 Corinthians 13:14, Mark 12:29, John 14:10)

We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only Word of God, preserved for the English speaking language in the King James Version. (2 Timothy 3:15-17, Mark 13:31, 2 Peter 1:20, 21)

We believe in the virgin birth and deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal, pre-millennial return in power and glory. (Isiah 7:14, Luke 1:30-35, Ephesians 1:7, I Corinthians 15:20-23 & 47-57, Acts 1:11)

We believe that for the salvation of sinful men, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. (John 3:3-6, John 16:7-11)

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of the pre-tribulation coming of Christ, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (I Thessalonians 5:5-10, Revelation 20:1-6 & 10-15)

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Jesus Christ. (John 17:20-24, Romans 8:29-30)

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is able to live a godly life. (Roman 8:1-5, Galatians 5:15-18 & 22-23, Ephesians 3:16)

We believe that relationships are to be between a man and a woman, not between a woman and a woman or a man and a man; therefore, we will not admit any student who practices, believes, or behaves in any manner contrary to this belief. (Genesis 1:26-28 & Genesis 2:7, 18, 25 *key words: replenish, multiply – homosexuals cannot replenish or reproduce. All of God's creation reproduces, Genesis 19:24-25, Romans 1:22-32)

In relying on the teachings of Scripture, Southview Christian School believes that the Bible prohibits sexual immorality of any type, including but not limited to pornography, homosexuality, or any other sexual activity outside the marriage of one man and one woman. On those occasions in which a particular home or student is acting counter to or in opposition to the Biblical beliefs and life style that the school teaches, the school reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to refuse admission to an applicant or to discontinue enrollment of a current student. This includes, but is not limited to, living in, condoning, or supporting any form of sexual immorality; practicing or promoting a homosexual lifestyle or alternative gender identity; or otherwise having the inability to support the moral principles of the school as stated throughout this handbook.

History

Southview Christian School was started in 1971 as the need became more apparent for a Christian day-school to assist parents in providing a Christian education for their children. Southview Christian School was established as a ministry of Southview Baptist Church. The school began with 97 students on September 7, 1971, under the leadership of Pastor Don T. Kisiah. The first graduating class was in 1977 with four students.

Mission and Purpose

Southview Christian School is a Christ-centered educational ministry of Southview Baptist Church designed to educate children in truth and righteousness, to prepare them to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world by pursuing excellence, and to support the Christian family and the Bible-believing church.

Vision

Through the continual evaluation and improvement of staff, facilities, curriculum, and activities, we are striving to develop graduates who are:

1. Prepared academically to be successful in college or whatever endeavor they choose.
2. People of honor, integrity, and commitment, living lives based on the principles of God's Word.
3. Christians faithful to God's Word and His church.
4. Leaders in their communities, churches, and places of employment.
5. Committed to building a strong Christian family of their own and who desire a Christian education for their children.

Affiliation and Accreditation

Southview Christian School is a non-profit organization. We receive no federal or state financial assistance other than a tax-exempt status.

Southview Christian School is a member of the North Carolina Christian School Association (NCCSA) and the American Association of Christian Schools (AACCS), which provide a number of benefits for our students. The AACCS is a nationally recognized accrediting agency. Our teachers are also certified by AACCS.

Admissions

The following steps need to be taken to enroll your child:

1. Request an application and complete the necessary information.
2. Submit the application to the financial office with the registration fee of \$125 (if registered by April 1st). The registration fee will be \$150 if registered between April 1 and June 30, and \$175 if registered after June 30. The student's social security number, a copy of the student's birth certificate, the student's immunization record, and any additional information that may assist the office, such as grades and student achievement scores, should be submitted to the school office.
3. Accompany your child to the interview with the principal.

By February 1, parents of currently enrolled students will receive a re-enrollment packet, which will include a form to be returned to the school office, a copy of the current financial policy, and the tuition rates for the upcoming year. Re-enrollment for current students begins after the second term PTF meeting in January; enrollment for new students begins on March 1.

Academics

Bible Version

The **King James Version** is recognized as the version that will be used for classroom study, quotation, and memorization at Southview Christian School.

Elementary

The elementary program is designed to develop the learning and study skills necessary for all subject areas, including daily instruction in the Bible. The reading program uses phonics with comprehension and stresses reading for enjoyment as well as information. Participation in the regular chapel programs, concerts, competitions, and recitals gives students the opportunity to use and develop their talents. Language, spelling, reading, math, science, social studies, and Bible are taught in grades 1-5. Elementary music, P.E., art, creative writing, and penmanship are also an important part of the curriculum. The elementary program is designed for the average to above average student.

Junior High

The junior high program stresses skills and knowledge needed for high school. Studying and reading skills are included in our curriculum. Students also have the opportunity to participate in Choir.

High School

Southview Christian School requires successful completion of an academic program that exceeds the mandated requirements for the state of North Carolina. All students at SCS are considered to be college-bound. To graduate, a student must accumulate a minimum of 25 credits in grades nine through twelve, including one credit in Bible for each year at SCS. The academic requirements are:

High School Graduation Requirements: 25 Total Credits {Core Classes: 22 Credits; Electives: 3 Credits}

English: [College-Bound: 4 Credits]

- English 9*
- English 10*
- English 11*
- English 12*

Math: [College-Bound: 4 Credits {must include Algebra I & II, Geometry, and Advanced Math or Consumer Math}]

- Algebra I*
- Geometry*
- Algebra II*
- Adv. Math* or Consumer Math*

Science: [College-Bound: 3 Credits {must include Physical Science, Biology, and Chemistry}]

- Physical Science
- Biology
- Chemistry**
- Physics**

History: [College-Bound: 3 Credits {listed below}]

- World History
- U.S. History
- Government/Economics

Bible: [College-Bound: 4 Credits]

Phys. Ed. /Health: [College-Bound: 1 Credit]

Language: [College-Bound: 2 Credits {Span. I & II}]

- Spanish I
- Spanish II

Speech: [College-Bound: 1 Credit]

Electives: [College-Bound: 3 Credits; Advanced: 2 Credits]

- Keyboarding
- Computer Application
- Yearbook***
- Chorus

*Prerequisite for class is a grade of 77 or higher (9-11) in previous level class or successful completion of summer school program (or retake course the following school year).

**Chemistry and Physics also have a math prerequisite:

Chemistry: Credit/current enrollment in Algebra II.

Physics: Credit/current enrollment in Adv. Math.

***Entrance into Yearbook by special administrative permission only.

In order to graduate from SCS, the final semester must be taken at SCS. SCS will not permit early graduation by a student who wishes to take a summer English credit in order to graduate early.

Summer School

All students at Southview Christian School must pass the following subjects with a 70 or higher or summer school will be required to make up the failed subject. Any student who fails three out of the five subjects listed will have to repeat their current grade.

- Bible
- English
- Math
- Science
- History

All high school students (9-12) must pass each of the following subjects with a 77 or higher in order to pass. A student who makes a 76 or less will be required to attend summer school.

- English
- Math

Report Cards

Report cards are issued every nine weeks and can be viewed on the I-Now website the evening of PTF. If your school account is current, you will have 24 hour access to your child(ren)'s grades. Teachers will update their grade books frequently. You may check on your child's progress daily through I-Now. The grading scale is as follows:

➤ A+	100 - 99
➤ A	94 - 98
➤ A-	93
➤ B+	92
➤ B	86 - 91
➤ B-	85
➤ C+	84
➤ C	78 - 83
➤ C-	77
➤ D+	76
➤ D	71 - 75
➤ D-	70
➤ F	69 - 0
➤ I	Incomplete

Academic Achievement

Honor Roll (A & A/B) will be recognized at the end of the year and certificates will be based on final grades.

“A” Honor Roll: Students in grades 1-12 are considered “A Honor Roll” when they receive a grade of 93 or above in all academic classes (have received no “B’s”).

“A/B” Honor Roll: Students in grades 1-12 are considered “A/B Honor Roll” when they receive a grade of 85 or above in all academic classes (have received no “C’s”).

American Christian Honor Society: Those in grades 10-12 with an average of 93 or better will be considered for induction into the American Christian Honor Society. New members are inducted each spring.

Graduating with Honors: A student must have a 3.7 GPA to graduate with honors from Southview Christian School.

Valedictorian/Salutatorian Recognition: Southview Christian School will not recognize or honor a student as Valedictorian or Salutatorian of their graduating class if they do not have at least a 3.5 GPA by the final term of their senior year.

Exam Exemption

An exam may be exempted if any student in grades 6-12 has a grade of 93% or higher for the first term. However, all seniors will be exempted from taking second term exams in lieu of their senior trip.

Homework

Homework is an integral part of a solid academic program, and its successful completion is essential if learning is to occur. Homework may be assigned nightly. In deference to Wednesday evening worship services, no homework (other than math) will be given on that day. However, if a student does not complete his/her required class work on Wednesday, his/her class work may become homework and it will be due the next day. Also, the only subject that may be tested on Thursdays is mathematics (exam week may be an exception to this).

Testing Program

Southview Christian School has a detailed program of testing designed to measure the students' abilities and progress. The results of this testing are used to aid the teachers and administration in improving the curriculum. All students in grades 1-11 are given achievement tests in the spring of each year to measure their achievement in areas of English, math, science, and social studies. Southview Christian School uses the Stanford Achievement Test. In addition to these tests, sophomores and juniors take the PSAT, which is a preliminary college entrance exam. Juniors are encouraged to register for the SAT in the spring. This gives them sufficient time to retake the test if they are not pleased with their score. All seniors must take the College Board SAT in order to graduate.

End of Year Promotion

A student's grades and his/her SAT testing percentile will be evaluated by the administrator at the end of the school year. A student who tests below the 25th percentile and has grades below a "C" will be in jeopardy of grade promotion for the following year.

Transfer Students

Any student who transfers to Southview Christian School the summer before their senior year begins, or during their senior year will not be given the honor of graduating valedictorian or salutatorian.

Attendance

School Hours

- Elementary: 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- Jr. /Sr. High: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

In general, students are not to arrive before 7:30 a.m. or stay after 3:10 p.m. Students arriving between 7:30 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. must go straight to the cafeteria.

Absenteeism

Elementary

Daily regular attendance enables a student to gain the most in school. In order to be counted as present, a student must be in school for more than half a day (kindergarten students - more than 2 hours). Ex: A student (grades 1-5) who is in school until 11:15 a.m. and is checked out for the rest of the day would be considered absent for that day since the total number of minutes out of school exceeded the total number of minutes in school. Also, the student would not be eligible to receive a certificate for perfect attendance. **An elementary student's promotion may be in jeopardy if they are absent (excused/unexcused) for more than fifteen days. Five unexcused or excused tardies will equal one absence.**

High School

Attendance for high school (grades 6-12) is recorded on a "class period" basis. If a high school student (grades 7-12) is absent (excused/unexcused) for more than fifteen periods of any one class, his/her successful completion of that class is in jeopardy.

Excused Absences

The day a 6th -12th grade student returns to school following an absence, he/she must report to the office with a signed note from a parent stating the date of and reason for the absence. **All excuses must state a reason.** "Personal Reasons" is not an excuse. Failure of a 6th – 12th grade student to submit a note the first day back from an absence will result in an unexcused absence and two demerits. If no note is submitted on the second day back from an absence, the absence remains unexcused plus 5 *more* demerits.

If a student fails to submit the note on the third day back from an absence, the absence will be recorded permanently as unexcused. Students in grades K3-5 will turn the note in to their teacher rather than the office. This note must be submitted to the teacher on the day the student returns. (The elementary teacher will turn this note in to the office). Examples of excusable absences are:

1. Sickness
2. Death in immediate family
3. Doctor/Dental appointment
4. Court Appearance

If the reason for the absence is excusable, Jr. /Sr. High students will receive an excused absence slip to present to their teachers in those classes that have been missed. Students with excused absences will be allowed to make up missed schoolwork. Students who are absent the day before a test may postpone the test one school day. Students absent on the day the test was given must take the test the day they return. All missed work must be made up within a period of time not to exceed two days for each school day missed. If a student is able, it is advisable for a student to keep up with class work as much as possible during extended absences.

A pre-arranged, approved absence may be given when the school is advised two (2) school days in advance of the absence. A prearranged absence may or may not be excused depending upon the stated reason for the absence. Examples of a prearranged, approved absence would be a college trip or a planned family vacation. **It is the responsibility of the student** to get their assignments from their teachers.

Unexcused Absences

Absences not meeting with the criteria previously listed (Excused Absences) will be considered unexcused. All tests missed during an unexcused absence must be taken and will receive a 20-point deduction in the grade. Students will receive a zero on any quizzes and/or assigned daily work. All assigned daily work must be completed.

Some examples (not an exhaustive list) of unexcused absences are:

1. Absence from school to run personal errands such as hair appointments, shopping trips, etc.
2. Absence to do homework.
3. Absence from school to entertain guests.
4. Notes that do not specify why a student is absent.

Tardiness

Excessive tardiness is not only detrimental to a child's character, it also causes difficulty for teachers, students and office personnel. Excessive tardiness on both the elementary and high school levels may jeopardize his/her promotion to the next grade. If tardy upon arrival, all students (both elementary and high school) must go directly to the school office to sign in and receive a tardy slip (NOTE: Running out of gas is not an excused tardy).

ELEMENTARY - Each time an elementary student acquires more than 5 tardies due to late arrivals, then he/she will have an excused absence recorded on his/her absence file on the day of the fifth offence.

HIGH SCHOOL - If you are late to a class because another teacher kept you after class, obtain a note from that teacher before going to the next class. If you choose to go into a class without a note, you choose to receive the penalty for an unexcused tardy. Students will not be allowed to "go back to the teacher and get it" after-the-fact.

General Guidelines

Classroom Attendance:

1. Students are not permitted to miss (skip) any class period without prior permission from their teacher. Study Hall is considered a class period (see Disciplinary System).
2. Students are expected to be in their room and seated when the bell rings. Students not in the room when the bell rings will be marked as “tardy”. (See Disciplinary System)
3. Students absent for more than half of any class period will be marked absent for that period.
4. The school day following an absence, students must obtain an “absence slip” from the office. The “absence slip” requires the teacher’s signature at the beginning of each class missed. This will allow the teacher to mark the absence excused or unexcused. Any student going to class after an absence without a note from the office will be sent to the office to obtain one.
5. Students missing class periods for excused absences (ball games, doctor appointments, etc.) are responsible for obtaining all class work in advance. They will be accountable for all assigned work as if they had attended class that day unless otherwise instructed by the teacher (i.e. homework).

Classroom Order:

1. Students must raise their hands and await acknowledgment before speaking unless otherwise instructed by the teacher.
2. Students are not to leave their desks without permission.
3. Students are not allowed to put their heads on their desks.
4. Eating and drinking is not permitted in the classroom (this includes candy, mints, water, and gum). Students must receive permission prior to using “cough drops”.
5. Students are not allowed to throw any item at any time.
6. No student is to be out of class without a pass.
7. Students are to address teachers with respect. Disrespect will not be tolerated. Students are also to have respect for the property and feelings of others.
8. Students are expected to be courteous at all times to teachers, fellow students, and guests.
9. Study Hall is a class period, and adherence to all normal classroom guidelines is expected of our students.

Prohibited (General):

1. Drinking, immoral sexual behavior, using, handling, or pretending to use or handle an illegal drug.
2. Fighting, stealing, profanity, smoking, gambling, or possession of obscene literature.
3. Electric readers, iPods, iPads, Mp3 players, headphones, DVD or DVD players, radios, comic books, toys, playing cards, magazines, etc. are not to be brought to school unless they are part of an assignment. Knives, squirt guns, matches, firearms, ammunition, fireworks, or any other weapons are not permitted on school property.
4. Unsecured cell phones
5. Cheating - Any student caught cheating will receive a zero on the examination, the parents will be called, and he will be subject to further disciplinary action.
6. Improper boy-girl physical contact (handing, kissing, etc.) is not permitted at school or school activities.
7. Students are not to enter another person’s locker or personal belongings without permission.

School Property:

1. Chewing gum is not permitted.
2. Trash should always be placed in proper containers.
3. Desks and lockers should be kept neat and orderly.
4. Eating and drinking in places other than those designated is not permitted.
5. Southview Christian School is considered God’s property. Proper care will reflect the quality and attitude of our students and faculty. Students should keep the grounds and buildings clean. When property is damaged, students may be expected to pay for the repair/replacement costs. In addition, willful destruction may also be grounds for disciplinary action (possibly dismissal).
6. Textbooks that are rented to students are considered school property. Therefore, students are expected to keep covers on textbooks at all times and return the book to the school in excellent condition (no writing, pages ripped or other damage). Replacement cost for damaged textbooks will be charged to the student’s account.
7. The parking lot is off limits to all students during normal school hours without administrative approval. Tampering with another person’s automobile during school or at any school-related function is prohibited and will result in severe disciplinary action. Loitering in the parking lot is prohibited at any time.

Dress Code

The dress code policy for Southview Christian School is “selective attire” for all students in grades K3 – 12. One objective of this policy is an attempt to reduce the confusion (and thus, possible confrontation) between students, parents, and the school over our dress standards. Many times this can lead to frustration on the part of all who are involved. We realize that parents are in a critical position of being able to regulate what their children wear to school. We hope that the concept of “streamlining” our dress standards will make this a much easier task. Our desire is that the students of Southview Christian School portray principles of modesty, appropriateness, and distinction of sexes.

Students will be required to dress neatly, cleanly, and modestly. *The administration of Southview Christian School reserves the right to determine that any article of clothing is inappropriate for school wear. This may include clothing items that are too tight, immodest, or worn inappropriately.* In this case, students may be sent home to change, or parents may be contacted to bring a change of clothing

This dress code applies to ALL grades and to ALL school functions, games (home and away), field trips, etc., unless specifically noted otherwise. Students are to be in school dress when attending driver’s education courses at another school. We recognize that special consideration may be given for dress code during “spirit week.”

Boys

Boys must wear, with their appropriate clothes, a belt, socks, and approved shoes at all times. Shirts must be properly buttoned and tucked in at all times. All shirts must be in a solid color, and all colors except for pink are approved. Pants may not be too baggy or worn pulled down below the waist. The approved pant colors are as follows: navy blue, black, and tan. Jeans are not permitted. Boys are forbidden from wearing necklaces or bracelets. Students in grades K3 – 5 may wear tennis shoes as long as they are laced up and look nice.

Students in grades 6 – 12 may wear any type of solid tan, black, brown, and grey dress shoes or casual shoes (i.e. Sperry style or Vans). Boys are not permitted to wear high top tennis shoes, basketball shoes, or sandals during school hours. Boys are permitted to wear tennis shoes or sneakers as long as they are clean and in good condition. Neon or fluorescent colored shoes, shoe strings, or decorative designs are *not* permitted at any time. Shoe strings must be fully laced and tied at all times. Abuse of this rule during the school year may result in following past policies that apply a more “strict” guideline. Any questionable items must be approved by the Administrator.

Hair: *Boys are to have gentlemanly haircuts. The entire ear is to be exposed. Hair should not cover the neck so that it hangs down on the collar. Hair should not be unusually thick or bushy. Bangs should be no longer than the middle of the forehead. Faddish or eccentric haircuts are not permitted. While many styles of haircuts do conform to our regulations, they violate our desire to avoid those styles that would associate our students with worldly groups or movements or an unkempt look. Any style which causes undue attention will not be allowed (we prefer the tapered style of cut). If a haircut reminder is given, a student has three days to get a haircut according to school standards before disciplinary action is taken on the first offense. After the first offense, demerits will be issued without a warning. Students are not allowed to have beards or mustaches. Boys are not allowed facial hair and must be clean shaven.*

Girls

All items of clothing must be worn both modestly and appropriately. Girls must wear shoes at all times and a belt if the item of clothing has belt loops. **The length of skirts and skorts should be no shorter than the middle of the knee when standing and sitting.** The approved skirt colors are as follows: navy blue, black, and tan. Jean skirts are also permitted provided that they are of a solid color, with no markings, faded areas, holes, or frayed hems. Shirts must be properly buttoned. 6th – 12th grade girls may leave their polo shirts untucked provided they keep a neat appearance. Shirts that are excessively long or that have a sloppy appearance may not be worn. All shirts must be in a polo style and a solid color with no brand logo - all colors are approved. All girls may wear casual shoes (i.e. Sperry style or Keds). 6th - 12th Girls are not permitted to wear high top tennis shoes, basketball shoes, or running shoes. Sandals may be worn provided the strap’s thickness covers a large portion of the top of the foot. **Flip-flops may not be worn.** Neon or fluorescent colored shoes, shoe strings, or decorative designs are *not* permitted at any time. Shoe strings must be fully laced and tied at all times. Abuse of this rule during the school year may result in following past policies that apply a more “strict” guideline. Any questionable items must be approved by the Administrator.

Hair: A radical change in hair color is not permitted. Highlights are fine. Faddish or eccentric haircuts are not permitted. While many styles of haircuts do conform to our regulations, they violate our desire to avoid those styles that would associate our students with worldly groups or movements or an unkempt look. Any style which causes undue attention will not be allowed.

Earrings: Girls are allowed two pairs of earrings in their earlobes. Cartilage rings are not permitted. Jewelry must be worn in moderation. Jewelry that represents worldly fashions and/or refers to something inappropriate is prohibited.

Previously Purchased Uniform clothing will be permitted as long as the clothing meets dress code standards in appearance and length.

PE Uniforms

All students in grades 6th - 9th will have a standard PE uniform that must be obtained through the school. These shorts will also be worn for all athletic practices by all teams, unless otherwise noted. **The length of PE shorts should be no shorter than the middle of the knee when standing and sitting.** Failure to dress appropriately for PE will be reflected in a student's grade for that class. All students will be required to have a pair of clean, non-marking tennis shoes to wear which have not been worn outside (i.e. these cannot be the same shoes that are worn to the gymnasium).

Dances

The school will not give written or verbal permission for a student to go to any proms or dances. It is our guiding principle not to give permission for any such activities.

Parents' Dress

Parents are asked to please dress appropriately when visiting our school or attending school functions. We realize that parents will not own selective attire, but we would ask that you conform to the general guidelines of modesty and appropriateness that our students adhere to each day. **We would also ask that our parents adhere to our general standards of conduct when visiting the school or school related functions (i.e. no drinking, smoking, offensive language, etc.).**

Emergency School Closing

If the school will be closed for inclement weather, it will be announced on local television stations WCNC (channel 36), WSOC (Channel 9), and WBTW (Channel 3). We will first use our School Cast system to send a message to you personally. Please make sure the office has your current phone number.

Telephone Usage

In the event of illness or emergency, students should come to the office, with the teacher's written permission, in order to phone home. Phone usage does not constitute an excuse for tardiness. The phone is for SCS personnel. **We encourage parents not to use the school phone as a message board for their child. All messages will be taken by the secretary. Children will not be allowed to call during school hours unless it is an emergency.**

Cellular Phones

Students are not allowed to have cellular phones during school hours. However, we recognize that cell phones for our athletes and student-drivers are needful. Cell phones are not allowed to be kept in cars during school hours. If a junior high or high school student brings a cell phone to school, he/she must turn in their cell phone to their homeroom teacher. Their phone will be securely kept in the school office during school hours and will be returned prior to dismissal. Any misuse of this rule will be handled by the principal. Appropriate demerits will follow as determined by the principal. The school will not be held responsible for any cell phone that is stolen on school property.

Social Media

Since Southview Christian School is a ministry of Southview Baptist Church, students should reflect a Christian testimony on social media (i.e. Facebook, Myspace, Twitter, etc.). Public posts which are immodest or immoral and do not reflect a Christ-like behavior, should be avoided. These posts could be through pictures or statements. The Administrator has the right to dismiss any student who brings harm to the testimony of the ministry of Southview Christian School and/or Southview Baptist Church.

Field Trips

Students are encouraged to participate in field trips that are planned and organized for their grade level. Many times the field trips are designed to coincide with and enhance the material covered in the classroom. The school dress code for field trips is explained under the dress code guidelines. Electronic games, magazines, or valuable items should not be taken on field trips.

Illnesses

All medications (including Tylenol, etc.) for student usage must be brought to the school office and distributed by the office personnel. Students are not to take medication without following this procedure unless special permission is granted. **No student is to give or receive any type of medication/drug to or from other students or teachers.**

Any student who becomes sick and cannot go to class must report to the school office right away. If a student is too sick to attend class, they must go home. *The student must contact a parent* and either check out (if they drove to school) or wait in the office for the parent to arrive. If a student cannot get to the school office due to his or her condition, someone must be sent to get a faculty member. Absence from a scheduled activity without contacting a faculty or staff member will be considered unexcused (for all students involved).

Rock Music Policy

The purpose of a Christian school is to assist the family in molding young people's lives both spiritually and academically so that they can serve fully in His perfect will. Rock music is part of Satan's secular system that seeks to promote rebellion, the occult, drug culture, suicide, and promiscuity in the lives of both Christian and unsaved young people. Southview Christian School considers listening to this kind of music to be detrimental to the spiritual, moral, and intellectual life of every young person. Therefore, any form of rock music and/or paraphernalia such as CDs, iPods, downloads, pictures, posters, magazines, emblems, etc.) are prohibited and will be confiscated. If a student is found with ear buds or ear phones during school hours or on a school function, then they will also be confiscated. This includes the singing and/or whistling of any rock song or the drawing of any rock emblem/symbol/name. Any of the above will be considered an infraction of school rules and will be dealt with through the disciplinary system. iPods, Mp3's, or any other type of music producing devices should not be brought to school or any school-related function. Southview Christian School does not differentiate between so-called "genres" of rock music such as heavy metal, soft rock, new age, oldies, rap, hip-hop, country, or Christian rock.

Chapels and Assemblies

Students are to enter and exit the auditorium quietly and orderly at all times. No gum is to be taken into the auditorium at any time for any reason. Students will be assigned a class section in which they are to sit. All students must take their Bible (King James Version) to chapel.

Chapel disturbances are irreverent and will not be permitted. This includes talking, excessive noise, doing school work, or any distraction to another student or speaker. This rule applies to the song service as well as announcements, the message, or program.

Attendance at our weekly chapel services is mandatory for all students of Southview Christian School.

Student Parking

Driving to school is a privilege. Any student who abuses this privilege will not be allowed to drive to school. Students will park in the side parking area and must proceed immediately into the building. Loitering in the parking area before, during, or after school hours is prohibited. Students who abuse this privilege will lose the privilege of driving to school.

Leaving School Early

Students planning to leave school early must bring a parent-signed note to the office stating the reason for early dismissal. The note must be brought in by the morning of early dismissal. They will then obtain a permission slip, which must be signed by the teacher of any class being missed (done between classes only). This slip is then brought back to the office and turned in when the student signs out. The school receptionist must approve your permission slip before you leave. Students must have a valid reason for planning to leave school early (doctor's appt., funeral, etc.). Requests for early dismissal may or may not be approved.

Formal Dress

Guidelines for formal dress may be obtained through the school office.

Hall Traffic

Students should exhibit courtesy and consideration when traveling our hallways. Please walk to the right of halls and stairways. Running is not allowed in any building other than the gymnasium. Students in the hallways during normal class periods without the proper pass will receive demerits.

Closed Campus

Southview Christian School operates a “closed campus.” This simply means that no visitor may come to see any student without getting prior approval from administration. Of course, students may not leave school grounds without permission. All parents arriving during normal school hours to pick up students must report to the office and *not* to the child’s classroom. The office will notify the teacher, who will send your child to meet you at the office. Parents, if you wish to eat our lunch, you must order and pay in the morning with your child’s class. If you wish to eat lunch with a student(s), you must stop at the school office to obtain a visitor’s pass.

Conflict Resolution

Many times problems arise in an educational setting due to a lack of communication. Southview Christian School is committed to keeping each parent involved in their child’s education through such means as the yearly calendar, information posted on the I-Now system, and weekly informational newsletters from your child’s teacher (elementary only). ***Teachers are encouraged to contact the parent in an attempt to work out a solution when a problem surfaces. At the same time, parents are encouraged to contact their child’s teacher when they have a concern. If, after the teacher and parent have conferred, the problem is still not resolved, parents are encouraged to ask administration to become involved. The above stated guidelines are based on the principles found in Matthew 18.***

Fundraisers

Individual class or group fundraisers must be approved by the administration and placed on the school calendar. No fundraiser may coincide with a school-wide fundraiser.

All of our athletic department programs rely heavily on fund-raising activities. Athletic teams, Booster Club, yearbook staff, and the freshman-senior classes will be the only groups allowed to sell any commercial items outside the school.

Student Organizations

Students in Grades 11 and 12 who meet the established criteria may be inducted into the Southview Christian School chapter of the American Christian Honor Society. The criterion for induction includes:

1. Scholarship—maintains a cumulative scholastic average of 93%
2. Leadership
3. Service
4. Character

Students in the American Christian Honor Society fulfill their responsibilities in the area of service by being involved in various community projects. Students in Grades 6-12 may be voted on by their peers to serve their class as a representative of the student body in the Student Government Association. Members of this organization are challenged to develop their leadership skills through their service to the school and to the student body.

Lost and Found

Any items left in the hall, classroom, bathroom, locker rooms, or outside (not in an approved storage area) will be placed in “lost and found” and kept in the music room A-1. Please label all items of clothing, etc. so that they can be returned to the owner. If your child is missing something, please feel free to check with our office. Lost and Found items will be placed on tables in the back of the auditorium during P.T.F. meetings. Notification will be sent home through the school website. Unclaimed items, other than selective attire, will be given to Goodwill. At the end of the school year, selective attire items will be sold at the clothing consignment sale.

Help Classes

Students who need extra help in any course, and who will profit from it in the estimation of the teacher, may be asked to attend help classes. Others who feel the need for special help are welcome to check with any teacher for such help.

Withdrawal and Dismissal

Withdrawal from school must be made through the school office. Report cards will not be issued to any student whose account is not current. A student may be dismissed from school at any time he is found to be out of harmony with the rules of the school.

Demerit System

Discipline Cooperation

Attendance at Southview Christian School is a privilege, not a right. Anyone who will not cooperate spiritually, morally, scholastically, or in discipline will be required to withdraw or be expelled. Students found to be out of harmony with Southview Christian School's ideals may be asked to withdraw whenever the administration deems it necessary. Southview Christian School expects its students to live above reproach, showing respect to God, country, family, faculty, and fellow students.

Southview Christian School needs and expects full cooperation from both student and parent in the education of the student. If at any time the school feels that this cooperation is lacking, the student may be requested to withdraw. Also, if the student's behavior is indicative of an uncooperative spirit, he/she may be requested to withdraw. Southview Christian School will not retain a student whose attitude is a liability and not an asset to the institution. Southview Christian School is not a corrective institution. Consequently, we ask that you do not enroll your child with the idea that we will reform him. We are here to work with the home, but not take the place of the parents.

At all times, students must conduct themselves in a manner becoming a Christian. Gripping is not tolerated. Please give the school the benefit of the doubt if your child does come home complaining about a policy or discipline. Realize that we have reasons for our rules and that they are enforced without favor. Please support the administration in our joint efforts, and do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Southview Christian School is dedicated to the training of children in a program of study, activity, and living that is Christ-centered. We believe that "all things should be done decently and in order" and that our responsibility is to "walk honorably before all men." Thus, at Southview Christian School we attempt to maintain a style of discipline which is consistent, fair, and tempered with love, and is administered with a genuine regard for the well-being of our students.

Elementary Disciplinary System

The classroom teacher will handle most problems. On occasion, the child may be sent to the office for further disciplinary action if he does not respond to classroom correction. We make it a policy to call parents after serious or repeated offenses. If a student is out of harmony with Southview Christian School, he/she may be asked to withdraw whenever the administration determines it is necessary.

Jr./Sr. High Disciplinary System

{Obtainable Levels* / Disciplinary Action}

Level One: *Ten Demerits (Accumulated)*

- Letter sent home to parents
- One hour of Saturday School (workday)

Level Two: *Twenty Demerits (Accumulated)*

- Letter sent home to parents
- Two hours of Saturday School (workday)
- Conference with the student

Level Three: *Thirty Demerits (Accumulated)*

- Letter sent home to parents.
- Three hours of Saturday School (workday)
- Conference with student, parents and Principal

Level Four: *Fifty Demerits (Accumulated)*

- Letter sent home to the parents.
- Conference with students, parents and Administrator
- Dropping of all extra-curricular activities (A.C.H.S., S.G.A., participation in sports, field trips, etc.)
- One day of out-of-school suspension

Level Five: *Seventy-five Demerits (Accumulated)*

- Expulsion

* Demerits accumulate by semester. Each semester begins with “0” demerits

** The last week of each semester is considered double jeopardy. This means all demerits are doubled.

The following list is compiled for your benefit in achieving a better understanding of our disciplinary system. It is not meant to be an exhaustive list, and it will not incorporate each and every offense that may be committed by a student throughout the course of the school year. Of course, the administration of Southview Christian School reserves the right to take any and all disciplinary measures that it deems appropriate as it relates to acts of misconduct on the part of our students:

Two Demerits

- Tardiness (any required activity throughout the day)
- Violation of the out-of-class pass system
- Talking in class
- Horseplay
- Chewing gum in any interior area
- Unprepared for class
- FFI – failure to follow instructions
- Failure to bring absent note
- Minor dress code violations (things that you would not be sent home for or have new clothes brought to you in order to change)
- Textbooks (rented) without protective covers
- Miscellaneous (administrative decision)

Five Demerits

- Having/eating food and/or drink in any interior area other than the cafeteria (unless special permission is granted). We realize that students may bring their lunch to school. This must remain in the student’s locker (unopened) at all times.
- Miscellaneous (administrative decision)

Ten Demerits

- Having/Listening to inappropriate music (rock and roll - any violation of our policy, country and western, etc.) anywhere on school property or at a school function
- Having/using cell phones, electric reader, iPods, iPad, Mp3 player, headphone, DVD or DVD player, radio, comic book, toy, playing card, magazine, etc.
- Entering another student’s locker or personal belongings without prior permission
- Major dress code violations (things that you would be sent home for or have new clothes brought to you in order to change).
- Parking lot/ reckless driving
- Miscellaneous (administrative decision)
- Stealing
- Cheating

Twenty Demerits

- Use of profanity
- Smoking
- Gambling
- Possession of obscene literature
- Skipping a class period or the school day
- Fighting

Twenty Demerits

- Critical attitude
- Uncooperative attitude
- Improper boy-girl relationship
- Damaging school property (if malicious intent is determined, the student will be responsible for the cost of repairs or replacement)
- Disrespect

Grounds for Immediate Expulsion

- Drinking
- Immoral sexual behavior
- Using/Handling/Pretending to use/handle an illegal drug
- Possession of a weapon on school property
- Disrespect

ATHLETICS

The purpose of the athletic program of Southview Christian School is to serve in the educational training of our students. Christian character and leadership are taught through athletic competition. All students participating in athletics at SCS are to be aware of their responsibilities to God, to their school in regard to their sportsmanship and Christian testimony, and to their teammates in regard to cooperation, preparation, dedication to practice, academic eligibility, etc.

Athletic handbooks, which explain our program and eligibility in greater detail, are available for all athletes and may be obtained through the school office or the athletic director's office. Participation in athletics is an extra-curricular activity. The athletic fee is \$75.00 per student per sport.

Interscholastic Sports Program

BOYS

Fall	Soccer
	Cross Country
Winter	Basketball
Spring	Golf

GIRLS

Fall	Volleyball
	Cross Country
Winter	Basketball
	Cheerleading
Spring	Golf
	Soccer

Parent Organizations

Parents are encouraged to join the Booster Club, which provides support for the athletic department through fundraisers. The funds which are raised through the Booster Club are used to purchase uniforms and equipment each year for the various athletic teams. Parents who join the Booster Club are given a pass for free admission to all home, regular season athletic events.

Our Athletic Program relies heavily on our fans' and parents' support, both financially and with their personal involvement. We appreciate all of your efforts in our various fund-raising activities, as well as your generous gifts.

SOUTHVIEW CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Financial Policies 2014-2015

As we begin our 43rd year of providing a quality Christian education to the people of Statesville and the surrounding communities, we would like to clearly define our financial policies for you. Differences often occur over finances because of poor communication and misunderstandings. It is our intention to make these policies as clear and as easy to understand as we can. We certainly want to work with you and to help you as you meet your financial obligations to SCS. We have tried to distribute fees and tuition payments out in such a way that an unusually large amount of money is not due at any one time. We are very grateful for so many of you who are prompt and considerate in paying your fees and tuition on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

RE-ENROLLMENT FEE

Presently enrolled school families have the opportunity to register at a discounted rate by taking part in early re-enrollment. The \$50.00 per student re-enrollment is only available until February 27, 2015. Regular registration fees are in effect beginning March 2, 2015. The re-enrollment fee is **non-refundable or transferable**.

REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee for newly enrolled students must accompany the application. Presently enrolled students who miss early re-enrollment must pay regular registration rates when they enroll for the coming school year. Students will not be placed on the class roll, and a place cannot be reserved for them in a class, until the registration fee is paid. The registration fee is **non-refundable or transferable**.

GRADUATION FEE

A graduation fee is charged to each student graduating from kindergarten or high school to help cover the cost of caps and gowns, diplomas, decorations, awards, etc. The kindergarten fee is \$55 and high school fee is \$80 per student. The graduation fee must be paid before cap and gown will be issued. This fee is due December 15 (see financial page) and is **non-refundable or transferable**.

BOOK FEE

Students are charged a book rental fee for all textbooks that are issued to the students. All textbooks (with the exception of student workbooks) remain the property of SCS. The amount of this fee is \$190. In order to avoid a late fee, this fee must be paid in full by June 1. **There is not a ten-day grace period for fees. The book fee is non-refundable if a pre-registered student is not withdrawn by June 1.**

MATRICULATION FEE

Students are charged a matriculation fee. The amount of this fee is \$150. In order to avoid a late fee, this fee must be paid in full by July 1. **There is not a ten-day grace period for fees. The matriculation fee is non-refundable if a pre-registered student is not withdrawn by June 1.**

SNACK FEE

K3, K4 and K5 students are charged a snack fee. The amount of this fee is \$10 per month and it will be billed with your monthly tuition payment.

LUNCHROOM CHARGES

Students will only be able to charge \$20.00 per month in the lunchroom. Lunchroom charges will be due by the 10th of the month with tuition. If the lunchroom charge is not paid by the 10th, no additional charges will be allowed. There will be no exceptions.

12 MONTH TUITION PLAN

Tuition is due on the 1st of each month, beginning with the month of June and running through the month of May. In the 12 Month Tuition Plan, all fees (per student) and tuition will be spread out in a year's time. Your first fee/tuition payment will be June 1st. Those who choose to participate in this plan will receive a \$200.00 discount. Every family is given a ten-day grace period on tuition payments. Tuition payments are considered late if not in the office on the 10th of the month, at which time a **\$25.00 late charge** will be added to your past due account.

10 MONTH TUITION PLAN

Tuition is due on the 1st of each month, beginning with the month of August and running through the month of May. The 10 Month Tuition Plan is a traditional plan. In this plan, you will pay for your reenrollment fee, book rental, and matriculation fee in the months that they are due. A reenrollment fee of \$50.00 (per student) is due by March 1, a book rental fee of \$190.00 (per student) is due June 1, and a matriculation fee of \$150.00 (per student) is due July 1. Every family is given a ten-day grace period on tuition payments. Tuition payments are considered late if not in the office on the 10th of the month, at which time a **\$25.00 late charge** will be added to your past due account.

Each tuition plan stipulates that the final payment in May must be made on the 1st. **There is not a ten-day grace period for May tuition.** The May payment must be paid on or before May 1st. On May 11, 2015, a 5% late fee will be assessed on any outstanding balance. A 1% late fee will be assessed on the 11th of each month thereafter. If the May payment cannot be paid in full on May 1st, then special arrangements must be made with the administrator.

ARREARS POLICY

Families will not be allowed to have their account fall in arrears. If tuition payments are not paid by the 25th of the month, students will not be allowed to remain in attendance unless arrangements are made with the financial administrator and a financial contract is signed to rectify the account.

If special arrangements are not made with the financial administrator, junior high and high school students will not be allowed to remain in school for review and final exams. Elementary students will not be allowed to remain in school past May 10th unless special arrangements are made with the financial administrator. Any financial questions should be directed to our financial administrator, Larry Duffer at 704-657-2383.

Mid-term and final exams may not be taken if accounts are not current. All students must receive an exam pass from the financial office for admittance to take final exams. Report cards and transcripts will not be issued if accounts are not paid in full. The purpose of the late charge is not to generate funds, but to encourage our parents to pay their tuition on time. Southview Christian School has set procedures for collecting past due accounts. It is absolutely necessary for us to collect our tuitions and fees as they are due. Southview Christian School receives no federal or state funding. Final grades, transcripts, and diplomas will not be released until all financial obligations are paid in full by the end of the year

AFTER NOON / AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Both after noon and/or after school care will be billed on the 1st of the month for the prior month and must be paid by the 10th of the month. If not paid by the 10th, students will not be permitted to return to after noon and/or after school care until the bill has been paid.

WITHDRAWAL AND DISMISSAL

Upon withdrawal or dismissal from school, **report cards and academic records will only be forwarded when all tuition and fees are paid in full and textbooks returned.** When a student is withdrawn from SCS, a withdrawal form must be signed so parents are no longer charged tuition. If a student is withdrawn from school, tuition will be charged through the end of the month.

LATE CHARGES

A \$25.00 late charge will be added to accounts for **all fees and tuition** not paid by the 10th of each month due. If your account falls in arrears, you will be charged a \$25.00 late fee for each month that you sustain an outstanding balance. Payments must be in the office by the 10th of the month. The 10 day grace period does not apply to fees.

REPORT CARDS

In order for a student to receive or view his/her report card, the account must be current. If any account is not current, parents must come to the office and pay the balance owed before access to the I-Now is reinstated or a report card is issued.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING PAYMENT OF FEES AND TUITION

In order to maintain class position prior to the opening of school, all fees and tuition deadlines must be met as stated in this financial policy. Failure to meet deadlines may result in the loss of class position.

“RETURN CHECK” CHARGE

A \$25.00 charge will be added to all accounts for returned checks. Checks will not be accepted from any family after the second returned check for a period of 24 months.

TUITION DISCOUNT

Current families may receive a referral discount. Families may obtain a copy of our referral program through the school office. In order to receive the referral discount, a referred family must indicate on their application as to which Southview Christian School family referred them. The discount is applicable as long as the new family keeps their child(ren) enrolled at Southview Christian School. This discount will be applied to each month that the referred family is current with their school account.

RATES EFFECTIVE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2014-2015

Non-Fundraising Rate

<u>GRADE LEVEL</u>	(10 Months)	(12 Months)
1st -12th Grade Rate		
1 child	\$445.00	\$375.00
2 children	\$660.00	\$550.00
3 children	\$875.00	\$730.00

1st -12th Grade Rate with Kindergartener Rate

1 child	\$295.00	\$250.00
2 children	\$555.00	\$465.00
3 children	\$760.00	\$635.00

*K5 dismisses at 12:00 p.m. An afternoon program available from 12:00-2:45 to K5 students for an additional \$7 per day. **(Fourth child and above attends tuition-free but must pay all applicable fees.)**

Fundraising Rate

<u>GRADE LEVEL</u>	(10 Months)	(12 Months)
1st -12th Grade Rate		
1 child	\$405.00	\$340.00
2 children	\$615.00	\$515.00
3 children	\$815.00	\$680.00

1st -12th Grade Rate with Kindergartener Rate

1 child	\$255.00	\$215.00
2 children	\$505.00	\$425.00
3 children	\$695.00	\$585.00

*K5 dismisses at 12:00 p.m. An afternoon program available from 12:00-2:45 to K5 students for an additional \$7 per day. **(Fourth child and above attends tuition-free but must pay all applicable fees.)**

OTHER FEES AND CHARGES (NO REFUNDS ON ANY FEES)

Registration Fee (03/01 - 04/01)	\$100.00
(04/01 - 06/30)	\$150.00
(After 06/30)	\$180.00
Re-Enrollment Fee (presently enrolled families due in February)	\$25.00
Kindergarten Graduation Fee (due by December 15)	\$55.00
Senior Graduation Fee (due by December 15)	\$80.00
Late Charge (added to all fees and tuition not paid in office by 10th of month due)	\$25.00
Return Check Charge	\$25.00
Athletic Fee (per student/per sport)	\$75.00
Book Fees (per child; due June 1)	\$190.00
Matriculation Fee (per child; due July 1)	\$150.00
Afternoon Care (per child/per day)	\$7.00
After-School Care*(per family/per day)	\$7.50
After-School Care - after 5:30 p.m. (per minute)	\$2.50
Summer School (per subject)	\$200.00

*After- School Care begins at 3:10 p.m. and ends promptly at 5:30 p.m.

Note: For tuition payments made on a **ten-month basis**, the first payment is due on August 1, and the last one on May 1. For tuition payments made on a **twelve-month basis**, the first payment is due on June 1 and the last one on May 1.