

# **ELK VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

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## **Preface**

The Elk Valley Christian School Board defines many guidelines and rules to ensure the high standards required by Elk Valley Christian School are maintained. A summary of these is presented in this handbook for your guidance and information, and is not intended to be all encompassing. Therefore, we ask for everyone's understanding that Elk Valley Christian School does have additional policies, guidelines, and rules that apply to situations not addressed in this handbook. Should something arise that has not been properly addressed in the past, the School Board will handle that situation on an individual basis.

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Location

The Elk Valley Christian School (EVCS) campus is located on the grounds of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at 5110 Elk River Road North (Route 119), in Elkview, West Virginia. Pleasant Island Youth Camp is located just north of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

### 1.2 History of Elk Valley Christian School

EVCS began during the 1974 school year. It is the oldest Christian school in the state of West Virginia still in existence. EVCS began with kindergarten through 6th grade, with grades 7 through 9 added shortly thereafter. The following year, the school expanded to include grades 10 through 12. EVCS proudly presented its first graduating class in 1976.

### 1.3 Statement of Faith

We believe that the Bible, both the Old and New Testament, was given by inspiration of God, and is our only rule in matters of faith and practice. We believe in creation, not evolution; man was created by the direct act of God and in the image of God. We believe that Adam and Eve, in yielding to the temptation of Satan, became fallen creatures. We believe that all men are born in sin. We believe in incarnation, the virgin birth, and the deity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We believe in His vicarious and substitutional atonement for the sins of mankind by the shedding of His blood on the cross. We believe in the resurrection of His body from the tomb, His ascension to Heaven, and that He is now our Advocate. We believe that He is personally coming again. We believe in the necessity of the new birth, and that this new birth is through the regeneration by the Holy Spirit. We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in the atoning blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### 1.4 Purpose

EVCS will seek not only to train children how to make a living, but more importantly, how to live. The challenging age that lies ahead of today's youth will require adults whose moral and spiritual values form the basis for judgment and commitment in order to remain free. Feeding the minds and bodies of students while leaving them spiritually illiterate will produce citizens without Christian character, without love of God or love of country. It is the firm conviction of EVCS that in order to develop solid Christian character, education must be Christian in context.

Love of God and country were primary concerns of our Pilgrim Fathers in the education of their children. The staff of EVCS shares the same concerns. Love of country is never taken for granted. Every effort will be made to instill pride in our abundant heritage. Respect of our country's flag and national leaders is stressed and interest in government is encouraged. The Constitution with the responsibilities and the freedoms it defines is a document that must be familiar to students if they are to be the type of citizens of which we all can be proud.

Since the Christian school is considered to be an extension of the Christian home, another area of concern of EVCS is self-discipline. Children are taught to honor the rights of others and to respect manners, rules, and laws, all of which are created to preserve our freedom. When students cannot control their own actions and emotions, then invariably their actions are controlled for them. "Discipline yourself and others will not have to discipline you" is a statement students should remember.

The question concerning moral issues is never sidestepped. Developing Christian values is vital if young people are to grow to become responsible citizens and parents. Therefore, at each grade level, the education is of little value if the student is morally ignorant. Dress codes, personal habits and leisure time activities are a part of the overall program in developing Christian character through moral training.

Furthermore, it will be the purpose of the school to aid students to learn truth from error, to learn to choose between good and best, and to teach the skill fundamentals of reading, writing, spelling, mathematics and independent study so thoroughly that our pupils will be prepared with the acquisition of knowledge without hindering limitation.

The purpose of EVCS is to provide opportunities for young people to become gracious and strong leaders and follow the delegated leadership of their peers with the same graciousness and full cooperation. EVCS desires to send out into the world young people who will truly be lights in this night of darkness--confident, devout, Christian leaders.

EVCS is a ministry of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Mt. Pleasant is an independent, fundamental Baptist church built on the fundamental Bible doctrines. In areas of doctrine taught in Bible classes, the historic fundamental Baptist positions are held.

But in saying all that, know that EVCS is a happy place for children. Learning should be and must be fun. There must be both a spiritual and academic challenge to the program, but students must also enjoy their time on the campus. They must realize that this kind of preparation is vital to their service to God and their personal happiness in this life.

### **1.5 Objectives**

- a) To teach that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to earth to die for our sins.
- b) To teach the necessity of being born again by the Spirit of God through receiving the Lord Jesus Christ.
- c) To teach that growth in Christian life depends upon fellowship with God through reading the Bible.
- d) To teach that the Bible is the Word of God. It is practical and the most important tool in living the Christian life. The King James Version will be the only version used at EVCS.
- e) To teach the student to get along with non-Christians, and with Christians who hold different views, while standing on definite convictions that line up with the Word of God.
- f) To teach the student to respect those in authority.
- g) To teach the student to work for him/her self and to stand for his/her personal convictions in a world of compromise.

### **1.6 School Board**

The Elk Valley Christian School Board consists of the Administrator (Pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church), Principal and five men who are members of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, and elected by the church, and have children that are students of Elk Valley Christian School.

## 2.0 ADMISSIONS POLICY

### 2.1 Admission to Elk Valley Christian School

#### 2.1.1 Requirements for Admission

Many Biblical passages speak of the necessity of Christian education. Psalm 127:3 says, “*Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is His reward.*” All children belong to God. That means God should have first claim on them. It means the education provided for children is of concern to God. Perhaps the greatest task of parents is to properly educate their child(ren) in a way that agrees with the Biblical prescription.

The Staff at EVCS views education primarily as a task of edification. In other words, the school exists to aid students, who are committed to the Lord, as they move forward in their spiritual and academic development. Because the thrust is one of edifying or building up believers, unsaved students tend to see themselves as being out-of-step or even out-of-place if they are enrolled. In admitting students, these general guidelines are followed:

1. At least one of the parents or guardians must be saved and must live a life that shows a commitment to Jesus Christ and must express a commitment of support to the school.
2. If the student is at least age twelve (12), that student must have at some time received Jesus Christ as personal Savior and must be living a life showing a strong commitment. The final decision on admission is at the discretion of the Principal.
3. If the student is at least age twelve (12), that student must express a desire to be at EVCS and express a willingness to live in accordance with the spiritual, academic, and behavior standards of the school.
4. A student in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades must have a GPA of 2.0 to be admitted.

#### 2.1.2 Procedures for Admission

- Each of the application forms must be fully completed and returned to the school with the application fee.
- The parents and student applicant must attend an interview with the Principal.
- The Principal will review the application and inform the family whether the applicant has been granted or denied acceptance. The final decision on admission is at the discretion of the Principal.
- If a class has reached its capacity or if the early enrollment period has not yet ended, the applicant’s name will be placed in the accepted applicant pool.

### 2.2 Other Requirements

2.2.1 Birth Certificate - with the official seal embossed thereon from the state registrar of vital statistics (hospital record is not acceptable)

2.2.2 Immunization records – signed by the physician

2.2.3 Pastor’s Recommendation (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – signed by the pastor

2.2.4 Transfer of Records - include request form with application documents

### 2.3 Re-enrollment Policy

- Re-enrollment for students expecting to return to EVCS will open in the month of March.
- Current students will have first access to space available.
- At the end of the early enrollment period, classroom space will be open to new students.

## 2.4 Non-Discrimination/Statement of Cooperation

- Elk Valley Christian School admits students of any race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, and athletic or other school sponsored programs.
- Parents are required to sign a Statement of Cooperation when registering their children for the school year.

## 3.0 FINANCIAL POLICY

### 3.1 Tuition Information

#### 3.1.1 Tuition Due Date and Payment Plans

- Lump sum payment of all fees and tuition by the first day of school, receive a Tuition Fee discount.
- Twelve Payments – Tuition payments are made on a monthly basis (either the 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, or 30<sup>th</sup>.) Twelve payments run July – June. (See Financial Secretary for details.)
- Families with seniors will be put on a 10 month payment plan July – April.
- A late charge of \$20 will be assessed to your account if any payment is not received within 10 days from the payment due date.
- Students having attended any portion of a month will owe for the entire month.
- There is an Annual non-refundable SMART fee.
- Tuition payments should be mailed to SMART.
- See SMART terms & conditions for full details.
- A Returned Check Fee of \$20 will be assessed for any returned check to SMART or EVCS. Additional fees may be imposed by your bank.
- Once the account is thirty (30) days past due, parents will be notified. Once the account is sixty (60) days past due, the School Board will review the account and consider further attendance.
- Pre-school (K3 & K4) students: Once the account is thirty (30) days past due, the account must be brought current within five school days before the student can return to EVCS.

#### 3.1.2 After Care: Students (K-3 - 6th)

The After Care Program begins after school; from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Students who are already enrolled in the program will report directly to the classroom where the After Care Program is being held. If their parent or guardian has not picked up a student who is not enrolled in the Program by 2:45, he or she will be placed in the After Care and the appropriate charge made.

Parents are responsible for all fees and other charges. After Care invoices are due within 14 days. If payment for after care services is not received by the due date, the student will not be permitted to use extended care until the account is brought to current status.

### **3.1.3 Release of Transcripts and Diplomas**

All accounts owed to EVCS must be paid in full before transcripts or diplomas will be released. In the event of withdrawal, transfer, or expulsion, the parents are responsible for full payment of tuition and other fees. Full payment of tuition and other fees must be made through the end of the calendar month. The school reserves the right to withhold report cards and student records until tuition and other fees have been paid in full. By signing the "Parent's Pledge of Cooperation", a parent is authorizing the school to withhold report cards and other records until tuition and other fees have been paid in full.

## **3.2 Fund-Raisers**

3.2.1 EVCS does sponsor two fund-raisers annually.

- Fall Fundraiser
- Walk-A-Thon

3.2.2 Some classes and organizations sponsor limited fund-raisers.

3.2.3 All fundraisers must be approved by School Board.

## **3.3 Registration, Textbook, and Other Fees**

3.3.1 The registration fee is charged once annually to cover the cost of records processing, mailing and American Association of Christian Schools membership.

3.3.2 Families with delinquent accounts will not be permitted to register students for the next school year until the account is made current.

3.3.3 The book fee is charged for rented books from the school.

- Textbook fee is considered a rental fee; it does not cover the full cost of the books to EVCS. Students withdrawing from EVCS will not be given textbooks (this includes "consumable" textbooks).

3.3.4 Athletic fee must be paid prior to distribution of uniforms.

3.3.5 A class fee is collected from 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students to be applied to student's senior trip.

3.3.6 Various classes may be charged an additional fee as needed. (i.e. Chemistry, Physics)

3.3.7 All fees are non-refundable.

## 4.0 ATTENDANCE

### 4.1 Responsibility

Regular school attendance is essential for learning. Sporadic or irregular attendance causes the student to lag in academics and spiritual growth, thus endangering academic and spiritual progress. Parents should insist on faithful attendance by their children. Parents will be notified of excessive absence.

### 4.2 Recognition for Faithful Attendance

Special recognition will be given annually for Perfect and Faithful Attendance (less than 3 days absent).

### 4.3 Excused and Unexcused Absences

#### 4.3.1 Excused Absences

Absences are excused if the student is sick, there is a death in the family, the student has a doctor's appointment, or for other reasons considered appropriate by the Principal. Missed work may be made up for full credit.

#### 4.3.2 Unexcused Absences

Absence from school without permission or for reasons that are not legitimate will be considered an unexcused absence. Students will be penalized 10% for work missed.

#### 4.3.3 Requests by Parents for Students to be Absent

Parents may request special permission for students to be absent when such absences are required by the family. Permission should be requested in writing to the Principal at least one week prior to the absence. Missing tests or special programs should be avoided if possible. Students having academic difficulty should not be absent if possible.

### 4.4 Excessive Absences

If a student exceeds the number of absences allowed by the West Virginia State Board of Education, the county board in which the student resides will be notified of the excessive absences.

4.4.1 Any number of absences beyond 10 days per semester is defined as excessive.

4.4.2 Attendance and Driving

The State of West Virginia by law has made regular school attendance a condition of licensing for the privilege of operating a motor vehicle. If, during a single semester, a student accumulates more than ten consecutive unexcused absences or fifteen total unexcused absences, he/she will be prohibited from obtaining a learners or driver's permit. If the student already possesses a driver's license, the license and all driving privileges will be relinquished.

### 4.5 Tardiness

4.5.1 Students arriving after 7:55 a.m. and before 9:00 a.m. are considered tardy. (Exceptions will be made in cases of inclement weather, scheduled doctor appointments and late bus arrival.) If a student (grades K3 through 12th) arrives on the campus after the 7:55 a.m. school bell, he/she must come to the school office to sign in. (This includes students who have arrived on campus late due to inclement weather or late bus arrival.) All students who arrive late at any time during the school day must come to the school office to sign in. Upon signing in, the student will be given a permission slip to enter his/her individual class. If the student (grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) is tardy without a legitimate excuse, then he/she will be given demerits.

- 4.5.2 Students arriving at school after 9:00 a.m. but before 11:30 a.m. will be given a half-day absence on their attendance record. Students arriving at school after 11:30 a.m. will receive a full day's absence on their attendance record. Students must be in attendance at least 3 hours during the day to receive credit for a half-day attendance.

Tardy		$\frac{1}{2}$ Day Absent						Whole Day Absent					
7:55	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	2:46

#### 4.6 Early Dismissals

- 4.6.1 Early dismissals are defined as those times when a student must leave the school campus between the hours of 7:55 a.m. and 2:46 p.m. Students will receive no absence penalty on his attendance record if they are only away from the classroom for 60 minutes or less. If the student is away from the classroom for more than 60 minutes, but in attendance at least 3 hours, that student will receive a half day absence on their attendance record. If he/she has not been in the classroom at least 3 hours for the school day, the student will receive a full day absence on his attendance record.
- 4.6.2 Notification of early dismissal needs to be presented to the school office at least one day in advance of a planned early dismissal (i.e. doctor's appointment or family trip). However, in the event of emergency or last minute change in appointment, the office may be notified by phone.
- 4.6.3 Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds during school hours without permission of the administration and their parents. **Parents should send a note stating reason and time of departure.** Students are expected to be on the school grounds from arrival in the morning until school dismissal in the afternoon.

Whole Day Absent						$\frac{1}{2}$ Day Absent			No Absence				
7:55	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	2:46

#### 4.7 Informing the School

- 4.7.1 Absences for any reasons other than illness, professional appointments, or death in the immediate family must be pre-arranged with the administration at least one day in advance.
- 4.7.2 Parents should inform the school office why their child is absent either by calling the office or sending a note.

#### 4.8 Make-Up Work

- 4.8.1 If a student misses class for an excused absence, he/she is to secure missed class work from the teacher or a fellow student and complete it within a reasonable period of time, as designated by the teacher (usually this would mean one day of makeup time for each day missed). Students will suffer a penalty for unexcused absences. (See 4.3.2)
- 4.8.2 It is the responsibility of the student to secure missed homework and make-up tests when absent from school.
- 4.8.3 Parents may call the school office and request homework information, but requests must be made before 12:00 noon on the day of the request, and they also need to supply information as to how the homework will be picked up.

## 5.0 STUDENT BEHAVIOR

### 5.1 Philosophy of Discipline

Leadership and faculty of EVCS strongly believe that each student is created in the image of God; is possessed of worth, dignity and reason; and is capable of living his/her life making wise choices. Wise choices are those in agreement with the counsel of God. It is Jeremiah who says “*O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man to direct his steps.*” (Jeremiah 10:23) Therefore, the purpose of a discipline system is to teach each child to live a structured life under the counsel of God.

The staff of EVCS strives to develop in students a disciplined lifestyle. Discipline is viewed as positive training (Proverbs 22:6) that leads to an acceptance of the need for structure in living for God and in accepting God’s authority over us and His ownership of us. (Romans 14:7-8) A disciplined life brings blessing, but there is also a negative side. Poor self-discipline results in negative consequences and punishment. Such measures may include reprimands, loss of privileges, detention, suspension and/or expulsion.

Obedience to a few simple expectations will enable any student to avoid disciplinary probation or more severe consequences. Note these:

- Faithfulness to the school’s provisions to develop suitable spiritual growth and development.
- Faithfulness to the school’s provision for suitable academic growth and development.
- Respect for the authority of the School Board, the Administration and the faculty. Proper titles of address should always be used.
- Respect for the personhood of all students, regardless of ethnic or racial origins, economic status of the family, academic ability or church membership.
- Acceptance of reasonable rules of behavior in classrooms, hallways and lunch rooms related to loudness, physical contact between the sexes, and general rowdiness.
- Observance of the dress and hair codes.
- Rejection of the fads and practices of the current worldly culture.

Attention to these seven rules will enable any student to avoid problems of a disciplinary nature.

### 5.2 Discipline System - Elementary Grades

5.2.1 Discipline in the elementary grades will be handled by teachers. Difficult cases must be referred to the School Principal..

5.2.2. The sixth grade may use the Merit System (see 5.3) anytime during the school year at the teacher’s discretion.

### 5.3 Discipline System (Grades 7th - 12th)

#### 5.3.1 Merit System

It is to be desired that students develop self-control and discipline in order that they may effectively serve God. The Scriptures teach that self-discipline is learned through modeled and imposed discipline. Because of this, a framework for discipline is incorporated to guide the students. Our goals are:

- 1) To set standards which, although they may not please everyone, will unquestionably uphold the principles of the Word of God.
- 2) To provide an atmosphere of decency and order in which the students can effectively learn academic and spiritual truths.
- 3) To furnish institutional standards which will provide a model for students as they determine personal standards which are in accordance with Scripture and its principles.
- 4) To incorporate a system which will provide a fair and consistent evaluation of a student’s behavior.

A merit system is used to monitor a student's behavior. It is designed to reward good behavior and punish wrong behavior. A student begins the semester with 100 merit points. If a student misbehaves, demerits will be assigned which are subtracted from the student's balance of merit points. After dropping below 100 merit points, a student will earn 2 merit points for each week he does not receive demerits. Special recognition will be given at the end of the year to students who maintain a high level of merit points. The following list details offenses included in the merit system. This list is not meant to be all-inclusive. The principal reserves the right to make the final decision concerning assignment of any demerits for a student's behavior.

Offense	Occurrence							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	...
Disruptive/talking in class	1	2	4	6	8	10	10	10
Dress code violations	1	2	4	6	8	10	10	10
Class Tardiness	1	2	4	6	8	10	10	10
Unprepared	1	2	4	6	8	10	10	10
Gum/food/drink in class	1	2	4	6	8	10	10	10
Disrespect of peers	5	5	10	10	10	10	10	10
Horseplay	5	5	10	10	10	10	10	10
Inappropriate language/music	5	5	10	10	10	10	10	10
Inappropriate touching, such as hugging, kissing	5	5	10	10	10	10	10	10
Physical contact	5	5	10	10	10	10	10	10
Defacing school property	10	15	20	25	30	-	-	-
Direct disobedience	10	15	20	25	30	-	-	-
Disrespect of authority	10	15	20	25	30	-	-	-
Indecent drawings, writing, etc.	10	15	20	25	30	-	-	-
Fighting	10	25	50	-	-	-	-	-
Skipping class	25	25	25	25	-	-	-	-
Leaving campus without proper permission	25	25	25	25	-	-	-	-
Lying	40	40	40	-	-	-	-	-
Attacking another student	50	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pornography	50	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smoking	50	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stealing, cheating	50	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alcohol/drugs	75	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual immorality	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	Based upon seriousness of offense.							

When a student falls below certain merit levels the following actions will occur.

**75 merits or less –** A letter is sent home informing the parents. A student will not be eligible for any extra curricular activities or honors.

**50 merits or less –** The student is placed on conduct probation and in-school suspension. The parents are informed by telephone. Re-enrollment for the next semester is reviewed by the School Board.

**25 merits or less –** The student is required to serve a 3 day out-of-school suspension (treated as unexcused absences—zeros on assignments). A parental conference is required. Re-enrollment for the next semester is reviewed by the School Board. When a student is suspended out of school, the student is not permitted on school property during the time of suspension. This includes activities, home or away games.)

**0 merits –** The student is dismissed from EVCS.  
The student may not apply for re-enrollment for 2 semesters.

In addition, a mandatory after school detention will be assigned for every 8 demerits. A student must secure his own transportation in order to meet this obligation.

- 1) Students in detention may be required to write an essay.
- 2) Essays will be reviewed by the Principal and returned to the student.

### **5.3.2 In-School Suspension**

The principal will assign in-school suspension for all students whose number of merit points fall to a level of 50.

### **5.3.3 School Suspension**

The principal will assign school suspension to students whose number of merit points fall to a level of 25.

### **5.3.4 School Expulsion**

The principal will recommend expulsion for students whose number of merit points fall to zero. The student will not be allowed on campus during school hours or activities sponsored by the school.

### **5.3.5 Refusal to Re-Enroll**

If a student falls below 50 merits for two consecutive semesters, it will be recommended that the student not be permitted to re-enroll for the following semester. The Review Committee, consisting of the Principal, two teachers, and a Board Member, will make the final decision.

## **5.4 Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation**

It is the intent of Elk Valley Christian School to maintain a learning and working environment free from bullying, harassment, and intimidation.

5.4.1 Bullying, harassment, and/or intimidation is evidenced by repeated physical, verbal, or emotional abuse towards a victim producing fear, harm, or damage.

5.4.2 Interfering with school purposes or with the orderly operation of school by using, threatening to use, or counseling other persons to use violence, force, coercion, threats, intimidations, fear or disruptive means.

5.4.3 Harassment may include, but is not limited to, sexual or racial abuse.

5.4.4 Upon report of alleged bullying, harassment, or intimidation, the Principal or designated investigator will conduct a thorough investigation and respond to the incident with appropriate measures which may include, but are not limited to, detention, probation, suspension, or expulsion.

## **5.5 Dangerous/Destructive Weapons**

5.5.1 No student is permitted to possess at school a firearm, deadly weapon, explosives, or any item that may inflict harm to another or damage to physical property.

5.5.2 Any such item will be confiscated from the student and the student will be subject to the appropriate disciplinary action with the maximum penalty being expulsion.

**5.6 Vandalism**

Vandalism will not be tolerated. Appropriate actions including restitution will be taken and may include expulsion.

**5.7 Substances**

A student may not possess or use tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances on or off campus. Appropriate action will be taken which will include suspension or expulsion.

**5.8 Sexual Immorality**

A student involved in sexual immorality will not be retained.

**5.9 Websites/Internet**

Inappropriate material on student websites, blogs, etc. will not be tolerated.

**5.9 Final Authority**

The EVCS School Board reserves the right to make final judgment regarding a student's behavior and the assignments of disciplinary consequences.

**6.0 DRESS CODE**

The key words in describing what is acceptable as school clothing are MODESTY, REASONABLENESS and NEATNESS. Dressing appropriately is a part of the disciplined life that God requires of each of us. I Timothy 2:9 speaks directly to the need for modest apparel for females. I Corinthians 11 speaks to the issue of hair. Close study of such passages would indicate that immodest apparel is an indication of a heart condition that is not pleasing to God. I Samuel 16:7 states that “. . . *for man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart.*” For these reasons, standards of modesty, reasonableness and neatness will be applied to both dress and hair styles for both males and females in the student body.

It is admitted that many of the standards have nothing to do with issues of right or wrong. The standards become an attempt to establish some uniformity in dress and hair styles that are applied equally to both males and females.

The faculty and School Board of EVCS have no desire to place undue hardship on parents. Reasonableness will be applied, and students will be dealt with on an individual basis. However, standards of modesty in dress must and will be applied to males and females alike. Therefore, the support of parents is absolutely essential in the matter of dress. Both the principal and the faculty are willing to discuss matters of dress and hair styles with those who inquire.

Any clothing, accessories, symbols, jewelry, or other paraphernalia, which depicts or suggests association with a gang or anti-Christian shall not be brought to school, worn to school, or in any way be present at any school related event.

Teachers are charged with the responsibility of enforcing student dress code policy in their classes as well as on campus. The Principal and other school personnel share the same responsibility. Teachers shall follow procedures for discipline referral regarding dress code violations.

## 6.1 Elementary Students

### 6.1.1 ELEMENTARY BOYS: GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- No jewelry, except for rings and a watch, may be worn.
- Hair must be neat and well groomed. Hair must not touch the top of the ears, collar, or eyebrows and must have a reasonable degree of taper and thinning completely around.
- Sideburns should not be any longer than the middle of the ear.
- Hair must not be cut or worn in such a way that inappropriate attention is drawn to the wearer.
- Hair should not be of an unnatural color.
- No hats should be worn in school.
- Shoes must have backs and be appropriate for play.
- Socks must be worn at all times.

#### SHIRTS:

- Shirts may be oxford or polo knit style. They may be of any color or print. Neat and attractive crew neck shirts may be worn.
- T-shirts with slogans or graphics must conform to school standards. Undershirt or recreational style may not be worn as a shirt.
- Clothing and items with inappropriate graphics (e.g., WWF characters, entertainment celebrities, etc.) are not permitted.
- Shirts must be short or long sleeved. Only the top button may be unbuttoned.
- A collared shirt is required for chapel day.
- Grades 3-6 are to have all shirts tucked in (not rolled under) at all times.
- No tight shirts, athletic shirts or jerseys of any kind may be worn.
- Sweatsuits, windsuits and other athletic apparel may not be worn. Shirts cannot be worn as a jacket.
- A sweater or sweatshirt may be worn but must have an appropriate shirt (as outlined above) underneath since the boy may desire to remove the outer garment when warm. They must be banded at the bottom, not straight or split. Sweatshirts with slogans on them may not be worn.

#### PANTS:

- Pants should fit properly, not too long or short, not too tight or oversized. Pants must be worn on the waist. No undergarments should be visible.
- Belts are optional for kindergarten through second grade. For boys in third through sixth grade, belts must be worn with pants that have belt loops.
- Pants should be in good condition, with no fraying or holes. Neat denim pants may be worn. Drawstring pants may not be worn.

### 6.1.2 ELEMENTARY GIRLS: GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- Hair should be neat and attractively maintained. Hairstyles should be conservative and out of the eyes.
- Hair should not be of an unnatural color.
- Make up or hose are not permitted for K3-4<sup>th</sup> grade. Girls in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade may wear hose and light make-up.
- Jewelry should be worn in good taste. Earrings may be worn in the lobe only.
- Leggings or tights may be worn under dresses or skirts in cold weather. No pants should be worn.

- Modest shorts may be worn under skirts to provide for more modest play on playground equipment.
- No hats should be worn in school.
- Shoes must be appropriate for play.

#### SHIRTS:

- Shirts or blouses should never be snug-fitting or low-necked so as to be immodest. Only the top button may be left unbuttoned. They may not be worn as jackets.
- Shirts should adequately cover the waistline and should not expose the midriff while the student is performing normal school-related activities (studying, retrieving books, raising hand, etc.)
- T-shirts with slogans or graphics must conform to school standards.
- Clothing and items with inappropriate graphics (e.g., WWF characters, entertainment celebrities, etc.) are not permitted.
- Shirts may be short or long sleeved.
- Sleeveless shirts are not permitted. Tank tops are not permitted.
- Sleeve opening should not expose undergarments.
- Never should blouses or sweaters (especially pullover types) be so tight that they accentuate the bust line. Most knit tops which are fitted should be considered too tight. All shirts must be loose enough to blouse when tucked in.
- Sweatshirts must be banded at the bottom, not straight or split. Sweatshirts with slogans on them may not be worn.

#### SKIRTS, JUMPERS, DRESSES:

- Skirts, jumpers and dresses should be no shorter than two inches above the top of the knee for girls in pre-school, kindergarten through third grade and should be to the middle of the knee for fourth through sixth grade girls. Skirts should remain at this length when girls are seated.
- Dresses and jumpers should be modest and loose fitting.
- All slits must be sewn to the appropriate skirt length guidelines.
- Denim skirts, jumpers and dresses may be worn but must not be faded or tattered.
- Shorts may be worn underneath dresses and skirts to ensure modesty during playtime.
- Elementary girls may wear culottes (not walking shorts). They should also be no shorter than the length stated above.
- Preschool (K3 & K4) girls are to abide by the rules above with the exception that short dresses may be worn with tights. In addition, K3 & K4 girls may wear culottes or long pants under their skirts for play time.

## **6.2 Junior and Senior High Students**

In a day of sloppy and careless dress, it is essential to our Christian testimony that EVCS maintain certain standards of refinement. Hairstyles, dress, etc. are subject to the regulations set forth by the School Board. Students are reminded that the faculty and staff are charged with the responsibility of enforcing these regulations. Should a faculty or staff member question a student's dress, the student is to give the faculty or staff member all due respect.

If students enter the school building for any reason, they must be in school dress.

## 6.2.2 BOYS:

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

- No jewelry, except for rings and a watch, may be worn.
- Hair must be neat and well groomed.
- Hair may not touch the top of the ears, collar or eyebrows and must have a reasonable degree of taper and thinning completely around.
- Boys must be clean shaven with sideburns no lower than the middle of the ear.
- Hair must not be cut in such a way that inappropriate attention is drawn to the wearer.
- Hair should not be of an unnatural color.
- No hats should be worn in school.
- Shoes with laces must be tied. Socks must be worn at all times. No athletic sandals may be worn.
- Chapel or other designated days, boys will be required to wear a dress shirt, tie properly tied, dress shoes and pants in a coordinating outfit. Denim pants of any color are not acceptable chapel dress.

### SHIRTS:

- No t-shirts.
- Shirts must be oxford or polo knit style with a turn-downed collar. They may be of any color or print but must be neat.
- Turtlenecks or mock turtlenecks are acceptable.
- Shirts may be short or long sleeved. Only the top button may be unbuttoned.
- All shirts must be tucked in and not rolled under.
- No tight shirts, athletic shirts or jerseys of any kind may be worn. Sweatsuits, windsuits and other athletic apparel may not be worn. Shirts cannot be worn as a jacket.
- Sweaters and sweatshirts may be worn but must have an oxford style or polo style (collar) shirt underneath. Sweaters must be banded at the bottom, not straight or split.

### PANTS:

- Pants should fit properly, not too long or short, not too tight or oversized. Pants must be worn on the waist. No undergarments should be visible
- Neat denim pants may be worn on non-chapel days.
- Neat and properly fitted cargo pants may be worn. No drawstring pants. Pants should be in good condition, no fraying or holes.
- No designs on hip-pockets.
- A belt must be worn with pants that have belt loops.

## 6.2.2 GIRLS:

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

- Hair should be neat and attractively maintained. Hair styles should be conservative and out of the eyes.
- Hair should not be of an unnatural color.
- Make up, if used, should be used modestly.
- Jewelry should be worn in good taste. It should not be excessively large or gaudy. Jewelry associated with worldly movements should be avoided.
- Earrings may be worn in the lower lobe only.
- No hats should be worn in school.
- Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times. Shoes with laces must be tied. Shoes with straps between the toes may not be worn. No athletic sandals or flip-flops may be worn. Clogs are acceptable.

- Chapel or other designated days, girls will be required to wear dress shoes. (No athletic or tennis shoes.) Denim jumpers, dresses, skirts of any color are not acceptable chapel dress.
- Homecoming and Prim dresses are to be approved in advance by the Principal or a designated committee.

#### SHIRTS:

- Shirts or blouses should never be snug-fitting or low-necked so as to make them immodest. Only the top button may be left unbuttoned. They may not be worn as jackets.
- Shirts should adequately cover the waistline and should not expose the midriff while the student is performing normal school-related activities (studying, retrieving books, raising hand, etc.)
- Shirts may be short or long sleeved. Tank tops are not permitted.
- A sleeveless shirt is not permitted.
- Sleeve opening should not expose undergarments.
- No T-shirts may be worn.
- No logos or graphics on shirts may be worn.
- Never should blouses or sweaters (especially pullover types) be so tight that they accentuate the bust line. Most knit tops which are fitted should be considered too tight. All shirts must be loose enough to blouse when tucked in.

#### SKIRTS, JUMPERS & DRESSES:

- Skirts, jumpers and dresses should come to the middle of the knee and must remain so when sitting. When sitting, young ladies should keep straight skirts smoothed down and tucked under at the sides. No tight fitting, thin material skirts.
- No front slits are permitted. All other slits must be sewn to the middle of the knee.
- Denim skirts, dresses, and jumpers must not be faded, white washed, or tattered. They must not be frayed at the bottom.

### **6.3 Parents' Dress**

In a day of immodest dress, it is difficult to teach our young people to dress in a neat and modest fashion. For this reason, we ask that parents who come on our campus dress in accordance with the rules of our students. Please follow this dress standard when coming on campus, attending school functions and field trips, or entering the buildings. Your help in this area will be greatly appreciated. It is difficult for us to enforce these standards with our students when parents are in violation.

### **6.4 Extracurricular Dress**

- Student spectators are permitted to wear slacks and jeans (without holes or fraying) to school sponsored athletic events if they are worn in a modest and neat fashion. All clothing and hair styles must be in a modest and neat fashion.
- Chapel dress standards apply to activities such as graduation, Prim, Homecoming Court, programs, etc.
  - Dress length must be to the knee or longer.
  - No low neckline or bare back.
  - Must have a sleeve or wide straps (at least 2 inches).
  - No slits above the knee.
  - Female guests of male students must comply with these standards.

**6.5 THE PRINCIPAL WILL HAVE FINAL AUTHORITY ON ALL MATTERS OF DRESS AND HAIR.** If a parent has a question about the dress code at any time, he/she should feel free to contact the Principal. Because dress is so important in our identification as Christians, any dress that portrays identification with ungodliness will be unacceptable.

## 7.0 ACADEMICS AND BIBLE

### 7.1 Bible Curriculum

Bible is a required subject at EVCS. From its pages' beams forth a crystal clear light for life's pathway and herein is revealed the only hope for the life to come. It enhances the study of other subjects such as English, history, and especially science. No other book can enrich the mind and heart and can prepare one for an effective life as this "Best Seller" of all time. A Christian school is privileged to use this most important tool in the work of character building, which is perhaps the most necessary task of a school. It 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. Only the King James Version is used at EVCS.

### 7.2 Academic Curriculum

The curriculum at EVCS consists of a structured Bible-centered approach with high academic standards for all students.

#### 7.2.1 Elementary

- Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)

We are committed to nurturing the whole child socially, emotionally, physically, spiritually and intellectually. A developmentally appropriate learning curriculum will be provided including large and small muscle activities, reading, science, art, language, music, literature and Bible concepts/stories.

- Kindergarten (K5)

The Kindergarten program is usually the first experience a child has had with school. Reading readiness, Bible memorization and math readiness are some of the skills learned in kindergarten. The reading program is based upon a balanced phonics/sight word approach. The whole kindergarten program helps prepare students for the first grade and at the end of the year there is a special graduation program. Cap and gown fees must be paid prior to graduation.

- Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

The elementary program is designed to develop the foundational learning skills that each child will need in his education. The early grades include instruction in Bible, reading, penmanship, math, science, social studies, spelling, music, art and physical education.

#### 7.2.2 Secondary

- 7th through 8th grades-Bible, English, Math, Pre-Algebra, History, Science, Keyboarding, Physical Education, Music
- 9th through 12th grades-Bible, English, History, Science, Math, Physical Education, Health, Career Planning/Speech, Electives

History -- Government & Economics, World Cultures, US History, 20<sup>th</sup> Century History

Science -- Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics

Math – Applied Math, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Advanced Math, Trigonometry, Calculus

Foreign Language -- Spanish I, Spanish II, other

Electives -- Choir, Accounting I, Accounting II, Computer Keyboarding, Computer-Office Basics, Visual Basic, Journalism/Yearbook, Art.

*The following classes will be weighted: Algebra II, Geometry, Advanced Math, Trigonometry, Calculus, Physics, Chemistry, and Accounting II, making it possible to have an academic average higher than 4.00.*

*Students should give careful consideration when registering for selected courses. No courses may be dropped or added after the second week of a new semester.*

### 7.3 Grading Scale

The school grading scale is as follows:

93 – 100	=	A	Plus (+) and minus (-) grades
85 – 92	=	B	are often assigned by teachers
77 – 84	=	C	to reflect the two upper and
70 – 76	=	D	two lower percentages of each
BELOW 70	=	F	letter grade.

Satisfactory	S	Unsatisfactory	U
Needs Improvement	N	Withdrew Passing	WP
Withdrew Failing	WF	Incomplete	INC

An "INC" will be changed to an "F" if not made up within three weeks after the end of a grading period.

### 7.4 Honor Roll and Other Honors

#### 7.4.1 Honor Roll

EVCS recognizes those who excel academically by placing them on the Honor Roll. To qualify for the honor rolls, the student must have at least four (4) units of work. The Honor Roll is divided as follows:

- ◆ **Pastor's List** – All "A"s.
- ◆ **"A" Honor Roll** --The minimum total grade point average must be 3.5 to 3.9 with no more than 1 "C" and no grade lower than "C".
- ◆ **"B" Honor Roll** – The minimum total grade point average must be 3.0 to 3.49 with no grade lower than a "C".

All school honor rolls will be submitted for publication in the Metro West and Metro North, Clendenin Herald, and "The Eagle's Nest". Any incomplete grade (INC) in a particular subject will cause a student to be ineligible for Honor Roll until the grade is finalized. If the Honor Roll has already been submitted for publication, names will not be added to the newspapers.

#### 7.4.2 Graduation Honors

- ◆ High Honors  
4 weighted classes and a 4.0 GPA by end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grading period, senior year  
or  
5 weighted classes and a 3.6 GPA by end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grading period, senior year
- ◆ Honors  
2 weighted classes and a 3.6 GPA by end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grading period, senior year

#### 7.4.3 Other Honors

Other important honors that students may attain are Mr. and Miss Elk Valley and being inducted into the American Christian Honor Society. To qualify, the student must show school spirit, Christian witness, obedience to authority, academic achievement and Christian character. Students are nominated by their teachers and then selected by vote of the faculty or designated committee.

7.4.4 Homecoming queen, king, princess, prince and attendants are nominated and voted by their peers. To qualify, the student must show school spirit, Christian witness, obedience to authority, academic achievement and Christian character.

### 7.5 Progress Reports and Report Cards

7.5.1 Progress reports are sent home at the mid-point of each grading period, if student account is current.

7.5.2 Report cards are issued at the end of each nine-week grading period, if student account is current.

## 7.6 Textbooks

### 7.6.1 Publishers

EVCS generally uses textbooks from Christian publishers. In rare cases where secular books are used, they are examined carefully for anti-Christian content.

### 7.6.2 Fee

A book fee will be charged annually for textbook rental.

### 7.6.3 Book Covers

Students are expected to keep covers on all textbooks.

### 7.6.4 Return of books

- Students must return all textbooks except consumables at the end of the school year.
- Students will be charged for lost textbooks or for textbooks damaged excessively.
- Students transferring or graduating must return all textbooks before transcripts and health records can be forwarded to another school.

### 7.6.5 Lost books

Parents will be required to reimburse the school for any books which the student may lose or damage. The cost of a new book will be charged if it is not usable. Other damage will be evaluated and charges assessed.

## 7.7 Homework

Each teacher is permitted to give homework to aid pupils in learning. As a rule, homework is for completing work started in class, drill, practice, or special projects.

Cumulative homework assignments for the average student should not exceed the following

1st Grade:	0 - 15 minutes	4th Grade:	30 - 40 minutes
2nd Grade:	15 - 30 minutes	5th Grade:	30 - 40 minutes
3rd Grade:	15 - 30 minutes	6th Grade:	40 - 50 minutes

Long term homework assignments (note cards, reports, bibliography cards, memory work, etc.) are to be turned in on the due date. If the student is absent on the due date, the assignment will be due on the day the student returns to school.

There should be little or no homework assignments on Wednesday evenings. In keeping with the spirit of this policy, no major tests should be given on Thursdays, unless totally unavoidable, and then only with permission from the Principal.

Each teacher will set standards for accepting homework assignments.

## 7.8 Field Trips

7.8.1 Field trips are a regular part of the curriculum of EVCS.

7.8.2 Permission and/or medical release forms must be signed by parents at least one week prior to the scheduled trip. No student will be allowed to go on a field trip without a permission slip signed by parent(s).

7.8.3 Students will be expected to ride on the bus or van provided unless parents have made other arrangements. At times, parents will be asked to chaperone and/or help provide transportation.

7.8.4 Students are to wear regular school dress unless a variation in the dress code is authorized by the Principal. Parents are asked to abide by similar standards.

7.8.5 Parents who volunteer to drive students in their own vehicles on field trips should understand that they accept liability in case of an accident.

7.8.6 Faculty members bear complete responsibility and are in charge of all field trips.

7.8.7 Parents will be informed of plans to visit Pleasant Island, but may not be required to fill out a permission slip.

## 7.9 Graduation Requirements

Because courses are offered on a semester basis, a student must pass the course each semester in order to receive the credit value assigned for that semester. If a student fails a required course, he/she will have to make up the credit. Seniors will be permitted to march in commencement exercises if they lack only 1 credit for graduation and if arrangements have been made to earn this credit in an approved summer school program. Some summer school classes are available for a fee through the county school systems. EVCS will grant credit for county school systems summer classes. Such courses must be pre-approved by the Principal.

Because of the value of the overall program, it is necessary for a student to attend 4 years of high school even though he or she may satisfy the graduation requirements in less than 4 years. If a student is allowed a fifth year at EVCS in order to graduate, he or she will likewise be expected to attend for the full day. Exceptions may be considered by the School Board.

Students in the 7th and 8th grades are required to take Bible, English, Math, History, Science, and Physical Education. Beginning in the 9th grade, students receive credits toward graduation and must complete the requirements for graduation listed below:

<b>Course</b>	<b>Classes of 2008 &amp; 2009</b>	<b>College Bound Students (Classes of 2010+)</b>	<b>General HS Diploma (Classes of 2010+)</b>
Bible*	4 Credits	4 Credits	4 Credits
English	4 Credits	4 Credits	4 Credits
Social Studies/ History (U.S., World, Govt., & 20 <sup>th</sup> Century)	4 Credits	4 Credits	4 Credits
Science (Physical & Biological required)	3 Credits	4 Credits	3 Credits
Mathematics	3 Credits (2 credits must be Algebra I and above)	4 Credits (3 credits must be Algebra I and above)	3 Credits (2 credits must be Algebra I and above)
Physical Education	1 Credit	1 Credit	1 Credit
Health	1 Credit	1 Credit	1 Credit
Speech/ Career Planning	1 Credit	1 Credit	1 Credit
Foreign Language	1 Credit	2 Credits	1 Credit
Elective courses chosen by student	4 Credits	2 to 4 Credits	4 Credits
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26 Credits</b>	<b>26 Credits</b>	<b>26 Credits</b>

The school allows some limited opportunity to drop or add courses during the first two weeks of the first semester, and to make arrangements for the same during the two weeks prior to the beginning of the second semester. These changes require approval of all teachers concerned, the student's parents, and the Principal.

- \* The requirement of four credits for Bible for graduation will be strictly enforced for all students (enrolled in EVCS grades 9-12) expecting to be graduated by EVCS. Bible will be one of those subjects offered in a summer school program at EVCS. This will permit students who fail a Bible course to make up that credit during the summer. Students who transfer to EVCS 10-12 grades will not be required to make up Bible credits for graduation. Bible is required for the semesters they are at EVCS.

Students who take high school courses before grade 9 (i.e., Foreign Language, Algebra) will receive high school credit. These courses will be used in calculating the student's GPA and will be used to determine class rank.

### **7.10 Promotion, Retention, Classification**

7.10.1 In grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, any student receiving a yearly grade of F in three academic subjects will automatically be retained. If a student receives an F in two subjects, one being Reading/English or Math, he/she will have to make up the respective subject in summer school before he/she will be promoted.

7.10.2 Promotion from grade 9 to 10 (sophomore) occurs when the student has earned six (6) credits and passed six (6) of eight (8) semesters in English, Social Studies (History), Mathematics, and Science. Promotion from grade 10 (sophomore) to 11 (junior) occurs when the student has earned 13 credits. Promotion from grade 11 (junior) to 12 (senior) occurs when the student has earned 19 credits.

7.10.3 If a student must take a pace class during the school year in order to graduate or because he/she has failed a class and is unable to take that class because of time schedule, he/she must pay class costs in addition to cost of textbooks.

### **7.11 Academic Probation**

Academic Probation status is assigned to any elementary, junior high, or senior high student whose grade point average falls below 2.00 (C-average) and no more than one "F" on a mid-term report or at the end of a nine-week's grading period. SEE "Athletics" (11 .1 .4) for more details.

### **7.12 Achievement and College Testing**

7.12.1 EVCS conducts a variety of achievement and abilities testing at all grade levels except the senior year. Results of these tests are reported to the West Virginia Department of Education as required under our Exemption K status with the state.

7.12.2 Students should take the American College Test (ACT) in the spring of their junior year so they will have their scores for college applications. They may retake the ACT during their senior year if they wish to improve their scores. Some colleges, however, may require the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) for admission instead of the ACT. Sophomores will take the PLAN Test in the fall to help prepare them for the ACT and/or SAT tests. The fees for these tests are the student's responsibility.

### **7.13 Physical Education**

7.13.1 All elementary students will take physical education.

7.13.2 Secondary students in grades 7th - 10th will take physical education.

7.13.3 Secondary students are expected to purchase approved physical education clothing.

### **7.14 Academic Activities**

7.14.1 Spelling Bee

7.14.2 Golden Horseshoe - West Virginia History

7.14.3 Fine Arts Festivals (Bible knowledge, music, speech, art, academic testing)

## **8.0 TRANSPORTATION**

### **8.1 Availability and Routes**

- 8.1.1 If enough students require transportation to make it cost effective, EVCS will run one bus route to transport students to school.
  - Charleston/Sissonville/Pinch
- 8.1.2 Space is available on a first come-first serve basis.
- 8.1.3 Application should be made with the school office.

### **8.2 Payments**

- 8.2.1 Transportation costs should be paid by the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month, September through May, to the school.
- 8.2.2 No reductions allowed for days not utilized: i.e. athletic practices, absences, etc.
- 8.2.3 See the Tuition and Fee schedule for current fees.

### **8.3 Behavior of Students on Buses and Vans**

- 8.3.1 Behavior rules that apply to the school campus also apply for the buses and vans.
- 8.3.2 The bus or van driver has authority to enforce the behavior code.
- 8.3.3 Students who persist in violating the behavior code will be removed from the bus or van.

### **8.4 In-Lieu-of Payment**

- 8.4.1 Families who live 2.1 miles or more from EVCS and live in Kanawha or Putnam counties are eligible for in-lieu of transportation reimbursement from the county in which they reside. Other counties do not provide this reimbursement.
- 8.4.2 The appropriate form must be provided so that EVCS might file the form with the appropriate county.
- 8.4.3 Rates will vary among the counties.
- 8.4.4 Payments are made directly to parents from the county, not from EVCS. Kanawha County payments are not automatically forwarded to a new address. Notify the school office of any address changes.

## **9.0 EMERGENCIES/ILLNESS**

### **9.1 School Dismissals**

#### 9.1.1 Weather/Snow days or other reasons for dismissal of school

- Elk Valley Christian School will typically follow the policy of the Kanawha County Schools on school dismissal because of inclement weather. On rare occasion the administration may deem it necessary to make a decision regarding school closing or opening independent of Kanawha County.
- Local radio and television stations will be called to announce school closings or delays.
- Early dismissal will be rare because of difficulties in getting students home.
- Radio stations: WQBE, WCHS
- Television stations: WCHS-TV, WSAZ-TV, WOWK-TV
- Information will be posted on the school's web site ([www.evcs.org](http://www.evcs.org)) if possible and email notices will be sent to those on the email list.

#### 9.1.2 Shelter in Place

- Occasionally, students must shelter in place because of a chemical emergency.
- In that case, buildings will be sealed in accordance with regulations. Students will be sheltered in place until an all-clear signal is given.
- Shelter in place procedures will be followed and needed supplies will be maintained.

#### 9.1.3 In the event of a funeral at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church on a scheduled school day, EVCS will close early or have no school.

#### 9.1.4 No After-Care is available on early dismissal days.

#### 9.1.5 Break is not taken on two-hour delay days. Lunch is not ordered out on delay days. Students should bring lunch from home on those days. The Snack Bar will be open during lunch for drinks and snacks.

### **9.2 Student Illness or Accident**

#### 9.2.1 Students who are sick should be brought to the office. Students with a temperature of at least 100 degrees or above will be sent home.

#### 9.2.2 If a child is ill (vomiting, fever, etc.) before school, please do not send him/her. Also, it is wise to keep a sick child home at least 24 hours after beginning a series of medication and/or after a fever has broken.

#### 9.2.3 Parents should notify the school if their child should be given Tylenol. (Please indicate on emergency card.)

#### 9.2.4 When medicine is to be taken "as needed," parents should notify the school of the time the medicine was last taken.

### **9.3 Emergency Cards**

#### 9.3.1 At the beginning of each school year, parents must fill out an emergency card and return it to the school office. These emergency cards are provided during Orientation or Open House and also upon request from the school office.

#### 9.3.2 Special instructions for medicine should be written on the emergency card.

### **9.4 Prescription Drugs**

#### 9.4.1 Prescription drugs should be brought to the office when a student arrives at school.

#### 9.4.2 Students should come to the office when the drug should be taken.

#### 9.4.3 The drug should be retrieved at the end of the day.

#### 9.4.4 If a student is under the care of a physician and is taking a prescription drug for a chronic illness or condition, an Administration of Medication form must be filled out by the physician and signed by both the physician and parent and returned to the office for our records. This is a requirement of the Kanawha County Department of Health and must be completed at the beginning of each school year or when illness/condition arises. Forms may be picked up at the school office.

## 9.5 Hearing and Vision Screening

- 9.5.1 Annual vision screening and hearing screening is provided by the staff of Kanawha County Schools for grades K-5, 2nd and 4th.
- 9.5.2 There will be no make-up days for students who are absent.

## 9.6 Immunization Records

- 9.6.1 A record of immunizations, signed by the administering physician, must be filed at the school before school opens or when enrollment occurs.
- 9.6.2 The appropriate form will be supplied by the school office.
- 9.6.3 West Virginia law requires the following:  
According to state law, \*no student is to enter school without written documentation\*\* (month, day and year) for each dose of required immunization as given below:

DTP -	Three (3) doses required, one of which must have been received after the 4th birthday. DT may be accepted instead of DTP, IF a medical excuse is signed by a physician/health department representative or if the student is seven years of age or older.
Polio -	Three (3) doses required, one of which must have been received after the 4th birthday.
Measles - (Rubella)	Kindergarten Students -- Two doses, first dose received not earlier than the first birthday. All other students -- One dose received not earlier than the first birthday.
Rubella - (German Measles)	Kindergarten Students -- Two doses, first dose received not earlier than the first birthday. All other students -- One dose received not earlier than the first birthday.

NOTE: Measles and Rubella immunizations are given combined with mumps as MMR. Mumps immunization is not a requirement.

\* Exceptions 1: A student who is enrolling from an OUT-OF-STATE school and has received one dose of each required vaccine may be provisionally enrolled pending completion of an immunization schedule designed to fulfill the state requirements. This schedule shall not exceed 90 days. Any student failing to complete the required immunization within this time (90 days) will be excluded from school pending fulfillment of requirements.

\*\* Exception 2: A few other states and countries require only the year when documenting immunizations. When the complete date is not available, we will accept the date of the year without the day and month being documented. This applies to OUT-OF-STATE TRANSFER STUDENTS ONLY.

\*\* Exception 3: Students seeking medical exemption from required immunization must have a signed statement from a physician or the Kanawha/Charleston Health Department.

Measles vaccination may temporarily suppress tuberculin reactivity. Therefore, it is necessary to give tuberculin skin tests six (6) weeks after receiving the MMR vaccine. Tuberculosis testing is no longer a requirement for kindergartners entering school.

## 9.7 Safety Precautions

- 9.7.1 Faculty at EVCS are trained in dealing with injuries where blood may be in evidence.
- 9.7.2 Safety measures will be observed in dealing with student injuries.
- 9.7.3 Parents will be notified immediately when a student is injured.

## **10.0 ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES ON CAMPUS**

### **10.1 Caution**

10.1.1 In no case should traffic on the campus be moving at more than 5 miles per hour.

10.1.3 A driver to the campus should be concerned about his testimony on behalf of the school.

### **10.2 Times**

10.2.1 Students should not be brought to the campus before 7:30 a.m.

10.2.2 Elementary students should report to the main auditorium.

10.2.3 Secondary students should report to the gym

10.2.4 Elementary students who cannot be picked up by 2:45 p.m. will be sent to After-Care.  
(Fees apply)

10.2.5 School will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. for elementary, and 2:46 p.m. for secondary.

- Elementary students will be supervised at this time.
- Secondary students are the responsibility of the parents. There is no school supervision for secondary students following school dismissal. Secondary students are not allowed in the church sanctuary following dismissal.

10.2.6 Students driving their own automobiles may go to their cars at 2:46 p.m.

10.2.7 Parents of secondary students should emphasize the need for children to be on time.

### **10.3 Visitors**

10.3.1 All visitors to the campus must first report to the school office.

## 11.0 COMMUNICATIONS

### 11.1 School Newsletter

11.1.1 EVCS will publish a newsletter. Each student enrolled is provided a copy for delivery to parents.

11.1.2 The newsletter contains all announcements about school activities.

11.1.3 The newsletter will not be mailed to homes. It will be posted on the school's website.

### 11.2 Parent/Teacher Conferences

11.3.1 Parent/Teacher Conference times are regularly scheduled. Consult the school calendar.

11.3.2 Faculty members are willing to schedule appointments with parents at other times also.

### 11.3 Calling a Teacher or Administrator

11.3.1 The staff at EVCS knows the importance of the home and school working together in educating children. Communication is essential.

11.3.2 Other conferences with teachers or the administrator may be arranged by calling the school office with that request. Office staff will schedule a conference with the teacher or administrator at a time convenient with you.

11.3.3 Parents are requested to be considerate of a teacher's time if contact is made during the school day.

### 11.4 Guidelines for Cell Phones, Communication or Electronic Devices

Students are not permitted to use a cell phone in the school building before or during school time. After schools, students should not use cell phones until they have left the school building.

Any use of a cell phone in school during school hours by a student will result in disciplinary action. If a student brings a cell phone to school, the cell phone must be secured in the student's locker and must be turned off. If a student brings a cell phone to class or the phone rings while in a student's locker, the teacher will initiate disciplinary action and the phone may be confiscated for the remainder of the day. (Confiscated phones may be returned by the Principal to parents upon request. Students whose phones have been confiscated may be asked not to bring a cell phone to school in the future.)

**Note:** "Forgetting" to turn off the cell phone is not an excuse.

Use of a cell phone during a test for any reason (i.e. text messaging, photos) will automatically be considered cheating, and appropriate academic and disciplinary action will be taken in the sole discretion of the administration.

No taking of or other use of cell phone photographs is permitted during the school day. Particularly, no cell phone photographs are permitted in the restrooms or locker room areas at any time. Violation of this prohibition is a serious discipline offense.

Parents who need to contact their child during the school day for emergency purposes should use the school's normal emergency contact process and call the main school number. School staff will assist parents in communicating with their child in appropriate emergency situations. Parents should not consider their child's cell phone as a means of contacting their child for any reason during the school day.

## 12.0 STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### 12.1 Listing of Athletic Participation

12.1.1 EVCS participates in the State tournaments sponsored by the West Virginia Christian Education Association in the following sports:

- Boys'/Girls' Soccer
- Girls' Volleyball
- Boys' Basketball
- Girls' Basketball
- Boys' Track
- Girls' Track
- Girls' Cheerleading

12.1.2 EVCS plays a schedule of athletic contests in each of the sports identified above with both Christian schools and public schools.

12.1.3 League Participation for Athletics: EVCS participates in a conference with other teams. There is a full schedule of games in each of the sports identified above. The school also participates in the tournaments of the West Virginia Christian Education Association and other invitational tournaments.

### 12.2 Eligibility Requirements for Athletics and Cheerleading

#### **ATHLETICS/CHEERLEADING**

EVCS sets forth a program designed to help students maintain appropriate academic and behavioral standards while participating in sports. Even though much time will be spent after school in team practice and personal training and practice, students must not fall behind in class work because of athletics.

Students will be evaluated each four and one-half (4-1/2) weeks. A student needs to have a minimum 2.0 cumulative G.P.A. and no more than one failing grade for the 4-1/2 weeks immediately prior to selection. In the case of fall quarter selection, the grades of the previous year must meet the criteria. Students who fail to meet the academic requirement will be placed on academic probation. A student may practice while on academic probation; however, he or she may not dress or participate in the games. A weekly check (the checks will occur at one week intervals beginning a week after the students receive their grades.) will be made to reevaluate the student's eligibility. If a student meets the academic requirements during the weekly check he or she will be permitted to participate until the next weekly check. Checks continue until the next grading period. If a student's grades are below the requirements for two consecutive four and one-half week period, the student will be ineligible to tryout, practice, or play on an athletic team. In their choice of team members, coaches will not take lightly students having a long and consistent record of probation.

Because athletes are considered leaders at EVCS, the student's character and example must be pleasing to Christ. Each student desiring to participate in athletics will be evaluated. Coaches and the Principal will make the final determination as to a student's eligibility with regard to his or her character. Disrespect to coaches during practices or game play will not be tolerated.

## STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Participants must be full-time students in good standing at EVCS.

- Home school students are not considered full-time students.
- EVCS will conform to the age qualifications and restrictions as governed by the West Virginia Christian Education Association.
- A student is eligible to represent EVCS as long as he/she does not violate the eight semester rule: Upon entrance into ninth grade, the participant has eight consecutive semesters of eligibility.
- No student may play on a junior high team if he/she has reached his/her sixteenth birthday before September 1 of the current school year.
- No student may play on a varsity team if he/she has reached his/her nineteenth birthday before September 1 of the current school year.
- Failure to comply with any of the criteria stated above will result in forfeiture of games.
- EVCS will submit a team roster to the West Virginia Christian Education Association before the first game of each sport.
- If a student falls below 75 merits he/she will be ineligible to participate in extra curricular activities.

### **12.3 Fine Arts**

12.3.1 EVCS participates in the Fine Arts activities of the West Virginia Christian Education Association (WVCEA).

- Participation is open to all upper elementary students, junior high, and senior high school students. (Grades that WVCEA stipulates.)
- Fine Arts Festivals offer an opportunity for students to be rated in the following broad categories: Bible knowledge, academics, music, speech, and art.

12.3.2 A Christmas Program and other programs are presented during the school year.

### **12.4 American Christian Honor Society**

12.4.1 Sophomores, juniors and seniors of the EVCS student body are eligible for induction into the American Christian Honor Society sponsored by the American Association of Christian Schools.

12.4.2 To be inducted, students must meet eligibility criteria in the areas of scholarship, leadership, character and service.

- Character traits such as: attitude, honesty, spiritual growth, consistent Christian testimony, even temperament, respect for authority, integrity, responsibility, courtesy, cooperation, etc., will be analyzed.
- Students must have been involved in some way in service projects within the church, school, or community.
- Sophomores must maintain a 3.6 GPA. Juniors and seniors must maintain a 3.3 GPA.

### **12.5 Leadership Camps**

Senior high students at EVCS are eligible for participation in student leadership camps sponsored by the American Association of Christian Schools (AACCS).

## **12.6 Student Council**

A student council officer should continue to follow and surpass the standards set forth to be elected as a class officer:

- ◆ Maintain a good Christian testimony
- ◆ Be active in church
- ◆ Be honest and responsible
- ◆ Set a good example
- ◆ Have a good attitude toward EVCS staff and student body
- ◆ Be respected by his or her classmates
- ◆ Maintain a grade-point average of C or above
- ◆ Maintain a good attendance/tardy record
- ◆ Exhibit self-control so that serious disciplinary measures are not needed.
- ◆ Attended EVCS at least one full semester.
- ◆ Does not fall below 90 merits during the semester.

In addition, a student council officer should be willing to show initiative and follow through on commitments made to EVCS, especially student council activities. An officer should be able to give adequate time to complete responsibilities.

## **13.0 MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES**

### **13.1 School Directory**

- 13.1.1 Shortly after the beginning of each school year, EVCS publishes a directory listing all school families. However, a family may request that telephone numbers and/or addresses not be listed. This request should be communicated to the school office in writing by mid-September.
- 13.1.2 The published directory will be made available for purchase at a reasonable cost.
- 13.1.3 Changes of address and telephone numbers should be communicated in writing to the school office.

### **13.2 Lost and Found**

- 13.2.1 Items lost by students, if found, should be turned in to the school office. Items found will be maintained there. Students seeking lost items should inquire at the school office for the item.
- 13.2.2 Students will be notified about found items not yet claimed by the end of the school year. Students or parents will have an opportunity to examine items at that time in hopes of locating items that may have been lost.
- 13.2.3 Students are encouraged to accept responsibility for items brought to school. The student is responsible for items that are lost. Items of considerable value, such as jewelry, should not be brought to the school.
- 13.2.4 The school is not responsible for items lost or stolen.

### **13.3 Lunch Policies**

- 13.3.1 Because of the number of students enrolled, lunch times will be staggered.
- 13.3.2 Elementary teachers and/or aides will be supervising students in the gym or their classroom.
- 13.3.3 Secondary teachers will be assigned lunch duty on a rotational basis.
- 13.3.4 Students must stay in the gym – not in classrooms or hallways.
- 13.3.5 Students may not leave the gym before the end of the lunch period.
- 13.3.6 Secondary: No eating or drinking in classrooms.

### **13.4 Classroom Parties**

13.4.1 Periodically, elementary teachers may schedule classroom parties to celebrate birthdays of students or for other acceptable reasons.

13.4.2 Secondary teachers may also schedule classroom parties to celebrate special occasions. Parties must first be approved by the Principal.

### **13.5 School Office**

13.5.1 The school office should be looked upon as a place of business and should be honored as such at all times.

13.5.2 Students, parents, and visitors should not congregate in the hallway near the school office.

### **13.6 Solicitations**

At no time will approval be given for outsiders to solicit funds on the property of EVCS.

### **13.7 Guest Speakers, Musicians and Music**

Persons seeking to bring special speakers or musicians to the campus of EVCS for any reason must first seek approval from the Principal.

- Music that is to be performed at the school for any activity must conform to the music policy and be approved by the administration. This includes recorded music.
- Contemporary music and Christian rock may not be performed or played.

### **13.8 Prohibited Items on Campus**

- Playing cards of any kind
- Electronic games
- Explosives of any kind
- Rock music, videos, tapes or CD's
- Illegal drugs or alcohol
- Tobacco in any form
- Books and magazines that do not pertain to classroom use.
- Dice (unless part of a board game)
- Electronic toys
- Personal CD/Cassette, MP3 players or radios
- Knives or guns of any kind
- Matches
- Any other items deemed hazardous by the Principal or School Board

### **13.9 Student Drivers**

Student drivers must complete a school registration form in order to drive to school. Student drivers will lose their privilege if poor driving habits are observed on campus.

Student drivers and passengers of student drivers should provide EVCS with written permission from both sets of parents in order to transport or ride with another student.

Students, with parental or guardian permission, may drive and park their vehicle on school property in the designated location for student automobile parking.

Student access to parked automobiles during the school day is as follows:

- Upon arriving on the school campus students are to park their vehicle in the designated student parking area, leave their vehicle and proceed to the designated student areas at the buildings.
- Students are not permitted to visit their automobiles during the school day or at the lunch hour without administrative authorization.
- Students are not to use their vehicle for any school-related business unless the parents or guardian of the student driver gives special written permission.
- Student drivers must have written permission from parents to leave the campus at times other than the regular dismissal time. The information on the permission request must include the time and destination and reason for the request for early dismissal.

Students are to abide by all traffic laws. Student drivers are to keep their vehicles under control at all times while driving on school property. Reports indicating any reckless student driving will be investigated by the Principal, and if proven to be true, the student driver will be subject to school discipline. Unless circumstances are considered otherwise warranted, these guidelines will govern official school response to traffic violations:

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| 1) First offense  | One week suspension of driving privilege                   |
| 2) Second offense | One month suspension of driving privilege                  |
| 3) Third offense  | Suspended privileges for the remainder of the school year. |

Searching automobiles: When reasonable suspicion exists that a student has brought contraband onto the campus, the vehicle may be searched by school officials using the following plan:

- 1) The search will be by two designated school personnel.
- 2) The student will be asked to open the vehicle doors, hood, trunk lid, glove box and any other locked compartment or container in the vehicle. A parent/guardian will be notified of the search before the search begins.
  - In the event the student refuses to comply with the school request to open the vehicle, the student's parent/guardian will be notified and the student will be placed on in-school suspension until the parent/guardian arrives on campus.

### **13.10 Fire Drills**

- Fire drills and other emergency drills will be conducted periodically. Faculty will insure that an evacuation plan is properly posted in each classroom or meeting area.
- Rooms should be evacuated quickly and orderly. Students are expected to stay in line and refrain from talking during fire drills.
- Students should go quickly to the designated area for the room they are in and turn to face the building just evacuated.
- Teachers will insure that windows and doors are closed during fire drills.
- Teachers should take record books with them when evacuating a building for any fire or disaster drill.
- Teachers and students may return to rooms once the all-clear signal is given.

### **13.11 Lockers**

It is recognized that student lockers are an important part of school life. They are also part of one's testimony to others. Therefore, lockers shall be kept neat and clean at all times. No student shall tamper with another student's locker or belongings. Locker doors shall not be forced shut or slammed. No tape or stickers are to be on locker walls. Magnets may be used, but shall not have off-color or suggestive phrases or pictures on them. Pictures, cartoons, etc., may be hung in lockers as long as they do not convey attitudes or standards contrary to those of the school. Do not write anything on or in lockers.

EVCS retains the complete control of its facilities and equipment. This includes lockers that are provided as a service to students to store their (students') personal belongings during the school day. The school permits the storing of student's personal belongings in lockers at the student's own risk.

EVCS reserves the right to inspect lockers unannounced at any time. This means assigned school personnel will open lockers for the purpose of enforcing the school code, to inspect a locker and its contents for any contraband that may be there when there is reasonable suspicion such contraband may be present. This inspection of contents may include the following representative items but is not restricted by this list: jacket pockets, purses, wallets, bags, boxes or books.

### 13.12 Withdrawals

Withdrawals from school must be made in person by the parent through the office of the Principal. An official withdrawal form should be completed. That form will be processed by office staff and the necessary signatures obtained. Records for students withdrawing from EVCS will not be released until all bills are paid and all textbooks and materials returned.

## 14.0 CLOSING REMARKS

The faculty and administration are very excited that you have chosen EVCS for the upcoming school year. We pray this year will be a very memorable one. As you continue to grow in truth and knowledge, we ask that you allow the EVCS staff to be a blessing to you as you desire to be used of God and to bless others. We will strive to nurture you in the praise and admonition of the Lord. We want to encourage you to be evangelistic and tell others about our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

May this be an enthusiastic and fun-filled year as we learn to serve the Lord together!



### ***Elk Valley Christian School Alma Mater***

Through the halls of Elk Valley  
Memories are made  
Where we learn of Christ our Savior  
And the price He paid.

*(Chorus)*  
Elk Valley, Elk Valley,  
Raise your colors high;  
May you find us worthy of thee  
As the years go by.

Classroom, chapel, and the ball field  
Taught us how to live.  
Teachers prayed for our salvation  
Lives to Christ we give.

*(Chorus)*

Now with thankful hearts we leave thee  
As we journey on;  
Men and women well prepared for  
Life and eternity.

*(Chorus)*

