

Woodside Baptist School Handbook

2006-2007

And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Welcome!

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to Woodside Baptist School! We are excited that you have chosen to be involved. WBS is unique because it is a tool to help the parents in home-schooling their children. From the beginning of Woodside Baptist Church our desire has been to follow the admonition from the prophet Malachi where he talks about Elijah, *And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, Malachi 4:6.* We want to follow this injunction to turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to the fathers.

We feel strongly about the importance of the local church working with the parents in equipping and training their children to serve God. Every year we try to learn from the previous years in how to do better at lifting the arms of the parents in effectively training and equipping their children to glorify God.

This handbook is simply another attempt at doing things decently and in order. An attempt at providing structure to the program that has been effective for years in seeing young people turn out right for God.

God bless you as you faithfully strive to see your children trained to please and serve the Lord. Thanks for allowing us to serve you in this endeavor.

In Christ,

Craig M. Scott,

Pastor

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to Woodside Baptist School. I am happy to be working with you and your children throughout this school year. As a graduate from Woodside Baptist School, I am personally excited to be working with you in this capacity. This is a transition year for both the school and me. I will be doing my best to see that the school year runs smoothly. It is my goal that Woodside Baptist School runs in a very organized and godly manner.

It is also my goal that Woodside Baptist School will be characterized by three things: humility, discipline, and fellowship. It is my desire that we will be characterized by humility by putting God and others in their proper place of honor. I hope that we will be humble by desiring to see God's plan accomplished more than our own. It is also my desire that we will show both personal discipline and a proper balance of authority discipline through our attitudes, actions, and responses. Lastly, I hope that the fellowship of Woodside Baptist School would honor and glorify God in every student and parent teacher. Through every situation (whether easy or hard), our responses, attitudes, and actions should show honor to God and be a good testimony to others.

Please carefully read this handbook with your children. We have compiled this information to assist you in understanding our philosophy, direction, and policies. If we can help you in any way or answer additional questions please feel free to let us know.

May the Lord richly bless us, as we strive to glorify Him, in the days to come.

In Christ,

Jonathan Scott,

School Administrator

History of Woodside Baptist School

In 1990, when WBC was 2 years old, Pastor and Mrs. Scott became concerned about the schedule of their family. The lack of family time in the midst of their children's education, as well as their many other activities was overwhelming. It was during that year that they felt convicted to homeschool their children. As the spring closed out that school year, they also became impressed with the church families who would also decide on home schooling. The criticism of that day was that homeschoolers missed out on social interaction of the "normal" school child. Also, they missed out on many prosperous and fun activities a school provided.

God firmly impressed Mrs. Scott with an idea of a school for homeschoolers. It was Pastor and Mrs. Scott's intention to invent a school that would allow a social challenge in interaction with other children, besides siblings, in a spiritual atmosphere which fostered spiritual leadership and fellowship skills. Research was followed by discussions with the deacons and the church body, which led to the establishment of a new kind of school. This school would meet the needs of WBC parents who chose to homeschool their children. Fourteen years later, and with much growth and some changes, God continues to bless this ministry of WBC--All for God's glory.

Statement of Faith

Woodside Baptist Church is an independent Baptist church. It is not part of any organization of churches, convention, or fellowship. The leadership and members of the church believe that it is their responsibility to operate the church as God leads, and to support the doctrines that He has established in His Word.

Only Bible doctrines, as set forth in the Statement of Faith, will be subscribed to by WBS, and will not be subject to review by parents of students not members of the church. If any parent objects to the Bible doctrines of WBC as expressed in the Statement of Faith he should reconsider enrollment of his children in this school. It must be remembered that involvement at WBS is a privilege and not a right.

The doctrinal position of WBS is the same as set forth in the Constitution of WBC. The following is a summary:

1. The Bible is the verbally inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God.
2. There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He was virgin born, lived a sinless life, died for our sins, rose physically from the dead, ascended into heaven, and will return again in power and glory.
4. Jesus is the great High Priest and makes intercession for us before God.
5. All men are sinners by nature and are at enmity with God; therefore, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential to their salvation.
6. Men are justified by faith in the shed blood of Christ and are saved by grace through faith.
7. Every born-again person should declare his faith by the act of baptism.
8. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin; makes believers children of God through the new birth, assuring them of heaven; and by His indwelling , enables Christians to lead Godly lives.

Statement of Purpose

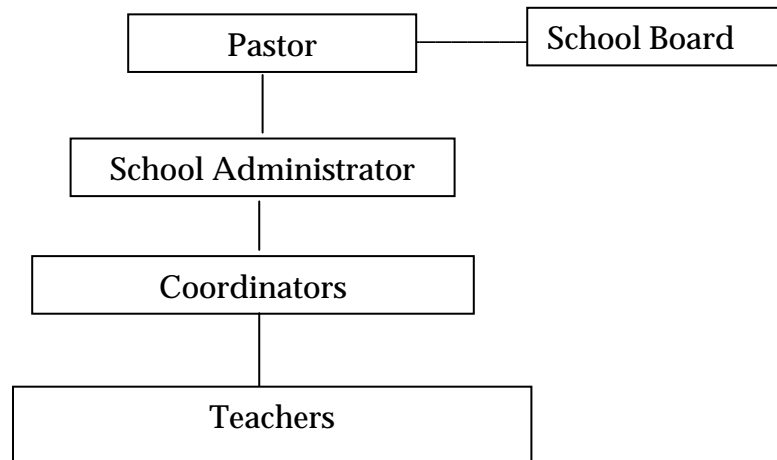
Our purpose in having Woodside Baptist School is to assist parents in the development of their children's individual potentials for practical godly living, spiritual growth, and life time service for God (Eph. 4:11,12).

Because the lack of social interaction with other children is one of the biggest criticisms of home schooling, Fridays will be set aside as a day for our homeschoolers to interact with other children. Our purpose again, is to develop leadership, learn practical lifetime responsibilities, and preparation for ministries.

General organization

1. Structure

WBS is built upon the structure of this diagram:



If a parent has a difficulty or constructive criticism, the parent should first contact the teacher about the issue. If more attention is needed, they should talk with the coordinator of the division. This coordinator will discuss the issue with the administrator, who will carry it over to the pastor, if necessary. The school board will be the chief council for the administrator of the school. Following this plan of authority makes solving problems and the dispersing of constructive criticism much more possible.

2. Definition of *The Administration*.

The administration consists of Pastor Craig Scott, Mrs. Karen Scott, and the school administrator, Pastor Jonathan Scott. Other board members are Pastor Andrew Scott, Mrs. Judy Schreiber and Mrs. Chris McDowell.

3. Coordinator and teacher appointments.

The administration selects coordinators when positions become available. Coordinators are parents who have shown sincere interest in the school and the ministry that it has in our church. Consistent Christian behavior and the ability to work with parents and the administration are the main prayerful considerations for this position.

Teachers are selected by the coordinators in their meetings.

Levels of involvement

To meet the various needs of our homeschool families, there are categories of participation.

1. Enrolled student

This family registers the children as outlined in the next section, and attends Friday School with full participation.

2. Support group students

This family registers as a support group family and pays the registration fees (and class fees) per child. This family attends Friday School with full participation, but does not turn in records to the school. This family's records are turned into a public school district of choice.

3. Umbrella school students

This family chooses to keep their records here at WBS, rather than in the public school system, but they choose no involvement in Friday School.

Requirements for admission

WBS is a ministry of Woodside Baptist Church. Therefore, membership (consistent attendance) in the church is a requirement.

It is to be understood that attendance at WBS is a privilege and not a right, which privilege may be forfeited by any student who does not cheerfully conform to the standards and regulations of the school. Learning proper responses to authorities, other than those in the homeschool (parents), is a major objective in the school. Proper responses to schoolmates is another objective. Realizing this, the school administration will work with any problems with which they view as not fitting into the spirit of the institution, or any students or parents whose attitudes and conduct are detrimental to the overall purpose of the school.

WBS is a cooperative effort. Each family is required to provide one parent to work at least two hours each week. This is necessary to make the school run smoothly. These hours will be accomplished by serving as a teacher, helper, or approved administrative assistant.

As a member of WBS, the basic Colorado state requirements for home-based education should be followed (Titus 3:1):

1. Attendance

172 days, averaging 4 hours per day, is considered a school grade year.

2. Subjects: to be included in basic education

a. Elementary and Junior High

Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math, Fine Arts, Health and Safety, P.E.

b. High School

Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math, Foreign Language, Fine Arts, Vocational and Practical Arts, Health and Safety, P.E.

These subjects are required in Colorado State Law for Home Based Schools.

3. Records

Records for attendance and immunizations will be kept on file at the church. Standardized testing scores will also be kept in the school's files. We will also need your enrollment forms on file at the church. Each year we need a record of classes taken (transcripts). This is discussed further in the "registration" section.

4. Fees

There is a tuition fee for WBS students each year. This is due upon registration. A late fee will be charged after the last organizational parent meeting before the first day of the semester. Tuition, generally covers our testing expenses and our membership dues in the American Association of Christian Schools.

5. Testing

WBS tests once each year with the Stanford achievement test, a national standardized test. This testing is offered as a help and service to our families. All students are required to participate in the testing. The dates of testing are announced well in advance. The school provides the tests and the test proctors. The test results are given to the parents when received at the school. A copy of the test results for each year should be in each individual student's file at the school location.

Registration

A parent meeting in advance of the first class day of the semester will be scheduled. Classes and calendar schedule for the semester will be explained. Fees (school and class) will be reviewed and payment is expected by the required time.

WBS registration involves:

- Turning in the registration form
- Signing children up for classes
- Turning in all registration fees
- Immunization record (or waiver) turned in
- National Standardized test scores from previous year turned in
- Certification of attendance turned in
- Transcripts turned in (classes taught; grades optional)
- Parental involvement for the semester commitments

The *support group* of WBS registration involves:

- Turning in the registration form
- Signing children up for classes
- Turning in all registration fees

- Parental involvement commitments
- Records are turned in to school district

The *umbrella school* registration involves:

- Turning in the registration form
- Turning in all records as listed in WBS registration above
- Pay school fees

Plan for classes

Friday School is an extension of our individual home schools. It will be a day of classes and Christian service activities. The coordinators and the administrator will decide upon the schedule and actual classes and events, with the ultimate authority going to the pastor. The classes are selected on the basis of need and parental suggestion. Included would be such activities as films, classes in vocational awareness, safety, drama, speech, practical home life for boys and girls, art, music, preaching, Bible quizzing, etc.

Christian service activities may include visiting “the fatherless and widows” (James 1:27), helping around the church, practicing and performing plays, field trips and making “care packages” for our Bible college students. Each year, these activities will be announced as special activities throughout the school year.

Parental suggestions and comments are a vital part of this aspect of WBS.

Discipline

One of the most important goals of WBS is that of building good Christian character into the lives of the students (and parents) involved in the school. Responses of obedience and respect for authority are very vital. All participants are expected to show immediate obedience to all rules of WBS, as well as the spirit of these rules. Authority of teachers, helpers and any administration of the school will support parental authority, as is expected in reciprocal.

Wrong responses to authority in any level of the school will be addressed initially by the immediate authority. If need be, the parents will be brought into the situation. If the teacher needs to talk with the coordinator, or the coordinator needs to address the issue with the administrator, this will be done. Pastor will be contacted, if necessary, in dealing with disobedient or independent spirits

Graduations

1. High School

Any home schooling member of WBC who wishes to participate in the graduation ceremony is welcomed. The graduation ceremony date is set in the calendar by the administration. The ceremony itself is planned and funded by the senior class and their parents but approved and executed by the administration.

The reception following the graduation is the option of the families of the graduating class. These families will agree upon and fund any food and/or

decorations. However they decide to accomplish this is up to them, but the final plans will be approved by administration.

Clean up and serving for the reception is the privilege of the junior class. Decorations for the graduation ceremony in the auditorium are not encouraged, but if they are desired, the senior class is responsible for the cleanup of the ceremony decorations.

Requirements for High School Graduation. To graduate from WBS a student must have:

- High school transcripts
- Signed attendance statement (meeting Colorado State requirements)
- Written commendation from parents for graduation.
- Up to date immunization records (or waiver).
- Test scores from the Iowa, Stanford, ACT, SAT, or GED.

These must be turned into and approved by the administration. After all these factors are considered, a diploma from WBS will be issued.

Students participating in the graduation ceremony may receive diplomas from their own homeschool or family. In which case these above items are not necessary. It is an option to receive the WBS diploma.

2. Kindergarten-Sixth Grade

This graduation is at the option of the parents with children in these grades. One parent will volunteer and will be appointed by the administration to be chairperson. This chairperson works in conjunction with an administrative assistant to arrange the program, decorations, refreshments, etc. Cake and punch (not elaborate foods) are suggested as refreshments for this event. Planning meetings for this require all families to participate. Payment of any fees for this event is required for participation. This graduation, as well as all other school functions, is a co-operative affair and will only work in this way.

Field Trips

Schedules for field trips will be made available at the beginning of each semester. Field trips are arranged by the field trip coordinator and are approved by the administrator. The field trips will attempt to be made with all students in mind. Our testimony, as WBS and as Christians, will be an important challenge for each field trip event. Respect for people and places visited will be required.

A parent or an adult surrogate must accompany each family attending the field trip.

Visitors

There may be times when visitors attend WBS. These visitors must comply with dress standards and all other rules of WBS. Visitors may continue to attend on that basis, as long as their family is regularly attending WBC (exemption - daycare children). People not regularly attending WBC are asked not to participate.

Telephone use

Cell phone use is not allowed in classes or any time a student should be showing attention and respectful regard for an authority or peer. Misuse of cell phones will prompt the loss of the privilege to have the phone at school. The church phone may be used with permission from the church secretary but only for short and important calls.

Dress Code

Christian principles guide the WBS dress code. Modesty, neatness, and cleanliness are the keys to the dress code. A student's dress is a reflection of his relationship with the Lord. Therefore, all students are expected to use good taste in attire.

May these guidelines be followed with conviction and purpose.

1. Girls:

- Dresses or skirts are to be worn. These should be knee length or longer.
- Slits in skirts or dresses and all hems should be at mid-knee or longer. No dress or skirt should fit tight.
- Pants or shorts are not allowed. An exception for some classes will be made, such as P.E., with at least knee-length loose fitting garments only acceptable. These exceptions will only be made if the students change only for the specified class.
- All garments should be made of modest fabric. Stretch tops or skirts are not acceptable. Fabrics of clothing should not be clingy or sheer, jeopardizing modesty.
- Blouses, tops, or shirts should be loose, never tight. Armholes should not show undergarments and necklines should not be lower than 2 fingers below the collar bone. Sleeveless tops must come to shoulder edge and at least 2 ½ inches wide. No top should be worn unless the hem comes below the waistline and when hands are raised above the head, no skin shows at the waist.
- No clothing should be worn with writing, pictures, or slogans. The only exception might be a small logo or school name above the pocket area. Fading of denim garments which accent contours is not allowed.
- *Hip-hugger* type skirts may not be worn without a long top to cover the top of the skirt.
- All garments worn should draw attention away from contours and to the face.

2. Boys:

- Long pants must be worn: neat, clean and properly fitting. No shorts may be worn. Jeans are allowed if not overly faded, patched, frayed, or with writing printed on them.
- Neat collared shirts should be worn buttoned and tucked in. If the shirt is wrinkled, it should be ironed. Polo shirts are acceptable; T-shirts are not. Sports jerseys are not acceptable as shirts.
- If a sweater is worn, a collar of some type should show.

- Hair should be neatly combed. Styles of hair should always be short, off the ears and collar.
- Jewelry fads for men are not acceptable (necklaces, earrings, etc).

Anything worn by any student at WBS should be clothing which brings glory to God. These guidelines should be followed carefully.

Again, this dress code has a double purpose: 1. To teach proper godly dress and 2. To teach proper response to authority (in this case, the school rules). If an individual is ever approached to correct an article of clothing, a positive response is required. Part of the privilege of being involved at WBS is submission to the dress code.

All parents, teachers, and adults involved in Friday School will also adhere to these rules.

Responsibilities

1. Students:
 - a. Be receptive to spiritual teaching in the school program.
 - b. Be concerned about serving the Lord.
 - c. Understand the purpose of the school: Glorify God by getting along with others. It is not all about you. Have proper responses to authorities.
 - d. Abide by school policies and maintain a proper testimony when away from the school and church.
 - e. Take proper care of the building
 - f. Obey God because you love Him and you are accountable for your own life before Him.
2. Parents:
 - a. All the above
 - b. Support the Pastor and administrator by being an example of positive attitude at the school and in the home.
 - c. We are attempting to teach the children how to get along with people other than siblings. Show them how it's done by cheerfully co-operating with the school program and all the individuals involved in it. You might decide not to pick some of these people to be your close friends, but in Christ, God can get the glory for your unity with them (1 Cor 1:10-13).
 - d. Help the school program with your constructive suggestions and helpful spirit. We are all in this together.
 - e. Give God the glory!

Statement of Commitment

Our family has read this book and will support and abide by the guidelines and regulations therein.

Parent's Signature: _____

Student's Signature(s): *(Jr. High & Sr. High Students)*

Proverbs 1:2-4

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