



# FREMONT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (SEP) HANDBOOK 2020

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This handbook includes excerpts from the Fremont Christian Schoolwide Handbook.

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### SEP HOURS

SEP begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM. (Extended care hours available before and after program times.)

### FOUNDATIONAL IDEA

FCS was founded in 1968 by First Assembly of God of Fremont, now known as Harbor Light Church. The pastor and church wanted to provide a Christian education at all grade levels to any family in the community who would support FCS' purpose, policies, and procedures. Every employee of Harbor Light Church/Fremont Christian School is an evangelical Christian regularly attending an evangelical church. It is our goal that every child who attends FCS would learn what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and would choose to establish that relationship which we see as the only way to salvation and everlasting life.

### ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Fremont Christian School is led by its Head of School, Dr. Tricia Meyer. Dr. Meyer reports to the Fremont Christian School Board and its chairperson, Terry Inman, who is the Senior Pastor at Harbor Light.

### ACCREDITATION

Fremont Christian School is accredited by both the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). FCS has been accredited since 1978.

### PHILOSOPHY

The Bible, in general, and Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Acts 17:28, Romans 11:36, Colossians 2:9 in particular, are the foundation for Fremont Christian School's Philosophy of Education.

The Christian philosophy holds that God, as the Ultimate Truth, becomes real to the individual when he accepts the crucified-risen Lord Christ through faith. In keeping with these convictions, administrators and teachers develop and teach a curriculum that is God-centered. The entire educational program is designed to bring glory and honor to God and to instill a reverence for God in the heart and mind of the student.

The teaching in a Christian school becomes Christian when the truths are exemplified in curriculum content. We believe the Bible is the authority for all we teach. Each area of study is seen through the light of God's Word.

Christian education is not complete without moral training through discipline. Discipline is our tool in the cultivation of moral character. Our view of discipline is found in Proverbs 13:24, 19:18, 22:15, 23:13, 14, 29:15, 17 and Hebrews 12:4-11.

Fremont Christian School views itself as an extension of the home, therefore, we are here to assist parents in meeting their God-given responsibilities in the training of their children to respect and reverence God, which is found in Ephesians 5:22, 6:1-4 and Proverbs 22:6.

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

Fremont Christian School (SEP) is owned and operated by Harbor Light Church. FCS is interdenominational in its attitude and emphasis. Both the church and the school stand firmly on the changeless Word of God as expressed in the following statement of historic evangelical Christianity.

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God.
- We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father and His personal return in power and glory.
- We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith are we saved.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
  
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling in the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

### EXTENDED CARE

Extended care is available from 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM and from 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM. In order to provide a safe environment for our students, it is important that students be picked up on time. If they are not picked up by 3:30 PM they will be signed into Extended Care. Weekly or Emergency Extended Care rates are available as follows:

- AM Only / \$40: For the full time user who does not need afternoon care after SEP.
- PM Only / \$80: For the full time user who does not need morning care prior to SEP.
- AM & PM / \$110: For the full time user who needs care prior to the beginning of SEP and after SEP as well.
- Emergency / \$30 per day from 7:00 AM-8:00 AM and 3:30 PM-6:30 PM: For the family not expecting to need Extended Care, except rare occasions. This fee is paid when you drop your child off or pick them up, depending on the time of day that you take advantage of this service. Cash or check will be accepted. Extended Care closes promptly at 6:30 PM.

Please make every effort to pick your child up on time. For students not picked up by 6:30 PM, there will be a late fee of \$25 charged and an additional \$10 for each 15 minute increment beyond that. This fee is to be paid by cash or check at the time your child is picked up. In case of an emergency after 4:00 PM, you can reach FCS extended care staff at the atrium desk at 510-744-2272.

### FIELD TRIPS

On the days children will be spending time in the sun, remember to pack sunblock. **Parents:** For children unable to apply sunblock by themselves, please thoroughly apply at home, first. Children should be on campus by 9:00 AM, unless otherwise announced. Field trips are a regular part of SEP and are free of charge to registered students. However, children not enrolled in our summer program will not be able to attend these field trips.

### CHOICELUNCH

Students may bring their own lunch or purchase a hot lunch option online through a third-party vendor called Choicelunch. Interested parents who have registered their child(ren), may sign up for a free account using a special registration code assigned to Fremont Christian. Orders need to be placed in advance and are paid for with a credit card directly to Choicelunch via your online account. The informational website for Choicelunch is [www.choicelunch.com](http://www.choicelunch.com).

### SNACK BAR

For your convenience, our optional breakfast and snack bar is open from 7:00-8:45 AM, 10:00-10:30 AM, and 3:00-4:00 PM. Breakfast choices include: mini bagels and cream cheese, a variety of cold cereals, milk, breakfast burrito, croissant sandwich, various granola/breakfast bars, yogurt, fruit cups, oatmeal, and various beverages. Snacks items include: cheese and crackers, goldfish crackers, string cheese, sun chips, applesauce, as well as other choices. The prices of these items range between \$1.00 and \$3.00.

### CHAPEL

An integral part of the school's total program is chapel service. Chapel services are designed to teach students about Jesus Christ through prayer, music, teaching and sharing from the Bible. Chapel is a community-building opportunity for students and staff, and is conducted weekly.

## PERSONAL ITEMS

We ask that toys, electronic devices, and expensive or cherished items remain at home.

## ELECTRONIC DEVICES

No electronic devices, such as Gameboys, PSP's, hand-held games, iPods, MP3 players, cell phones, etc. are to be brought to school. Exception: Junior High students (Grades 6-8) may carry a cell phone for the sole purpose of communicating with parents before and after school. Use or possession of electronic devices outside of the SEP guideline will be taken to the elementary/SEP office for parent pick-up. If you need to contact your child at any time, please do so by calling the office at 510-744-2270 (8am-4pm) or 510-744-2272 before or after office hours.

## ILLNESS

Students who are obviously ill (i.e. fever or vomiting within the previous 24 hours) are required to stay out of school to minimize the spread of illness to students and staff. If a student is found to have a nuisance disease such as impetigo, pediculosis (lice), pink eye, or scabies, we strongly suggest that they not attend school in order to prevent the spread of the disease. The child may return to school only if they have a note from the doctor stating that they have been seen, treated, and cleared to return to school.

## MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

All medications to be administered at school, including over the counter medications such as pain relievers, cough syrup, or even cough drops, must be kept in the elementary/SEP office and can only be administered by office staff. In addition, any medication must be submitted to the office along with a completed and physician signed **"Medication at School"** form that gives dosage and times for medication.

## STUDENT BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Harbor Light Church/Fremont Christian School recognizes that Biblical principles are foundational for a Christian school community and for individual behavior. Love for and accountability to God should motivate Christian conduct (Deuteronomy 6:5, II Corinthians 5:10).

Most importantly, Christians are not asked to live the Christian life simply on the basis of their own moral character and strength. God has provided the authoritative Word of Holy Scripture, the guiding power of the indwelling Holy Spirit and the counsel of the church, the body of believers both past and present. FCS students are expected to study and obey the Scriptures, to cultivate a heart attitude, which allow for the guidance of the indwelling Holy Spirit and to give serious consideration to the counsel of the people of God (II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:19-21, I John 2:27, I Peter 5:1-6).

The Bible establishes the following behavioral expectations that are binding to all FCS students including SEP students:

1. Those acts which are expressly forbidden in Scripture, including fornication, homosexuality, adultery, abortion, drunkenness, theft, profanity, and dishonesty, should not be practiced by members of the FCS community either on or off campus. (I Cor. 6:18, 7:2; Gal. 5:19; Eph. 5:3; 1 Thess. 4:3-8, Romans 12:1-2; I Cor. 6:9-20; Eph. 4:1-11, 5:3-5; I Thess., 1 Tim. 4:12; II Tim. 2:19-22; I Peter 1:15 16, I John 3:1 -3).
2. "Sins of the spirit" and "sins of the tongue," such as covetousness, jealousy, pride, lust, envy, immodesty, impatience, backbiting, and slander should be avoided by members of the FCS community (Jeremiah 9:3-9, Mark 7:20-23, Galatians 5:19-21). Although by their very nature more difficult to discern, they are as potentially destructive as "sins of the flesh."
3. Recognizing the Christian obligation to submit to governing authorities (Romans 13:1, I Peter 2:13), FCS students are expected to uphold the laws of the local community, the state, and the nation as well as those guidelines given by the school administration. These include but are not limited to academic dishonesty, harassment, gambling, prohibitions of tobacco use, alcohol use, and all drugs prohibited by law.

Fremont Christian School does maintain a discipline system that involves conferencing, counseling recommendations, teaching, restrictions and consequences at each campus to assist students in this process. However, because the actions of an individual within a community may directly affect the welfare of the community, restoration may not always result in continued attendance at FCS. Further, students who do not show contrition and repentance will not be allowed to continue in the FCS community.

At Fremont Christian School, deviation from Scriptural standards is grounds for disciplinary consequences. Consistent with the example and command of Jesus Christ, love and justice must be the determinative factors in the relationships of Christians with others (John 15:12-17, I John 4:7-12). To that end, Fremont Christian School desires the restoration to the learning community of any contrite and repentant student (Luke 15:17-21, Acts 19:18, Luke 22:60-62, Proverbs 1:23-33, Psalms 32:5, II Corinthians 7:9-11) who has struggled with unacceptable lifestyle and/or behavior but now willingly and actively reverses former attitudes and values.

## **DISCIPLINE**

FCS desires a school climate that encourages obedience and positive relationships between teachers, students and parents. Students are expected to respond quickly and cheerfully to school rules and teacher instruction. School administrators reserve the right to administer whatever discipline is deemed necessary and expedient to bring about a favorable response. This may include time-outs, detention, school suspension, and school expulsion. Student behavior from SEP will be considered when determining enrollment and probation levels during the regular school year. School Administrators reserve the right to remove any child from our SEP who refuses to abide by our standard of conduct, including but not limited to bullying, repeated foul language, and violation of the hands-off expectation. Our desire is to make the school environment as pleasant and safe as possible.

### **Detention Points**

Below are behaviors that automatically earn detention points. The list is not comprehensive. Earning more than four (4) detention points will result in suspension. Repeated suspension will result in dismissal. The context surrounding a student's behavior may also be cause for a higher level consequence than stated in the general lists below.

#### *1 Detention Point*

- Chewing gum on campus
- Possession of electronic devices at school (e.g. cell phones, video games, iPods)
- Littering
- Out of uniform (dress code)
- Riding bicycles, roller blades, or skate boards on campus
- Spitting
- Failure to cooperate in detention

#### *2 Detention Points*

- Bullying
- Damage of school property
- Defiance
- Disrespect shown toward those in authority
- Disrupting class
- Forgery
- Gambling
- Lying
- Violation of "Hands Off" rule (e.g. play wrestling between two cooperating students)

#### *3 Or 4 Detention Points*

- Abusive, inappropriate or disrespectful language (spoken or written), gestures, pictures
- Biting
- Bullying
- Critical or derogatory remarks
- Plagiarism/Cheating (see further description)
- Selling any items to other students without administrative approval (e.g. electronics, sodas, trading cards)
- Throwing sand, rocks, etc.
- Violation of "Hands Off" rule (e.g. biting, hitting, kicking)
- Violent behavior toward a teacher

## AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION PENDING REVIEW FOR DISMISAL

If a student is suspended, no program or associated fees will be refunded.

Bullying	Profane gestures
Extreme misconduct	Stealing
False fire alarm	Threats
Inappropriate or profane language	Vandalism
Possession of alcohol, drugs, tobacco	Violation of "Hands Off" rule
Possession of matches or lighting devices	Possession of weapons (toy or otherwise; knives, guns, etc.)

Students serving recess detention will reflect on their choices and what they could have done differently. **Each** detention point (synonymous with "demerit") will result in the student missing morning recess for:

- 5 minutes for students in grades Kindergarten - 2
- 10 minutes for students in grades 3 – 5
- 15 minutes for students in grades 6-8

## DRESS CODE

All Fremont Christian School students are required to dress in a manner that complies with the guidelines given below. Most SEP students wear t-shirts and traditional shorts. The intention of the dress codes is to ensure a neat and a non-distracting look. Interpretation of the dress standards will be made by the school administration. Students arriving in inappropriate attire will not be allowed at school.

<b>Hair and Hair Accessories</b>	<p><b>Girls:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be neat and trimmed</li> <li>• No radical haircuts, no striping, or designing by shaving</li> <li>• No unnatural colors</li> <li>• See "Hats/Head coverings"</li> </ul>	<p><b>Boys:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be neat and trimmed</li> <li>• Balanced and uniform in cut</li> <li>• No hair may hang below the eyebrow</li> <li>• Hair must not be long enough to touch the bottom of a shirt collar</li> <li>• No radical haircuts, no striping, or designing by shaving</li> <li>• No unnatural colors</li> <li>• No hair accessories of any kind during school hours</li> </ul>
<b>Tattoos</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No tattoos.</li> <li>• No writing on skin.</li> </ul>	
<b>Hats/Head coverings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No head coverings (i.e.: no bandanas, no hats, no scarves, no baseball hats, no sweatbands, etc.) with the exception of hats worn for sun protection during outside time only.</li> </ul>	
<b>Jewelry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No New Age, Occult, mystical, or skull accessories.</li> </ul>	
<b>Piercings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No facial and/or body piercing with the exception of a girl's pierced ears.</li> </ul>	
<b>Symbols/Designs on Clothing or Accessories</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Care should be taken not to wear any religious dress or symbols that are not representative of the Christian faith.</li> <li>• No objectionable pictures, writings, representations of objectionable TV/movie or other media characters, or offensive, secular music groups.</li> </ul>	
<b>Shoes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No flip-flops, athletic slides, or slippers.</li> </ul>	

<b>Pants/Shorts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No shorter than 5 inches from the knee.</li> <li>● No bike shorts.</li> </ul>
<b>Shirts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tank top straps must be at least an inch wide.</li> <li>● No midriff/stomachs to be shown.</li> </ul>
<b>Swimwear</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Boys</u>: swim shorts, no Speedos.</li> <li>● <u>Girls</u>: one-piece suits or modest tankini.</li> <li>● Swimwear may be worn under clothing on swimming field trips.</li> </ul>

We look forward to getting to know you and your family this summer.

Again, please feel free to contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@fremontchristian.com](mailto:admissions@fremontchristian.com) or call us at (510) 744-2241 with any additional questions.