

# Georgetown Regional Area Christian Educators Band

## Behavioral Guidelines

### A. Character Expectations

**1. As Christians, we must take sin seriously.**

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that He appeared so that He might take away our sins. And in Him is no sin. No one who lives in Him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen Him or known Him. 1 John 3:4-6

**2. Set a good example.** Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

**3. Represent yourself, your family, home-educating families, and most importantly, Jesus Christ, well.** So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31.

**4. Respect and obey the teaching or parental authorities of all GRACE classes and events.** Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority...1 Peter 2:13

**5. Guard your speech.** Avoid hurtful words and actions such as gossip, cruel jokes, put-downs and rejection. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29

**6. Love one another.** Each person in GRACE, parent and child, is expected to encourage others, be helpful, listen, and be a friend. Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:12-14

**7. Exhibit Purity.** GRACE recognizes that different families may choose different philosophies on courtship and dating; therefore, there is to be no visible display of dating behaviors during GRACE Coop/activities. As servants of God we commend ourselves in every way...in purity...2 Corinthians 6:4, 6a

### B. Dress Code

Modest dress is expected of **everyone** (students **and** parents) at all GRACE activities. Modest dress includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. No exposed undergarments or midriffs showing, whether sitting or standing
2. Clothes should not be overly tight or overly accentuate body shape.
3. Cleavage should be covered

4. No spaghetti straps, tank tops, strapless shirts, halter tops, cold shoulder shirts
5. All dresses, skirts, and shorts, without leggings, must not be shorter than three inches above the knee. Miniskirts and short shorts are not permitted at any grade level.
6. No inappropriate holes, rips, or tears in clothing
7. No two-piece bikini swimsuits at GRACE- sponsored events/activities
8. No offensive or evil graphics
9. Leggings must be worn with a “tunic” style shirt that extends to mid-thigh.
10. If you are in doubt, don’t wear it or allow your children to wear it. Please err on the side of prudence and remember our goal is modesty and purity for all GRACE members. If there is a possibility that what you or your child is wearing may offend someone or cause someone else to sin, please refrain from wearing it.

### C. Student Expectations

1. Students are expected to **respectfully participate**. A continued lack of participation may result in the student being withdrawn from the class.
2. Students should **come prepared to class** by bringing necessary materials and completed assignments.
3. Student’s **CELL PHONES must be put away and muted** during all classes, including study hall. STUDENTS MAY NOT TEXT while class is in session. If a teacher sees a student using their cell phone during class she/he will confiscate it. To get it back, the student, together with his/her parent can retrieve it from the teacher after class has ended.
4. **No I-PODS, MP3/CD PLAYERS OR EARPHONES OF ANY KIND MAY BE USED DURING CLASS.**

See consequences for misuse of cell phones above.

5. Students should **not bring any “weapon”** that fires any type of projectile (bow/arrow, airsoft/pellet/bb gun, slingshot, etc...) or knives or blades that are not being used for class activities or associated activities.
6. If it is questionable, **please err on the side of caution**, and always be respectful of teacher’s requests/preferences.

### D. Discipline Policy

1. If the or Band Director or SALT (Servant and Leadership Team) observes or is made aware of a disparity between your behavior/your child’s behavior and the guidelines set forth in the GRACE behavior guidelines, GRACE statement of faith, and/or the Holy Bible, the Band Director or SALT reserves the right to take action to maintain the spiritual purity and safety of all GRACE families. This could include a child or parent’s removal from the classroom, temporary suspension, or permanent expulsion from GRACE. Any situation arising will be handled directly by the Band Director or SALT and the family/families involved will be informed of any decisions reached.

2. Teachers and helpers should address discipline problems in the classroom by the guidelines set forth in the Teacher Responsibility section of this handbook.

3. If an incident is serious enough to warrant the Band Director's or SALT's attention, or if a student continually needs correction, the following steps will be taken:

- a. The member will be issued a written warning by the Band Director or SALT.
- b. If the behavior continues or there is a second serious incident, a second written warning will be given.
- c. If the behavior continues or there is a third serious incident, the member will be placed on temporary suspension for a period of time deemed appropriate by the Band Director or SALT.
- d. If the member returns from suspension and the behavior continues or there is another incident, the member will be permanently expelled from GRACE.
- e. If a student would like to be reinstated in the following school year, their parents must appeal to the Band Director or SALT, who will then make the determination by vote.
- f. If a student who has been expelled is reinstated, they will return on a probationary status. Any further incidents will result in permanent expulsion.

4. The Band Director and SALT reserve the right to bypass the warning system and immediately remove any member from GRACE who participates in any action that puts other members at risk in any way, whether spiritually, physically or mentally, or that compromises the integrity or reputation of the group or any of its members.

5. Band Director and SALT decisions on discipline issues are final and binding.

6. All fees are non-refundable. Should removal by the Band Director or SALT occur for any reason, refunds will not be given.