

Rochester Hills Christian School

**A Ministry of
Rochester Hills Baptist Church**

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the whole Bible from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 as the verbally inspired and infallible Word of God.
2. We believe that Jesus Christ was born of Mary, the Virgin, and is the Son of God, and God the Son.
3. We believe that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God.
4. We believe that He rose from the grave the third day according to the Scriptures.
5. We believe that He, only, is the great High Priest, and we need not intercession of any man, but that Christ ever liveth to make the intercession for us.
6. We believe that Christ will come again in Person, bodily, visibly, to establish His Kingdom on earth.
7. We believe that in order to be saved, the soul must be born again—"Ye must be born again." (John 3:7)
8. We believe that every truly born again soul should declare his faith by the act of baptism (immersion in water), setting forth the Lord's death, burial and resurrection.
9. We believe that the church is a body of baptized believers whose only mission is not to "reform the world," but to preach and teach the Gospel of salvation to the individual soul.

Dear Parents,

When God lay upon my heart the great need to start a Christian school, little did I realize the tremendous task ahead. Had it not been for a Godly conviction, I am sure I would have never had the grace to remain steadfast to Christian education. Today that conviction is one of the strongest convictions that I have. God commanded the children of Israel to teach and train their own children in the way He would have them to go (Deut. 6). We, as Christians, must also hear God's admonition to us to teach and train our children.

Patriotism, respect for authority, hard work, love for God, discipline and other basic principles that are taught in a Christian home are taught and reemphasized in the Christian school. This means that your child is being taught with a consistency that will help them to have strong values. Colossians 3:17 states: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father by Him." There is no difference between the sacred and the secular. All of life is sacred. Everything that is done should be done to the honor and glory of God. Christian education fulfills this Bible principle by allowing education to be done for His glory.

Character training is also important in a Christian school. Character is doing right, even if the immediate consequences are detrimental. If the student learns to love study and hard work, he will be found succeeding in his academic subjects. It is hard for children to grow in Christian character in a non-Christian environment. The Christian school places a strong emphasis on developing positive Christian character.

Remember that Christian education doesn't cost—it pays. In fact, it may be the greatest financial investment you ever make in the life of your children. Our children are our responsibility, given to us from the Lord. We are responsible for their training in the home, church and school. May God bless you as you prepare to send your children to Rochester Hills Christian School. Thank you for the trust and faith you have placed in us.

Sincerely,

L.E. Traxler
Pastor/Administrator

3. A student receiving more than two “D’s” during the previous card marking is ineligible until the 5 week progress report, at which time eligibility will be determined. Eligibility is not restored until the student meets the minimum academic requirements.
4. A student who receives one or more “F’s” or more than two “D’s” at the five weeks’ progress report will be placed on academic probation for the remainder of that card marking. A student on academic probation may practice with the team but may not participate in games until eligibility is restored. Eligibility for these students will be checked weekly to determine eligibility for the next week. To be eligible a student must not have any F’s and not more than 2 D’s.
5. A student receiving a conduct grade of “4” or worse in any class during the previous card marking or on the five weeks’ progress report is ineligible.
6. A student who receives two suspensions in one semester is ineligible for the remainder of the semester.
7. A student who is ineligible may not participate in any school sponsored, athletic extracurricular activities, i.e., playing in games, scrimmages, and competitions.
8. If a student’s behavior is inappropriate during an athletic contest, such as, but not limited to, swearing, bad attitude, fighting, arguing with the referee, leaving the bench while not playing, the student shall be ineligible for the remainder of that game. The student shall remain ineligible until the administration decides on the extent and severity of the student’s period of ineligibility.

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Purpose

The purpose of Rochester Hills Christian School is to educate and train the whole student physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually. Because the Lord requires a fit vessel, guidelines for personal habits, definite dress codes, and school standards are provided. The student is also provided the opportunity to learn self-discipline and the principle that if one cannot control his own actions and emotions, invariably someone else will control them for him. He must honor the rights of others and respect his freedom. Not only must a young person have his appearance and actions reflecting the Lord Jesus, but he must also have wisdom, knowledge and understanding to serve the Lord in the task He would choose. We believe and practice the basic principles of education that have made America great. We believe in patriotism and the free-enterprise system. We believe the Bible is the standard for truth. Therefore, the Bible is the basis for our total education program. The Bible is taught so the student will develop sound values that will govern every step in life.

Admission

Students are admitted to Rochester Hills Christian School on the basis of their former academic record, entrance testing results, and an interview with the administration. Students who are entering our school will be admitted only with the approval of the administration. Each student's record is reviewed by the administration each year, and each child is admitted on the basis of specific criteria. A "C" average or above is the acceptable academic average. Parents must sign the statement of cooperation. Students that do not belong to nor attend church faithfully are encouraged to attend Rochester Hills Baptist Church.

Rochester Hills Christian School, as a private institution, reserves the privileges of setting and maintaining its own standards for student conduct, dress and scholarship both in and away from school. The school maintains the right to refuse admittance to anyone it so chooses, and to suspend or expel any student who violates the Standard of Conduct, Home-School Guide, or other rules of conduct as defined by the administration of the school.

Enrollment is generally limited to 27 students per classroom. No one will be carried financially past two months. Tuition must be paid on a regular basis. Records will not be forwarded for any student who has an outstanding balance.

RHCS Eligibility Rules For Extracurricular Activities

The administration, faculty, and staff of Rochester Hills Christian School recognize the significant role that extracurricular activities play in the overall development of a student. These activities provide students with opportunities to learn the importance of discipline, teamwork, and overcoming obstacles in the pursuit of excellence. These activities also foster a "sense of belonging" among the students by creating an atmosphere of school spirit for the students to identify with.

It should be recognized, however, that participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right. In order for students to participate in extracurricular activities and represent the school, they must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the rules below. The purpose of eligibility rules is not to prevent students from participating in extracurricular activities. The intent of eligibility rules is twofold. First: to ensure that all students representing Rochester Hills Christian School in extracurricular activities meet certain minimum requirements for academic and Christian conduct. Second: to encourage students in the areas of academics and Christian conduct and provide an incentive for a student to improve or maintain an acceptable level of performance in these areas. Accordingly, the following rules of eligibility will be adhered to by the administration, faculty, and staff.

1. Academic eligibility status will be carried over from the previous school year for both new and returning students. Academic eligibility is determined by a student's performance during the school year. Academic ineligibility is carried over from the fall semester to the winter semester and from card marking to card marking within a school year.
2. The failure of any class during the previous card-marking period (9 weeks) renders the student ineligible until the 5 week progress report, at which time eligibility will be determined.

Lunch Program

Children may either bring or purchase a lunch for eating in the school cafeteria. Milk, along with a selection of special treats, may be purchased each day.

If your child brings his lunch, be sure he has a wholesome variety of foods, providing the necessary diet for growth. For those children wishing to purchase a hot meal, the cost will be determined by the lunchroom personnel. PLEASE REMEMBER, if there is an item on the menu not “liked” or not able to be eaten, the price is still the same.

We feel the cafeteria is a service to the school, and we will seek to uphold and teach proper manners during the lunch hour.

School Office

The school office hours are 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. When coming to the school for any reason, please come to the office first. **Do not go directly to the classroom.** Lunches, books, homework, etc., may be left in the office to be delivered. School phones are business phones and are not to be used by students. Finances should be handled through the financial office, not the teacher.

Release from Class

When it becomes necessary for the parent to take a child out of class for doctor appointments or other reasons, release of the student must be made through the school office. A written note from a parent or guardian is required, even for a student that drives to and from school.

Absences

In order for your child to gain the most from school, he must be regular in attendance. Reasons for excused absences include

1. Illness of the student,
2. Death in the family, and
3. Medical and dental appointments.

All other absences are unexcused unless approved by the school office personnel in advance. Lack of transportation does not warrant an excused absence.

Students who are absent must bring a written excuse from their parent or guardian, stating the reason for the absence. All work must be made up within the time period specified for the absence. Test material must be made up as arranged by the teacher within the make-up period. Students will be penalized academically for unexcused absences and other disciplinary measures may be assessed.

Absences, excused or unexcused, in excess of (15) days per semester, per class, will warrant failure of class and credit will be lost. Absences will be prorated for classes that do not meet daily.

With proper medical notification, absences over the fifteen day limit may be handled through the administration.

It is important to get your child to school on time each and every day. Tardies are excused for inclement weather, car problems, accidents and early morning doctor appointments.

Withdrawals

Withdrawals before the end of the semester will not reduce the tuition and fees due. No grades, credit, or transfer of records will be made until all monies are paid in full.

Academic Standards

Christian education, while including the regular academic curriculum, is a special kind of education. It includes teaching the Word of God through Chapel programs, Bible classes, and a Biblical interpretation of all we see and know in the world. The objective is not only to teach the truth, but to teach the student how to use and apply these truths to his everyday life.

Such a curriculum cannot be administered and taught by a staff that is non-Christian. The staff members must have a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Unless He reigns in their lives, they cannot direct learning activities that show Him to be the Creator, Purpose, and Sustainer of all things.

Our goal is that all of our students be rightly related to God, i.e., 1) born again, 2) in fellowship with Him, and 3) desiring to be submissive to our Lord.

Where there is a God-centered curriculum, a staff of godly teachers and students who genuinely know the Lord, there you have education that is truly Christian.

Rochester Hills Christian School offers a curriculum in a conventional classroom setting and atmosphere. A solid foundation for reading is laid, beginning in kindergarten and first grade, with a strong phonetic program and approach which strives to develop independent readers. Success in other academics depends to a large degree on a child's reading ability.

Excellency shall be strived for in every class and activity. The Christian has no excuse to present only an average effort. He must strive to excel and thus to offer the Lord his best, even as He did for us.

Patriotism is the love and loyal support of a person for his country. This includes attachment to a country's land and people, admiration for its customs and traditions, and devotion to its well-being. The term "patriotism" implies a feeling of oneness and membership in the nation. Outstanding literary works praise loyalty to a country and willingness to suffer even death in defense of a country's freedom and good name. Our school endeavors to develop patriotism in order to create an appreciation for the common memories, hopes and traditions of our country. The Constitution, with the responsibilities and freedoms it defines, is a document that must be familiar to the students if they are to be the type of citizen of which we can all be proud.

Insurance

School accident insurance is required for every student and has been included in the registration fee. If an accident occurs, please make sure that the office personnel is aware of the incident so that the proper paper work may be filed within ten days of the accident.

Emergency School Closing

If school will be closed due to inclement weather, an announcement will be made on WWJ/News Radio/950 AM or TV channels 2, 4, or 7.

Class Projects

We invite the participation of all our students and parents to help the individual high school classes in their efforts to raise funds. There will be at least one school-wide fund raising event, but also there will be some sponsored by the classes for their senior trip, class project or by the athletic or music department for needs that might develop there. The school does appreciate all the support that can be given during these times.

Family Service Program

This is a required program that encourages parental involvement. Twenty hours of volunteer time per family satisfies this requirement. For volunteer time under 20 hours, there will be a \$10.00 per unfulfilled hour charge due on May 1.

Chapel Program

Chapel programs will be held weekly for students in the elementary level. Secondary students will meet two times a week.

Chapel programs consist of music, Bible stories, preaching and special programs. Parents are invited to attend any chapel program.

High School Graduation Requirement

In order to graduate and receive a High School Diploma from Rochester Hills Christian School, all graduating seniors must meet the following stipulations:

Twenty-one academic credits will be required plus a Bible course each year the student is enrolled at Rochester Hills Christian School. Many profitable electives make possible the accumulation of more credits than those required. Being enrolled in at least one elective course each year will broaden a student's knowledge. Rochester Hills Christian School meets or surpasses every high school course requirement set forth by the State of Michigan.

SUBJECT	CREDIT (S)
English	4
History	4
Math	3
Science	3
Computer Literature	1
Speech	1
Bible (per year enrolled)	1
Electives	5 (or more)

To be classified as a:	You MUST have:
Sophomore	5 credits
Junior	10 credits
Senior	16 credits

All students are expected to carry a full load, 7 classes, each semester. Students may not take more than one study hall period per day.

Homework

We believe that homework is an integral part of the school program and each teacher is at liberty to give homework to aid each student to advance in his studies. Each student is expected to complete homework assignments. Homework is given for several purposes:

1. **For reinforcement.** We believe that most students require solid drilling to master material essential to their educational programs.
2. **For practice.** Following classroom explanation, illustration, and drill on new work, homework is given so that the material will be mastered.
3. **For remedial activity.** As instruction progresses, various weak points in a student's grasp of a subject matter becomes evident. Homework, following instruction, is given to overcome such difficulties.
4. **For special projects.** Book reports, compositions, special research assignments and projects are some of the activities that are frequently the subject of our homework attention.

We need parents' full cooperation and support in seeing that all homework assignments are not only done, but completed to the best of the student's ability. Filling in the blanks or pulling answers out of the air as a pretense of finishing cannot be condoned. In grades 7 – 12, detentions will be issued for failure to have homework when meeting in class.

There may be some "reasonable" work assigned on Wednesday nights. We encourage students to attend their mid-week church service and will not make this a "regular" night of homework.

BOYS' DRESS CODE

1. Hair must be styled in good taste. Boys are not to color their hair. Hair must be off the eye-brows, ears and collar. Hair is to be tapered in the back, with the sideburns no longer than mid-ear. At times it is necessary to "thin" the hair so that it may be kept within guidelines as stated. No "lines," "designs," "preppy cuts," or "spiked" hair is permitted on boys. No shaving of heads completely or partially is allowed. Regular or normal haircuts are the required guidelines. If there should be any questions, the administrator will clarify any problems. If hair code is not met, it may become necessary to send a student home until the hair standard is met. Young men are to be clean shaven also.
2. Clothing with the name Abercrombie visible may not be worn.
3. Boys are to wear slacks. They are to be neat and fit modestly. Grades 7-12 boys' slacks are not to have more than four pockets. Dress slacks, cords and classis docker style pants will be allowed. Grades K-6 boys may wear colored jeans, cords, or dress pants. Slacks are not to be baggy or over sized and must be worn at the waist. No camouflage pants or sweatpants are to be worn for classroom wear. Elementary boys may wear blue jeans on their P.E. day.
4. Shirts are to be fully buttoned, but collars may be open. Turtlenecks are allowed. Boys through thrid grade may wear dressy un-collared shirts, but not T-shirts. Boys (4th-12) are to wear collared shirts and keep them tucked in at all times. Sweatshirts are not permitted for 7-12th grades. If a sweater is worn, a collared shirt or turtleneck must be worn.
5. For grades 7-12, appropriate dress shoes and socks are to be worn at all times. Tennis shoes are permitted for P.E. class only. No sandals, please. For grades K-6th, tennis shoes are permitted. Socks are required. N. Sandals, please.
6. Necklaces, bracelets, earrings, multiple rings, or traditionally feminine jewelry are **not** to be worn at school or any school function.
7. No hats are to be worn in the building.
8. Grades 7-12 boys' chapel dress is a dress shirt and tie.
9. If dress code is not met, it may become necessary to send the student Home.

Our young men are to be examples of Christian character and masculinity.

CASUAL DRESS

GIRLS: Full, loose fitting, long walking shorts or culottes to the bottom of the knee for grades 7-12 and to the middle of the knee for 6th grade and below will be permitted. Tops must meet regular dress code standards. Sweatshirts and tennis shoes will be allowed.

BOYS: Sweatshirts and uncollared dress (but not t-shirts) without inappropriate words or pictures, blue jeans, and tennis shoes will be permitted.

Dress Code

CLASSROOM ATTIRE:

Believing that our outward appearance is a reflection of our heart and mind, the Rochester Hills Christian School does expect all students to exercise good taste and judgment in their dress **at all times**.

Decisions will be made yearly concerning dress styles. Guidelines may be requested from the office. Final decisions concerning dress codes will be determined by the Administration.

GIRLS' DRESS CODE

1. Hair must be clean and styled neatly. All hairdos must be in good taste and are not to reflect any "worldly styles" or present fads.
2. Clothing should fit comfortable, not tightly. Necklines must be modest at all times. No clothing with the name Abercrombie visible may be worn.
3. Blouses are to be modest, and may have only the top button (neck area) undone. No "tee shirt" type blouse with words or pictures across the chest will be allowed in grades 6-12. (A small logo printed on the side is acceptable.) Sweatshirts in secondary are not permitted. Tops designed to be tucked in **must** be tucked in. Girls tops must have sleeves. Tops must be long enough to cover the body at all times, including when girls raise their arms, sit, and bend over. Tops are not to be form fitting or low or designed or have trim in such a way as to accent the bust line. The layered look is acceptable, but the top layer must be at least to the natural waist.
4. Skirts and dresses are the appropriate dress for classroom wear. All skirts or dresses must be modest in appearance and length. Dress length for grades 7-12 must come to the **bottom of the knee** and should not "ride" up the leg when sitting. Slits are not allowed to be higher than the bottom of the knee, even if pinned. For 6th grade and below, dress length must be to the middle of the knee or longer. Slits are not allowed to be higher than the middle of the knee, even if pinned. No slacks or form fitting skirts or dresses. Front slits for all young ladies must be modest when seated and not open above the knee. Denim skirts must be dressy looking and not be partially faded, bleached, dirty looking or raveled.
5. Young ladies are asked to wear some type of "stocking" for class wear. No high heeled or platform shoes, make-up, or excessive jewelry is allowed in grades 1 – 6.
6. Regular shoes are required. No tennis shoes or athletic shoes in grades 7–12. Elementary girls are allowed to wear tennis shoes or dress shoes. No flip flops are allowed.
7. If dress code is not met, it may become necessary to send the student home.

Our young ladies are to be examples of Christian character and of femininity.

Bible

Here at Rochester Hills Christian School, the Bible is the hub of the educational wheel, the center of the student's learning experience. The Bible and the teaching of Jesus Christ are not substituted for any academic subject, but they are the foundation of our total educational program. It is the purpose of our school to aid the students to learn truth from error and to learn to choose between good and best. The Bible is taught to develop strong character and sound values. Piety is not substituted for learning, but Bible far excels all other courses offered in this school in laying a sure foundation of moral and spiritual values in a day of moral decay and spiritual apostasy. Without a working knowledge of the Bible, a student can hardly be considered educated in the truest sense.

Memory Verses

The necessary Bible Scripture is given to the students by their teacher (grades K – 6) or their Bible teacher (grades 7 – 12). The time period for memorization and the accountability procedures will be up to the respective teacher.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

Reporting System

The purpose of our reporting system is to give parents and children an indication of the progress or lack of progress which is being made. Each child's ability, attitude, and application are taken into account for grading.

The following will be done in order that parents may know of their child's progress:

1. Weekly folders that contain work completed are sent home with each Kindergarten – 6th grade student in order for parents to chart the progress of their child.
2. Special reports are sent out the fifth week of each nine week marking period to those students receiving below "C" in any subject.
3. Students receive report cards on a nine week schedule. There is a charge to replace lost report cards.
4. A conference is needed with the teacher and parents after the first nine week marking period. Parents are urged to ask for a conference with the teacher whenever they feel it is necessary and to attend a meeting when a teacher schedules one.

The grading scale for Rochester Hills Christian School is as follows:

92 – 100	A	Superior
82 – 91	B	Above Average
72– 81	C	Average
65 – 71	D	Below Average
64 – 0	F	Failure
	W	Withdrawn
	I	Incomplete
	S	Satisfactory
	U	Unsatisfactory

Boy – Girl Relationships

I Corinthians 6:19, 20: "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Our school is a co-educational institution. It is wholesome for boys and girls to develop many friendships during the formative teenage years. These friendships should be with members of the same sex as well as with members of the opposite sex.

To avoid unbecoming behavior and life-long regrets, students are discouraged from coming to our school or leaving after school in mixed groups unless accompanied by an adult approved by the administration.

Outward show of affection, such as holding hands, arms around one another, etc., will not be permitted. In junior and senior high, no members of the opposite sex may touch each other in any manner while on school property or attending any school activity. Also, to avoid any problems, we ask that young people not become engaged during their high school years.

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul:
the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."

Psalm 19:7

Home / School Communication

It is our desire to serve you and your family to the very best of our ability. To accomplish this desire, we want to keep all lines of communication open. If problems arise of any nature, your child's teacher or the administrator will call you. Should you have any situation arise regarding your child and his/her teacher, please call the administrator to set up an appointment with the parent(s), the teacher and the administrator. If further meetings are necessary, the superintendent of RHCS will be in attendance. The school board (deacon board of RHBC) will make the final decision in situations that cannot be resolved with the above procedures.

Discipline

Our definition of discipline is stated in Webster's dictionary: "Training which corrects, molds, strengthens or perfects the mental faculties or moral character." We believe that discipline is an important part of the training offered at Rochester Hills Christian School. It is our goal that the imposed discipline will lead to self-discipline: "Discipline yourself and others will not have to discipline you."

The Bible teaches respect for authority:

Colossians 3:20 -- "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."

Hebrews 13:17a -- "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves..."

While discipline is basically positive training in the right direction (Proverbs 22:6), there is the negative side of correction and adherence to the rules. The parents and teachers must cooperate fully with one another. Anything said or done which tears down respect and authority for either will harm the child. When there is a misunderstanding, take it quickly to the teacher. Offer a conference or even a note can clear up the difficulty. Should a problem remain, then feel free to consult the Principal, then the Superintendent.

Disciplinary measures considered reasonable by the administration will be meted out to the offending students. This may include detention, suspension, or expulsion from school.

Junior – Senior High School Honor Roll

Principal's Honor Roll

Students must receive all A's and a 1 or 2 in conduct.

"A" Honor Roll

Students must have A's in classes that total a minimum of three credits with no grade lower than an 85. Students must not have a conduct grade lower than a three.

"B" Honor Roll

Students must have an 85% average with nothing lower than a 75%. Students must not have a conduct grade lower than a "3".

Conduct Grade:

A numerical figure is used to record the conduct of students as follows:

1. Superior
2. Good
3. Poor
4. Unsatisfactory

Elementary Honor Roll

Principal's Honor Roll

Students must receive all A's and a 1 or 2 in conduct. All classes except penmanship are included.

"A" Honor Roll

Students must have a minimum of three A's in subject grades with no grade lower than a B. They must have a 1 or 2 in conduct.

"B" Honor Roll

Students must have a B average in subject grades with no grade lower than a C and at least a 2 in conduct.

Conduct Grade:

A numerical figure is used to record the conduct of students as follows:

1. Superior
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
5. Unsatisfactory

Standard of Conduct

It is the desire of Rochester Hills Christian School to provide an environment conducive to the spiritual growth and development of our students. Students and faculty must avoid practices which cause the loss of sensitivity to the spiritual needs of the world and to their brothers' and sisters' physical, mental and spiritual well being.

In order to have an atmosphere that will promote the spiritual welfare of the student, Rochester Hills Christian School has adopted the following standards:

1. To abstain from swearing, indecent language and literature, the use of tobacco in any form, drinking alcoholic beverages, the abuse of drugs, gambling, dancing, attending Hollywood movie theaters and from listening to rock music.
2. To abstain from watching TV programs that have vulgar jokes, immoral sex scenes, and activities that Christ would not approve.
3. To abstain from viewing inappropriate material on the internet.
4. To maintain Christian standards of courtesy, kindness, morality and honesty.
5. To be dressed appropriately and modestly **at all times**.
6. Parents: Rochester Hills Christian School must insist that parents dress modestly when visiting and coming to school functions. Please, no smoking on school property or at any school activity.

In this atmosphere of definite and positive Christian standards of conduct, there is a fine opportunity for the development of a strong and stable Christian character. Students found out of harmony with Rochester Hills Christian School's standard of conduct in practice or attitude will be asked to withdraw whenever the general welfare of the school demands it.