



HANDBOOK

RISE is a university-model academic homeschool program for middle and high school students in Naples, Florida, designed to enable Christian families to fulfill their Proverbs 22:6 mandate while challenging the next generation to **RISE UP** to become all that God has created them to be, both spiritually and academically. Experts in their fields, **RISE** instructors have a passion for their subject matter, a zeal for teaching, and a desire to transmit the love of Christ. They partner with parents by instructing students in a once-weekly classroom setting while parents oversee student work through the week.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

There are many precious truths taught in the Bible over which godly men have differed in understanding. Therefore, this is not a statement of all that is important to believe, but of all that is essential to believe for Christian fellowship and unity. (Romans 15:7)

1. We believe in one God, externally existent in three persons (Matthew 28:19):
 - a. God the Father, who is holy, eternal, unchangeable, righteous, good, severe, loving, and full of mercy. He is the Creator, Sustainer and Governor of everything that has, is, or will be made. (Gen. 1:1; Rev. 21:6; Deut. 6:4; Gen. 17:1; Isa. 6:3; Rev. 4:8; Ps. 40:2; 1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 115:3; Ex. 3:14; Eph. 1:11; Amos 3:6; Ecc. 7:14; Job 42:2; 1 Jn. 4:8-16; Ex. 34:6-7; Matt. 3:16-17; Matt. 28:18-19; 2 Cor. 13:14; Ps. 90:2; James 1:17)
 - b. God the Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, sinless, who suffered, died and was buried, On the third day He rose bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven where He now lives, sitting at the right hand of God the Father. He shall return literally from heaven to judge the living and the dead. (Luke 1:31-35)
 - c. God the Holy Spirit, sent into the world from the Father and the Son, who inspired the writing of the Scriptures. He convicts the world on sin, righteousness and judgment, He affects spiritual birth. He indwells, enlightens, and empowers believers and the church in worship, evangelism and service.
2. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, authoritative, infallible and inerrant Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16)
3. We believe that man was created in the image of God, and that Adam, by an act of disobedience, brought sin and its consequences upon the whole human race. Therefore, all people are sinners in need of salvation.
4. We believe that salvation is a gift. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)
5. We believe that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation. (Romans 10:9-10)
6. We believe that the consequence of rejecting Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior is eternal separation from God in hell. Accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is to be justified by His grace with the promise of eternal life in God's presence. We are saved by grace through faith, which is a gift of God, not of our own works. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

FACILITY GUIDELINES

RISE is blessed to use the facilities at *Center Point Community Church*. Show respect for the churches property.

1. **Building** - The utmost respect for the staff and grounds is expected. We are thankful for the use of the classrooms at Center Point church. The church has ministry functions throughout the week and an active church office. The halls must be kept clear and quiet. Students and parents are expected to abide by the rules established by church leadership.
2. **Eating** - Students may eat in the designated gym area ONLY. No student or parent is to consume food or drink anywhere on the building except in the designated area. Students must respect church property and strive to keep this area clean and spill-free by picking up after themselves.
3. **Lunch** - A 40-minute lunch break is included in the schedule. However, due to the limited amount of time we have for lunch and the amount of students, we request that you plan to bring a typical “brown bag” or personal cooler type lunch. We do not have permission for students to use the church’s kitchen, refrigerator, ice machine, microwave or supplies. Please be mindful when packing your student’s lunch that it does not require heating and that they bring their own eating utensils (if needed). ALL STUDENTS are responsible for cleaning up their own mess.

SICK POLICY

For the well-being and health consideration of all, adults or children with a contagious illness should not attend class. It is a policy that a person must stay home with:

- Fever (24 hours free)
- Vomiting (24 hours free)
- Flu symptoms
- Diarrhea
- Nausea
- Colored nasal discharge
- Persistent cough
- Pinkeye (24 hours on medication)
- Strep Throat (24 hours on medication)
- Head lice

DRESS CODE

“I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove that the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” ROMANS 12:1-2

We desire our dress to reflect our Christian faith & bring honor to God. Recognizing that different people have different standards of modesty, students must proactively take a conservative approach that reasonably avoids offense to anyone. Modesty should always be the rule in the way we dress. Please adhere to the following guidelines.

In Young Men: Out of respect for your classmates and instructors, young men may not wear clothes or accessories that display messages or symbols that are profane, promote alcohol, drugs or sexual immodesty. Skulls & crossbones, skeletons, or anything from that style of dress is not permitted. Waistline of pants or shorts must be worn so that underwear is not visible at the waist. No sleeveless shirts or tanks.

In Young Women: Out of respect for your classmates and instructors, young ladies may not wear short shorts or skirts, (anything more than 2-3 inches above the knee is considered too short) leggings or yoga pants can be worn with shirts that cover your bottom. No short dresses. No tight shorts or revealing (including tight, see-through or lacey) blouses; no bare midriffs and no spaghetti straps or tank tops (straps must be at least 2 fingers in width) unless worn underneath a sleeved shirt or jacket AT ALL TIMES; shirts with profane or inappropriate messages or symbols, including skull & crossbones, skeletons or anything from that style of dress in not permitted. Waistlines of pants may not be worn showing underwear or midriff. No ripped jeans. No bra straps showing through shirts.

All Students:

1. Shoes must be worn at all times.
2. No hats worn in the building.

Students who arrive at RISE dressed inappropriately (in judgment of any RISE instructor or director) will be sent home.

Parents, please be aware of your own choice of clothing for RISE day. Even though some of these modes of dress may be acceptable for you, if you plan to leave your car and come into the campus to drop-off or pick-up your child(ren) we ask that you please adhere to the RISE standard of dress.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.” MATTHEW 18:15-20

Personality conflicts and misunderstandings can happen in any group. Using Matthew 18:15-20 as our Biblical example please follow these guidelines if you find yourself in the middle of a conflict with another member:

1. If you have been offended, do not talk to others about the conflict without first going directly to the other person or people involved.
2. With gentleness and humility, explain what has offended you. (1 Corinthians 4:21)
3. Seek resolution. Resolution is achieved when all parties involved reach mutual agreement, understanding and forgiveness.
4. If you do not believe resolution has been reached, go to a member of the leadership team and explain your situation. We will assist you in every way possible to resolve any/all conflict.

Although every effort will be made to resolve conflict between individual families and/or between the leadership and members, the leadership of RISE reserves the right to terminate the membership of any family for any reason they see fit by majority vote without refund.

STUDENT CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR

“Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ” Phillipians 1:27

We assume that parents will provide sufficient oversight to ensure their students conduct themselves honorably and adhere to the Code of Conduct while they are at RISE. Students are required to maintain proper class decorum at all times. We expect students to exemplify excellence in their personal behavior, conducting themselves in a manner that is pleasing to the Lord. (See Code of Conduct). **Repeated offenses will result in the student being dropped from the class without refund.**

RISE is designed to provide an outstanding education to self-disciplined young men and women. Because RISE relies on concentrated classes and considerable student preparation outside of class, students who lack self-discipline will find success difficult and are advised to seek other education options. Students must be prepared, attentive, and free from distraction to benefit from this type of educational opportunity. All students are expected to conduct

themselves in accordance with biblical standards and in a manner which will not be distracting to other students. Talking, class disruptions or disrespect to any student or instructor will not be tolerated. Any student who does not abide by RISE'S standard of conduct and behavior may be dismissed from RISE at the discretion of their instructor or the RISE directors without a refund.

COMMITMENTS

RISE Directors commit to:

- Seek to match available instructors and courses with the academic needs of students.
- Criteria for instructors will include educational experience, mastery of material, ability to teach and personal integrity.
- Attempt to maximize learning by maintaining a class size between 10 – 25 students per class depending on class structure.
- Serve as a liaison with our host facility.
- Provide an active website and updates to inform RISE families of all pertinent information and announcements.

RISE Instructors commit to:

- Provide a quality education in a Christian environment.
- Provide parents with course description, textbook list, class syllabus and schedules to specify expectations and assignments for each class.
- Attempt to handle all difficulties and conflicts with integrity and in a Biblical manner, according to the guidelines of Mathew 18:15-17.

Parents commit to:

- Pay any remaining tuition to instructors by the August 1st deadline and purchase books and materials in a timely manner prior to the beginning of the first day of RISE. Students may not be able to attend class if there is a tuition balance unless previous arrangements/agreements have been made by parent and instructor.
- Oversee their student's RISE classes to provide their student with proper accountability to ensure that all assignments are completed on time with integrity, and that their student is fully prepared to participate in class.
- Communicate in writing with RISE instructors, regarding any changes or concerns about their student's work or homework.
- Make sure students arrive on time for classes.
- Pick up their student in a timely manner after classes.
- When not in class, students are required to be in study hall.
- Have daily access to e-mail and the internet to receive e-mail announcements and retrieve website information from RISE and its instructors. This is the way we communicate; it is your responsibility to check it.
- Attempt to handle all difficulties and conflicts with integrity and in a biblical manner, according to the guidelines of Matthew 18:15-17.

- Review with their child and agree to abide by the policies set forth in the RISE Code of Conduct at the beginning of each year. Your signature indicates you AND your student(s) commit.

Students commit to:

- Abide by the rules of dress and conduct. (See Dress Code & Code of Conduct)
- Come prepared for class, and complete assignments on time (See Homework Policy).
- Participate in class without being a distraction to the instructor or the other students in the class.
- There are absolutely no cell phones allowed ON in class unless instructed by the instructor. This includes text messaging and phone calls.
- Be in their seats and prepared for class at the start of the class period. Students are expected to go to the restroom or get water during the breaks between classes, and not during the classes.
- Attempt to handle all difficulties and conflicts with integrity and in a biblical manner, according to the guidelines of Matthew 18:15-17.
- Treat all instructors, directors and volunteers with respect and honor.
- Review with your parent and agree to abide by the policies set forth in the RISE Code of Conduct at the beginning of each year. Your parent's signature indicates you AND your parent's commitment.

PARTNERSHIP

Instructors and Directors in partnership with parents will enforce all RISE policies and academic and behavioral requirements in the RISE Handbook and Code of Conduct. By parents and students reading the Handbook and Code of Conduct and signing the registration form, everyone agrees to the RISE requirements. Finally, it is important for students, parents, and instructors alike to realize that this is a unique partnership. All have come together for the common goal of educating enrolled children and preparing them for their future in Christ.