



Welcome.

PHILOSOPHY OF DISCIPLINE IN THE JUNIOR HIGH RELATED TO STUDENT BEHAVIOR



The general philosophy of discipline at GACS is to *create self-discipline* in each person connected with GACS. In the real world consequences are a natural part of our lives. Students need to *learn* that the choices they make will have consequences. A discipline program based upon the use of natural and logical consequences provides opportunities for children to *learn* from their mistakes. By dealing with consequences, students *learn* that they are responsible for their choices and actions. While discipline policies are not infallible, and while there will be differences of opinions at times, we request and expect students and families to abide by the standards of behavior outlined in our handbook. We believe the discipline policies are based on solid educational principles and common sense.

The board of directors, administration, and faculty of GACS believe that being a student at GACS is a *privilege not a right*. In keeping with this privilege, the school has set basic policies, rules, regulations, and procedures by which the school will function. All students are required to follow these guidelines. The school reserves the right to dismiss any child whose *general attitude or habitual action* is contrary to the interest of the school. In addition, a student may be dismissed if the actions of the parents, or guardians, in the opinion of the school, seriously interferes with the school's ability to accomplish its educational purposes.

We want your child to have a great year and a great experience in the Junior High. This is an important time in the life of your child. It is our purpose to help your child get through this period as a happy, healthy and responsible person of good character.

We expect our students to be very mature here at GACS. In addition to academic preparation, GACS believes that instilling in our youth the behaviors that are required to sustain society is also very important. The purpose of this code of conduct is to provide students at GACS an effective and safe *learning* environment. *It is the responsibility of each child to help maintain a Christian environment at Greater Atlanta Christian School.* Expected behavior is behavior that promotes learning and encourages maturity during the school day as well as during all school-related activities. *We expect our students to help maintain a Christian environment.* Students and their parents need to know and understand this code in order to achieve these goals. Our students are expected to demonstrate the following behaviors while at GACS:

- Demonstrate respect for self and others
- Demonstrate courtesy to others
- Behave in a responsible manner

- **Attend class regularly**
- **Be prepared for class**
- **Take seriously the course of study**
- **Dress appropriately according to the stated school dress code**
- **Cooperate with school officials and teachers**
- **Respect other's property, person and feelings**
- **Avoid violations of student Honor Code and code of conduct**

As this year begins please feel free to communicate with me about any concerns you have. If I can be of any help to you please let me know.

Sincerely,

Ted Thames

Junior High Assistant Principal