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STATEMENT OF FAITH AND PHILOSOPHY

RED LION CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STATEMENT OF FAITH

"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." I Timothy 4:16

- 1. We believe the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God, inerrant and preserved by God in the English language as we have it today, known as the King James 1611 Bible and that it is the supreme and final authority in faith and life. (II Peter 1:20, II Tim. 3:16)**
- 2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Deut. 6:4)**
- 3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory. (Luke 1:35)**
- 4. We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God; that man sinned and thereby incurred both physical and spiritual death; and that all humans are born with a sinful nature and are sinners in thought, word, and deed. (Romans 3:23)**
- 5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as our representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. (I Cor. 5:3)**
- 6. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit, and thereby become children of God; that they are indwelt and sealed of the Holy Spirit and are secure in Him until the day of redemption. (John 1:12)**
- 7. We believe the Gospel message is simple enough for a small child to understand and to respond to it. (Matthew 19:14)**
- 8. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting punishment of the lost. (John 5:28, 29)**
- 9. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- 10. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.**

We recognize that within the body of believers there are differences of opinion on various doctrinal views. Students enrolled at Red Lion Christian School will be taught in accordance with the views stated above; however, we will not force any child to conform to views that are contrary to what has been taught in the home. On the other hand, neither will we alter teaching to compromise on any issue. Red Lion Christian School does not discriminate in employment opportunities or practices on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law, except when an otherwise protected characteristic is a bona fide occupational qualification.

BIBLE

The Bible tells us in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We therefore feel it is important to train up our children to love and obey the Lord Jesus Christ while they are still young and tender. This is the age when their environment and experience are molding and shaping their lives for eternity. To be well educated and well

trained, our children need to learn the Bible, as well as other academic subjects. Secular subjects are important to teach us how to make a living, but the Word of God teaches us how to live.

CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES

Christian philosophy is the oneness and completeness of all things in and through Christ. When we look around us, we view the world as upside down. Instead of placing God in the center of things, we assume the central role. It is only through a born again experience with our Savior that the world system is viewed in the right perspective. Since a true interpretation of the world system is only possible through a transforming experience in Christ, we call this philosophy Christian.

Our objectives in line with our Christian philosophy are to teach the child totally: spiritually, mentally, socially and physically. The child is a complex unit of all four, and to have a happy, well-educated child, every area must be touched in the Christian school.

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

- 1. To bring the child into a right relationship with God through a born again experience directed in and through the power and might of the Holy Spirit.**
- 2. To teach the child of his responsibility as a member of the family of God.**
- 3. To send the child forth as a witness for his Savior, telling the good news of salvation through Christ.**
- 4. To teach the child the doctrines and fundamentals of the Word of God in such a manner that the child will grow into a mature Christian, well-grounded in his faith.**

MENTAL OBJECTIVES

- 1. That the child develops knowledge, attitudes, and conduct that will enable him to function in our world today.**
- 2. That the child be guided and led to the full extent of his mental abilities.**
- 3. That the child would learn the necessary knowledge and skills that will make him a productive part of his world.**

SOCIAL OBJECTIVES

- 1. That the child learn of the world he lives in, seeing God's plan working out in the universe.**
- 2. That the child develop a personality that is conducive to getting along with his fellow man so that he may live contently and creatively.**

PHYSICAL OBJECTIVES

- 1. To recognize his body as a God-given gift, assuming the responsibility for its health, safety and recreation.**

In conclusion, we would say that the ultimate objective of Christian education is to teach the child that his primary purpose in life is to glorify and praise God. Everything taught to the child must finally serve this end.

ADMISSION

INTRODUCTION

A student is admitted to Red Lion Christian School on the basis of former records as well as entrance and placement tests. Entrance and placement tests must be taken by each child requesting admission to the school. This applies to 1st through 12th grade. All new families must set up an appointment for an interview. Children must be five by October 31st of the current year in order to attend K-5.

As a private institution, we reserve the privilege of setting and maintaining our own standards for student conduct, dress, cleanliness, and scholarship. We maintain the right to refuse admittance at our discretion and to suspend or expel any student who violates the standards set down and defined by the administration. The administration also reserves the right of not defining the criteria or reason when applications are not accepted.

Each student is admitted on a twelve-month probationary period. During that time, if the student displays actions or attitudes contrary to the school's objectives, that student may be dismissed.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Step 1: The application form is to be filled out and returned to the school office. A copy of the student's report card for the past two years for grades 2-12 must accompany the application.

Step 2: The applicant will be notified of the date and time for the interview. The interview will include a discussion of the student's academic history and the philosophy and objectives of Red Lion Christian School.

Step 3: After the interview, notification of the entrance testing date will be given.

Step 4: All applications will be evaluated by the administration. Upon approval the applicant will be notified of acceptance. At that time the registration fee is due. Each family will be given the necessary forms to complete the application process.

The admission policy is administered in a non-discriminatory manner. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

REGISTRATION

A registration fee of \$30.00 per child is due upon acceptance. A child is not assured a place in one of the classes until this fee is paid. The registration fee is non-refundable should the parent or guardian decide to withdraw the child.

WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawal from Red Lion Christian School must be made through the school office and all tuition will continue until the withdrawal is complete. A family wishing to withdraw a student from school must send a written statement to the school principal stating the date and the reason for the withdrawal. The school financial statement must be current at the time of withdrawal.

TRANSPORTATION

If the border of the school district the student lives in is no more than 10 miles from Red Lion Christian School, the local school district must bus the children to Red Lion Christian School free of charge. Contact the school office for more information.

FINANCES

TUITION

(ALL MONTHLY TUITION PAYMENTS ARE FOR 9 MONTHS)

KINDERGARTEN AND GRADES 1-8

	<u><i>1st Child</i></u>	<u><i>2nd Child</i></u>	<u><i>3rd Child</i></u>	<u><i>4th Child</i></u>
FULL DAY (MONTH)	\$235.00	\$185.00	\$145.00	\$110.00
HALF DAY (MONTH)	\$190.00	\$150.00	\$110.00	\$100.00

	GRADES 9-12		
	\$250.00	\$205.00	\$160.00
			\$125.00

METHODS OF PAYMENT

We have set up annual, semester, and monthly schedules. For those of you who pay your child's tuition yearly or by the semester instead of by the month, the following schedule applies.

ANNUAL (FULL DAY) Must be paid in full by September 1

K5-8	\$1,915.00 Save \$200/yr.	\$1,490.00 Save \$175/yr.	\$1,155.00 Save \$150/yr.	\$890.00 Save \$100/yr.
9-12	\$2,050.00 Save \$200/yr.	\$1,670.00 Save \$175/yr.	\$1,290.00 Save \$150/yr.	\$1,025.00 Save \$100/yr.

ANNUAL (HALF DAY) Must be paid in full by September 1

K5	\$1,560.00 Save \$150/yr.	\$1,250.00 Save \$100/yr.	\$ 905.00 Save \$85/yr.	\$825.00 Save \$75/yr.
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SEMESTER (FULL DAY) Payments in full are due by September 1 and February 1

K5-8	\$ 982.50 Save \$150/yr.	\$ 757.50 Save \$150/yr.	\$ 590.00 Save \$125/yr.	\$457.50 Save \$75/yr.
9-12	\$1,050.00 Save \$150/yr.	\$ 847.50 Save \$150.00	\$ 657.50 Save \$125/yr.	\$525.00 Save \$75/yr.

SEMESTER (HALF DAY) Payments in full are due by September 1 and February 1

K5	\$ 805.00 Save \$100/yr.	\$ 635.00 Save \$80/yr.	\$ 460.00 Save \$70/yr.	\$425.00 Save \$50/yr.
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The tuition bill is to be paid by the first of the month, in advance. Child care and preschool payments are to be paid each week. The school will make no deduction for sickness or vacations on the tuition bills. Failure to pay an account on time could result in a child being dismissed and/or legal actions to collect the unpaid balance. There will be a \$25.00 fee for checks returned due to insufficient funds.

The tuition statement can be found at <https://564556.stiinformationnow.com/informationnow/>. A username and password is required. If you have any questions, contact the school office.

BOOK FEES

The school provides most textbooks. Exceptions are student workbooks and various paperback books which may be needed throughout the school year. This applies to all classes from K3 through grade 12.

K3, K4 & K5..... \$75.00

Grades 1-12..... \$100.00

ACTIVITY FEE

The first statement of the school year will include a \$75.00 activity fee for students in K5 through 12th grades. This fee will cover the cost of field trips or class activities. It does not include Hershey Park tickets for high school students. This non-refundable fee is due by October 1.

GRADUTATION FEE

There is a \$35.00 graduation fee for all seniors. This will be added to your bill.

ATTENDANCE AND HEALTH

Regular attendance is essential to a healthy attitude about school and to good school work. Sporadic attendance causes the child to drop behind in his work and thus endangers his academic progress. Parents are to see that their child attends school regularly. However, parents are not to send their children when their attendance might be detrimental to their health or the health of others.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Unexcused absences are defined as missing the bus, oversleeping, babysitting, or working. Vacations and family outings without prior approval by the principal will be unexcused. All graded work that is missed during that absence will be awarded a 50% grade. Special consideration will be given in unusual cases with prior approval by the principal.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

It is required that an absentee slip for each absence be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to school. Failure to return this form will result in an unexcused absence and 50% on all work that day. It is our policy that any student missing more than 10 days in a school year will be required to obtain a doctor's excuse for every subsequent absence. If a doctor's excuse is not provided, it will be an unexcused absence and the student will receive a 50% grade on any work for that day. Vacations and family outings count toward the 10 days allowed. The only exception to this policy is for juniors and seniors. They are allowed 3 days to visit colleges and those three days will not count toward their 10 allowed days.

Excused absences are defined as illness of the student, death in the immediate family, dental, and medical or optical appointments. Every possible attempt should be made to make medical and dental appointments before or after school hours. If a student arrives after 10:30 a.m. or leaves before 1:30 p.m. it will be counted as a half-day absence. We strongly recommend that family vacations coincide with school vacation times. Otherwise these vacations must be pre-approved by the principal. Any work missed will be given when the student returns to school, not before leaving.

Our school policy will function only as well as the parent cooperates with the school. Since you consider it a priority to send your child/children to a Christian school and are willing to sacrifice to make it possible, then each day's attendance is important to you, your child, the teacher, and the class. Please make the school's job easier by having your child in attendance every school day possible.

TARDINESS

Punctuality is a very important character trait, and the habits a student develops while in school will be his/her habits for life. If a student is tardy because of a doctor/dentist appointment, it will be counted as an excused tardy if the student brings an excuse from the doctor/dentist to the main office upon arrival at school and if the student arrives no later than 10:30 a.m. or leaves no earlier than 1:30 p.m.

Tardiness occurs when a student arrives late for school and is unable to be in his/her homeroom by the 8:30 a.m. bell. Each tardy will be classified as excused or unexcused. The student's regular method of getting to school will be used to determine the legality when tardiness is due to transportation. Tardiness is unexcused for such reasons as oversleeping, missing the bus, loitering, etc. Students who acquire 4 unexcused tardies in a semester will be given an automatic detention. No student is allowed to enter the classroom late without a note from the office. Once a student acquires a driver's license, a student's driving privilege will be put on probation after the third tardy. On the fourth tardy they will receive a detention. During the same semester, if they accumulate more than three additional tardies, their driving privilege will be revoked the remainder of the semester.

HEALTH SERVICE

1. Parents will be notified if anything is noticed that is out of the ordinary with your child's health.
2. First aid services are given in cases of accidents or sudden illness.
3. Permanent health records are kept by the main office for every student. The school must be notified when immunizations are administered, operations are performed, and when acute chronic diseases are contracted.
4. In order to be compliant with the state of PA, physical and dental examinations must be performed by a family physician/dentist. You will be notified when your child needs an examination.
5. Medications will be given in the office to a child who complains of an upset stomach or a headache. If your child is taking medication, medicine must be brought to the office in individual doses with the child's name and the time the medicine is to be given clearly marked on the container.

KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF HE/SHE HAS:

an acute cold	signs of abnormal temperature
sore throat	sore eyes
swollen glands	skin rash or sores
or general signs of illness such as headache, earache, vomiting, coughing, or diarrhea.	

THE LENGTH OF TIME YOUR CHILD SHOULD BE KEPT HOME FOR COMMUNICABLE INFECTIONS OR DISEASES IS:

Chicken Pox	until all crusts are dry
German Measles	3 days or until rash and fever disappear
Mumps	until swelling disappears
Whooping Cough	4 weeks from onset of disease
Scarlet Fever	7 days from the onset of disease
Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	until the eye area is clear and no secretion remains
Impetigo	until all crusts are gone
Pediculosis	until free of lice and nits
Ringworm	until treated by a doctor and declared non-infectious
Scabies	until skin is clear
Tonsillitis	until soreness disappears

For other communicable diseases, children may return as soon as their health permits or the doctor gives permission. If a child becomes ill at school, we will call the parent when a child's temperature reaches 100 degrees. It is the parent's responsibility to come for the child. It is therefore imperative that we have an up-to-date record of addresses and phone numbers where parents can be reached at all times. Emergency phone numbers are to be kept current at all times. Please notify the main office of any changes, including place of employment.

ILLNESS

A child with an extended illness should have work sent home if he/she is able to complete it. Please inform the school of this kind of situation.

SNOW DAYS

Red Lion Christian School will usually (not always) be closed when the Red Lion School District is closed because of inclement weather. Watch the following TV station for closing information. Kindergarten will not have class when we have a 2-hour delay. Red Lion Christian School will be listed by itself.

(WGAL TV) Channel 8

Or online: www.wgal.com/closings

or

www.redlionchristianschool.org

PRESCHOOL AND DAY CARE ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION

K3 and K4 students must be their respective age by October 31. We begin accepting children in our day care at 3 years of age providing that they are fully potty trained.

A \$30.00 registration fee is due upon registration. A child is not assured a place in one of the classes until this fee is paid. There is no refund of the registration fee should the child be withdrawn.

SCHOOL DAY

The K3 and K4 school day is 8:30-12:00. Any students staying only for school must be picked up by noon in the classroom. All other students will attend day care until they are picked up by their parents. All K3 and K4 students attending afternoon day care must supply their own blankets, sheets, and pillows. Make sure all items are clearly marked with the child's name.

LUNCH

Preschool lunch is included in the fee. Students are allowed to pack their lunch if they desire.

DRESS CODE

Red Lion Christian does maintain a dress code. All students are required to adhere to this dress code.

Boys: Must wear long pants (no sweatpants). No baggy pants (relaxed fitted jeans are acceptable). Pants cannot be frayed. Pants must be pulled up to the waist. No camouflage clothing. Boy's shirts must have a collar. Boys' hair is not to be shaggy or touch the shirt collar, ear or eyebrow. Styles such as Mohawks and hair sculpturing are not acceptable. No earrings for boys.

Girls: Must wear dresses or skirts to the knee with an appropriate blouse, shoes, and socks. In colder weather, tights, leotards, or leggings may be worn under dresses, but pants and sweatpants are not appropriate. Blouses/dresses must have sleeves and a collar.

Boys and Girls: No flip-flops, open-toed shoes, or athletic sandals. Any clothing that advertises TV or cartoon characters is not to be worn. All shirts/dresses must have a collar (girls can wear a collared shirt under their dress) or a Henley neckline with buttons or a zipper. Outdoor attire is not to be worn indoors (hats, sunglasses, coats, jackets, boots, etc.)

DISCIPLINE

Students are encouraged to work and play together and to learn self-control and self-discipline. Actions such as hitting, fighting, throwing things at others, biting, or the use of profanity will not be tolerated.

Before any child may be enrolled in Red Lion Christian Preschool, the Statement of Cooperation must be signed by parents and/or guardians.

PLAYGROUND RULES

- 1. The boundary of the playground is the edge of the woods and the creek. No one is allowed in the creek or the woods.**
- 2. Proper use of and respect for the equipment is required at all times.**
- 3. Equipment is provided by the school and is not to be brought from home. Items such as guns, knives, rubber bands, fire crackers, iPods, MP3 players and all electronic games are not to be brought to school.**
- 4. There is to be no throwing of sticks, stones, sand, etc.**
- 5. Children must ask permission to leave the playground.**

CHILDCARE

Red Lion Christian School offers child care for our students from 5:45 a.m. until school starts and from the end of school until 5:30 p.m. at a rate of \$3.00 per hour per child. On days when school is not in session but child care is still offered the hourly rate will apply. ALL CHILDREN are to be picked up by 5:30 p.m. Exceptions will only be made in dire emergencies. There is a \$5.00 fee per incident, per child for those staying after 5:30 p.m. Abuse of the 5:30 p.m. deadline could result in your forfeiting the right to use our child care facility.

All preschool children will be registered as a half day student or a full day student. If your child is still here at 12:30, you will be charged for a full day.

FEES

FULL DAY (5:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)

	<u><i>1st child</i></u>	<u><i>2nd child</i></u>	<u><i>3rd child</i></u>	<u><i>4th child</i></u>
1 day	\$20.00	\$17.00	\$14.00	\$11.00
2 days	\$40.00	\$34.00	\$28.00	\$22.00
3 days	\$60.00	\$51.00	\$42.00	\$33.00
4 days	\$80.00	\$68.00	\$56.00	\$44.00
5 days	\$100.00	\$85.00	\$70.00	\$55.00

HALF DAY (8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon) If your child stays past 12:30, it is considered a full day.

1 day	\$12.00	\$11.00	\$10.00	\$ 8.00
2 days	\$24.00	\$22.00	\$20.00	\$16.00
3 days	\$36.00	\$33.00	\$30.00	\$24.00
4 days	\$48.00	\$44.00	\$40.00	\$32.00
5 days	\$60.00	\$55.00	\$50.00	\$40.00

Your child's account **MUST** be paid IN FULL each week. Failure to pay will jeopardize your child's attendance at Red Lion Christian School.

A book fee of \$75.00 is due September 1.

KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL DAY

The kindergarten school day is from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Those children staying all day will be in day care in the afternoon. The elementary school day is from 8:30 a.m. to 3:12 p.m. Any students arriving before or leaving later than these times will be sent to day care unless they ride a public school bus. See the Child Care section for times and charges.

If there is to be any change in a child's transportation, whether bus or parent pick-up, the office must be notified either by phone (no later than 2 p.m.) or by sending a note with the child in the morning.

DRESS CODE

It is the school's conviction that we are to "do all to the glory of God." (I Cor. 10:31). We do not seek to inhibit an individual's self-expression but we do recognize correlation between a learning environment and the student's dress habits. We do not seek to follow the public school policies in dress. It is our wish that the parent will understand our philosophies and goals and see to it that the children comply with them. With this in mind, all students are to use good taste and judgment in choice of dress at all times. As Christians, we are to be trying to keep in step with the Lord, not the world. Christians are to "set your affections on things above and not on things on the earth." Colossians 3:2

Our dress code serves two very important purposes:

1. To reflect Christian character and to be separate from the world.
2. To achieve an academic atmosphere within the classroom.

DRESS CODE RULES FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELTH GRADE

FRENCH TOAST UNIFORM COMPANY

SCHOOL SOURCE CODE: QS4PBG

At all times, students are to be:

- Neat and clean in appearance.
- Hair should be neatly arranged.
- Boy's hair must be off the collar and the ears. Styles such as Mohawks and hair sculpting are not acceptable.
- Boys may not wear earrings, necklaces or bracelets.
- Girl's jewelry and makeup should be used in moderation.
- Boy's shirts must be tucked in.
- Boys must have a belt.
- Students' hair color can be natural looking highlights and lowlights. No drastically contrasting colors are allowed. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. If there are any questions, check with the principal before making the change.
- Girl's skirts must be below the knee when seated.
- Girls may not wear dress scarves or leggings.
- No body piercing or tattooing (real and fake) will be permitted.
- Outdoor attire is not to be worn indoors (hats, hoodies, sunglasses, coats, jackets, boots, etc.).
- If a student is not dressed in the school uniform, parents/legal guardians will be contacted to bring a change of clothing to school.

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THIRD GRADE GIRLS:

Daily uniform should be neat and tidy.

- **Shirt:** Burgundy, red or navy pique polo shirt with knit collar (short sleeve # 1012, or long sleeve #1009)
- **Skirt:** Khaki or black kick pleat skirt (#1268), khaki or black pleated skirt (#1066) or khaki or black long skirt with back panel (#1373)
- **Sweater:** Anti Pill crew neck cardigan sweater (#1371) navy
- **Cadet collar sweatshirt** (#4122) navy
- **Socks:** Nylon tights (#2228) burgundy or navy; nylon cable knee highs (#2222) navy or black. Girls may wear white ankle socks also purchased from another vendor.
- **Ankle-Length Leggings:** Khaki or navy (#1505)

- **Shoes:** Black or brown rubber sole closed toe flats or sneakers (may be purchased from French Toast or another vendor) No high tops or boots.

FOURTH THROUGH TWELTH GRADE GIRLS:

Daily uniforms should be neat and tidy.

- **Shirt:** Burgundy, red or navy pique polo shirt with knit collar (short sleeve #1012, or long sleeve #1009) Red polo may be worn after the Christmas program.
- **Skirt:** Khaki or black kick pleat skirt (#1268), khaki or black long skirt with back panel (#1373), khaki or black pleated skirt (#1066) Black skirt may be worn after the Christmas program.
- **Sweater:** Anti Pill crew neck cardigan sweater (#1371) navy
- **Cadet collar sweatshirt** (#4122) navy
- **Socks:** Nylon tights (#2228) burgundy or navy; nylon cable knee highs (#2222) navy or black. Girls may wear white ankle socks also purchased from another vendor.
- **Ankle-Length Leggings:** Khaki or navy (#1505)
- **Shoes:** Black or brown rubber sole closed toe flats or sneakers (may be purchased from French Toast or another vendor). No high tops or boots.

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELTH GRADE BOYS:

Daily uniform should be neat and tidy.

- **Shirt:** Burgundy, red or navy pique polo shirt with knit collar (short sleeve #1012, or long sleeve #1009) Red shirt may be worn after Christmas program.
- **Pants:** Khaki or black adjustable waist double knee pant (#1519) Black pants may be worn after the Christmas program.
- **Sweater:** Anti-pill V-neck cardigan sweater (#1370) navy
- **Cadet collar sweatshirt** (#4122) navy
- **Socks:** Boys may wear white or black socks NO DESIGNS OR EMBLEMS.
- **Shoes:** Black or brown rubber sole loafers or sneakers (may be purchased from French Toast or another vendor) No high tops or boots.
- **Belt:** Solid black belt (may be purchased from another vendor)

LUNCH

Kindergarten lunches which include a drink are \$1.00. Your child **MUST** bring money in for lunch. It cannot be charged to your school bill. Juice or milk may be purchased separately for \$.25. Students in grades 1-12 must pack a lunch. There will be a snack bar with such snacks as pretzels, chips, crackers, and drinks. Prices will be posted. Pizza will be available for purchase on Thursdays for grades 4-6 and on Fridays for grades 1-3. The cost is \$1.00/slice.

SPORTS

Elementary participation in sports is detailed in the high school section of this handbook. See the high school section for an explanation on our sports program and qualifications.

DISCIPLINE

Christian conduct must be the goal of all Red Lion Christian School students. An orderly and disciplined environment with the opportunity for self-development is fundamental to learning and enables the student to be happy and content. Teachers will endeavor to deal with students in an understanding, firm, and Christ-like manner. The need for correction of any student will be handled by the individual teacher. Parents and teachers must cooperate fully with one another. Anything said or done that tears down respect and confidence for either will harm the child. When a problem arises, set up an appointment with or write a note to the teacher immediately. Most problems will be resolved in this manner. If the problem persists, the parent may want to consult the principal.

While discipline is basically training in the right direction, there is a need for correction and adherence to rules. Disciplinary measures will be taken as each need warrants. These measures may include discussions, corporal punishment, suspension, or expulsion from the school program. It would be impossible to make rules to cover every situation. Good behavior must eventually come from within and

not from the mere conformity to man-made regulations. The following guide must be observed as one develops on the path toward self-discipline.

Checks will be issued to keep record of the student's inappropriate conduct. Checks will be tallied monthly and a clean slate will be given at the beginning of the month. Misconduct slips will be issued by the school to notify parents when checks are given to correct inappropriate behavior. Each teacher shall be primarily responsible for the conduct and discipline of the students in his or her class. Activity or duty teachers will administer discipline in the absence of the primary teacher. The teacher will assign the appropriate discipline for the misconduct in question. All misconduct slips will be sent home for the parent/guardian's signature and must be returned to the school on the next school day. Failure to return the slip will result in another misconduct slip given.

The accumulations of checks shall result in the following:

- 5 detention and student/principal conference
- 10 two detentions and student/parent/principal conference
- 15 one day out-of-school suspension
 - ⌘ All detentions will last for 30 minutes (3:15-3:45) on Friday. Parents will have to pick up their child. The student will not be allowed to use after-school day care that day.
 - ⌘ All suspensions are followed by a parent/principal conference.

Any checks after 15 in a given month will result in an administration/parent conference. At this time the student's continuance at the school will be discussed.

Students who continually perform inappropriately are automatically placed on disciplinary probation for an indefinite period of time. During this time, their overall behavior and attitude must improve for them to be removed from the probation list. Their eligibility to participate in the sports program or any other extracurricular activities will be determined by the administration.

Acceptable forms of immediate discipline shall include but are not limited to:

- Verbal reprimand
- Denial of privileges (recess, silent lunch)
- Service projects (class or lunchroom, extra assignments)
- Teacher-directed conference

Misconduct slips will be issued as follows:

1 check – (student will receive 3 warnings before a check is given, unless repeat offender)

- Disorderliness (leads to distraction)
- Disruptive talking in class
- Dress code violation
- Chewing gum
- Late for class
- Failure to turn in homework

2 checks (No warnings will be given)

- Disrespect
- Lying
- Inappropriate contact/bullying
- Improper language
- Improper attitude

3 checks (No warnings will be given)

*Student will be sent to the principal and may result in immediate dismissal

- Stealing
- Fighting
- Swearing
- Online misconduct
- Cheating (work will receive a zero)
- Direct disobedience/disrespect to authority
- Destruction of or defacing property (student will pay for damages)

Red Lion Christian School cannot anticipate every disciplinary situation. Therefore, the school reserves the right to modify the disciplinary process to match the conduct in question.

Articles which might distract the attention of the other students are not to be brought to school or day care. These include such items as guns, knives, rubber bands, firecrackers, iPods, MP3 players, and all electronic games.

At the end of each year all elementary students will be evaluated spiritually, socially and academically. Students found to be detrimental to the objectives of Red Lion Christian School may be denied admittance the following year.

PLAYGROUND RULES

Safety is the primary concern of the playground.

- 1. The boundary of the playground is the fenced area. No one is allowed in the creek or woods.**
- 2. Proper use of and respect for the equipment is required at all times.**
- 3. Equipment is provided by the school and is not to be brought from home.**
- 4. Students may not throw sticks, stones, sand, etc.**
- 5. Walking on or standing on top of the high bars is not permitted.**
- 6. Children must ask permission to leave the playground.**

AFTER-SCHOOL STUDENTS

A "bus room" is provided for those students who ride public transportation but are not picked up immediately at the end of the school day. In order to assure the safety of our students, we will require that students waiting for rides after school will be sent to day care at 3:20 p.m. if their ride is not here by that time. No exceptions.

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The issue of inappropriate student on-line communications also needs to be addressed. These include obscene, irreverent, or vulgar communications, slander, threats, and disrespectful communication regarding authority figures. Legal counsel has concluded that internet communications obtained legally are treated as if they were spoken audibly. The administration at Red Lion Christian School will monitor internet sites. Any inappropriate reference will be treated as if spoken to our school staff and will result in school discipline. Our children/students need structure and accountability concerning technological advancements.

School computers are for class-related use and are not to be used for personal, non-school related activities. Students are not allowed to access e-mail accounts, social media sites, or other personal sites while in school. Any unauthorized computer use will result in the loss of privileges at school.

HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL DAY

The scheduled day is from 8:30 a.m. - 3:17 p.m. Please have your children arrive no earlier than 8 a.m. or remain no later than 3:17 p.m. The only exceptions are the students who are bused by the public schools.

DRESS CODE PHILOSOPHY

It is the school's conviction that we are to "do all to the glory of God" (I Cor. 10:31). We do not seek to inhibit an individual's self-expression, but we do recognize a correlation between a learning environment and a student's dress habits. It is our wish that each parent will understand our philosophy and goals and see to it that the student complies. With this in mind, all students are to use good taste and judgment in their choice of dress at all times. As Christians, we are trying to keep in step with the Lord and not the world. The Bible instructs each believer to "set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth." It is the parent's responsibility to see that the students comply with every area of the code. The code serves two very important purposes:

1. To reflect Christian character and to be separate from the world.
2. To achieve an academic atmosphere within the classroom.

GRADUATION DRESS CODE

Graduates should wear the supplied cap and gown as given to them. There may not be anything added to the cap or gown except honor cords if earned. They should wear the following: Boys: dress slacks, shirt and tie, dress shoes. Girls: dresses that are not low cut and one that comes to the knee when sitting. No sneakers, sport sandals, flip-flops or boots are allowed. They will need to have a Bible to use during graduation.

DRESS CODE RULES FOR GRADES 7 - 12 ARE LISTED ON PAGE 12

Boys' and girls' gym attire 7th – 12th: school shirt (black, gray, or red T-shirt), knee-length shorts, loose fitting black sweatpants, sneakers and socks. Students not dressed for gym will receive grade reductions and misconduct slips.

Dress code violations will result in a misconduct slip. Any student in doubt about a particular piece of clothing is to check with the administration for approval BEFORE wearing anything questionable. All students at Red Lion Christian School are expected to adhere to dress code regulations without being continually reminded. The school will take the necessary actions to correct anyone who fails to meet these standards. Final decisions concerning standards rest with the administration. Parents and students are expected to accept the school's decision in any matter of controversy without complaining.

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It would be impossible to make rules to cover every type of need. Good behavior must eventually come from within and not from mere conformity to man-made regulations. The following guidelines must be observed as one develops on the path toward the goal of self-discipline.

1. Students must demonstrate respect for authority, including administration, faculty and staff. Disobedience and insolence will not be tolerated.
2. Improper speech (spoken or written), vulgarity, profanity, and lying will not be practiced at any time.
3. Mutilation or destruction of property, including books, will not be tolerated. Students will pay for damages.
4. Running, shoving, yelling, fighting, and undue boisterousness are considered out of order at all times.
5. Stealing or cheating are considered serious offenses.

6. Articles that distract the attention of the other class members are not to be brought to school. These include such items as balls, guns, knives, rubber bands, firecrackers, iPods, MP3 players, and all electronic games.

Although we at Red Lion Christian School recognize that we have no direct control of students when away from school, any actions contrary to our philosophy are considered serious. Activities involving tobacco products (including vaping), drinking, and drugs should not have a place in the life of a Christian, and will result in school discipline. The testimony which students give forth for or against the Lord Jesus when out in public is reflected upon Red Lion Christian School.

BOY-GIRL RELATIONSHIPS

Red Lion Christian School is co-educational, operating on the premise that it is wholesome for boys and girls to develop friendships during the school years. These friendships should be with members of the same sex and with members of the opposite sex as well. No public displays of affection are permitted on the school grounds.

LUNCH PROGRAM

Students will need to pack their lunch. Pizza will be available for purchase on Mondays and Fridays for \$1 per slice. There will be a snack bar with such snacks as pretzels, chips, crackers, and drinks. Prices will be posted.

TRANSPORTATION

It is the parent's responsibility to make transportation changes for their students. Notification would be greatly appreciated.

STUDENT DRIVERS

High school students are permitted to drive to and from school if they have a valid driver's license and appropriate insurance. Red Lion Christian School has no control over student drivers concerning whom they transport and who has permission to travel with another student to and from school. Students who drive must exhibit safe driving habits at all times. Any student observed driving carelessly on school property is subject to disciplinary actions and loss of driving privileges. All student drivers must register the make/model of vehicle and license plate number with the school principal. A student's driving privilege will be put on probation after the third tardy. On the fourth tardy they will receive a detention. During the same semester, if they accumulate more than three additional tardies, their driving privilege will be revoked the remainder of the semester.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

The following guidelines are used to determine a student's eligibility for the sports program.

1. Students will be placed on academic probation if they receive more than two grades that are below C- or 1 F on their report cards.
2. Any student whose grades require academic probation is disqualified from playing. Fourth quarter grades will determine eligibility to play fall sports for the next year.
3. Students who have been disqualified from playing a sport will be re-evaluated at mid-quarter. If grades are satisfactory, they will be allowed to return to the team.
4. Any student removed from the team by the parent will not be able to rejoin the team that season.
5. Any students interested in the athletic program should have their parents contact the athletic director.

In addition to the above, the following rules must be observed.

1. No players will be allowed to leave the school premises before or during practice unless permission is granted before leaving.
2. All players must be on time for practice.
3. A student will not be allowed to play in a game if the student was absent from school without approval from the athletic director. Students must arrive by 10:45 am.
4. Any student who repeatedly misbehaves on the bus will not be allowed to participate in away games.
5. A rebellious attitude will not be tolerated either on or off the court.
6. All players must have had a physical exam within the last year and have no physical conditions which would make the activity a risk to their health.

7. Elementary students may not stay for games without adult supervision.

DISCIPLINE

"My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, neither be weary of his corrections. For whom the Lord loveth, he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. (Proverbs 3:11,12)

The high school students are on a misconduct slip system. Students receive misconduct slips for various offenses such as but not limited to talking without permission, papers not being signed, being unprepared for class, not doing homework, being loud and unruly, showing disrespect to a staff member, disturbing other students, and violating the dress code. Receiving 3 misconduct slips results in a half-hour detention, which will be served after school on Wednesdays.

Automatic detention may be given at a teacher's discretion for more serious offenses or for repeated offenses after a misconduct slip has already been given. Offenses which may result in an automatic detention include, but are not limited to, the following:

defiance or open disrespect	swearing	cheating
excessive tardiness (4x's a semester)	excessive rowdiness	internet misconduct
repeated cell phone violations	lying	public displays of affection
inappropriate contact/bullying	plagiarism	

Accumulating detentions, whether automatic or for misconduct slips, will result in the following:

<u>Detentions</u>	<u>Discipline Procedure</u>
1-3	One half-hour of detention
4-7	Two half-hours of detention.
8-9	In-school suspension and conference with the principal.
10	Expulsion

Suspensions or expulsions will be given in severe cases such as the following:

- 1. Destruction of property**
- 2. Fighting**
- 3. Stealing**
- 4. Public display of affection**
- 5. Sexual misconduct**
- 6. Internet misconduct**
- 7. Possession/use of tobacco products (including vaping materials)**
- 8. Terroristic threats**

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GRADING AND REPORT CARDS

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

In order for parents to know first-hand of their child's progress, there will be opportunities throughout the year to talk to the child's teacher. In addition, parents are urged to ask for a conference at any time they feel it is necessary. The teachers welcome such opportunities.

All students at Red Lion Christian School receive report cards on a nine-week basis. Mid-quarter reports are sent home to inform the parents of their child's progress during each 9-week marking period. Report cards are to be picked up by the parents at the Parent-Teacher Fellowship meetings whenever possible. The final report cards will be mailed at the end of the school year unless a family's financial account is not current.

It is Red Lion Christian School's policy that no student will be promoted to the next grade if they have failed more than one subject.

In the elementary school, grading is on a percentage basis, which is divided into three parts. 60 percent of the grade will be from tests, 30 percent from quizzes and 10 percent from classwork/homework. The average of these grades determines the letter grade given.

High school teachers may either use categories or a total points system.

GRADING SCALE	
Letter Grades	Numerical Grades
A+	100
A	94-99
A-	93
B+	92
B	86-91
B-	85
C+	84
C	77-83
C-	76
D+	75
D	71-74
D-	70
F	69 or below

HONOR ROLLS

Elementary grades have three honor rolls. They are defined as follows:

Principal's Honor Roll	students having all A's during any marking period
"A" Honor Roll	students having all A's except one B (any subject)
"B" Honor Roll	students having all A's and B's only

In high school three honor rolls are maintained. The placing of a student on an honor roll is determined by grade point average.

A-4	B-3	C-2	D-1	F-0
Principal's Honor Roll				students having a 4.0 grade point average
Distinguished Honor Roll				students having a 3.5 grade point average
Honor Roll				students having a 3.0 grade point average

Students with a "D" in any academic subject may not be on any honor roll.

Red Lion Christian School graduation requirements meet or exceed the Pennsylvania state requirements. Parents can access a student's grades at <https://564556.stiinformationnow.com/informationnow>. A username and password is required. If you have any questions, contact the school office.

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Students eligible for the honor of valedictorian or salutatorian must, at a minimum, attend RLCS for their junior and senior years and also attend either ninth or tenth grade at RLCS. The valedictorian is the student with the highest GPA of 4.0 or greater and the salutatorian must achieve a GPA of at least 3.8.

STUDY HABITS

The consistency of a student's study habits at home is often a contributing factor to a student's level of achievement. Older students generally have more homework than younger students. Thus, it is necessary to organize one's work in order to succeed. The following points should be remembered in considering study habits.

1. Be certain you understand your assignments and what is expected in each class for the following day. Many students find a small notebook helpful in keeping a daily record of assignments.
2. Organize your time so that neither home responsibilities nor homework will be neglected. Decide upon the best time for studying and stick to it.
3. Find a suitable place for studying. Be certain to have adequate lighting and freedom from distractions.
4. Set definite goals for yourself before attacking a study assignment. Ask yourself, "What should I know when I finish this assignment?"
5. When long range assignments are given, take advantage of the time allotted. Don't wait to start the assignment on the night before it is due.
6. When studying for tests, allow more than one night for preparation. Don't force yourself to lose sleep on the night before a test and risk doing poorly because of inadequate rest.

HOMEWORK

We believe that homework is an integral part of the school program and each teacher is at liberty to give homework to aid students in advancing in their studies. Each student is expected to complete the homework assigned. Homework is given for several reasons:

- Drill:** We believe that most studies require solid drilling to master material essential to their educational progress.
- Practice:** Following classroom explanation, illustrations, and drill on new work, homework is given so that the material will be mastered.
- Remedial Activity:** As instruction progresses, various weak points in a student's grasp of subject matter become evident. Homework following instruction is given to overcome difficulties.
- Special Projects:** Book reports, compositions, special research assignments and projects are some frequently assigned activities.

Elementary teachers will send home each child's work for the previous week in a stapled packet. The top paper is to be signed, as well as any individual D or F papers. All papers are to be returned the next day.

PARENT-TEACHER FELLOWSHIP

P.T.F. meetings will be held several times during the school year. Classrooms will be open on these nights and parents will be given an opportunity to visit with their child's teacher.

Valuable help will be given at every P.T.F. meeting. Policies vital to the consistent training of each child will be discussed. The nature of the P.T.F. meetings is:

1. To acquaint the parent with the philosophy of Christian education and the curriculum of the school.
2. To acquaint both parent and teacher with the importance of recognizing and adequately coping with the emotional, spiritual, and disciplinary needs of each child.
3. To provide an opportunity for parent and teacher to become better acquainted with each other and to discuss the student's progress and problems more thoroughly.
4. To provide the parents an opportunity to see the achievements of the students.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL OFFICE

School office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. When coming to the school for any reason, come to the office first. Do not go directly to the classroom. Items such as lunches, homework, and books are to be left at the office to be delivered. Do not request messages or changes in transportation for students after 2 p.m.

During the school day all parents need to go to the office to pick up their child. The child will be sent to the office to meet you. Children should not be picked up from the playground or bus line. All adults picking up a child must be listed on the current year information sheet.

INSURANCE

Students participating in any interscholastic athletic programs must provide a statement of records indicating that the home has sufficient health insurance.

TELEPHONE

The telephones in the office are for business use only. Students are not permitted to use them except in an emergency, and then only with the permission of Pastor Steve, Mr. Runk, or Mrs. Schmuck.

VISITING SCHOOL

All parents are welcome to visit the school. A call informing about or requesting a visit is in order and appreciated. Special parent visitation days are set aside in the early fall so parents may attend with their children.

A parent or any other visitor is to report to the main office to sign in before going to the classroom. No one is to go directly to any other destination in the building. Please sign out before leaving.

Parents of prospective students must request permission for their child/children to visit. Arrangements will then be made with the teachers.

LOST AND FOUND

Check with your child's teacher to locate lost items. Items not claimed within 30 days will be disposed of. Lost and Found is located in the Office.

EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN

Our Emergency Operations Plan provides for response to all types of emergencies. Depending on the circumstances of the emergency, we will use one of the following responses.

Type of Protective Response

Immediate evacuation	Students are evacuated to a safe area on the school grounds in the event of a fire, etc.
Modified operation	May include cancellation/postponement or rescheduling of normal activities. These actions are normally taken in case of a winter storm or building problems that make it unsafe for students (such as utility disruptions) but may be necessary in a variety of situations.
In-place sheltering	Sudden occurrences, weather or hazardous materials related, may dictate that taking cover inside the building is the best immediate response.
Evacuation	Total evacuation of the facility may become necessary if the school is in an endangered area. In this case, students may be taken to another school outside of the endangered area. The "host" facility for Red Lion Christian School is Red Lion Senior High School.

Additionally, if your residence is in an evacuation area and the school is not, your children will be cared for in their regular school location until the danger has subsided, or until you or your authorized designee comes to the school to get them.

Please check out WGAL TV for announcements relating to any of the emergency actions listed above. You can also check out our website at www.redlionchristianschool.org. All instructions will be provided to the media for dissemination in extreme emergencies.

We ask that you refrain from calling the school during the emergency. This will keep telephone lines open so that the school administrators will be able to make emergency calls and relay information to the media.

We specifically urge you NOT to telephone the school or attempt to make different arrangements during an event. This action will only create additional confusion and divert the staff from their assigned emergency duties.

The media will advise you when and where (in case of an evacuation) to report to regain custody of students. This will avoid traffic congestion that may impede the response of emergency vehicles and threaten the safety of students and staff.

If students are taken to the "host" facility you will need to do the following when reporting to the designated student release area:

Produce a photo identifying yourself as an authorized person designated at the beginning of the school year to pick up the student.

Be prepared to sign a student release form.

Our current Up-To-Date-Information form will be used for ALL INSTANCES when your child is released from school. Please ensure that only those persons you list on the form attempt to pick up your child.

Emergency conditions may also require that the school will have to close for a period of time. In that event, students may be required to complete assignments at home or at another location. You will be informed, in extreme emergencies, via the media what procedures to follow.

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2021-2022

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One important aspect to remember is that according to Romans 13, staff members of the school are "ministers of God to thee for good." With this truth in mind, God can use even mistakes to benefit us and our students.

Your signature on this form indicates that you have read the above Statement of Cooperation and the school handbook and that you agree to uphold the school in all matters discussed therein and to have your child/children trained in accordance with these spiritual, academic and disciplinary guidelines.

Oldest child's name: _____ Grade: _____

Father's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mother's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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