



# ALTA LOMA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*"Building Up and Reaching Out"*

**ACSI Accreditation Candidate School**

## **Discipline**

Alta Loma Christian School views discipline as training in righteousness, with the goal of Godliness (1 Timothy 4:7). "Discipline" is instruction that molds, shapes, corrects, and inspires appropriate behavior, and also provides the opportunity to redirect students. The responsibility for discipline lies primarily with the parents, with the school assisting them as they fulfill their God-given obligation (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Ephesians 6:4). ALCS believes in a **Partnership** between the Parent and the School.

Discipline is primarily a *parental* responsibility. It is up to the *parents* to see to it that the students behave properly. Parents do not relinquish their responsibility to the school. Rather, the school is here to *support* the parents in their discipline. If the school and the home are not working together on discipline, whatever the school does will be ineffective. While we employ various methods, the responsibility for student compliance finally rests with the parents, not with the school.

Attendance at Alta Loma Christian School is a *privilege*, not a right. Any student whose conduct or attitude in or out of school shows him to be in opposition to the basic principles and purposes of the school will face dismissal.

## **Types of Discipline**

There are different types of discipline given to parents in Scripture, and, by extension, available for the school to use:

- **Verbal Discipline** – Admonition, correction, warnings, and rebukes. Students will be reprimanded for their actions.
- **Denial of privileges** – Students may lose privileges such as recess, seating preference, etc., appropriate to the misbehavior.
- **Withdrawal** – The student may be temporarily removed from the rest of the class, for certain misdeeds. This is often done for students who are seeking to gain attention by misbehavior, or who are distracted from doing their work by the presence of other students. In severe cases, suspension may be used if warranted. Suspension is usually preceded by a period of behavioral probation which reflects a history of conduct problems.
- **Restitution** – This is used in cases of theft or destruction of property, following the Scriptural guidelines for restitution.
- **Disinheritance (Expulsion)** – Expulsion is used in rare instances where a child is consistently antagonistic to school standards and/or authority, and is non-responsive to other forms of discipline. It is also used when a child is having a significant negative influence on the school or other students. Expulsion is usually preceded by a period of behavioral probation which reflects a history of conduct problems.

## **ALCS Uniform Policy**

All students at ALCS wear uniforms purchased through our uniform supplier, Nunes Apparel, which can be reached at (619) 669-1917, and on the web at <http://nunesapparel.com>. Uniforms are mandatory for all students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. All clothing must be neat and clean. Faded or worn clothing is not allowed.

### **Shirts:**

- Red, white, or navy blue collared polo shirts with ALCS logo embroidered on the front left side of each shirt.
- All shirts may be worn out or tucked in.
- Girls may wear a white collared blouse.
- All shirts worn under polos must be solid colors (khaki, navy, black, white, cream, gray, or red ONLY).

### **Pants or Shorts:**

- Pants and shorts need to be navy blue or khaki. Pants or shorts should have interior pockets (no cargo pockets) and be made of polyester or cotton blend permanent press fabric.
- Your pants and shorts must be worn on the waistline, exposing no undergarments.

### **Belts: (Boys Only)**

- Boys must wear a plain belt (navy, black, khaki, or brown ONLY).

\*\*No belt is required for 4 year olds, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten students.

### **Skirt, Skort, or Jumper:**

- Colors must be navy blue or khaki.
- Skirt length must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
- Shorts and skort length must be 3" longer than your fingertips when arm is hanging at your side.
- Waistband will be worn on the waistline.
- Girls must wear bike shorts, leggings, or plain color tights under their skirts and jumpers.
- The principal has final discretion on length of all uniforms.

### **P.E. Uniforms: Grades 6-8 only**

- All students in grades 6-8 are required to dress-out for P.E.
- PE uniforms consist of navy blue shorts with the ALCS logo and ash colored tee-shirts with ALCS logo. These must be purchased from our uniform supplier.

**Jackets & Sweatshirts:**

- Navy blue jackets with ALCS logo or a plain navy blue jacket are acceptable.
- Crewneck and hooded zip sweatshirt with the ALCS logo or a plain navy blue crewneck, zip, or fleece sweatshirt are acceptable.

**Sweaters:**

- Navy blue cardigan style, with or without ALCS logo, is acceptable.

**Shoes:**

- Athletic shoes, closed-toed shoes, and closed-toed sandals with a back strap may be worn. Remember, you will be playing and running, and you want to be safe.
- Athletic shoes must be worn for P.E.
- All laces must be tied.
- Socks must be worn at all times.
- Shoes *may not* have wheels.

**Hats:**

- ALCS logo hats, sports team hats, and plain color hats may be worn outside but not inside the school or church buildings.
- Hoods may not be worn inside the classroom and are permitted outside only if severe weather conditions justify its wearing.

**Spirit Wear**

- The third Friday of the month is “Spirit Shirt & Jean Day”.
- Students may wear any shirt that bears the ALCS name with appropriate jeans or jean shorts.
- If a student chooses not to participate, they may wear the normal ALCS uniform.

***What happens if I dress improperly for school?***

The teacher or other staff person will remind you of the school dress code. You will be given a dress code violation slip to take home to your parents. This is to let your parents know what the problem was with your school dress for that day. Should the violation be severe or repeated, your parents will be called and asked to bring proper school clothing. In addition, parents will be assessed a \$25.00 charge for every sixth dress code violation. Excessive dress code violations will be referred to the Principal for further action.

### ***Are there any other guidelines I need to follow?***

Personal appearance and good grooming are in keeping with Christian principles. There is evidence of a positive connection between good grooming and the conduct and academic achievement of students. Dress and grooming code decisions at ALCS are based on modesty, neatness, cleanliness, and appropriateness.

**Standards for girls:** In 1 Timothy 2:9, we read that women are to dress “modestly, with decency and propriety”. In consideration of this Biblical standard, appropriate school attire for girls includes the following:

- Clothing must be neat and clean. Faded or torn clothing is unacceptable.
- Cosmetics may be worn by girls in grades 6-8 only and must be simple and in good taste.
- The wearing of jewelry should be kept to a minimum. For safety reasons, dangling or hoop earrings are not allowed. All other body piercing is prohibited.
- Hairstyles that draw inordinate attention to the student are not permitted.
- No obvious hair bleaching, coloring, or use of color gel is allowed.
- Swim wear worn for parties and other field trips must be modest. Girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit (no cutouts).

**Standards for boys:** In 1 Timothy 4:12, we read, “Let no one despise or think less of you because of your youth, but be an example (pattern) for the believers, in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.” In consideration of this Biblical standard, this appropriate attire for boys includes the following:

- Earrings and body piercing are not permitted.
- Hairstyles that draw inordinate attention to the student are not permitted.
- No obvious hair bleaching, coloring, or use of color gel is allowed.
- Your head may not be shaved in portion or in total.
- Your hair cannot be hanging in your eyes.
- Your hair must be no longer than the top of a dress shirt collar and may not be longer than your ear lobe.

# **School Policy Acceptance Form**

## **Discipline Policy Acceptance**

By signing below, I consent and agree to abide by the Discipline Policy of Alta Loma Christian School, and have reviewed and discussed the policy with my child/parent.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Publicity Waiver/Release**

I hereby give consent to the use by Alta Loma Christian School of Alta Loma, CA of any photograph or likeness of my child or children in any materials intended to publicize or advertise the school or any school-related activity, including, without limitation, brochures, videotape, flyers, website, promotional folder, and the like. I understand that any decision about the use of my child's photograph or likeness in such materials is at the sole discretion of the school but that such use, if any, will be in keeping with the mission of the school.

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **E-News Sign-up**

We use an e-mail system for our School Newsletter, and to inform our parents of upcoming events and other important reminders. Please complete this even if you have received emails from us in the past.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Solid Ground Church Information**

By signing below, I consent to allow my name, address, and phone number to be given to the administrators of Solid Ground Church for the sole purpose of contacting me regarding activities, events and opportunities my family may be interested in.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

